



Règlements Compétition Play-Off 2025/2026

Conformément à l'article 3.2 et à l'article 12 du Règlement Sportif (ci-après « RS »), ci-dessous les modalités d'organisation des Play-Off du championnat de Belgian League, Open League et Jeunes telles que décidées par l'Organe d'Administration.

Pour toutes ces rencontres, la Royal Belgian Hockey Association peut désigner les officiels suivants : des arbitres, des arbitres réserves, des match officials et des coachs d'arbitres.

1. Dérogation à l'article 35 du RS de la Royal Belgian Hockey Association

En dérogation à l'article 35 du RS, maximum **18 Joueurs** (dont l'un est désigné comme capitaine) par équipe peuvent être repris sur le Rapport Officiel pour les demi-finales et finales de Play-Off Belgian League Dames et Messieurs Honneur.

2. Demi-Finales de Play-off Belgian League Dames et Messieurs : Honneur, Nat 1, Nat 2 et Nat 3 (uniquement messieurs)

Dans ces catégories, les équipes classées aux quatre premières places à l'issue des rencontres linéaire en aller-retour sont qualifiées pour les demi-finales de Play-Off.

Ces équipes s'affrontent en rencontres aller-retour selon le schéma suivant (le 1^{er} club étant le club visité) :

- 1^{ère} demi-finale :
 - Match aller : l'équipe classée 4^{ème} à l'issue du championnat linéaire en aller/retour accueille l'équipe classée 1^{ère} ;
 - Match retour : l'équipe classée 1^{ère} à l'issue du championnat linéaire en aller/retour accueille l'équipe classée 4^{ème}.
- 2^{ème} demi-finale :
 - Match aller : l'équipe classée 3^{ème} à l'issue du championnat linéaire en aller/retour accueille l'équipe classée 2^{ème}.
 - Match retour : L'équipe classée 2^{ème} à l'issue du championnat linéaire en aller/retour accueille l'équipe classée 3^{ème}.

La rencontre aller se déroulera le 14 mai 2026 et la rencontre retour le 17 mai 2026.

Le vainqueur de chaque demi-finale est l'équipe ayant le plus de points ou en cas d'égalité de points, l'équipe ayant la meilleure différence de buts (sur base des critères de l'article 8 du RS).



Si à l'issue de ces deux rencontres, certaines équipes sont à égalité de points et de buts (selon les critères déterminés à l'article 8 du RS), il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

3. Demi-Finales Open League Division Honneur

Dans ces catégories, les équipes classées aux quatre premières places à l'issue des rencontres linéaire en aller-retour sont qualifiées pour les demi-finales de Play-Off.

Celles-ci se déroulent en une rencontre unique, le 17 mai 2026, sur le terrain de l'équipe la mieux classée (1 contre 4 et 2 contre 3). En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Le vainqueur de chaque rencontre est qualifié pour la Finale des Play-Off.

4. Finales de Play-off Belgian League Dames et Messieurs : Honneur, Nat 1, Nat 2 et Nat 3 (uniquement messieurs)

Les vainqueurs des demi-finales s'affrontent en rencontres aller-retour :

- les 23 et 24 mai 2026 dans les installations de la Belfius Hockey Arena de Wavre pour la Division Honneur Belgian League ;
- les 23 et 25 mai 2026 dans les clubs pour la Nat 1, Nat 2 et Nat 3;
- un tirage au sort déterminera quelle équipe commencera à domicile ;
- le titre de Champion dans chaque division est attribué à l'équipe ayant le plus de points ou en cas d'égalité de points, l'équipe ayant la meilleure différence de buts (sur base des critères de l'article 8 du RS).

