

# EASTERN ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

Established from the EOMHL Constitution 2003

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**Previous revision date:**

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- 1) The Rules and Regulations of the EOMHL will be considered a part of the EOMHL Constitution and will be in addition to the OMHA, OHF, and Hockey Canada rules, regulations and guidelines.
- 2) Member Centres for EOMHL will be;

Bancroft	Gananoque	Stirling
Brighton	Lakefield	Tweed
Campbellford	Loyalist	
Centre Hastings	Napanee	U21 teams as registered
Douro	Norwood	
Ennismore	Otonabee	
Frontenac	Prince Edward County	
- 3) A Quorum will be as per the EOMHL Constitution – 2 elected members plus 50 % of the number of eligible voting centres. Constitution changes will require a 2/3 majority of those present. League meeting business require a majority vote of member Centres in attendance.
- 4) EOMHL Executive will be: President; Vice-President East; Vice-President West; Secretary; Treasurer.
- 5) Registration Fee – levied at each annual meeting
  - a) a flat rate of \$40.00 per team entered
  - b) registration fees must be paid by November 1<sup>st</sup>, if not a \$25.00 late charge will be added. If the registration and late charge are not paid by the December meeting of the current season the Centre will not be allowed to participate in the EOMHL play-off schedule.
  - c) a refund of fees will be issued for teams which fold before October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - d) all Centres must pay any and all outstanding annual league fees and penalties before their teams can play in the leagues regular schedule
  - e) any team placed in the EOMHL on a trial basis must pay the league's annual fee before their team or teams can play any EOMHL Centre and also must abide by the rules contained in the EOMHL Constitution and Rules and Regulations. Failing to do so will give the EOMHL teams the right to refuse to play such team or teams.
  - f) all member centers will post a \$250.00 bond at the start of the season which will be used to cover any penalties. Bond must always be maintained at \$250.00

- 6) Referees: Centres are responsible for supplying referees for all regular season and Play-off games. The executive shall appoint, if requested by one or both teams, referees for the final EOMHL play-off games.
- 7) Home teams are responsible to ensure electronic game sheets locked and uploaded within maximum one (1) day of the game that is played. If paper games sheets need to be used, they must be mailed to the Convenor immediately.

Game sheets that have not been received by the Convenor 10 (ten) days from the date of the game being played shall have a \$20.00 penalty assessed, the \$20.00 will be deducted from the member Centre's bond and the Centre will be invoiced to bring the bond back to \$250.00. The home team involved will also lose the two points associated with the game and the points will be awarded to the visiting team. Treasurer will present Centres with penalty invoices at EOMHL regular monthly meetings.

The President and Treasurer of the offending Centre will be notified by the EOMHL Treasurer and EOMHL President of the deficit to their bond from missing gamesheets after 10 business days. Convenor(s) will contact EOMHL Treasurer & President with outstanding list.

If original copy of gamesheet is still outstanding after 20 business days the following will occur – again with Centre Contact, Centre Treasurer & Centre President being notified of this action by League President.

1. Centre loses the remainder of their bond (max \$250)
2. Centre will be deemed NOT IN GOOD STANDING – therefore ineligible for League Playoffs
3. Request for Regional Director to notify OMHA as to default and not in good standing status therefore not eligible for OMHA Championships

Good standing status will be returned to the offending Centre when all outstanding gamesheets have been received by Convenor and \$250 Bond has been replaced. Both the Convenor and EOMHL Treasurer are to inform the EOMHL President of their receipts of items.

- 8) Playing Rules: will be in accordance with the OMHA, OHF. and Hockey Canada Rules, regulations and guidelines.
- 9) Failure to Show Any Game: Travelling teams not arriving at an opposing team's arena to play a scheduled game will be penalized as follows: Must pay the offended teams actual ice costs, referee's fees (this may include mileage), and time/score keeper(s) fees. Not having your teams available to play a scheduled home game charges will be \$100.00 for traveling expenses to visiting team. A letter detailing the Centre, the team, the game number, the date and time of the offense must be sent to the offending team and the EOMHL's Secretary and Vice-Presidents within one week of the offense. The offending team will forfeit their \$250.00 bond and must replace the bond by the next scheduled

league meeting if settlement not made within 15 (fifteen) days. The EOMHL Secretary will notify the President of any offense and/or non-payment of penalties. Non payments

will be dealt with by the executive and the membership at the next EOMHL meeting. Teams could be suspended from the EOMHL as per item 5e.

