



# ONTARIO BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION

## 2025 OBHF Minors Winter Championships

### Rules & Regulations

DIVISION	BIRTH YEAR ELIGIBILITY
U9	2016, 2017, 2018
U12	2013, 2014, 2015
U15	2010, 2011, 2012

The Ontario Ball Hockey Federation (OBHF) will be hosting the 2025 Minors Winter Championships in Alliston, Ontario on February 14-16, 2025.

#### **CHECK-IN PROCEDURES**

- \*Team manager/coach must check in with the OBHF Representative/Arena Captain before each game.
- \*Team manager/coach is responsible for completing the electronic game sheet at a minimum of 20 minutes prior to every game.
- \*All players must check in with the OBHF Representative/Arena Captain to register prior to the player's first game.

**ALL PLAYERS MUST BRING PROOF OF AGE TO THE EVENT IN ORDER TO REGISTER. NO EXCEPTIONS!!! (Photocopies accepted)**

*\*Once registered with the OBHF Representative/Arena Captain, each player will receive a wristband that must remain on for the duration of the tournament.*

#### **ROSTER**

OBHF allows teams to register 22 players of which 2 must be goalies. Players must have been registered in your league for 2024-2025 Fall/Winter seasons.

Teams may dress 20 players per game of which two (2) must be goalies. Teams may **NOT** dress 19 players and 1 goalie!!

The "Team Roster Form" must be completed. It is the last page in this package.

The completed form **MUST** be handed into Lino at  
lino@ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca  
by **Friday, February 7, 2025 at midnight!!**

## **TEAM & PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

- \*Players can play at any time during the tournament, but must check in with the OBHF Representative/Arena Captain prior to their first game.
- \*Players must play in one game in the preliminary/round robin to be eligible for elimination, semi-final and/or final games.
- \*A player may only participate with one team, in one division, in the tournament.

## **GAME LENGTH, WARM UP, & POINTS**

- \*Three (3)-minute warmup.
- \*Games will be three (3) 10-minute stop time periods.
- \*There will be no overtime in preliminary/round robin play. Games can end in a tie.
- \*Two (2) points will be awarded to the game winning team, zero (0) points to the losing team and one (1) point to each team in the event of a tie game.

## **EARLY START UP**

All teams **MUST** be available to play 15 minutes prior to scheduled start time.

## **MERCY RULE**

- \*All games (preliminary/round robin, elimination, semi-final and final) will have a mercy rule in play.
- \*Should the goal differential be five (5) goals or more, at any time in the game, the clock will be running time until the deficit by the losing team has been lowered to three (3) goals.
- \*Should a minor penalty be called during a run clock situation, it remains a 2-minute penalty, not a 3-minute penalty.

## **TIMEOUTS**

- \*Teams are allowed one (1) 30-second timeout per period.
- \*This includes overtime periods.

## **UNIFORMS**

- \*Each team must carry one (1) set of long-sleeved jerseys.
- \*It is the responsibility of the designated **HOME** team to change in case of any colour conflicts.

**All uniforms must be identical matching jerseys. Shorts must be of the same base colour. Any player not in proper uniform must retire to the dressing room.**

**Note: A set of same base colour jerseys, but not matching, is NOT acceptable.**

The non-offending team may ask the officials to send the player to the dressing room should she not have a matching jersey.

## **TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES**

1. Most Points
2. Most Wins
3. If two (2) teams tied, winner between tied teams when they played head-to-head. Does not apply if more than two (2) teams are tied.
4. Percentage as calculated by dividing team's total "Goals For" by the SUM of the team's "Goals For" and "Goals Against".  **$TGF / (GF+GA) = \%$**
5. Goal Differential (plus or minus)
6. Most Goals For
7. Least Goals Against
8. First goal scored (period, time) in preliminary/round robin
9. Fewest Penalty Minutes
10. Coin Toss

Follow tie-breaking rules in order.

Once a tie-breaking rule has been used or is not applicable, it cannot be used again.

## **ELIMINATION, SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL GAMES**

Three (3) 10-minute stop time periods in length.

If tied following the three (3) 10-minute stop time periods, a 10-minute sudden victory overtime will occur. Teams **DO NOT** change ends. If still tied following the 10-minute sudden victory overtime period, a five (5) player shoot out will occur.

The "Home" team designated on the game sheet will choose to shoot first or second.

Five shooters from each team will shoot. The highest overall score from the five shooters wins. A player serving a penalty following the overtime period will be deemed ineligible for the shoot out and must remain in the penalty box.

If tied after the five shooters, the shoot out will continue with sudden victory one shooter at a time. Teams do not have to utilize their entire bench in a shoot out following the first five (5) shooters. Staff may choose any player to shoot for the first time or may choose to have one of the five shooters shoot again.