Si à l'issue de ces deux rencontres, les équipes sont à égalité de points et de buts (selon les critères déterminés à l'article 8 du RS), il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Lors de ces finales de Division Honneur Belgian League uniquement, et sous réserve de problèmes techniques éventuels, l'appel à la vidéo sera possible pour les arbitres et les équipes selon les modalités reprises dans l'Annexe 2 de ce règlement. Par « on Field Umpire », il est entendu dans l'Annexe 2, les deux arbitres de la rencontre, à l'exclusion de l'arbitre réserve et de l'arbitre vidéo. Les équipes n'auront aucun droit de recours en cas de non-fonctionnement ou mauvais fonctionnement de l'appel vidéo, pour quelque raison que ce soit, avant ou pendant les rencontres. Les décisions prises après appel à la vidéo restent acquises, même en cas d'incident technique ultérieur.

5. Matches pour la 3^{ème} place Belgian League Dames et Messieurs : Honneur, Nat 1, Nat 2 et Nat 3 (uniquement messieurs)



Un match en aller simple pour déterminer l'équipe classée 3^{ème} et 4^{ème} de Division Honneur Dames et Messieurs Belgian League est organisé entre les perdants des demi-finales :

- Ce match se déroule le 23 mai 2026 dans les installations de la Belfius Hockey Arena à Wavre;
- Un tirage au sort déterminera l'équipe visitée ;
- Le vainqueur de la rencontre obtient la 3^{ème} place. En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Un match en aller-retour pour déterminer l'équipe classée 3^{ème} et 4^{ème} en Belgian League Dames et Messieurs Nat 1, Nat 2 et Nat 3 (uniquement messieurs) est organisé entre les perdants des demi-finales :

- Ces matchs se dérouleront les 23 et 25 mai 2026 dans les installations des clubs;
- Un tirage au sort déterminera l'équipe visitée pour chacune des rencontres ;
- La troisième place est attribuée à l'équipe ayant le plus de points ou en cas d'égalité de points, l'équipe ayant la meilleure différence de buts (sur base des critères de l'article 8 du RS).

Si à l'issue de ces deux rencontres, les équipes sont à égalité de points et de buts (selon les critères déterminés à l'article 8 du RS), il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

6. Finales des Play-Off Division Honneur Dames et Messieurs Open League

Un match en aller simple pour déterminer l'équipe championne de division Honneur Dames et Messieurs Open League est organisé entre les gagnants des demi-finales :

- Ces matchs se dérouleront le 23 mai 2026 pour les Messieurs et le 24 mai 2026 pour les Dames dans les installations de la Belfius Hockey Arena;
- Un tirage au sort déterminera l'équipe visitée ;
- Le titre de champion sera attribué au vainqueur de la rencontre. En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

7. U14/U16/U19 Girls & Boys Division Honneur

a. Demi-finales

A l'issue du Championnat **U16 et U19 Honneur**, les équipes classées aux 4 premières places sont qualifiées pour les 1/2 Finales des Play-Off.



Celles-ci se déroulent en une rencontre unique, le 23 mai 2026, sur le terrain de l'équipe la mieux classée (1 contre 4 et 2 contre 3). En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Le vainqueur de chaque rencontre est qualifié pour la Finale des Play-Off.

A l'issue du Championnat **U14 Honneur**, les équipes classées aux deux premières places des poules Nationales Honneur A et B sont qualifiées pour les 1/2 Finales des Play-Off.

Celles-ci se déroulent en une rencontre unique, le 23 mai 2026, sur le terrain de l'équipe la mieux classée (1^{er} poule A contre 2^{ème} poule B et 1^{er} poule B contre 2^{ème} poule A). En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Le vainqueur de chaque rencontre est qualifié pour la Finale des Play-Off.

b. Finales

Les vainqueurs des demi-finales s'affrontent dans les installations de la Belfius Hockey Arena de Wavre le 24 mai pour les U14 et le 25 mai 2026 pour les U16 et U19 en une rencontre aller simple.

En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé à des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1).

Le vainqueur est sacré Champion de Belgique.

8. U14/U16/U19 Girls & Boys Nationale 1 et Nationale 2

a. Demi-finales

A l'issue du Championnat U14 Nationale 2, les équipes classées aux 4 premières places sont qualifiées pour les 1/2 Finales des Play-Off. Les demi-finales se déroulent en une rencontre unique, le 23 mai 2026, sur le terrain de l'équipe la mieux classée (1 contre 4 et 2 contre 3).

