

# HALDIMAND LOCAL LEAGUE RULES 2016-2017

- 1 Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and Hockey Canada rules will apply in the absence of applicable Haldimand Local League (HLL) Rules. Any changes to the HLL Rules can only be made when three of the five centres are present. A tie vote on any proposed rule change will be deemed a defeat of the proposed change.
- 2 Suspensions will apply as per OMHA rules. Haldimand has to right to increase the minimum suspensions where circumstances warrant. For this purpose, a Discipline Committee will be established at the first of the season, including one member from each centre and the Regional Director or his/her designate. All decisions of the Discipline Committee are final pending RD approval. Haldimand Local League agrees to adopt Haldimand County Leisure Services "For the Sake of Sport" Policy as part of their (off-ice) rules.
- 3 Playing time will be in accordance with OMHA Rules. At a minimum, in Novice through Bantam, each game will consist of three (3) 10-minutes periods with a 50-minute curfew. Midget games will be 10-10-15 with a 60-minute curfew. At Novice through Bantam, a centre may choose to provide an optional 15-minute 3rd period if the proper amount of ice time is available in accordance with OMHA rules. All regular season and A & B division playoff games are subject to curfew. No curfew will be imposed for Semi-Final and Final Games.
- 4 Regulation OMHA Game Sheets will be used. These game sheets must be filled out completely and carefully, showing team name and game 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 Home Centre Representative shall contact the Haldimand League Convenor as soon as possible after the game to advise of same. Further 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 by the Referee.
- 5 Each centre must provide a League Convenor. The Convenor is responsible for preparing the regular season and A & B pool game schedules. The Finals will be hosted on a rotating basis as follows: Caledonia 2016/2017, Glanbrook 2017/2018, Hagersville 2018/2019, Stoney Creek 2019/2020 and Cayuga 2020/2021. The host centre will host all A & B pool final games - Novice through Juvenile.
- 6 Teams in Novice through to Juvenile may use affiliate players, if required, to bring their rosters up to a maximum of 12 skaters. A team may only use an affiliate goaltender if the team's regular goaltenders are not present at the start of the game. A team may only affiliate players from an age group immediately below and within the same category. A team can only include 6 players as affiliated players on a game sheet. The affiliation list of each team must be submitted to the OMHA Regional Director on or before January 15th. All centres must submit copies of its approved OMHA rosters by January 31 to the Haldimand League Convenor.
- 7 If a team fails to show for a scheduled game, with the exception of inclement weather or in the absence of proper notification (48 hrs. by both home and visiting centre) and agreement of the convenors of the respective centres, there will be a \$250.00 fine to be paid by the offending centre to the offended centre. Any changes in schedules must be given to the Haldimand Convenor by the centre contact requesting the change.
- 8 Game Officials: **NO GAME WILL START WITHOUT TWO (2) PROPERLY QUALIFIED OFFICIALS PRESENT.** Novice through to Juvenile games will operate under to the 2-official

system; while 3 officials may be used in bantam or midget divisions at the discretion of the home centre.

- 9 Local League Players who appear on an approved roster as affiliated players (APs) for REP or A/E teams must play in 75% of their eligible Haldimand League games in order to qualify to play in their Haldimand Semi-Final and Final games.
- 10 Warm-ups will be 3 minutes. Sequential periods commence when the referee drops the puck for play to begin.
- 11 All team rosters for this league are to be forwarded to the OMHA Regional Director by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Any team that has not submitted its roster by this date will be ineligible to play until it's roster is received by the RD.
- 12 Players coming back to Local League from REP or A/E after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be moved up one category. Players moving down will be assessed as per Rule 13 at the discretion of the Haldimand Local League Executive.
- 13 Each player must register in his/her own division. If a player does not have the ability to compete in his/her division, the centre must request the player be allowed to play a division down before the season starts. A committee of two people from the Haldimand Local League Executive will be chosen by the centres at the first league meeting of the season. All decisions of the committee are final. Any player moving down must play in that division for the entire season.
- 14 All money owed from the previous season must be paid before the centre is eligible to participate in the current season. Fines must be declared.
- 15 Gate fees: Adults - \$3.00, Seniors - \$2.00, Children under 18 - Free. Any person who possesses a HLL gate pass is eligible for entry into all HLL games.
- 16 Each team must play all regular season games to qualify for A & B division pool. Each team that qualifies will play Semi-Final, and possibly Final, games. Failure to do so will result 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 centres will be responsible for paying \$300.00 fine unless extenuating circumstances exist. The Haldimand Local League Executive will have final say with respect to what constitutes extenuating circumstances.
- 17 Trophies must be handed in to the centre that will be hosting the Finals by February 1<sup>st</sup> each season. A fine of \$350.00/per trophy will be levied against the centre that does not present a trophy for Finals.
- 18 Haldimand League 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 centre and time available. Each team must provide ice to host an equal number of home games in their division pool. Should a centre be required to host the home games of another centre, the responsible centre will pay the host centre the cost of the ice rental plus all officials (on- and off-ice).
- 19 Proper sign-in sheets must be used. Coaches and Game Officials must sign in at the registration table in the presence of the hosting centre conveners or the hosting centre representatives. The hosting

centre convenor or representative must sign the completed sheets acknowledging the witnessing of the aforementioned signatures.

- 20 Game start times: Saturday not prior to 8:00 am; Sunday not prior to 12:00 pm; weekdays not prior to 5:30 pm. Novice or Atom games - no later than 7:00 pm; Pee wee games – no later than 8:00 pm; Bantam games - no later than 9:00pm; and Midget games - no later than 9:30pm. Start times outside of these guidelines must be mutually agreed upon by the centre contacts.
- 21 Any player who is assessed any (3) Minor Penalties in the same game will be immediately ejected from that game the penalty served by another player from his/her team who was on the ice at the time of third infraction. For purposes of interpretation of this rule, any four-minute double minor penalty shall be counted as only one (1) penalty. Further, any technical penalty assessed in conjunction with a two minute penalty will be counted as a separate penalty.
- 22 Tie Breakers to determine playoff seeding, round robin or playoffs as follows:
  - 1) head to head
  - 2) most wins
  - 3) goal differential between tied teams
  - 4) least penalty minutes.
  - 5) coin flip
- 23 The Haldimand Local League for all divisions is a non-body-checking league.