

The 2018-2019 CCHL Cup

In previous seasons, CCHL members have expressed confusion and frustration with the structure of the end of year tournament. In an effort to provide transparency and to properly set expectations for players and parents, we offer the following primer on the tournament for the 2018-2019 season.

Tournament Dedication

This past fall, our hockey community lost one of its great ones. Joe Loschiavo served as the Capitol Corridor Hockey League Chairman for many years and contributed greatly to our community as a beloved coach and leader. The void left by Joe will be felt by hundreds of players and families who had the pleasure of learning from him—and from his colleagues who worked beside him within our sport and his various commitments. Joe’s lasting impact continues to live on through the growth of the players as individuals and athletes. We at the CCHL will be forever grateful to Joe for his leadership and guidance in the growth of our league. In an effort to keep Joe’s spirit and leadership soaring in all of us for years to come, the CCHL proudly rededicates its playoff tournament as the Joe Loschiavo Memorial Cup.

Tournament Schedule

10U Schedule

	Host	Date	28 Teams
Division I	Prince William Ice Center	Mar 9-10	6
Division II	Haymarket IcePlex	Mar 9-10	8
Division III	Haymarket IcePlex	Mar 9-10	8
Division IV	Prince William Ice Center	Mar 9-10	6

12U Schedule

	Host	Date	26 Teams
Division I	Skate Frederick	Mar 2-3	6
Division II	Skate Frederick	Mar 9-10	6
Division III	Skate Frederick	Mar 9-10	8
Division IV	Skate Frederick	Mar 9-10	6

14U Schedule

	Host	Date	19 Teams
Division I	Skate Frederick	Mar 2-3	6
Division II	Haymarket IcePlex	Mar 2-3	7
Division III	Haymarket IcePlex	Mar 2-3	6

18U Schedule

	Host	Date	16 Teams
Division I	Skate Frederick	Mar 2-3	6
Division II	The Gardens Ice House	Mar 2-3	6
Division III	The Gardens Ice House	Mar 2-3	4

Fees

Tournament fees for the 2018-2019 season will be \$1200.00 per team. All fees will be collected by the Southern Maryland Sabres. Fees are due by January 15, 2019.

Checks made payable to the SM Sabres Hockey Club and mailed to:

SM Sabres Hockey Club
3033 Waldorf Marketplace
Waldorf, MD 20603

Tournament Rules

The rules for the tournament have been revised and published as part of the regular season rulebook. Section 7 titled *CCHL Cup Tournament Rules* is now part of the standard rule book, found [here](#).

Beginning with the 2018-2019 season, there have been some changes to the tournament rules that are worth highlighting as well as some changes that will be required for the 2019-2020 season.

Corrections Needed

The CCHL is aware and intends to correct the following rules prior to the 2019-2020 season.

- The current rulebook uses the terminology “round robin” in Section 7 of the rule book to describe tournament play. In an 8 team division, a true round robin would require 7 rounds. The CCHL Cup is not a true round robin, it is a 3 game guarantee. The CCHL shall correct the “round robin” language to read “non-elimination rounds” and “elimination rounds”.
- Section 7.1.8 Host Club Coordinators should read: Designated CCHL Cup Host Club Coordinators will have responsibility for general supervision of each game in their assigned rinks to insure smooth operation of the Tournament. Their responsibilities include needed announcements, providing a scorekeeper and timekeeper for each game, providing/uploading game results per league requirements in the allocated time frame and presenting any awards upon completion of Finals in each division. They will work with designated league reps concerning tiebreaker procedures.
- Section 7.1.9 Game Responsibilities should read: Both teams must provide an individual to man their respective penalty box. In-game announcers can be present but are at the discretion the Host Club Coordinator. An in-game announcer may be provided by the Host Club or either team, however, the individual selected MUST be UNBIASED in his/her presentation, or the Host Club Coordinator will have the person replaced. [Under unique situations where "third party" off-ice officials are previously scheduled, they may be responsible for scorekeeper, timekeeper and penalty box duties.]
- Section 7.4 Playoff Coordinators should omitted

Scheduling for the Cup

All CCHL Cup games will be scheduled after the final weekend of the regular season. The intention for the 2018-2019 season will be for all cup games to be played over two weekends in March. After the 2018-2019 season, the goal for the league will be to standardize this postseason schedule to allow clubs and teams more easily plan for the postseason. This is a desired goal, but is subject to available ice.

Playing Time

Playing time for non-elimination round games will be three (3) 12 minute periods. Elimination rounds and finals will have three (3) 15 minute periods with an overtime period and ultimately a shootout if needed.

Seeding

Initial seeding for teams will be determined based on the final standings in both the Northern and in the Southern Conferences within each of the four CCHL Age Groups (10U, 12U, 14U and 18U). Final standings are defined in section 2.5 title *Division Standing Determination* of the CCHL rule book, found [here](#).

Seedings cannot be determined until all regular season games have been played.

As of December 20, 2018:

- The 10U Age Groups regular season ends the weekend of Mar 2nd and 3rd.
- The 12U Age Groups regular season ends the weekend of Feb 23rd and 24th.
- The 14U Age Groups regular season ends the weekend of Feb 23rd and 24th.
- The 18U Age Groups regular season ends the weekend of Feb 16th and 17th.

Tournament Divisions

The structure of the end of year tournament will be an all inclusive, 3 game guarantee, jamboree style event. All teams will be included, not simply the top ranked teams.

