



CEWHA OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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[Section I]

Tournament Governance

The Canadian Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (CEWHA) will hold a national tournament every two years where teams will compete for the Whitecap Canada Cup. Members of the Association are invited to participate in the tournament. The tournament is governed by the CEWHA in accordance with the *CEWHA Official Tournament Rulebook* and the *CEWHA Official Tournament Policies and Procedures*. In the event of any issues that arise, the Executive Director of the CEWHA has the authority to make decisions based on the best interest of the Association.

[Section II]

Tournament Format

The tournament will be a Round Robin format. During the Round Robin, teams will play each other an equal number of times. Teams will earn two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss. Once the Round Robin is completed, teams will be seeded based on their point totals. If any teams are tied after the Round Robin, the tie-breaking procedures in Section III will be used. The Playoff round will begin and depending on the number of participating teams, it will determine the number of series in the Playoff round. Teams will be awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. All teams that do not place in the top three will receive a participation medal.

[Section III]

Tie-Breaking Procedure

In the event of a tie when seeding after the Round Robin, the following tie-breaking procedure will be used:

1. Winner of Round Robin game between tied teams; if still tied
2. Lowest total goals against; if still tied
3. Fewest total penalty minutes; if still tied
4. Of the tied teams, the team who scored the earliest goal in their first Round Robin game

[Section IV]

Player Representatives

Each participating team will designate in advance of the tournament a Player Representative (Player Rep). A Player Rep shall be a player on the team's roster and will represent the views of his/her team. Each Player Rep must be capable of communicating in an effective way with other Player Reps.

[Section V] Player Rep Meetings

Player Rep meetings will consist of the designated Player Reps from each team and the Executive Director of the CEWHA. The Player Reps do not make or change/modify tournament rules, however can handle major complaints on various issues, mainly regarding a player's Level. Teams will submit prior to the tournament their roster with each player's current Level as well as the player Level from the previous tournament. The Player Reps will review and approve these Levels at the first meeting. At this time a team is allowed to challenge any player's level they feel is not correct. Voting will occur in an open format. Meetings will occur at either the end of the first two days of a four or more day tournament or at the end of the first day and at the conclusion of the Round Robin of a three day tournament. A player's Level may be re-evaluated once it is changed at the next meeting. Player Level definitions are located in the *CEWHA Official Tournament Rulebook, Section VII - Player Levels*.

[Section VI] Player Level Challenges

If a motion is put forth to challenge a player's Level, the motion must be seconded to proceed with the challenge. If seconded, the Player Rep for the challenging team and the defending team will have the opportunity to justify why they believe the player's Level should be changed or why it should remain the same. During a Player Level challenge vote, the challenging team and the defending team (player who is being challenged) do not get to vote. For a player's Level to be changed, a 50% +1 vote is required in favour of the change. A tie vote will result in the player's Level remaining the same.

[Section VII] Incident Review Process

If an incident occurs as a result of a Major Penalty or there is a violation of the General Conduct, a review process will take place to determine if further disciplinary action is warranted. If the incident involves a player or players, a series of interviews will be conducted by the Executive Director of the CEWHA. The Executive Director will interview the coaches of the two teams involved, the player or players involved, and the officials that were refereeing the game in which the incident took place. Once the interviews have been completed, the Executive Director will review the information and decide if further discipline will be given. If the incident involves a spectator, a similar review will take place with the persons that are aware of and affected by the situation. Further disciplinary action may be given to the individual(s).