

RULES FOR THE 2026 OBJ CHALLENGE CUP

Gameplay

- 1) All in-game play rules follow USA Hockey rules. Please remember this includes:
 - a. Icing on penalty kills will be called
 - b. No tag up offsides will be played
- 2) All home teams as designated on the Gamesheets App will wear DARK. All away teams as designated on the Gamesheets App will wear WHITE. Please have two colors of jerseys for the weekend.
- 3) There are no timeouts in pool play, only the playoff.
- 4) Period lengths in round robin play are as follows:
 - a. 2017 Division: three 13 minute periods
 - b. 2016 Division: three 13 minute periods
 - c. 2015 Division: three 14 minute periods
 - d. 2014 Division: three 14 minute periods
 - e. 2013 Division: three 15 minute periods
- 5) All games will have 1:30 minor penalties, 4:00 major penalties and 8 minute misconducts to account for the relative period lengths.
- 6) Any game with a 5 goal difference or greater in the 3rd period will go to a running clock. For the running clock to stop, the margin must be reduced to 2 goals.

Standings

<https://gamesheetstats.com/seasons/15624/standings>

There will be no ties. A tie game will go to a 3 minute 3v3 overtime period, followed by a best of 3 shootout. **The 'home' team will shoot first in all shootouts.** If tied after 3 rounds, it is sudden death. No player may shoot more than once in a shootout.

- 1) Regulation win is worth 3 points
- 2) Overtime/Shootout win is worth 2 points
- 3) Overtime/Shootout loss is worth 1 point

Tiebreakers and Playoffs

Following round robin play, teams will be seeded for the purposes of a playoff. Should teams be tied in points, seeding will be based on the following tiebreakers:

- 1) Head to Head
- 2) Goal Difference
- 3) Goals against (lower GA is the higher seed)
- 4) Record against common opponents
- 5) Coin flip

The playoff structure for each division are as follows:

2017: All teams will play a 4 game round robin, with teams 1-4 in the standings playing in the semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners moving on to the final. Teams that do not make the playoff will play a consolation game Sunday.

2016: All teams will play a 4 game round robin, with teams 1-4 in the standings playing in the semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners moving on to the final. Teams that do not make the playoff will play a consolation game Sunday.

2015: All teams will play a 4 game round robin, with teams 1-4 in the standings playing in the semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners moving on to the final. As there are 15 teams in this division, teams 6/7 will also play a playoff game Sunday morning for the right to play a 6th game later on Sunday against the #5 seed.

2014: All teams will play a 3 game round robin, with teams 1-8 in the standings playing in the quarterfinals on Saturday evening, with semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners moving on to the final. Quarterfinal losers will play a consolation game Sunday. Teams that do not qualify for the playoff will play one consolation game Saturday evening and an additional consolation game Sunday.

2013 Roslovic: All teams will play a 3 game round robin, with teams 1-8 in the standings playing in the quarterfinals on Saturday evening, with semifinals on Sunday morning and the winners moving on to the final. Quarterfinal losers will play a consolation game Sunday.

2013 Murphy: All six teams will play a full 5 game round robin, with the top two teams in the final standings playing a 6th game on Sunday afternoon for the championship. There are no consolation games.

All playoff overtimes will be 5 minutes in length before moving to a best of three shootout. **The 'home' team will shoot first in all shootouts.** If tied after 3 rounds, it is sudden death. No player may shoot more than once in a shootout.

Guarantees and Consolation Games

All teams will play a minimum of 5 games over the weekend, with consolation games matched up at the scheduler's discretion for competitiveness and to avoid repeat or frequent matchups, such as teams from their home area. Games against teams from the home area cannot be avoided in playoff scenarios but we will make every effort otherwise to avoid traveling long distances to play a 'local' team. We value your time and travel commitment.

All scheduled games will be shown here:

<https://gamesheetstats.com/seasons/15624/standings>

Officiating

All referee decisions are FINAL. There will be no appeals committee after a game is entered into Gamesheets. We are unable to overturn automatic suspensions or provide video review of a call leading to a suspension. USA hockey rules will always govern all of these items, not the Ohio AAA Blue Jackets. **Please treat all officials with respect!**

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