

Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association

2019-20 Major Novice & Minor Novice Programming Outline

Highland Storm Minor Hockey is committed to offering Major Novice and Minor Novice (previously Tyke) programming this upcoming season. OMHA in consultation with Hockey Canada have developed a template guideline that minor hockey centers are required to follow to develop their Novice and below programming.

Highland Storm Major Novice Program Outline 2019-20 season: (2011 players)

- **Try Out Process**
 - Four pre-skates (not mandatory) will be held prior to official tryouts.
Saturday August 24th 11:00am-12:00
Saturday August 31st 11:00am -12:00
Tuesday September 3rd – 5:30-6:30
Thursday September 5th – 5:30-6:30
 - Try out dates:
Saturday September 7th – 10:00am-11:30
Monday September 9th – 5:00-6:30
Tuesday September 10th -5:00-6:00
Thursday September 12th – 5:00-6:00
- **Development Phase (6 weeks) September – October**
 - Half ice Set up
 - 2 practices per week generally to be scheduled
 - Games will be at the discretion of the coach but will be no more than 6 games
 - Scores will not be kept
 - Penalties will not be served and teams will not play short handed
 - Games will be refereed by one OHMA Certified official
 - Games will be played under the two team model with 2 x 22 minute halves
- **Regular Season Phase (12 weeks) November until Mid-January**
 - Half ice set up
 - 2 practices per week generally to be scheduled
 - Games will be at the discretion of the coach but will be between 12-18 games
 - Scores will not be kept
 - Penalties will not be served and teams will not play short handed
 - Games will be refereed by one OHMA Certified Official
 - Games will be played under the two team model with 2 x 22 minute halves
- **Transition Phase (8 weeks) Mid-January to End of March**
 - Full Ice Set up
 - 2 practices per week generally to be scheduled
 - Up to 8 games of league play and ability to attend tournaments at the discretion of the coach
 - Scores will be kept
 - Games to be officiated by two OHMA Certified Officials

Jamborees (before January 15th) or Tournaments (after January 15th) in any combination up to a maximum of 3 total. This does not include any playoffs.

General Notes:

- Only Major Novice Players may play up in the Atom Rep division based on OHMA and Highland Storm Player Placement Policies
 - If deemed able by ability using parameters identified by the Association or where registration numbers require
 - Centers must establish criteria that players would be required to meet in order to play on a higher division team
- Major Novice players are **not** allowed to be affiliated with a higher division (Atom)
- Major Novice players are **not** allowed to play Atom Local League
- OMHA strongly recommends that all players play in their age division, Highland Storm Minor Hockey supports this recommendation.

Highland Storm Minor Novice Program Outline 2019-20 season: (2012 players)

- **No Tryouts**
- **Development Phase (6 weeks) September to October:**
 - Half ice set up
 - 1-2 practices per week generally to be scheduled
 - Games will be at the discretion of the coach but will be no more than 4 games
 - Scores will not be kept
 - Penalties will not be served and teams will not play short handed
 - Games will be refereed by one OHMA Certified official
- **Regular Season Phase (20 weeks) November to Mid March:**
 - Half Ice Set up
 - 1-2 practices per week generally to be scheduled
 - Games will be at the discretion of the coach but will be no more than 18-26 games played on half ice
 - 3 Jamborees (Tournaments) after December 1st
 - Scores will not be kept
 - Penalties will not be served and teams will not play short handed
 - Games will be refereed by one OHMA Certified official

All games will be played under the two team model of 4 v4. There will be two 22 minute halves (44 minutes) per game.

General Notes:

- Only Minor Novice Players may play up in Major Novice division based on OMHA/Highland Storm Player Placement Policies

- If deemed able by ability using parameters identified by the Association or where registration numbers require
- Centers must establish criteria that players would be required to meet in order to play on a higher division team
- Minor Novice players are **not** allowed to be affiliated with a higher division (Major Novice)
- OMHA strongly recommends that all players play in their age division, Highland Storm Minor Hockey supports this recommendation.

Requests to Play in a Higher Division

- All requests to tryout in a higher division must be made to Highland Storm President Jason Morrisette (Jason.morrisette@tlds.on.ca)
- Requests to tryout in a higher division must be approved by the Highland Storm Executive
- Players who are trying out for a higher division must attend both the tryout for their age group and the tryout for the higher division
- Please notify the coach of both division's at the first tryout of your child intentions to participate in tryouts outside of their age group.
- OHMA strongly recommends that all player play in their age division, Highland Storm Minor Hockey supports this recommendation.

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Manual of Operations

Section 8 – Tryouts and Player Movement

8.1 All players should be encouraged to play at the level of their ability.

8.2 Players wishing to play for any OMHA must attend tryouts held for that team. Exceptions must be addressed and approved by the Player Placement Committee. (Possible exceptions maybe illnesses as verified by a doctor's note) The Player Placement Committee will rule on all exceptions, their decision can not be appealed.

8.3 The HSMHA will publish contacts and try-out times for the OMHA teams in the news media and at Registration.

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8.5 All players must be registered with HSMHA and all forms must be completed. All fees must be paid or arrangements made subject to the approval of the treasurer prior to participating in any tryouts.

8.6 All players must be registered as Class 1 members in good standing before playing any game.

8.7 If a coach must choose between 2 players of equal caliber; one player that is underage and a player who is of the proper age, the player who is of the proper age should be selected. Underage players can be selected if the coach evaluates them to be worthy of selection and the proper application process has been followed. The proper process will be defined within the mandate of the Player Placement Committee.

8.8 The Player Placement Committee shall provide recommendations to the Executive Committee regarding the number of players to sign each OMHA roster. The Executive Committee's decision in this matter is final and not appealable. Coaches will be informed by the Executive Committee during tryouts as to the number of players to be selected per team. Conflict of interest guidelines as outlined in the Constitution must be clearly followed. 4.6.1 No player may play for more than one team except those who are "affiliated" as defined by the CHA/OMHA.

8.9 Any players affiliated (AP) by another team must fulfill their responsibilities of attending games and practices of the team they are registered with. Any coach wishing to use the AP'd player must make prior arrangements with the coach of the team the player is registered with. The Discipline and Ethics Committee will resolve any disputes. Their decision will be final and may not be appealed.

8.10 OHMA teams may use affiliated players in League games, Tournaments and Exhibition games only if the team is short its regular complement of players. Exceptions can be made for playoffs.