

During regular-season games, if the game remains tied at the end of the eight (8) minute overtime period, the teams will proceed to a shootout. The rules governing the shootout shall be the same as those listed under *Rule 4, Section 7 - Penalty Shot*.

The teams will not change ends for the shootout. The home team shall have the choice of shooting first or second. The teams shall alternate shots.

Three (3) players from each team shall participate in the shootout and they shall proceed in such order as the Head Coach selects. All players are eligible to participate in the shootout unless they are serving a ten-minute misconduct or have been assessed a game misconduct or a game disqualification.

Once the shootout begins, the goalkeeper cannot be replaced unless he/she is injured. No warm up shall be permitted for a substitute goalkeeper.

Each team will be given three shots, unless the outcome is determined earlier in the shootout. After each team has taken three shots, if the score remains tied, the shootout will proceed to a "sudden death" format. No player may shoot twice until everyone who is eligible has shot. If, however, one team has fewer players eligible for the shootout than its opponent, both teams may select from among the players who have already shot. This procedure would continue until the team with fewer players has again used all eligible shooters.

Regardless of the number of goals scored during the shootout portion of overtime, the final score recorded for the game will give the winning team one more goal than its opponent, based on the score at the end of overtime.

The losing goalkeeper will not be charged with the extra goal against. The player scoring the game-winning goal in the shootout will not be credited with a goal scored in his/her personal statistics.

If a team declines to participate in the shootout procedure, the game will be declared as a shootout loss for that Team. If a team declines to take a shot it will be declared as "no goal."

Clarifications:

There will be no ice resurfacing between the end of overtime and the shootout.

Officials should record the first three shooters, as selected by the head coach for each team, in their notebook prior to the shootout beginning.

"Players" refers to skaters in the shootout regulation. Goalkeepers are not eligible to shoot in a shootout.

If the score is tied after three rounds of the shootout, a "sudden death" round does not end if the first shooter scores...the opposing team is also allowed an attempt.

No individual stats are recorded on the score sheet in shootouts. The final recorded score will simply give the winning team one more goal than it's opponent, based on the score at the end of overtime.