

UOVMHL Playoff Structure - 2025

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 the top teams in the A Division only will play off in a head-to-head championship series.

February 9th to March 6th – Round Robin

- Number of games based on number of teams in division.
- Balanced Schedule.
- At the conclusion of round robin, the top team in B and C Divisions only will be declared playoff division champions.

March 17th to 30th: A Division Playoff Championship Series

- Top two teams in A Divisions only, based on playoff round robin.
- First to four points head-to-head series (details below).

House League Divisions

U11 House – 19 Teams

A Division (7 Teams) – 1st through 7th
B Division (6 Teams) – 8th through 13th
C Division (6 Teams) – 14th through 19th

U13 House – 16 Teams

A Division (6 Teams) – 1st through 6th
B Division (6 Teams) – 7th through 12th
C Division (4 Teams) – 13th through 16th

U15 House Tier A – 6 Teams

A Division (6 Teams) – 1st through 6th

U15 House Tier B – 9 Teams

A Division (4 Teams) – 1st through 4th
B Division (5 Teams) – 5th through 9th

U18 House – 15 Teams

A Division (5 Teams) – 1st through 5th
B Division (5 Teams) – 6th through 10th
C Division (5 Teams) – 11th through 15th

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. The groups will not be divided into divisions.

February 9th to March 6th – Round Robin

- Number of games based on number of teams in division.

March 17th to 30th: Playoff Championship Series

- Top two teams based on playoff round robin.
- First to four points head-to-head series (details below).

Tie Breaking Rules for Playoffs:

The following rules will be applied in order for playoff round robin standings. All statistics will be pulled from playoff games only.

- a) Total Points,
- b) Most wins (a team with one win (=2pts) seeds higher than a team with only two ties (=2pts),
- c) Head to Head between two teams only,
- d) Scoring Differential (%) Scoring Differential (FOR / (FOR + AGA)),
- e) Least amount of Penalty Minutes (PIM), *
- f) Coin Toss by league officials.

* The tie breaking rule for PIM will be applied **manually** should a tie remain after rules (a) through (d) are applied. The displayed standings may not accurately reflect this seeding if teams are still tied after the first four rules are applied.

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.

UOVMHL Playoff Division Breakdown - 2025

Length: Approximately four weeks (February 9 to March 6)

House League	# of Teams	Divisional Breakdown			Games Per Series (Balanced)		
		A	B	C	A	B	C
Under 11	19	7	6	6	6	5	5
Under 13	16	6	6	4	5	5	6
Under 15 - A	6	6			5		
Under 15 - B	9	4	5		6	4	
Under 18	15	5	5	5	4	4	4
Comp League	# of Teams	A			A		
Under 11	7	7			6		
Under 13	7	7			6		
Under 18	5	5			8		