



HOCKEY NOVA SCOTIA
MINOR COUNCIL
PLAYOFF FORMAT
2023–2024
(As of Jan. 17, 2024)

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2023-24 HNS Provincial Championship Tournaments

- **U13 AAA:** April 4-7, 2024; Hosted by Truro MHA (Location: Dr. Carson & Marion Murray Community Centre)
- **U13 AAA Atlantics:** April 18-21, 2024; Hosted by Hockey New Brunswick
- **U15 AA:** March 28-31, 2024 (Please note: Easter Weekend); Hosted by Pictou County MHA (Location: Pictou County Wellness Centre)
- **U18 AA:** April 4-7, 2024; Hosted by Cape Breton West MHA (Location: Al MacInnis Sports Centre)

HNS Conference Championships with a Day of Champions (DoC)

- **U11 AA:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U11 A:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U11 B:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U13 AA:** Conference/League Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U13 A:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U13 B:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U15 A:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U15 B:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U18 A:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)
- **U18 B:** Conference Champions by March 31, 2024 (DoC: April 13-14, 2024)

League Champions

- **U11 C:** Declared no later than March 31, 2024
- **U13 C:** Declared no later than March 31, 2024
- **U15 C:** Declared no later than March 31, 2024
- **U18 C:** Declared no later than March 31, 2024

Please note that all dates in this document are deadlines that must be met.



U13 AAA, U15 AA and U18 AA Playoff Structure

- **U13 AAA:** Provincial Tournament (April 4-7, 2024)
- **U13 AAA:** Playoff Winners (March 11-24, 2024)

At the conclusion of the Nova Scotia U13 AAA Hockey League play, there will be a playoff round to determine the teams that advance to a Provincial Championship Tournament. Please note that the **provincial host** and **wild card game-losing team** will not play in the playoff round.

Format as follows: Team seeding is based on regular season final standings. Ex: First-place team is Team 1, the second-place team is Team 2, etc.

Wild Card Game: Teams 15 and 16 will play a one game playoff to determine who advances to the playoff round.

Playoff Round: Series will be best 2-out-of-3. The lower seed will host Game 1. The higher seed will host Game 2 and Game 3 if necessary. Each team winning their playoff round will advance to Provincials.

Game	Teams		
1	1vs14	Pool A Winners	Pool B Winners
2	2vs13	Games 1-3-5-7	Games 2-4-6-8 (Host)
3	3vs12		
4	4vs11		
5	5vs10		
6	6vs9		
7	7vs8		

The winning seven teams, plus the host team, will advance to the HNS Provincial Championship Tournament scheduled for April 4-7, 2024. The event will use an 8-team format with two divisions of four teams each. Each team will play three games.



The top four teams will play a crossover for the semifinals.

1 Pool A VS 2 Pool B

1 Pool B VS 2 Pool A

Winners of each pool advance to the Championship Game with the highest seed team after tournament play receiving home ice.

The winner of the Nova Scotia U13 AAA Provincial Championship will represent Nova Scotia at Atlantics. The event is scheduled for April 18-21, 2024 in New Brunswick.



U15 AA Provincial Tournament (March 28-31, 2024)

U15 AA

Determined by March 17, 2024

Scotia Minor North
Scotia Minor South
Central Minor League
Cape Breton League
Host

2 teams advance
1 team advance
2 teams advance
1 teams advance
1 team
TOTAL: 7 teams

U18 AA Provincial Tournament (April 4 -7, 2024)

U18 AA

Determined by March 24, 2024

Central Minor League
Cape Breton
Host

2 teams advance
2 teams advance
1 team
TOTAL: 5 teams

**HNS North and South Conference Champions Advancing to the Day of Champions
U11 AA, A, B; U13 AA, A, B; U15 A, B; U18 A, B**

U11 AA (March 24, 2024)

League Winner (March 31, 2024)

DoC (April 13-14, 2024)

Scotia League North ----- Winner

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Cape Breton League ----- Winner



Scotia League South ----- Winner

Central Minor League -----Winner ----- Winner ----- DOC

Please note: The conference championship is to be decided by March 31, 2024. The final is a one-game sudden victory event for the 2023-24 season. The team to the east (home) geographically will have home ice advantage.

