**2024/2025 York Simcoe Minor Hockey Playoff structure**

**YSMHL Qualifier Feb 22-Mar 8**

**YSMHL Championship Mar 9-22 (possible extend based on 7-day rule)**

**Presidents cup Mar 9-Mar 31**

**YSMHL QUALIFIERS – 4-6 games per pool - Feb 22-Mar 8**

* **Division of 7 or less** DO NOT SPLIT, single RR – 6 games. Top 4 advances. Very small groups may require a double RR
* **Divisions of 8 -11** split into 2 groups based on seeding in regular season. Either single RR or double to get a min of 4 games, max 6
* **Divisions of 12** or more split into 3 groups, either single RR or double to get a min of 4 games, max 6
* **Divisions of 16** split into 4 groups, double RR to get 6 games
* **Divisions with ODD number of teams** – will be split into 2 or 3 groups based on above.
* Seeding as follows, (as per ETA AAA for reference) top seeds get “easier route to finals”. “Regular season means something”
  + Divisions that split into 2 groups will be seeded as

GROUP A - 1,2,8,9,10 single RR

GROUP B - 3,4,5,6,7 single RR

* + Divisions that split into 3 groups will be seeded as. ***2 TEAMS WILL ADVANCE FROM GROUP A IN ANY SCENARIO WHICH INVOLVES 3 DIVISIONS FOR QUAILFERS.*** Remove or add to pools to get the required numbers based on divisions

GROUP A - 1,2,11,12,13 single RR

GROUP B - 3,8,9,10 Double RR

GROUP C - 4,5,6.7 Double RR

* + U18BB – 16 TEAMS WILL BE SPLIT AS FOLLOWS Double RR top seed from each pool advances to YSMHL championship. (a) = Group A reg season. (b) = Group B reg season

GROUP A – 1(a), 4(b), 7(a), 8(b)

GROUP B – 1(b), 4(a), 7(b), 8 (a)

GROUP C – 2(a), 3(b), 5(a), 6(b)

GROUP 9 – 2(b), 3(a), 5(b), 6(a).

**YSMHL CHAMPIONSHIP Best of 3 game series Mar 9-22**

* Semis and Finals with Top 4 from Qualifiers
* Bronze medal series regardless of OMHA advancement
* Best of 3 – must be a winner in 3rd game – **prepare for OT and shootout**
* 10 min overtime x2 then shoot out
* YSMHL championship must be completed 7 days prior to OMHA tourney for seeding
* Out of town referees will be used for all YSMHL Championship Games. To be assigned by Mark Taylor (OMHA)

**PRESIDENTS CUP Mar 9-31**

* All teams not included in the YSMHL Championship
* To be seeded as per regular season standings.
* **If ice time is an issue, use practice ice and fit game into the time allowed**
* Round robin, single or double to get 6-8 games Mar 9 - 31
* Top 2 advance to Championship game.