

ROPSSAA A, AA, AAA Playoff Guidelines

Team Seeding – all teams to seed each of the others in their level of competition
– tier 1 teams must be seeded ahead of tier 2 teams

Basketball, Hockey, Rugby, and Soccer

2 teams

Final: Seed 2 at Seed 1 (officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

3 teams

Semi Final: Seed 3 at Seed 2 (officiating costs paid by Seed 2)

Final: winner 3/2 at Seed 1 (officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

4 teams

Semi Final: Seed 3 at Seed 2 (officiating costs paid by Seed 2)

Semi Final: Seed 4 at Seed 1 (officiating costs paid by Seed 1)

Final: winners at higher-seeded team (officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

5 or 6 teams

Semi Final: Seed 3 at Seed 2 (officiating costs paid by Seed 2)

Semi Final: Seed 4 at Seed 1 (officiating costs paid by Seed 1)

Final: winners at higher-seeded team (officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)
(note: seeds #5 and #6 not eligible for playdowns)

7 to 10 teams

Quarter-Final 1: Seed 5 vs Seed 4 (@ Seed 1 site) at 2:30 (teams split officiating costs)

Winner Quarter Final 1 plays Seed 1 in **Semi Final**, 30 minutes after the 5th/4th game
(officiating costs paid by Seed 1)

Quarter Final 2: Seed 6 vs Seed 3 (@ Seed 2 site) at 2:30 (teams split officiating costs)

Winner Quarter Final 2 plays Seed 2 in **Semi-Final**, 30 minutes after the 6th/3rd game
(officiating costs paid by Seed 2)

Final: at higher-seeded winner on scheduled date for final (officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

(note 1: seeds #7 to #10 not included in playoffs)

(note 2: In instances where soccer quarterfinal and semifinal games are played on the same day the game will involve 20-minute halves. In instances where a soccer semifinal only is played on a day the game will involve 40 minute halves. If tied after this time ROPSSAA playoff rules for extra time/kicks to apply. Soccer final games to be 40 minutes in length.)

(note 3: for soccer, 1 official to be assigned for all games prior to the final and 3 officials to be assigned for the final game)

Volleyball

2, 3, 4 or 5 teams

See Basketball, Rugby, Soccer

6, 7 or 8 teams

Semi-Final 1: Seeds 1, 4, 5 @ Seed 1 site @ 3:30

Seed 5 vs Seed 4, best 2 of 3, (teams share officiating costs)

Winner plays Seed 1 in 2nd game of doubleheader, best 2 of 3 (officiating costs paid by Seed 1)

Semi-Final 2: Seeds 2, 3 and 6 @ Seed 2 site @ 3:30,

Seed 6 vs Seed 3, best 2 of 3 (teams share officiating costs)

Winner plays Seed 2 in 2nd game of doubleheader, best 2 of 3 (officiating costs paid by Seed 2)

Final: at higher-seeded winner on scheduled date for final

(officiating costs to be reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

(note: seeds #7 and #8 not eligible for playdowns)

9 or more teams

Semi-Final 1: Seed 1, 4, 5 and 8 @ Seed 1 site @ 2:30 (teams share all officiating costs)

Teams play 2 straight sets in round-robin matches on adjoining courts (single courts)

Top 2 teams after 6 games play on main court in best 2 of 3 to determine finalist

Semi-Final 2: Seed 2, 3, 6 and 7 @ Seed 2 site at 2:30 (teams share all officiating costs)

Teams play 2 straight sets in round-robin matches on adjoining courts (single courts)

Top 2 teams after 6 games play on main court in best 2 of 3 to determine finalist

Final: at higher-seeded winner on scheduled date for final

(officiating costs reimbursed by ROPSSAA)

(note 1: seeds 9 or above not eligible for playdowns)

(note 2: 5-5 warmup prior to 2:30 game. Common court time only in subsequent game (as available))

(note 3: All games to 25, no cap)

(note 4: Tiebreakers (criteria used in order):

- Wins in sets between teams tied
- Point differential in sets between teams tied
- Point differential in all sets
- 15 point match

note: in the case of a tie between 3 or more teams, the criteria must be used to declare the top teams between the teams tied. Once declared the process is started again with the newly-tied teams. (eg: if there is a three-way for 1st at 4-2, the criteria are used until a clear #1 is found. After that, the remaining two teams go through the tiebreaking process versus each other).

(note 5: 1 official for all games prior to the Championship Final)