



# MEAHA Tournament Rules for 2025-26 MEAHA Tournaments

## Tournament Rules for Non-National Tournament Bound Teams

### A. Rules-

- i. **Game Time** – shall be the same as regular season play
- ii. **Periods Length**- shall be the same as regular season play
- iii. **Penalty Minutes**- shall be the same as regular season play
- iv. **Time Outs** –
  1. **Round Robin Play**- No Time Outs
  2. **Semifinals & Championship**-
    - a. 1 Time out in regulation play (if not used-not carried over)
    - b. 1 per O/T per team
- v. **End of Regulation**-
  1. **Round Robin Play**- No Over Times or Shoot Outs
  2. **Semifinals & Championship**- if tied after Regulation play
    - a. Goalies will switch sides and there will be 5-minute Overtime 5 players verses 5 player Sudden Victory period.
    - b. If the teams are still tied after OT Period; there will be a 1-minute break and the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> OT will begin with the goalies will switch sides and there will be 5-minute Overtime 4 players verses 4 players Sudden Victory period.
    - c. If teams are still tied after 2<sup>nd</sup> OT; there will be 1-minute break, NO change of sides and a 5-minute 3<sup>rd</sup> OT with 3 players verses 3 player Sudden Victory period.
    - d. If team are still tied after the 3<sup>rd</sup> OT, all OT periods are to be played under c. above.

## **Method of Determining the Seedings at the conclusion of the Round Robin portion of the tournament**

After the round robin games are completed, to determine teams' placement for the championship rounds, follow these guidelines:

***Note- With multiple teams tied -this procedure is to determine a clear victor in the tied spot, once determined, the process for the next spot starts at the beginning of the process.***

### **1. The results of the head to head games played between the tied teams in the following order:**

- A. Standings- Most points
- B. Most total wins
- C. Differential - Subtracting goals scored against from goal scored in these games. Greatest surplus is the higher seed.
- D. Quotient - Dividing goals scored by goals against, the positions being determined in order of the greatest quotient. A quotient involving dividing by zero (0) has a higher standing than a quotient by any other number other than zero. Where two or more teams have no goals against and the quotient tie breaker is required, the teams shall be ranked high to low in descending order of "goals for".

### **2. If after applying the formulas of 1- a, b, c, or d, the tie still exists, the results of all the games by the teams tied in the following order:**

- A. Most wins
- B. Differential- see explanation above
- C. Quotient - see explanation above
- D. Most periods won- in the games played in each tied game, points will be awarded by each period won (2 points) and for tied periods (1 point). Positions shall be in order of highest point total.
- E. Quickest first goal - the team that scored the quickest goal in the round robin game shall be ranked highest.