A l'issue des Championnats U14 Nationale 1, U16 et U19 Nationale 1 et 2, les équipes classées aux 2 premières places des poules A et B sont qualifiées pour les 1/2 Finales des Play-Off. Celles-ci se déroulent en une rencontre unique, le 23 mai 2026, sur le terrain de l'équipe la mieux classée (1^{er} poule A contre 2^{ème} poule B et 1^{er} poule B contre 2^{ème} poule A).



En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1) si la rencontre est arbitrée par des arbitres nationaux désignés par la Royal Belgian Hockey Association ou à des strokes selon les modalités décrites en annexe 3 si les arbitres ne sont pas désignés par la Royal Belgian Hockey Association.

Le vainqueur de chaque rencontre est qualifié pour la Finale des Play-Off de la division concernée.

c. Finales

Les vainqueurs des demi-finales s'affrontent le 25 mai 2026 en une rencontre aller simple.

L'équipe visitée est tirée au sort et la rencontre se déroule dans ses installations.

En cas d'égalité à l'issue de la rencontre, il sera procédé des shoot-outs selon les modalités décrites dans les règles de jeu de la FIH (annexe 1) si la rencontre est arbitrée par des arbitres nationaux désignés par la Royal Belgian Hockey Association ou à des strokes selon les modalités décrites en annexe 3 si les arbitres ne sont pas désignés par la Royal Belgian Hockey Association.

Le vainqueur est sacré Champion de sa Division.



ANNEXE 1

SHOOT-OUT COMPETITION

In a shoot-out competition, five players from each team take a one-on-one shoot-out alternately against a defender from the other team as set out in this Regulation. The shoot-out competition comprises all series of shoot-outs required to determine a result. The following sets out both the playing Rules and the procedures to be followed.

1. If the shoot-out competition takes place after the end of a match, the first shoot-out should take place as soon as possible after the end of the match but no later than five (5) minutes after the end of regulation playing time.
2. The respective Team Managers provide five players to take and one player to defend the shoot-outs from those on the Match Report except as excluded below. A player nominated to defend the shoot-outs can also be nominated to take a shoot-out. No substitutions/replacements are permitted during the shoot-out competition other than as specified below.
3. A player who is still serving a disciplinary suspension by the Technical Delegate at the time the shoot-out competition takes place or has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition, cannot take part in that shoot-out competition. A player who has been temporarily suspended (green or yellow card) may take part in the shoot-out competition even if the period of their suspension has not been completed at the end of the match.
4. The Technical Delegate will specify the method of timing shoot-outs taking account of the facilities available and the need to control time accurately.
5. The Technical Delegate will specify the goal to be used.
6. A coin is tossed; the team which wins the toss has the choice to take or defend the first shoot-out.
7. All persons listed on the Match Report other than any player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition are permitted to enter the field of play outside the 23m area used for the shoot-out but must be at least 10 metres from the spot where the ball is placed at the start of the shoot-out. All persons listed on the Match Report other than any player who has been excluded permanently (red card) during the match which leads to the shoot-out competition are permitted to enter the field of play on the half-way line.



8. The goalkeeper / defending player of the team taking a shoot-out shall wait on the back-line outside the circle.
9. A player taking or defending a shoot-out may enter the 23m area for that purpose.
10. Players taking a shoot-out and also defending the shoot-outs taken by opponents are allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put back on their protective equipment.
11. Five players from each team take a shoot-out alternately against the goalkeeper/defending player of the other team making a total of 10 shoot-outs.
12. Taking a shoot-out:
 - a. the goalkeeper/defending player starts on or behind the goal-line between the goal posts;
 - b. the ball is placed on the nearest 23m line opposite the centre of the goal;
 - c. an attacker stands outside the 23m area near the ball;
 - d. the Umpire starts the shoot-out either;
 - a. by blowing the whistle, or
 - b. by signalling to the Technical Table that they can sound an automatic whistle that is linked to the stadium PA system which simultaneously starts the 8 second clock
 - e. an official at the technical table starts the clock;
 - f. the attacker and the goalkeeper/defending player may then move in any direction;
 - g. the shoot-out is completed when:
 - i. 8 seconds has elapsed since the starting signal;
 - ii. a goal is scored;
 - iii. the attacker commits an offence;
 - iv. the goalkeeper/defending player commits an unintentional offence inside or outside the circle in which case the shoot-out is re-taken by the same player against the same goalkeeper/defending player;



