

CAL U15 Playoff Tournament

Stage #1 - February 20-26, 2023

Each season, the CAL hosts two season-ending championship games in each division between U11 and U18. These are known as the Red Championship and White Championship games.

A two-stage playoff tournament will be run to arrive at the four teams in each division to participate in these championship games. The first stage consists of a partial double-elimination tournament, the purpose of which is to determine which teams will play in the Red Championship and White Championship pools in the second stage.

Regular season standings will be used to determine the seedings of the 7 U15 teams for this first stage.

In a double-elimination tournament, a team must lose 2 games before being eliminated. Any team that loses one game remains in the tournament as long as they win their remaining games. In the CAL's tournament, the first 3 teams to lose twice will play in the White Championship pool during the second stage, while the remaining 4 teams with fewer than 2 losses will advance to the Red Championship pool.

Teams will not all play the same number of games in the tournament. **The top team during the regular season will earn a first-round bye.** This team can advance to the Red Championship pool by winning their first game. The other 6 teams will require at least 2 victories to advance to the Red Championship pool.

Stage #2 - February 28-March 4, 2023

The second stage follows a single-elimination tournament format. The 4 teams advancing to the Red Championship pool after the first stage will be re-seeded for the second stage based on (i) the fewest number of losses during the first stage of the playoff tournament, followed by (ii) the regular season standings. The 3 teams advancing to the White Championship pool after the first stage will be re-seeded for the second stage based on (i) the greatest number of wins during the first stage of the playoff tournament, followed by (ii) the regular season standings.

In a single-elimination tournament, a team is eliminated when they lose one game. Winners of games in this stage will advance until two championship finalists emerge from each pool. Championship games will be played on the CAL Day of Champions (Saturday, March 4). All other teams eliminated during this stage will play in a consolation game on the Day of Champions.

Special Playoff Tournament Rules (excluding Championship Games)

1. Period lengths for all games will be 10-10-10.
2. Playoff tournament games may be curfewed.
3. All tournament games (excluding consolation games) must have a winner. In the case a tie, the game will be decided by a sudden victory shoot-out. Refer to the CAL Hockey Handbook for full shoot-out rules and regulations.

Special Championship Game Rules

1. Period lengths for all championship games will be 10-10-12.
2. Championship games may not be curfewed.
3. In the case a tie, sudden victory overtime will be played until a champion is declared. Refer to the CAL Hockey Handbook for full overtime rules and regulations.

Consolation Game Rules

1. Period lengths for all consolation games will be 10-10-12.
2. Consolation games may be curfewed.
3. In the case a tie, there will be no overtime or shootout.