- 10) Game Cancellation or Rescheduled: All league games on schedule must be played or defaulting team will forfeit points. Final decision to be made by League Convenor. The appropriate Vice-President of the EOMHL Executive shall be kept advised. Rule 9 – Failure to show – Will be enforced. **Teams canceling games, refusing to play games and not following proper procedure for scheduling changes, unless for just cause, shall be subject to a \$200.00 fine and head coach a one game suspension (next league or play-off game).**
- 11) EOMHL will provide and award the winners of the U9 End of Season tournament medallions. U11 to U21 Tier winners and finalists will receive banners directly from the OMHA.
- 12) Regular Season: EOMHL will be made up of Divisions that provides the best competitive and geographic balance based on teams submitted for that season. Final structure to be developed by September and approved by OMHA RD as per OMHA.

All teams will play a minimum 20 game regular season. The League Blackout dates will be Thanksgiving Sunday and one week at Christmas. NOTE: March Break is NOT a black out date.

- 13) Playoff Format – within EOMHL:
  - a) Conclusion of regular season all teams in the EOMHL will be grouped together as much as possible, with all meaningful hockey running until at least March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - b) League standings, from the eomhl.ca most recent season, will determine final standings. When teams do not have an equal number of games played, teams will be placed according to their winning percentages. If the outcome of a game not played between two teams places both those teams at an advantage over one or more teams for playoff seeding, the playoff seeding shall revert to points in the standings.
  - c) Ties in standings,
    - i) two teams tied, tie will be broken by:
      1. best record between teams tied
      2. most wins between teams tied
      3. most goals for between teams tied
      4. fewest goals against between teams tied

5. fewest goals allowed against all teams in QF play
  6. least amount of penalty minutes in all QF play
  7. coin toss between teams tied, League Convenor to do coin toss
- ii) three teams or more will be broken by
1. best record between only the teams tied
  2. most wins between only the teams tied
  3. most goals for between only the teams tied
  4. fewest goals against between only the teams tied
  5. fewest goals allowed against all teams in QF play
  6. least amount of penalty minutes in all QF play
  7. coin toss completed by the convenor
- e) Home ice advantage in all series will be determined by highest standing in EOMHL regular season, based on standing from eomhl.ca. Teams with home ice advantage and unable to provide game times will forfeit home ice advantage in order to keep timelines for playoff series.
- 14) GAME TIMES; to be in line with the OMHA Manual of Operations, Policies and Procedures 8.2 Length of game for available ice time. These times must be consistent in each centre
- a) CURFEWS 1) All curfews will be written in/on the game sheet prior to game time 2) A Centre using curfews shall do so for all games played in the day 3) All curfewed games must be allotted the ice times for each game played as per rule
- 15) EOMHL Play-off Format
- To be eligible for EOMHL play-offs all current and past due fees and Penalties must be paid in full by January 1 as per Rules and Regulations 5d;
- The format of the playoffs, U11 to U21, will be dependent on the number of teams that were declared in each age level. All teams will play meaningful hockey until at least March 1<sup>st</sup>. Playoff format will be determined by EOMHL Playoff Committee prior to start of season.
- U9 Division – Tournament style playoff on one weekend in March – hosted at one or two centres
  - There will be no overtime, a win is two points, a tie is one point.
- 16) Standings: standings will be maintained on the EOMHL website.
- 17) Secretary shall provide electronic minutes to all member Centres prior to each EOMHL meeting detailing the previous meeting's business.

- 19)
  - a) EOMHL will hold monthly meetings as per the EOMHL Calendar of Dates to Remember, which will occur predominantly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
  - b) A fine of \$25.00 per meeting missed will be assessed against any centre absent without due cause.
  - c) Centres missing three (3) or more league meetings in a season will lose voting privileges. Attendance to be tracked by league secretary.
  - d) Any centre assessed fines shall have all fines paid by the January Playoff meeting. In default, that centre shall not be allowed in OMHA playdowns.
- 20) Home teams wear light coloured jerseys.