U11 A

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Cape Breton League ----- 1 Winner
----- 1 Winner ----- DOC
Scotia North ----- 1 Winner

SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Central Minor League -----1 Winner
----- 1 Winner ----- DOC
Scotia League South -----1 Winner



U11 B

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Cape Breton League 6 Teams 1 Winner DOC

Highland/Fundy 4 Teams 1 Winner

SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Central Minor League ----- 1 Winner DOC

Scotia League ----- 1 Winner DOC

U13 AA March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Scotia League South 1 Winner 1 Winner DOC

Central Minor League 1 Winner

Scotia League North (Fundy Highland)....1 Winner DOC

U13 A

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Cape Breton League ----- 1 Winner ----- 1 Winner DOC

Scotia League North ----- 1 Winner



<u>SOUTH CONFERENCE</u>	<u>March 24, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2024</u>	<u>April 13-14, 2024</u>
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Central Minor League	----- 1 Winner	----- 1 Winner	DOC
Scotia League South	----- 1 Winner		

U13 B

<u>NORTH CONFERENCE</u>	<u>March 24, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2024</u>	<u>April 13-14, 2024</u>
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Cape Breton League		----- Winner	DOC
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Highland/Fundy: No Teams

<u>SOUTH CONFERENCE</u>	<u>March 24, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2024</u>	<u>April 13-14, 2024</u>
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Central Minor League	----- 1 Winner		
Scotia League	----- 1 Winner	-----Winner	DOC

U15 A

<u>NORTH CONFERENCE</u>	<u>March 24, 2024</u>	<u>March 31, 2024</u>	<u>April 13-14, 2024</u>
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Cape Breton League	----- 1 Winner	----- 1 Winner	----- DOC
Scotia League North	----- 1 Winner		



SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Central Minor League ----- 1 Winner ----- 1 Winner ----- DOC
Scotia League South ----- 1 Winner

U15 B

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

0 Teams

SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Central Minor League ----- 1 Winner
Both Teams Advance to DOC DOC
Scotia League ----- 1 Winner

U18 A

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Scotia League North ----- 1 Winner DOC



SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

Central Minor League

----- 1 Winner

----- 1 Winner ----- DOC

Scotia League South

----- 1 Winner

U18 B

NORTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 March 31, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

0 Teams

SOUTH CONFERENCE March 24, 2024 April 13-14, 2024

0 Teams



HNSMC Playoff Games, Series and Tournaments

All HNSMC playoff games, series, and/or tournaments must be approved by the Regional Director(s) and/or the Minor Council Conference Coordinator. A HNSMC representative will coordinate and oversee all HNS playoff games, series or tournaments.

The North and South Conference Playoff Finals shall be one-game, sudden victory events. If required, some Conference Champions may be league champions and not require the sudden victory event, the final HNS Playoff format will be approved after final team categorization in December 2023.

For the 2023-24 hockey season, home ice advantage shall be granted to the teams to the **east** geographically.

For all conference finals where the East plays the West, the teams in the East must supply two ice times to the **HNSMC Conference Coordinator** who will pass on to the team in the WEST to choose one of these dates for the one-game sudden victory event.

All scores must be reported to the HNSMC Representative after the conclusion of each game

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C-Level League Champions U11 C, U13 C, U15 C, U18 C

The C-Level Championships are under the jurisdiction of the local MHA or the established league within an area or Region[s]. The MHAs and Leagues are encouraged to provide a positive experience for all players with consideration being given to the development of player skills and the promotion of player self-esteem.

The costs of the game and alternate choices for players and parents of players playing at the C-level must be taken into consideration when this level of minor hockey is being designed within each Association or Region.



HNS will take measures to assist each MHA in developing programs and assisting coaches at these community levels.