- v. the goalkeeper/defending player commits an intentional offence inside or outside the circle, in which case a penalty stroke is awarded and taken;
 - vi. the ball goes out of play over the back-line or side-line; this includes the goalkeeper/defending player intentionally playing the ball over the back-line.
13. If a penalty stroke is awarded as specified above, it can be taken and defended by any eligible player on the Match Report subject to the provisions of Articles 17, 18 and 19 of this Appendix.
14. The team scoring the most goals (or ahead by more goals than the other team has untaken shoot-outs available) is the winner.
15. A player may be suspended by a yellow or red card but not by a green card during the shoot-out competition.
16. If during a shoot-out competition (including during any penalty stroke which is awarded) a player is suspended by a yellow or red card:
- a. that player takes no further part in that shoot-out competition and, unless a goalkeeper/defending player, cannot be replaced;
 - b. the replacement for a suspended goalkeeper/defending player can only come from the five players of that team nominated to take part in the shoot-out competition:
 - i. the replacement goalkeeper/defending player is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the goalkeeper/defending player they are replacing was wearing;
 - ii. for taking their own shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.
 - c. any shoot-out due to be taken by a suspended player is forfeited; any goals scored by this player before being suspended count as a goal.
17. If during a shoot-out competition, a defending goalkeeper/defending player is incapacitated:
- a. that goalkeeper/defending player may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the Match Report for that particular match,



except as excluded in this Appendix or unless suspended by an Umpire during the shoot-out competition;

- b. the replacement goalkeeper:
 - i. is allowed reasonable time to put on protective equipment similar to that which the incapacitated goalkeeper/defending player was wearing;
 - ii. if this replacement is also nominated to take a shoot-out, this player is allowed reasonable time to take off their protective equipment to take their shoot-out and subsequently to put it on again.

18. If during a shoot-out competition, an attacker is incapacitated, that attacker may be replaced by another player from among the players listed on the Match Report for that particular match, except as excluded above or unless suspended by an Umpire during the shoot-out competition.

19. Any replaced player (defender or attacker) takes no further part in the shoot-out competition.

20. If an equal number of goals are scored after each team has taken five shoot-outs:

- a. a second series of five shoot-outs is taken with the same players, subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix;
- b. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same as in the first series;
- c. the team whose player took the first shoot-out in a series defends the first shoot-out of the next series;
- d. when one team has scored or been awarded one more goal than the opposing team after each team has taken the same number of shoot-outs, not necessarily being all five shoot-outs, that team is the winner.

21. If an equal number of goals are scored after a second series of five shoot-outs, additional series of shoot-outs are taken with the same players subject to the conditions specified in this Appendix:

- a. the sequence in which the attackers take the shoot-outs need not be the same in any subsequent series;
- b. the team which starts each shoot-out series alternates for each series.



22. Unless varied by this Appendix or Appendix 1, the Rules of Hockey apply during a shoot-out.

ANNEXE 2

VIDEO UMPIRE

1 POWER TO REFER DECISIONS TO THE VIDEO UMPIRE

- 1.1 The On Field Umpires are the only persons who can refer decisions to the Video Umpire either directly or after a request from a team;
- 1.2 Referrals cannot be made as a result of protests, queries or pressure from players, Team Managers or Coaches on any decision. Teams (and their captains) will be held responsible for any violation or abuse of the Video Umpire protocols;
- 1.3 No one other than the On Field Umpires, can stop the match to request a referral; e.g. the Video Umpire or Technical Officials at the Technical Table cannot stop a match.

