

Simcoe Region Local League



Operating Policies

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Section 1 – Rosters and Player Criteria

- 1.1 Rosters and Player Criteria shall be consistent with OMHA, OHF and Hockey Canada regulations
- 1.2 a) Players already rostered to one team cannot be moved to another team for ANY REASON after November 15th of each year without the consent of a quorum of the SRLL Executive Committee. Any request after November 15th must be submitted by the Member Centre in writing to the OMHA Division Convenor. The request must give detailed reason for the move and be signed by the Member Centre delegate and President

b) Each Member Centre shall be allowed two (2) player moves per Division after the November 15th deadline as outlined above FOR BALANCING PURPOSES ONLY. The completion of such moves shall constitute the end of balancing attempts for the Member Centre. NOTE – The approval of such moves does not constitute approval for entry to the SRLL playoffs. All teams are still required to meet balancing criteria as stated in the Operating Policies and Game Rules

c). Member Centre's who have met the balancing criteria within a Division by the December 7th deadline may request to move players after the deadline. Such requests will require the Member Centre to be subject to rebalancing by the end of the season. In such case, failure to be balanced by the end of the season will exclude the Member Centre's teams within the Division from playoff competition.
 - i) The Simcoe Region Local League Executive Committee shall have the authority to disqualify some or all unbalanced teams.
d) Movement of players for balancing purposes may only occur among players within the designated Division.
- 1.3 No Player can be added to an OMHA Roster after February 10th.
- 1.4 Affiliated players must be clearly identified on the game sheet.
- 1.5 Players are not permitted to be off ice officials within the Division they are Rostered.

Section 2 – Standings and Game Reports

- 2.1 Each Member Centre shall provide the game sheets with the correct game information appearing on each.
- 2.2 The League shall determine the overall team standings in each Division from the game sheets submitted to the OMHA Division Convenors.

- 2.3 a) Regular Season game sheets **must** be received by the OMHA Division Convenors within seven (7) days of the scheduled game and be submitted by the Home Centre or that Member Centre will be subject to a \$15.00 fine per occurrence and may also forfeit that game and/or all games concerned. **NOTE** –The Home Centre delegate is responsible for advising the OMHA Division Convenor of any games to be re-scheduled.
- b) The Member Centre delegate is responsible to advise the OMHA Division Convenor within seventy two (72) hours of any suspensions obtained during tournament or exhibition play.
- 2.4 a) All teams from a Member Centre, playing in the same Division, **must** be balanced based on a winning percentage
- b) Member Centre's with three (3) teams or less in a Division, teams must be within .400 winning percentage of each other by December 7th to be considered balanced for playoff eligibility. Member Centre's with four (4) teams or more in a Division, teams must be within .450 winning percentage of each other by December 7th to be considered balanced for playoff eligibility
- c) Member Centre's who have Divisions out of balance on December 7th will have until the end of the season to meet the balancing requirements. If a Member Centre has a Division out of balance at the end of the season, it shall have its teams within the Division suspended from playoff competition.
- i) The Simcoe Region Local League Executive Committee shall have the authority to disqualify some or all unbalanced teams.
- d) Member Centre's can request the assistance from the League Executive to balance their teams. Such request will cost the Member Centre \$150.00 payable by Certified Cheque.
- e) Fines for unbalanced teams. Incremental fines will be levied to Centres with unbalanced teams within a Division as follows:
- i) November 15th (Last date for player movement) - \$100.00 fine per unbalanced division.
- ii) December 7th (Balancing Deadline) - \$150.00 fine per unbalanced division.
- iii) End of Season – Teams disqualified and the Centre shall forfeit its bond.
- 2.5 Start times for games must be mutually agreed upon by both Member Centre's. Games cannot start before 6:30 pm on weekdays or 8:00 am on weekends. Any disputes over start times will be resolved by the OMHA Division Convenor.

- 2.6 Scheduled games (regular season or playoff) may be changed by the member Centre's, provided both member Centre's are in agreement.
- 2.7 a) Where a league or playoff game is to be cancelled due to weather conditions, the visiting Member Centre's delegate, alternate delegate, Ice Convenor or President must contact the home Member Centre three (3) hours prior to the games scheduled start time. The visiting Member Centre must also contact the OMHA Division Convenor for a final decision. If the OMHA Division Convenor cannot be reached then any member of the Executive Committee can be contacted.
- b) No voice mail message will be accepted to change, cancel or re-schedule league or Playoff games.
- c) A visiting Member Centre may request to re-schedule within seventy two (72) hours, any game that is under or subject to a curfew which would commence twenty (20) minutes after the designated start time, provided the game sheet is properly completed by both teams.
- 2.8 Where League games have been cancelled, the required re-match shall be played within two (2) weeks of the cancellation. The OMHA Division Convenor shall be notified if the game is not re-scheduled. If the game is not played within the designated time, the League may award the win to either of the teams.
- 2.9 All Member Centre teams must have two (2) sets of sweaters in contrasting colours, one of which shall be designated as the Home Jersey (Light). In the case of a conflict, the home team shall be responsible to change their sweaters, this at the request of the referee. Failure to do so may result in a suspension to the Head Coach or his designate.

