



INFORMATION BULLETIN

BULLETIN #: 220324-028-I
DATE: March 24, 2022
TO: OMHA Associations; OMHA Leagues
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: Ian Taylor – Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2022-23 SEASONAL STRUCTURE & PROGRAMMING UPDATE**



Please note the following programming updates applicable to the following bulletins which have been included with this bulletin:

- **OHF Bulletin 21-066 – 2022 Player Evaluations for Minor Hockey issued December 16, 2021**
- **OHF Bulletin 22-06 – 2022-2023 Seasonal Calendar Motions issued March 19, 2021**
- **OHF Bulletin 22-09 – 2022 Notice of Amendments issued March 21, 2022**

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER EVALUATION / TRYOUTS

U14-U18

AAA Tryouts begin	April 25, 2022 (7 days)
AA Tryouts begin	May 2, 2022 (7 days)
A & below Tryouts begin	May 9, 2022 (7 days)
Development Phase	Sep. 6 – Sep. 29 (minimum 24 days including maximum 4 Exhibition games)
Tournaments	May begin Sep. 30, 2022

U10-U13

Prep Phase	May begin Sep. 6 th – Minimum 4 sessions
AAA Tryouts begin	Sep. 10, 2022 (7 days)
AAA Development Phase Begins	Sep. 17 (minimum 13 Days)
Tournaments	May begin Sep. 30, 2022
AA Tryouts begin	Sep. 17, 2022 (7 days)
AA Development Phase Begins	Sep. 24 (minimum 13 Days)
Tournaments	May begin Oct. 7, 2022

A & below Tryouts begin	Sep. 24, 2022 (7 days)
A & below Development Phase Begins	Oct. 1 (minimum 6 Days)
Tournaments	May begin Oct. 7, 2022

SEASONAL STRUCTURE

All teams must be engaged in meaningful competition until March 1, 2022 – No teams may be eliminated from competition before this date.

U9 REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAMMING – 2022-23

Effective 2021-22, amendments to OHF Playing Regulations resulted in the elimination of all competitive (Representative) categories at U9. The implementation of this decision was deferred for one season.

Therefore, effective the 2022-23 season, the only categories permitted at U9 will be House League (HL), Local League (LL) and Minor Development (MD).

U9 PROGRAMMING – 2023-24

See OHF Bulletin 22-09

Moving forward, the OHF will continue towards full compliance with the Hockey Canada Player Pathways and will eliminate all forms of Streaming at U9 and below.

Effective 2023-24, the only categories permitted at U9 will be House League (HL) and Local League (LL).

HOCKEY CANADA PLAYER PATHWAY - RESOURCES

[U7 Player Pathway](#)

[U7 Player Pathway - OMHA Addendum](#)

[U9 Player Pathway](#)

[U9 Player Pathway - OMHA Addendum](#)

[U11 Player Pathway](#)

[U13 Player Pathway](#)

Please contact your Regional Director if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members, Associations, Registered Participants
From: Phil McKee – Executive Director
Date: 12/16/2022
Re: 2022 Player Evaluations for Minor Hockey
Bulletin ID: 21-066

The Ontario Hockey Federation is excited to announce player evaluation dates for Minor Hockey Associations for the 2022-23 hockey season. With the recommendation from its Members, the OHF Directors have approved the following player evaluation dates:

- U7-U11 will continue to follow OHF Playing Regulation G3 & G4 and the nationally approved Canadian Player Pathways.
- U12 and U13 will be held in the fall, following Labour Day.
- U14-U16, U18 AA and below Categories, and U21 will be held in the spring, in accordance with OHF Playing Regulation G2, G5 and applicable LOR Playing Regulations. The first day for spring evaluations will be April 25, 2022.
- U18 AAA will be held in accordance with OHF Playing Regulation K.

Further information pertaining to seasonal structure (prep phase, tryout phase, development phase, playoffs, tournament start dates) as well as specific Playing Regulations will be identified and publicly released following the OHF Semi-Annual Meeting of Members, February 26, 2022. We trust this information provides sufficient information pertaining to spring 2022 ice contracts.

