U9 GOLD PLAYOFF FORMAT – 2025-2026

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In accordance with Rule 22.01, the Mississauga Hockey League has adopted the following format for 'U9 GOLD' playoffs this season:

1. GENERAL PLAYOFF RULES

a) Teams are scheduled according to their final standings. Ties in standings will be determined according to Rule 31.

b) Playoffs are set up according to the number of teams involved in the Category. ALL TEAMS QUALIFY FOR THE PLAYOFFS.

c) Teams must be ready to play ten (10) minutes prior to game time in the event the previous game ends early.

d) Teams must stand ready to play on EIGHTEEN (18) HOURS NOTICE.

e) Home ice does not apply during playoffs.

f) Any player who is guilty of any offence that warrants suspension beyond his team's remaining games will serve the balance thereof at the start of the following season.

g) **In any Playoff game** each team will be permitted one 30-second time out.

2. PLAYOFF START DATES

The start date(s) for playoffs will be after the season has concluded. Please check the website for your teams' games.

3. FORMAT

a) The 'U9 GOLD' team playoff format will consist of five round robin games, the top 4 teams from the round robin will advance to Championship weekend (CW) with a Championship game as well as a Bronze medal game.

- Semi-Finals
- Bronze Game
- Championship Final

b) The number of games played/points to be attained in each round will be the following:

No. of Teams in Category	Elimination Round Games per Team	Round Robin Games per Team	Semi-Final Round Games per Team*	Bronze Game**	Final Round Games per Team***
6	0	5	1	1	1

4. OVERTIME

- There will be no overtime played in the RR portion of the playoffs

- Championship Weekend U9 Gold Semifinal, and Final games that are tied at the end of regulation time will result in sudden victory overtime periods being played until the game is decided.

  - The format shall be one 5-minute period of 4-on-4 followed by successive 5-minute periods of 3-on-3 until a winner is declared.
  - Teams shall not change defending ends after regulation time.
  - Teams shall change ends only after the first overtime period is completed and rotational changes each period after that.
  - The League Official or MHL Representative present at the game will be considered the "MHL Playoff Committee" for purposes of this rule and will have discretion as to the number of successive overtime periods to be played and whether floods should take place between overtime periods.

- Refusal of any team to continue overtime as required by the MHL Playoff Committee will result in that team being withdrawn from further playoff competition.