



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DATE: March 19, 2021
TO: OMHA Associations
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: Ian Taylor – Executive Director
SUBJECT: OHF BULLETIN ID: 21-013 – SEASONAL CALENDAR FOR TRADITIONAL MINOR HOCKEY

Attached please find the above-referenced Ontario Hockey Federation Bulletin issued regarding Seasonal Calendar for Traditional Minor Hockey.

The OHF has approved the 2021-22 Seasonal Calendar for traditional Minor Hockey. The modification of the 2021-22 Seasonal Calendar was necessitated by the OHF's earlier decision to move all tryouts and evaluations to the fall of 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

It is also expected that next week the OHF will formally announce the outcomes of the OHF Semi-Annual Meeting held on Feb. 27, 2021, and additional details will be forwarded at that time. However, there was a significant decision made at that meeting which impacts OMHA programming effective the 2021-22 season.

An amendment to OHF Playing Regulation C4 was passed, which resulted in the removal of all competitive categories of hockey (AAA, AA, A, B, BB, C, CC, D) for U9 and below. This means the elimination of Representative hockey at U9 (formerly Novice).

This change had been implemented throughout most of the OHF jurisdiction following the Open Ice Summit (1999), however, is now formalized with the full implementation of the Hockey Canada Timbits U7 and U9 Canadian Player Pathways.

Key information and dates for the 2021-22 Seasonal Calendar are identified below:

General

- No on-ice activity is permitted until Tuesday, September 7, 2021
- Sanctioned Tournaments are permitted to start on October 8, 2021
- All Minor Hockey teams must be engaged in meaningful hockey on March 1, 2022

U12 & Above

- U12 and above Minor Hockey tryouts will begin the first Friday following Labour Day
- The requirement to offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day applies only to Associations in the Lake Ontario Region (LOR)

Important Dates –

- Optional Prep Phase begins Sep. 7, 2021
This provides a window to offer player & goaltender development sessions as well as Checking instruction prior to Tryouts.
- AAA Tryouts begin Sep. 10, 2021 (7 days)
- AA Tryouts begin Sep. 17, 2021 (7 days)
- A & below Tryouts begin Sep. 24, 2021 (7 days)

U11

- The Hockey Canada U11 Pathway will be fully implemented for the 2021-22 season.
- U11 must adhere to OHF Playing Regulation G4

Important Dates –

- AAA Tryouts begin Sep. 13, 2021 (7 days)
- AAA Development Phase begins Sep. 20 (minimum 7 days)
- AA Tryouts begin Sep. 20, 2021 (7 days)
- AA Development Phase begins Sep. 27 (minimum 7 days)
- A & below Tryouts begin Sep. 27, 2021 (7 days)
- A & below Development Phase begins Oct. 4 (minimum 7 days)

U9 & Below

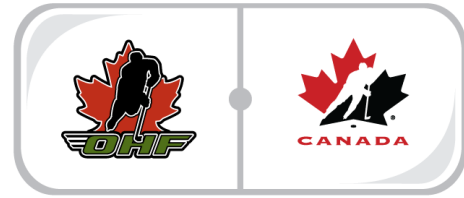
- U7 and U9 must adhere to OHF Playing Regulation G3

Important Dates –

- Prep Phase begins Sep. 7, 2021
- Evaluation Phase begins Sep. 13, 2021
- Development Phase begins Sep. 20, 2021

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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members

From: Phillip McKee - OHF Executive Director

Date: 3/12/2021

Re: 2021-22 OHF Seasonal Calendar for Traditional Minor Hockey

Bulletin ID: 21-013

2021-22 OHF Seasonal Calendar for Traditional Minor Hockey

At its Semi-Annual Meeting of Members, the Ontario Hockey Federation approved the 2021-22 seasonal calendar for traditional Minor Hockey. The modification of the 2021-22 seasonal calendar was necessitated by the OHF's earlier decision to move all tryouts and evaluations to the fall of 2021 because of COVID-19 restrictions.

The 2021-22 OHF seasonal calendar for minor hockey was built on the following principles:

- U7 and U9 must adhere to OHF Playing Regulation G3
- U11 must adhere to OHF Playing Regulation G4
- No on-ice activity be permitted until the Tuesday following Labour Day
- U12 and above Minor Hockey tryouts will begin the first Friday following Labour Day
- Tournaments permitted to started October 8th
- All Minor Hockey teams must be engaged in meaningful hockey on March 1st, 2022

The approved seasonal calendar provides an opportunity for Members and associations to deliver optional prep phase programming beginning the Tuesday following Labour Day until the first day of tryouts/evaluations. It has been recommended that associations deliver a minimum of one on-ice body checking education session for the U14 and U15 Divisions in Categories where body checking is permitted. This recommendation is provided on the understanding that many athletes will not have previously participated in a program where body checking has been permitted prior to the upcoming season.

The OHF understands the value and importance of tournaments to both associations and participants. That said, the overwhelming feedback from associations noted ice shortages to start the season. In consideration of the conflicting demands for ice, the OHF has made the decision to set October 8th as the first day for tournaments. While this was a difficult decision, it was made to ensure sufficient ice remains available to accommodate the proper evaluation of our participants and the orderly formation of teams. At this time the sanctioning of tournaments remains on hold and tournament operators are not permitted



to collect registration fees. The OHF and its Members expect to provide additional guidance pertaining to sanctioning and the collection of registration fees in the coming weeks.

With the approval of the seasonal calendar the OHF will now update associated Playing Regulations to accommodate traditional player movement during the fall 2021 tryout period. We expect the associated Playing Regulations to be released following approval by the Members at a Special Meeting of the Members scheduled to occur April 15, 2021.

Below you will find:

- Approved U13/U15/U18 calendar
- U11 calendar (in accordance with Playing Regulation G4)
- U7 and U9 calendar (in accordance with Playing Regulation G3)

Should any questions arise, do not hesitate to reach out for clarification. We look forward to and hope for a return to a traditional season in September 2021.

Note: The approved calendar assumes a return to traditional hockey without COVID-19 restrictions. Over the next number of months, the OHF is committed to reassessing its Return to Hockey Framework to identify necessary amendments to accommodate Ontario Law should it become evident that COVID-19 restrictions remain in place to start the 2021-22 season.



SEPTEMBER – U13/U15/U18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				Labour Day Weekend	Labour Day Weekend	Labour Day Weekend
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day Weekend	Optional Prep Phase			AAA - Day 1	AAA - Day 2	AAA - Day 3
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
AAA - Day 4	AAA - Day 5	AAA - Day 6	AAA - Day 7	AA - Day 1	AA - Day 2	AA - Day 3
In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.				Non AAA representative programming in the NOHA for the highest Category within the Association.		
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA - Day 7	A - Day 1	A - Day 2	A - Day 3
In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.						
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24			
A - Day 4	A - Day 5	A - Day 6	A - Day 7			
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SEPTEMBER – U11 (ATOM)

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
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
^*AAA Tryout Phase Start	*AAA - Day 2	*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 & Below Prep Phase End
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
AAA – Development Phase Start						
AA Tryout Phase Start	***AA - Day 2	***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
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
*****AA Development Phase Start						
¥ A & Below Tryout Phase	¥ A & Below – Day 2	¥ 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
Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	



¥¥¥¥ - A Development Phase Start						

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SEPTEMBER – U7 (INITIATION) AND U9 (NOVICE)

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