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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members, Associations, Clubs

From: Philip McKee – Executive Director

Date: 3/2/2022

Re: 2022-2023 Seasonal Calendar Motions

Bulletin ID: 22-06

At the OHF Semi-Annual meeting of the Members on Saturday, February 26, 2022, the OHF Playing Regulations for the 2022-2023 season were passed which included the following Seasonal Calendar amendments for Minor Hockey specifically:

- The first tryout date for U11 and U13 AAA Programming is the first Saturday following Labour Day. Each Association individually or as a collective are to provide Preparation Skates the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for those Players that wish to participate.
- The U13 Player Pathway requirements for Preparation Skates (MHA must provide opportunity to 4 skates), Player Evaluations (3 evaluations skates before cuts are made with a skills, small area games and scrimmage), Development Phase, Regular Season Phase and Tournament Style Play-offs. Please see the attached [U13 Hockey Canada Player Pathway](#) draft for reference.
- There are no tournaments for any programming held prior to September 30, 2022.
 - U11 and U13 AAA Programs may begin tournaments on September 30, 2022; and
 - U11 and U13 AA and below can begin tournament October 7, 2022.
- All competitive (not MD, House League, Local League and Select) programming at U15 and above have a mandatory Development Phase for the first 24 days following Labour Day Monday with a maximum of 4 Exhibition Games during this time frame (September 6, 2022 to September 29, 2022).
- To host the OHF Championships the 4th weekend of April, April 21-23, 2023.
- Players at U12 and below in the 2021-22 season are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of Labour Day for the 2022-23 season.



These adaptations to the Regulations are in line with the philosophy to give children and family back their summers at all Divisions and Categories with a longer overall season with significant and meaningful competition for all teams until March 1 of the playing season.

Please refer to the below charts in reference to the fall seasonal calendar. Specific Playing Regulation will be distributed a week following this bulletin.

The following charts apply outside of the Lake Ontario Region:

- SEPTEMBER – U7 (INITIATION) AND U9
- SEPTEMBER – U11 and U13
- SEPTEMBER – U15 and Above

The following chart applies within the Lake Ontario Region:

- APRIL – U14-U18



SEPTEMBER – U7 (INITIATION) AND U9

Playing Regulation G3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	Prep Phase May Start					Prep Phase can Complete
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
Player Evaluation Phase May Start						Player Evaluation Phase May End
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Development Phase May Start						
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27



SEPTEMBER – U11 and U13

Playing Regulation G4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	^Prep Phase Start			AAA Prep Phase Ends	^*AAA Tryout Phase Start	*AAA - Day 2
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
*AAA - Day 3	*AAA - Day 4 **In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	‡AAA - Day 5	‡AAA - Day 6	‡AAA - Day 7 Tryout Phase Ends	AAA - Development Phase Start	
				^^AA & Below Prep Phase End	***AA Tryout Phase Start	***AA - Day 2
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
AA - Day 3	***AA - Day 4 *In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	#AA - Day 5	#AA - Day 6	#AA - Day 7	*****AA Development Phase Start	
					¥ A & Below Tryout Phase	¥ A & Below - Day 2
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
				U11 and U13 AAA Tournaments may begin		
¥ A & Below - Day 3	¥ A & Below - Day 4 ¥¥ - In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	¥¥¥ A - Day 5	¥¥¥ A - Day 6	¥¥¥ A - Day 7	¥¥¥¥ - A Development Phase Starts	
Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34
				U11 and U13 AA and below Tournaments may begin		



SEPTEMBER – U15 and Above

Playing Regulation G5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	U15 and above Development Phase Begins					
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
				U15 and above Tournaments may begin.		



APRIL – U14-U18

Playing Regulation H10

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				OHF Championships	OHF Championships	OHF Championships
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
AAA - Day 1	AAA - Day 2	AAA - Day 3	AAA - Day 4	AAA - Day 5	AAA - Day 6	AAA - Day 7
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
AA - Day 1	AA - Day 2	AA - Day 3	AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA - Day 7
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
A - Day 1	A - Day 2	A - Day 3	A - Day 4	A - Day 5	A - Day 6	A - Day 7

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From: Philip McKee – Executive Director

Date: 3/21/2022

Re: 2022 Notice of Amendments

Bulletin ID: 22-09

At the Ontario Hockey Federation’s Semi-Annual Meeting of Members held Saturday February 26, 2022, the following Notices of Amendment were approved by the Members of the OHF:

- 22-01 Notice of Amendment Regulation 1
- 22-02 Notice of Amendment Regulation C4
- 22-03 By-Law #42

Each approved Notice of Amendment has been attached to this bulletin for reference.

These Notices of Amendment focus on the OHF compliancy with the Hockey Canada Player Pathways at U9 and below. Since the inception of the U7 and U9 Player Pathways in 2017 the OHF maintained a two-stream structure of programming based on skill versus the desire of the customer. Specifically, Notice of Amendment 22-02 pertaining to Regulations C4 and the requirement to remove all forms of Streaming at U9 and below will come into effect for the 2023-2024 season. This will allow the OHF Members and Local Hockey Associations the next 18 months with the support of the OHF to transition programming from a two-stream model based on skill to a model of participation based on desire.

The OHF will be working with the Members and Local Hockey Associations on education of streaming and potential pilot opportunities during the 2022-2023 season that will work to test different approaches for full compliance during the 2023-2024 season.