2 UMPIRE REFERRAL

- 2.1 The On Field Umpires may refer decisions to the Video Umpire when they are not convinced that they have taken, or are able to take, the correct decision relating to the awarding or disallowing of goals; or the award / non-award of penalty stroke decisions.
 - a. the awarding / disallowing of goals;
 - b. or the award / non-award of Penalty Strokes;
 - c. or serious misconduct incidents anywhere on the field of play
- 2.2 Referrals shall only relate to whether or not a goal has been legally scored or if a Penalty Stroke has been correctly awarded or not awarded, or if Serious Misconduct has or has not occurred.
- 2.3 The On Field Umpires are therefore entitled to request the Video Umpire to assist in making decisions which include, but are not restricted to:
 - a whether the ball crossed the goal line (within the area bounded by the goal posts and crossbar);



- b whether the ball was legally played or touched inside the circle by the stick of an attacker and did not travel outside the circle before passing completely over the goal-line and under the cross-bar;
- c whether the ball travelled outside the circle before it entered the goal either from a shot by an attacker during the taking of a penalty corner;
- d whether a breach of the Rules has been observed within the attacking 23 metres area in the play leading to the awarding or disallowing of a goal. It is then for the On Field Umpire to take any breach into account in reaching their decision.
- e whether an offence has been committed by a defender in the circle which prevents the probable scoring of a goal, or there has been an intentional offence in the circle by a defender against an opponent who has possession of the ball or an opportunity to play the ball.
- f whether any Serious Misconduct has been committed, on or off the ball, anywhere on the field of play.

2.4 The On Field Umpire requests Video Umpire assistance using the “television-screen” signal; he / she relays by radio to the Video Umpire whatever information is necessary.

3 UMPIRE REFERRAL PROCESS

3.1 The Video Umpire calls for as many replays from any camera angle as necessary to reach a decision.

3.2 Within the shortest time frame possible, the Video Umpire provides his / her advice and recommendation using the phrase “I have advice for you” when communicating with the On Field Umpire:

- ‘Goal’
- ‘No Goal’
- ‘Penalty Stroke’
- ‘No Penalty Stroke’
- ‘Serious Misconduct - the Video Umpire advice may include whether a temporary or permanent suspension should be awarded.
- ‘No Serious Misconduct’
- ‘No Advice Possible’
- plus advice on any observed breach of the Rules.



- 3.3 If a breach of the Rules is observed and advised to the On Field Umpire, it is then for the On Field Umpire to take into account the breach in reaching his / her final decision.
- 3.4 In the case of 'No Advice Possible' (eg if the video footage is inconclusive, including through not having the correct replays available, the ball never being in shot in the replays, the footage being of insufficient quality to permit a decision or technical problems with the referral equipment) the original decision of the On Field Umpire stands. If there was no decision given before the referral, then the final decision is 'No Goal' or 'No Penalty Stroke' or no 'Serious Misconduct' (depending on the type of referral).
- 3.5 An umpire referral that has been already been adjudicated upon may not be the subject of a subsequent team referral.

4 TEAM REFERRAL

- 4.1 Each team is allowed one team referral request (which must be made through the On Field Umpires) during regulation time in any match subject to articles 5.4a and 5.4b below of this Regulation and one team referral request during a shoot-out competition, subject to articles 5.4a and 5.4b below:
 - a team referrals will be restricted to decisions within the 23 metre areas relating to the award (or non-award) of goals, penalty strokes and penalty corners and, during a shoot-out competition, whether a shoot-out should be re-taken. The award of personal penalty cards may not be the subject of a team referral;
 - b any team player, on the field of play at the time of the incident, can request a team referral;
 - c this player must indicate to a On Field Umpire that he / she wishes to use their team referral. He / she must do so immediately after the incident or decision which is to be referred by using the 'T' signal as well as confirming this verbally to the Umpire;
 - d the On Field Umpires will not disallow any request for a team referral provided the 'T' signal has been used by a player and seen by the umpire;