## **TEAM PERFORMANCE**

Any actions by players, coaches, team affiliates or followers that are detrimental to the sport will not be tolerated. Individuals found responsible for such behaviour will be dealt with severely by the OBHF, both financially and administratively, through suspension.

## **MANDATORY EQUIPMENT**

All teams are reminded that CBHA policy regarding equipment will be strictly enforced.

Players MUST wear:

- \*CSA approved helmet (women must wear CSA approved helmet with full facial protection)
- \*Protective ice hockey gloves are mandatory. (Zebra ball hockey gloves and lacrosse gloves are permitted if the wristband is closed.) The use of palm-less hockey gloves and broomball gloves are prohibited.
- \*Shin guards or D-Gels
- \*Identical matching jersey with same base-coloured pants/shorts.

Goalkeepers MUST wear:

- \*CSA approved helmet and cage (no "CATS EYE" facial protection)
- \*CSA approved catcher, blocker, pads, chest protector and hockey pants
- \*Identical matching jersey or same base-coloured jersey

**\*\*Shin pads are MANDATORY for all OBHF Tournaments\*\***

- \*All knee pads must be inside pants. If shorts are worn, soft small knee pads may be worn on the outside.
- \*All shin guards must be secured inside pants/socks except D-Gel hard shin guards. Only shin pads made for ball hockey are permitted.
- \*Hockey Sticks – any hockey stick constructed for retail purposes (ie. One piece, aluminum with replacement blades, or wooden hockey sticks)

## **SLAPSHOTS**

- \*Slap shots are permitted.

## **PENALTIES**

- \*Any player that receives three (3) penalties in a game will be ejected. (NOTE: Four (4) minute minors for stick infractions will only be counted as one infraction towards game ejection.)
- \*All penalties are recorded the same as men's/women's. Cross checking, slashing and high sticking are four (4)-minute penalties.

## **HANDSHAKES**

Teams will shake hands before each game.

## **DEFAULTS**

- \*Any team defaulting a game will have all of its registered players suspended from OBHF and CBHA tournaments for one year.
- \*A default will automatically disqualify the team from the event.
- \*In an instance where a team defaults a game, all games against that team will be recorded as a 7-0 victory for the non-offending team.

## **PROTESTS/APPEALS PROCESS**

The OBHF is the governing body of recreational and competitive men's, minors and women's ball hockey in the Province of Ontario and aligns with CBHA best practices.

For tournaments, the appeal application form must be submitted before the team's next scheduled game.

The non-refundable application fee is \$100 for a written/reviewed appeal with no hearing and a decision to be rendered via email. There is a fee of \$200 for an in-person or teleconference hearing (cash, e-transfer or credit card) and must be received with the Application Form. This fee will cover costs associated with the review panel (administrative fees, compensation for their time, fuel, etc) and will not be refunded, regardless of decision rendered.

The one exception is that there will be no appeal fee if it is found that there was a misapplication of the rules in question. The Federation will review the incident and apply the correct rule associated with the infraction with cost to the player/team in question.

The forms can be found online at <https://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/appeal-process/>

## **TOURNAMENT CONTACTS**

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Referee-in-Chief

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**Good luck to all of the teams in the 2025 OBHF Minors Winter Championships.**



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### Format

#### U9

Three (3) teams.  
Teams will play a double round robin.  
Top two (2) teams advance to Final.

#### U12

Five (5) teams.  
Teams will play a round robin.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams overall will advance to Elimination.  
Winner of Elimination game advance to Final.  
1<sup>st</sup> place team overall will advance automatically to Final.

#### U15

Five (5) teams.  
Teams will play a round robin.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams overall will advance to Elimination.  
Winner of Elimination game advance to Final.  
1<sup>st</sup> place team overall will advance automatically to Final.



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**Arena Information**

**ALLISTON ARENA & COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**49 Nelson Street West**

**Alliston, ON L9R 1H1**

**705-435-6712**



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### **Hotel Information**

#### **NOTTAWASAGA INN RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTRE**

**6015 Highway 89**

**Alliston, ON L9R 1A4**

**705-435-5501**

**1-800-669-5501**

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## 2025 OBHF Minors Winter Championships Team Roster Form

**U9**

**U12**  
(circle one)

**U15**

TEAM NAME:
LEAGUE:
*LEAGUE COORDINATOR: (print)
*LEAGUE COORDINATOR: (sign)
<i>League Coordinator must approve roster by printing and signing before it is handed into the OBHF.</i>

NAME	CLUB TEAM	
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2.(Goalie)		
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STAFF	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
Coach:		
Manager:		
Assistant:		
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Assistant:		

**Once team rosters are handed in, they are FINAL!  
Deadline to be in the OBHF OFFICE – Friday, February 7, 2025 at Midnight!!**