

What is the Intermediate B League Playoff Format?

In 2009, the BCILL Intermediate B League introduced a new two conference setup (North and South) and with it a new playoff format which sees the top 10 teams make the playoffs – up from the top six teams previously.

First Round

The first round is very similar to what the Canadian Football League has been using for many years:

- The top team in the regular season standings from each conference receives an automatically bye to the second round of the playoffs.
- The 2nd place and 3rd place teams in each conference host a sudden-death game against the 5th place and 4th place teams in their conference, respectively.
- However, a situation may occur whereby the 6th place team from one conference has more **points** than the 5th place team from the other conference. In this case, the 6th place team would cross-over into the other conference and compete against the 2nd place team of that conference, bumping out the 5th place team.

Please note that at the end of the regular season, the 2nd place team in a given conference will always host a sudden-death first round game, regardless of the number of total points a team who crosses over from the other conference may have.

The winners of the first round sudden-death games advance to the second round of the league playoffs, joining the conference champions.

Second Round

The second round of the playoffs is a best-of-three games series. Seeding of teams is based on their regular season records, regardless of where they placed within their conference.

In the event of a tie in points, seeding shall be determined as set out in Regulation 13. Clause 13.06 of the BCLA Senior Directorate Operating Policy.

The top seeded team plays the 6th seeded team, the 2nd seed plays the 5th seed and the 3rd seed plays the 4th seed, with the top three seeds holding home floor advantage.

The winners of these second round series advance to the Provincial Championships.