- e the player requesting the team referral must inform a On Field Umpire of the exact nature of the decision (or non-decision) that their team wishes to be reviewed within a maximum of 20 seconds;
- f if no question is received within 20 seconds the team referral will automatically default to a review of the last decision or non-decision relating to the award (or non-award) of a goal, penalty stroke, penalty corner or re-take of a shoot-out;
- g the On Field Umpire then requests Video Umpire assistance using the “television-screen” signal, followed by a ‘T’ signal to denote a team referral; he / she relays by radio to the Video Umpire whatever information is necessary.

5 TEAM REFERRAL PROCESS

- 5.1 The Video Umpire calls for as many replays from any camera angle as necessary to reach a decision.
- 5.2 Within the shortest time frame possible, the Video Umpire provides his / her advice and recommendation using the phrase “I have advice for you” when communicating with the On Field Umpire:
 - ‘Goal’
 - ‘No Goal’
 - ‘Penalty Stroke’
 - ‘No Penalty Stroke’
 - ‘Penalty Corner’
 - ‘No Penalty Corner’
 - ‘Shoot-out to be re-taken’
 - ‘No shoot-out re-take’
 - ‘No Advice Possible’
 - plus advice on any observed breach of the Rules.
- 5.3 If a breach of the Rules is observed and advised to the On Field Umpire, it is then for the On Field Umpire to take into account the breach in reaching his / her final decision.



5.4 Implications for the retention or loss of team referral rights:

- a in the event that the referral is upheld the referring team retains its right of referral;
- b in the event of 'No Advice Possible' (eg if the video footage is inconclusive, including through not having the correct replays available, the ball never being in shot in the replays, the footage being of insufficient quality to permit a decision or technical problems with the referral equipment), the referring team retains its right of referral;
- c if there is no clear reason to change the On Field Umpire's original decision, the referring team loses its right of referral.

5.5 A team referral that has been already been adjudicated upon may not be the subject of a subsequent referral by the opposing team.

6 FOR UMPIRE AND TEAM REFERRALS

6.1 The final decision, including any matter of interpretation, remains with the On Field Umpire and not the Video Umpire.

6.2 All other decisions remain with the On Field Umpires.

6.3 Substitutions may not take place during the stoppage of play for a video referral; substitution may take place on the resumption of play subject to the Rules of Hockey.

DEFINITION

In this Appendix "Serious Misconduct" refers to:

- (a) any conduct which may be considered an offence under Section 5 of the disciplinary code of the Royal Belgian Hockey Association Internal Regulations (ROI/IR); or
- (b) any serious and/or physical offence as referred to in the Rules of Hockey; or
- (c) when a player intentionally misbehaves in a serious manner as referred to in the Rules of Hockey.

For the avoidance of doubt, (a), (b) and (c) above can be read jointly or separately.



ANNEXE 3

Stroke competition

- Les strokes commencent 5 min après la fin de la rencontre
- Chaque équipe désigne 5 joueurs et un défenseur (gardien)
- Le toss détermine quelle équipe commence
- Si après la 1e série de 5 x 2 strokes il n'y a pas de gagnant, alors la 2e série a lieu avec élimination directe (chaque équipe donne 1 stroke et si le score est encore égal on continue) ET avec les 5 mêmes joueurs de la 1e série.
- Il peut y avoir une 3e série et ainsi de suite ...
- Si un joueur se blesse, il peut être remplacé par n'importe quel joueur sur la feuille de match
- Si un joueur reçoit une jaune ou rouge, il ne peut PAS être remplacé et son stroke suivant éventuelle sera NUL (pas de goal)
- Si un gardien reçoit une jaune ou rouge, il ne peut qu'être remplacé par 1 des 5 joueurs de la liste et ce joueur reçoit le temps raisonnablement nécessaire pour mettre et enlever l'équipement