Each Member will provide the OHF Directors every two months a report of their progress in transition to the removal of streaming at U9 and below for the 2023-2024 season.

In addition, the OHF has considered an application from the GTHL for an exemption from the removal of Select Hockey at U9 and below which was adopted for the 2020-2021 season. The OHF Directors have approved the following exemption from the OHF Regulations for the 2022-2023 season only:



The GTHL is granted a one (1) year exemption for the 2022-2023 season operate Select Hockey at U9 and below on the following conditions:

1. Non-Resident Players to the GTHL (Players that live outside of the GTHL jurisdiction in accordance to OHF Regulations) that were registered in the GTHL during the 2021-2022 at U8 and below are eligible to continue to participate as a grandfathered player in Select Hockey for the 2022-2023 season only. Note: This condition does not preclude players, U9 and above in the 2021-22 season, from participating in a Select program in the 2022-23 season.
2. Non-Resident Players to the GTHL (Players that live outside of the GTHL jurisdiction in accordance to OHF Regulations) that were not registered with the GTHL during the 2021-2022 season are not eligible to register with Select programming in the GTHL at U9 and below.

The OHF Directors in its support of the philosophies of the Hockey Canada Player Pathways, and the integrity of its By-Laws, Regulations, and Policies, note that such exemption be for the 2021-22 season only. Specifically, the OHF and its Members will be compliant with Notices of Amendment 22-01 and 22-02 for the 2023-2024 season.



MOTION #: 22-01

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENT TO:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | REGULATION | 1 | PARAGRAPH NO. | NEW |

SUBMITTED BY: OHF Directors

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

CURRENT:

None

PROPOSED:

Streaming – the process of providing unequal opportunities in regard to skill development, frequency of participation, and level of participation based on individuals’ skill levels rather than their desires.

Tiering – the process of placing like skilled players with like skilled players to provide meaningful competition.

RATIONALE: Must include impact of change on your Member, other Member and the OHF both positive and/or negative.

Within the Hockey Canada U9 and below programming the focus of the Long-Term Athlete Development Model is on overall participant development of individual skills and player retention. The current system of programming within Minor Hockey based on only tiering does not provide equal opportunity for ice time based on the desire of the player and thereby limits development for many.

In order to align with the Long-Term Athlete Development Model the OHF during the past two Semi Annual Meetings of Members adjusted eligible Categories for U9 programming which removed Select Hockey and Representative Novice Hockey. To date these changes have not been implemented by all the



Members, however, in the investigation of implementation since February of 2021 the removal of certain terminology is only one part of the solution. The implementation of the Long-Term Athlete Development Model principles of player development regardless of skill and based on desire to participate needs to be implemented to reduce the current streaming of players based on their individual skill level at a specific point in time.

Tiering does not offend the Long-Term Athlete Development Model if equal development opportunity is provided to all.

The definition is proposed and expanded to include a definition of Tiering to provide clarity between the two terms and in order to adjust programming requirements at Minor Hockey to focus on participation and retention of players from U7 through to U11.



MOTION #: 22-02

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENT TO:

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SUBMITTED BY: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

CURRENT:

Recognized Divisions & Categories:

Division	Recognized Categories (in order from highest Category to lowest)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior**	Major, A, B, C	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U21**	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U18	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 18 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U15	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season



U13	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U11	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U9	MD, Local League, House League	Under 9 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U7 (Initiation)	MD, Local League, House League	Under 8 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season

**Please refer to Playing Regulation E16 for U21 Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

PROPOSED:

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U15	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U13	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U11	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, DMD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U9	House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway	Under 9 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season
U7 (Initiation)	House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U7 Player Pathway	Under 7 years of age as of December 31 st of the current season

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The removal of E and AE is to align with the direction of the OMHA to remove E hockey and the OHF removing AE hockey last year.



MOTION #: 22-03

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

NOTICE OF MOTION

AMENDMENT TO:

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SUBMITTED BY: OHF Directors

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

CURRENT:

None

PROPOSED:

The Directors have the authority to approve Pilot Programs, other than any pilot that violates Article 2.1, 4, 42.5 and 42.6. Pilot proposals may be submitted by a Member(s) or Director with reasonable time for the Board to have meaningful consultation with the Member(s) affected prior to consideration. Any Pilot Program must meet the requirements of the Pilot Program Policy and have a defined start date, end date and evaluation process.

RATIONALE: Must include impact of change on your Member, other Member and the OHF both positive and/or negative.

With the ever-changing landscape that hockey administration faces the OHF and its Members need to have the flexibility to try new initiatives or concepts as evaluations without having to first amend the By-Laws or Regulations in a wholesale change. This wording provides clarity that this is an option versus it being a grey issue based on past practice. The Pilot Policy sets out requirements for pilot submissions and is built off of the Hockey Canada Pilot Policy.