

NWCSL 2025 PLAYOFF FORMAT

(July 22, 2024)

30+ Divisions:

The thirty-two teams will all be ranked by their win-loss record. They will be awarded 2 points for a win and 1 for a tie. The divisions will be weighted to better represent the level of play they perform in.

Pacific – 24.3 pts.

American – 16.2 pts.

Federal – 8.1 pts

Atlantic – 0 pts.

The teams will then be placed in four playoff divisions:

1 - 8 in Division 1

9 – 16 in Division 2

17 – 24 in Division 3

25 – 31 in Division 4.

The single game elimination playoffs Divisions 1 and 3 will begin on Tuesday, August 5, the second round will be Thursday, August 7. The first round will have game times of **6:00 and 7:15** pm, the second round will have 6:30 games. The finals will be held on Monday, August 11. Finals will be held at individual fields with a start time of **6:30**.

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The single game elimination playoffs for Divisions 2 and 4 will begin on Monday, August 4 and have game times of **6:00 and 7:15** pm, the second round will be Wednesday, August 6. The finals will be held on Monday, August 11. Finals will be held at individual fields with a start time of **6:30**.

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Classic (50+) Division:

The 10 teams will be ranked based on the win-loss record. Each win **against an Eastern** Division team is worth **3** points, any win **against a Western** Division team is worth two points, all ties are **1** pt.

The teams will then enter a single game elimination playoff.

Teams ranked 7 thru 10 will begin on Wednesday, August 13. Game times will be **6:30pm**. The winners of those games enter the 8 team bracket and continue play in the first round on Thursday, August 14. The semi-final round will be played on Monday, August 18. Game times will be 6:30. The final game will be on Wednesday, August 20 with a **6:30** game time.

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Notes:

- 1) If any teams drops out of the playoffs that spot will become a bye.
- 2) Any days rained out will move the playoffs to the next scheduled date and all games moved forward accordingly. If an individual field/game is rained out rescheduling will be determined at that time.
- 3) Due to the shortness of daylight it is imperative the first games start promptly at 6:00 with a time limit of 65 minutes (min. 5 innings) vs 70, for the first games of the first round only. The second games scheduled for 7:15 should be ready to start 5 minutes after the first game is completed. Second games can be shortened because of darkness. Umpires and managers to make the decision on last inning, with player safety as the highest determining factor. Games must be completed on the day they are started., in spite of this it is possible the second game may be shortened by day light, but a winner must be determined (min. 5 innings). IF the second

game is tied and too late to complete that night, it will be continued at the time of the next round game (6:30) with the winner, going into the next round immediately against the other winning team. All other rounds are single games with 6:30 start times and there will be no time limit, only day light controlling them.

- 4) Home teams will be determined by the highest seeded team being home.
- 5) Mercy rule remains in effect for all games EXCEPT for the finals, then all seven innings will be played.