

UOVMHL Playoff Structure - 2024

House League, U11 – U18

Teams will be divided into divisions based on regular season standings. All levels will play off in a round robin series until March Break, after which teams will be seeded into head-to-head championship series.

February 5th to March 8th – Round Robin

- Number of games based on number of teams in division.
 - Six Teams – Five Games (play each opponent once)
 - Seven Teams – Six Games (play each opponent once)

March 8th or 18th: Elimination Game (if required)

- For divisions with an odd number of teams (five or seven), the bottom two teams from the playoff standings will play a single game.
- Team that placed higher in playoff standings has home ice unless they are unable to provide ice on either of those dates and the lower placing team can do so.
- Winner of the elimination game moves on to the Division Championship series.

March 18th to 29th: Division Championship

- First to four points head-to-head series (details below)
- Gold – 1st vs 2nd in each division
- Silver – 3rd vs 4th in each division
- Bronze – 5th vs 6th or winner of Elimination Game (if seven teams in division)

House League Divisions

U11 House – 21 Teams

A Division (7 Teams) – 1st through 7th
B Division (7 Teams) – 8th through 14th
C Division (7 Teams) – 15th through 21st

U13 House – 13 Teams

A Division (6 Teams) – 1st through 6th
B Division (7 Teams) – 7th through 13th

U15 House – 12 Teams

A Division (6 Teams) – 1st through 6th
B Division (6 Teams) – 7th through 12th

U18 House – 14 Teams

A Division (7 Teams) – 1st through 7th
B Division (7 Teams) – 8th through 14th

Competitive League, U11 – U18

All levels will play off in a round robin series until March Break, after which teams will be seeded into head-to-head championship series.

February 5th to March 8th – Round Robin

- Number of games based on number of teams in division.
 - Five Teams – Eight Games (play each opponent twice)
 - Six Teams – Five Games (play each opponent once)

March 8th or 18th: Elimination Game (U18 Only)

- 4th and 5th place teams play a single elimination game.
- Team that placed higher in playoff standings has home ice unless they are unable to provide ice on either of those dates and the lower placing team can do so.
- Winner of the elimination game moves on to the Division Championship series.

March 18th to 29th: Division Championship

- First to four points head-to-head series (details below)
- A Division – 1st vs 2nd
- B Division – 3rd vs 4th or winner of Elimination Game (U18 Only)
- C Division – 5th vs 6th

Head-to-head series format, House and Competitive:

- First to four points.
- Maximum four games.
- Games 1 and 3 are played at the home arena of the highest seeded team from regular season.
- Two points are awarded for a win, one point for a tie.
- If ahead of Game 3 the series is tied at two points each, **the home team coach may elect to play overtime in the third game**. This decision must be made prior to the start of the game and communicated with the visiting coach in advance.
- Overtime must be played in Game 4 if the score is tied at the end of regulation.
- Overtime will be sudden victory with a series of five minute stop time periods. The first five minutes will be four on four. The second and subsequent five minute periods shall be three on three.