

Overtime Policy for NCS Playoff (Knockout) Matches.

USA Club Rugby shall apply the following Policy for NCS Playoff (Knockout) Matches. For 2022-23 the policy is as follows:

If the score is tied at the end of regulation time of an NCS Match, then the tie shall be broken by the following procedures:

- (a) Two five-minute halves of overtime shall be played.
- (b) If the score remains tied, then the Teams shall play a five-minute period of overtime with the team scoring first determined as the winner (i.e. sudden death).
- (c) If the score remains tied, then the teams shall compete in kicks at goal.

Timeline:

- (a) At the end of regulation time, there shall be a five-minute break.
- (b) At the end of the first five-minute half of overtime, there shall be a two-minute break.
- (c) At the end of the second five-minute half of overtime, if the score is still tied, there shall be a two-minute break.
- (d) At the end of the five-minute sudden death period, if the score is still tied, there shall be a two-minute break.

Kicking Format:

- Five players who were on the field at the completion of the sudden death period will be nominated to take part in the place-kicking competition.
- They have to kick from three areas on the 22m line – directly in front of the posts, on the 15m line to the left of the posts and on the 15m line to the right of the posts.
- A player from each team takes it in turns to kick, moving between the different positions, and the winner is the team with the most successful kicks after five attempts.
- The order and positions of kickers is as follows:
- Kicker 1 from each team, from position 1
- Kicker 2 from each team, from position 2
- Kicker 3 from each team, from position 3
- Kicker 4 from each team, from position 1
- Kicker 5 from each team, from position 2
- If there are an equal number of successful kicks after five attempts, the competition moves into a sudden death basis until one team has more successful kicks than the other from the same number of attempts.