For regular season play, each of the four CCHL Age Groups (10U, 12U, 14U and 18U) have two distinct conferences. Those conferences for regular season play are defined as the Northern Conference and Southern Conference.

For the purposes of the CCHL Cup, both conference at each age group will be combined and then divided into multiple divisions of no more than eight teams. These divisions will be defined as Division I, Division II, Division III and Division IV where necessary. These divisions will be identified at the end of regular season play using year end final standings to determine division placement and seeding within the division.

Examples of how these divisions would look in different scenarios follow these definitions.

Division Definitions

The CCHL Cup will include a minimum of one division per age group, with additional divisions added as needed. The definition of these divisions are listed below.

Upper Division

This division, always named Division I, consists of the top three teams from both the Northern Conference and the Southern Conference. This division replaces the former Patrick division from past seasons.

From this division, a divisional Champion and divisional Runner-Up will be established. This Division will determine the overall CCHL League Champion at each respective age group.

Lower Division

Once Division I has been defined, additional divisions will be defined based on the remaining number of teams. This division replaces the former Wales division from past seasons. This division consists of the bottom three teams from both the Northern Conference and the Southern Conference. On occasion, this division can consist of the bottom two teams from both conferences.

From this division, a divisional Champion and divisional Runner-Up will be established.

In the event that three or four divisions are necessary, this division will always be defined by the overall number of divisions, with "Median Divisions" filling in between Division I and this division. For example, in an age group with three divisions, this would be Division III.

Median Divisions

In the event that more than two divisions are necessary, this division or divisions will consist of the remaining teams after the upper and lower divisions have been defined. These divisions will be defined with a minimum of four teams.

From this division, a divisional Champion and Runner-Up will be established.

Median divisions will be implemented based on the combined number of teams for an age group across both the Northern and Southern Conferences.

- If the number is 12 teams or less, two divisions are created.
- If the number of teams is equal to or between 13 and 20, three divisions are created.
- If the number of teams is equal to or between 21 and 28, four divisions are created.
- If the number of teams is 29 or greater, the CCHL Tournament Committee will determine the overall number of Divisions and the distribution of teams within.

Examples of this break down are shown in the table below.

Number of teams	Division I	Division II	Division III	Division IV
12	6	6	n/a	n/a
13	6	3	4	n/a
14	6	4	4	n/a
15	6	5	4	n/a
16	6	6	4	n/a
17	6	7	4	n/a
18	6	6	6	n/a
19	6	7	6	n/a
26	6	6	8	6
28	6	8	8	6

Games by Division

It is important to note that the brackets described below do not imply scheduling information. Schedulers for each age group, and for each location normally schedule games in such a way as to provide for ease of travel for all teams involved. This means that a game listed as round 1 below may or may not be the first game played by a team during the tournament.

Three Team Division

A three team division is the only exception to the three game guarantee. In this scenario, each team plays each other twice and the top two teams by accumulated points play a Championship Game.

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 3	1 v. 2	n/a
1 v. 2	2 v. 3	n/a
2 v. 3	1 v. 3	n/a

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 2 (x2)	2 v. 3 (x2)	3 v. 2 (x2)
1 v. 3 (x2)	2 v. 1 (x2)	3 v. 1 (x2)

Four Team Division

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 4	1 v. 2	1 v. 3
2 v. 3	3 v. 4	2 v. 4

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 4	2 v. 3	3 v. 2
1 v. 3	2 v. 1	3 v. 4
1 v. 2	2 v. 4	3 v. 1

Five Team Division

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 5	5 v. 4	1 v. 3
3 v. 2	1 v. 2	3 v. 5 *
n/a	3 v. 4	2 v. 4

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 5	2 v. 3	3 v. 2	4 v. 5	5 v. 1
1 v. 2	2 v. 1	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	5 v. 4
1 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 1	4 v. 2	5 v. 3 *
		3 v. 5 *		

* Game counts for team 5. Game does not count for team 3.

Six Team Division

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 6	1 v. 3	1 v. 2
2 v. 5	2 v. 4	3 v. 5
3 v. 4	5 v. 6	4 v. 6

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 6	2 v. 5	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	5 v. 2	6 v. 1
1 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 1	4 v. 2	5 v. 6	6 v. 5
1 v. 2	2 v. 1	3 v. 5	4 v. 6	5 v. 3	6 v. 4

Seven Team Division

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 7	1 v. 3	1 v. 2
2 v. 6	2 v. 4	3 v. 4
3 v. 5	5 v. 7	5 v. 6
4 v. 6	n/a	7 v. 6 *

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 7	2 v. 6	3 v. 5	4 v. 6	5 v. 3	6 v. 2	7 v. 1
1 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 1	4 v. 2	5 v. 7	6 v. 4	7 v. 5
1 v. 2	2 v. 1	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	7 v. 6 *
					6 v. 7 *	

* Game counts for team 7. Game does not count for team 6.

Eight Team Division

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1 v. 8	1 v. 3	1 v. 2
2 v. 7	2 v. 4	3 v. 4
3 v. 6	5 v. 7	5 v. 6
4 v. 5	6 v. 8	7 v. 8

A complete schedule by team would look like the following.

1 v. 8	2 v. 7	3 v. 6	4 v. 5	5 v. 4	6 v. 3	7 v. 2	8 v. 1
1 v. 3	2 v. 4	3 v. 1	4 v. 2	5 v. 7	6 v. 8	7 v. 5	8 v. 6
1 v. 2	2 v. 1	3 v. 4	4 v. 3	5 v. 6	6 v. 5	7 v. 8	8 v. 7