



Breaking Down the Updated OT Formats and Point Structures

Fans watching ECAC Hockey contests may notice something new this season once the third period game clock hits zero and the teams on the ice are still tied. That's because 3-on-3 overtime has come to college hockey. We've broken down how games will play out in both the men's and women's league, as well as the implications on ECAC Hockey league points.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Non-Conference Games

In games that involve teams from different leagues, the five-minute, 3v3 overtime frame will be the last chance to break the tie. If the OT game clock hits zero and nobody has scored, the game will officially end in a tie.

Wondering why you've seen shootouts in non-conference games this year? The ONLY time this is allowed is in a tournament format, where a winner is needed to determine advancement. Think Icebreaker, Beanpot, etc. In those cases, the game will "officially" go down as a tie in the NCAA record book, and the results of the shootout will only be applicable to that tournament.

If you follow the Pairwise Rankings/Team RPI, it's important to note that an overtime win does not impact your RPI the same as a regulation win would. OT winners receive 55% of the RPI points, while OT losers receive 45%.

ECAC Hockey Conference Games

For fans of the shootout, we have good news. ECAC Hockey men's contests will be utilizing a three-person shootout in league games this season to determine which team receives the extra league point. After regulation, teams will play the NCAA-mandated 3v3 overtime for five minutes. If no winner, the shootout will ensue. A breakdown on how points will be awarded is at the top of the next column.

- 3 points for a win in regulation
- 2 points for a win in overtime OR shootout
- 1 point for a loss in overtime OR shootout
- 0 points for a loss in regulation

It should be noted that, similar to non-league games, if teams are still tied after the 3v3 overtime period, the game "officially" goes into the NCAA and ECAC Hockey record book as a tie. The shootout is only conducted to determine the additional league point.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Non-Conference Games

The new NCAA hockey rule mandating a five-minute, 3v3 overtime frame is applicable to both men's and women's ice hockey. Therefore, the same scenarios written above for men's hockey also apply here.

The only major difference is the implication on Pairwise/RPI. Winners in overtime receive 66% of the RPI points, while losers receive 34%.

ECAC Hockey Conference Games

For those who are NOT fans of the shootout, we have good news. ECAC Hockey women's contests will not be utilizing shootouts to determine points. Games that end in a tie after overtime will be just that, a tie.

There will be a new point structure for the women's league this year, however, as 3v3 overtime winners AND losers will both be awarded a share of the three points at stake. A breakdown of the point structure is below:

- 3 points for a win in regulation
- 2 points for a win in overtime
- 1.5 points for a tie
- 1 point for a loss in overtime
- 0 points for a loss in regulation