



HALDIMAND LOCAL LEAGUE RULES 2009-2010

All rules to be used will be OMHA and HC unless covered in the Haldimand League Local League Rules. Rules to be accepted when 4 of the 5 centers are present. A tie vote constitutes a defeat.

1. Haldimand can increase suspensions above the minimum. A Discipline Committee will be set at the first of the season with one member from each center and the Regional Executive Member (REM) or their designate. All the decisions of the committee are final pending REM approval. Haldimand League Local League agrees to adopt Haldimand County Leisure Services "For the Sake of Sport" Policy as part of their rules (off ice).

2. Playing time to be in accordance with OMHA Rules. As a minimum, each game will consist of 3 - 10 minutes periods with a 50 minute curfew, however if one team has less than 10 skaters each game will consist of 3 x 10 periods with a 50 min. curfew. A center can provide an optional 15 minute 3rd period if the proper amount of ice time is available in accordance with OMHA rules. The curfew time will be based on the rental arrangement and flood time in each arena. All regular season, A and B division playoff games are subject to curfew. No curfew will be allowed for Semi-Finals and Final Games.

3. Regulation Ontario Minor Hockey Game Sheets will be used. These game sheets must be filled out completely and carefully, showing team name and number as per the game schedule. The white copy must be forwarded to the Haldimand Convenor as soon as possible after the game. In the event of a match penalty the white copy of the game sheet and the Match Penalty Report Form must be submitted immediately to the OMHA Regional Executive Member.

4. Each center to provide a League Convenor for one division Novice through to Midget. The Convenor is responsible for preparing the regular, A & B pool game schedules. The Finals will be hosted on a rotation basis as follows: Caledonia 2008-2009, Six Nations 2009-2010, Glanbrook 2010-2011, Cayuga 2011-2012, Hagersville 2012-2013. The host center will host all A & B pool Final Games Novice through to Midget. The host center will also be responsible to chair all of the monthly meetings for their season. This duty includes sending out reminders and the taking of the minutes for all meetings.

5. Teams in Novice and Atom divisions may only affiliate players up to a maximum of 12 skaters. For Pee wee through to Midget 15 skaters. You can affiliate one goaltender, if you have no goaltender to start the game. Vertical Affiliation only, (a team may only list players from a team immediately below in age but of the same category). There can only be 6 players per team listed as affiliated players. Affiliation list must be in to the OMHA Regional Executive Member on or before January 15th. All centers must submit a copy of approved OMHA rosters and affiliation lists by January 31st to the Haldimand League Convenor.

6. If a team fails to show for a scheduled game except due to weather and proper notification (72 hrs. for a visiting team, 24 hrs for a home team) and agreement with the center convenors. There will be a \$250.00 fine to be paid by the offending center to the offended center. The Haldimand Convenor must be notified by the center contact of the change.

7. Referees: **NO GAME STARTS WITHOUT 2 PROPERLY QUALIFIED REFEREES PRESENT.** Novice, Atom, Peewee will be the 2 person system, Bantam - Midget will be 3 person system all season.
8. Local League Players who appear on an Affiliated Player roster for their centers REP or A/E teams must play in 75% of their eligible Haldimand League games in order to qualify for the Haldimand Semi-Final and Final games. AP rosters must be submitted to the Haldimand League Convenor by January 31st of the current hockey season.
9. Warm-ups to be 3 minutes. Sequential periods start when the referee drops the puck for play to begin.
10. All team roster sheets for this league are to be forwarded to the OMHA Regional Executive Member by November 30. If not received the said team will not be eligible to play until roster sheets are received by the OMHA Regional Executive Member.
11. Players coming back to Local League after December 31 will be moved up one category. Players moving down will be assessed as per Rule 13.
12. Each player must register in their own division. The player must start the season in their own division. If the player does not have the ability to compete in his or her division. The center must request the player be allowed to play a division down before the season starts. The player must play in his or her division for the first 2 weeks during time a committee will review the player's performance. A committee of 2 people will be chosen by the centers at the first league meeting of the season. The committee's decision is final. The player playing down must play in the division he was accessed at for the entire season.
13. All money owed from the previous season must be paid before you are eligible for the current season. Fines must be declared.
14. Gate fees: Adults \$.00 - Seniors and Students \$.00. Children under 12 free. Any person who possesses a THLL gate pass is eligible for entry into all THLL games.
15. Each team must play all regular season games to qualify for A and B division pool. Each team must play Semi-Final and Final games. Failure to do so results in the offending team losing its position in the Finals to the team they defeated in the Semi- Final or the next eligible team in the Semi-Finals. Offending centers responsible for paying \$300.00 fine unless 72 hours notice is given.
16. All trophies to be in to the Haldimand Center hosting the Finals by February 1st each season. A fine of \$350.00 will be levied against the center that does not return a trophy.
17. Haldimand League games schedules must provide the same number of games for each team in a division pool. The number of games in a division will be determined at the start of each season, based on the number of teams entered by each center, and time available. Each team must provide ice to host an equal number of home games in their division pool. Should other centers be required to host other centers home games, the responsible center, will pay the host center, the cost of the ice rental.
18. Hockey Canada Cards or Online roster sheets must be presented and the teams must sign a roster sheet prior to all Semi- Final and Final games.
19. Proper sign in sheets must be used. Players must sign in, in the registration table in the presence of the hosting center convenors or the hosting center representatives. The hosting center convenor or representative must sign completed sheets acknowledging the witnessing of signatures. Failure to do so will result in OMHA Regulation 8.1 (i)

20. Game start times Saturday not prior to 8:00 am, Sunday not prior to 12:00 pm noon and weekdays not prior to 5:30 pm. No atom games will start later than 7:00 pm and no peewee games start later than 9:00 pm. Times outside these must be mutually agreed upon by the center contacts.

21. Allow one 30 second time out per game for Novice, Atom and Peewee only for the entire season.

22. Appeal of a Regional Executive Member's Decision - playoffs.
Any center wishing to appeal the decision of the REM will do so by filing a PROTEST of the decision under Protest policy Section 5.2 c. Matters that may not be protested: A game official's discretion and judgement of rules. Protest Process a) Time Allowed i) A protest must be filed within 24 hours of the starting time of the game in question. ii) A defense of protest must be filed within 12 hours of notification of protest. See 5.4 protest process for father details.

23. Suspensions as per OMHA rules.

24. After any match penalty that occurs in the THLL play, the player will be required to come before the THLL discipline committee after the OMHA hands down their suspension to discuss what farther action or suspensions might be taken. Any decision will be at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

25. All Major penalties will subsequently double on all additional offences. (of the same offence)

Eg.

- 1) First offence suspension by OMHA Manual of Operations- Suspension List
- 2) Second offence suspensions by OMHA Manual of Operations- Suspension List plus 1 game
- 3) Third offence suspension by OMHA Manual of Operations- Suspension List plus 2 games
- 4) Fourth offence suspension by OMHA Manual of Operations- Suspension List plus 4 games
- 5) Fifth Offence suspension by OMHA Manual of Operations- Suspension List- Suspension List plus 8 games.

Any player who has incurred a suspension for three or more major offences may be brought before the THLL Discipline Committee after the OMHA hands down their suspension to discuss what farther action or suspensions might be taken. Any decision will be at the discretion of the Discipline Committee.

Note: Rule 8.1 subsection H of the OMHA Manual of Operations will adhered to in its entirety.

26. Tie Breakers as follows:

- 1) Head to Head
- 2) Goal differential between tied teams
- 3) Least Penalty minutes.
- 4) Coin Flip