Section 3 – Game Conditions

- 3.1 OMHA Rules, Regulations and Policies apply to Exhibition, League, Playoff and Tournament games except where amended by the Policies and Playing Rules contained herein.
- 3.2 Hand shakes will take place prior to any hockey competition.
- 3.3 a) All league and playoff games shall be a minimum of three (3) stop time periods of ten (10) minutes. At Bantam, Minor Midget and Midget Divisions, games may have a fifteen (15) minute 3rd period. At Midget Level the minimum shall be ten (10) minute stop time periods for the 1st and 2nd periods, and a fifteen (15) minute stop time 3rd period. A midget game may be played with a ten (10) minute stop time first period and fifteen (15) minute stop time second and third periods.

b) For Minor Midget and Midget Divisions, All games must comprise three (3) stop time periods scheduled as per **SRLI Regulation 3.3a**). However, when any team is ahead by five (5) or more goals in the third period the game will proceed utilizing 'straight time'. In this situation the game will proceed under 'straight time' unless the gap is reduced to three (3) goals, at which point the clock will revert back to stop time. The only time the clock would be stopped during time is if an on-ice injury should occur. All penalties are running time.

c) Period times must be indicated on the game sheet prior to the start of the game. In addition, any overtime to be played must also be indicated on the game sheet prior to the start of the game and initialed by a member of each teams coaching staff.

- 3.4 a) **League rostered** players must have participated in a **minimum** of 50% of their team's regular season games to be eligible to participate in playoff competition. An application for exception may be made to the OMHA Division Convenor for approval prior to the team's first playoff game. (Eg. Injury or illness)

Section 4 – Penalties and Discipline

- 4.1 Any player who receives a total of eight (8) minutes in minor penalties in an SRLI League or Playoff game shall automatically receive a game misconduct for the balance of that game.
- 4.2 Simcoe Region Local League supports supplemental discipline for any player or team official receiving a second or subsequent occurrence of a major infraction. The additional suspensions shall be at the discretion of the Simcoe Region Local League Executive or the OMHA Convenor. The suspensions shall be based on the current "OMHA Minimum Suspension List".

Section 5 – Protests and Appeals

- 5.1 Discipline levied by the League may be appealed to the OMHA.
- 5.2 Any protest of a game shall be made to the Secretary of the League. The protest must be accompanied by a NON REFUNDABLE certified cheque for \$100, made payable to the League within forty-eight (48) hours of the starting time of the game. The Member Centre's delegate or alternate delegate must be present at the protest hearing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be final, binding and not subject to appeal.

- 5.3 A Member Centre may appeal a League ruling on playoff ineligibility under Rule **2.4 b) and c)** or **3.4 a)** where special circumstances exist that could be considered by the Executive Committee. The appeal must be submitted in writing and be accompanied by a NON REFUNDABLE certified cheque for \$50.00 made payable to the League within forty-eight (48) hours of the original decision. The Member Centre delegate must be present at the appeal hearing. The decision of the Executive Committee shall be provided within forty-eight (48) hours of the hearing. The final decision shall not be subject to further appeal.
- 5.4 A five (5) day appeal period will be implemented from the end of the Regular Season to the beginning of the first round of playoffs to allow for any appeals under section 5.3

Section 6 – Playoffs

- 6.1 Where teams are tied in the standings at the end of the regular season, their positions will be determined by using the following: $(\text{goals for} + \text{goals against}) / \text{goals for} = \text{Percentage } \%$. The team with the higher percentage shall be awarded the higher ranking in the standings.
- 6.2 a) Each playoff series shall be confirmed with a signed contract between the two Member Centre's, as per OMHA Regulations and cannot be amended without the approval of the OMHA Divisional Playoff Convenor.
- b) It is the responsibility of the designated Home Centre delegate or Ice scheduler to forward the signed contract to the OMHA Divisional Playoff Convenor.
- c) Playoff game sheets must be forwarded to the OMHA Divisional Playoff Convenor within twenty-four (24) hours of the games end by the Home Team. Failure to comply will result in a \$20.00 fine to the Member Centre.
- 6.3 Each team shall be allowed one (1) 30 second time out during each playoff game.
- 6.4 a) Any Member Centre who forfeits a playoff **series** may be fined \$150.00 that shall be paid prior to the beginning of the following season or the Member Centre may be suspended from League play. Additionally, team officials from the forfeiting team may be suspended for one (1) year. The League may request of the OMHA to pull the registration of the offending team for the balance of the season (including tournaments). The end of the season being designated as April 1st
- b) Any Member Centre who forfeits a playoff game may be fined \$80.00 for the first offence and \$150.00 for any subsequent offence. The Member Centre of the forfeiting

team may also be responsible for the payment of the referees and time keepers of the opposing Member Centre.

- 6.5 In all Playoff Semi-Final and Final series (Championship or Consolation), any team wishing to attend a tournament **must** obtain written approval from the OMHA Divisional Playoff Convenor

Section 7 – Additional Rules for IP Only

- 7.1 Any player aged 6 may be allowed to play. **OMHA Regulations Regulation 4.3f) Policy 2.3) shall apply**
- 7.2 All games shall be three (3) 10 minute stop time periods with a two (2) minute buzzer for line changes. Face offs after each buzzer to be at the nearest circle.
- 7.3 All games must be played as scheduled by the league.
- 7.4 All goalies must wear full goalie equipment.
- 7.5 Teams will **not change on the fly.**
- 7.6 Teams must change ends at the end of each period.
- 7.7 Coaches are allowed to play their choice of players in the last two (2) minutes of the game.
- 7.8 Coaches are allowed to pull their goalies in the last two (2) minutes of the game.