

WELCOME TO THE 2022 ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PACKAGE

Please ensure all team participants and supporters are aware of this information and are in compliance with the OWHA Code of Conduct and Values.

The following information is enclosed:

- OWHA Code of Conduct applies to ALL
- Provincial Championship Information
- Electronic Games Information
- Provincial Championship Playing Rules & Regulations
- Championship Game Schedule & Results (2022 OWHA Provincials)

Athletic therapists will be at most of the arenas throughout the event. They are available at YOUR request.

It is the responsibility of the Team Staff to ensure all Team Members are eligible and the Team is in compliance with the Rules and Regulations, Policies, Procedures and Code of Conduct. Please review the Playing Rules, Game Lengths, Tie Breakers and Overtime Procedures.



Decisions of the OWHA are final and binding

Best wishes to all participants for a PAWSitive Championship!



ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) Members, including athletes, coaches, parents, directors, volunteers, staff, chaperones and others.

OWHA Teams, Associations, Programmes and Leagues are committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members of the OWHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a fair and responsible manner. Members shall refrain from comments or behaviours which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour which constitutes harassment, abuse, bullying or cyber-bullying will not be tolerated by the OWHA.

During the course of all OWHA activities and events, members shall avoid behaviour which brings OWHA members or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol and non-medical use of drugs.

Members shall not use unlawful or unauthorized drugs/narcotics or performance enhancing drugs or methods.

Members of the OWHA shall not engage in activity or behaviour which endangers the safety of others.

OWHA members shall at all times adhere to the OWHA Team, Association, Program and League operational policies and procedures, to rules governing the OWHA events and activities and to rules governing any competition in which the member participates on behalf of the OWHA.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, suspension or release from membership. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges that come with membership in the OWHA, including the opportunity to participate in OWHA activities.



OWHA 2022 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

REGISTRATION AT PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Each team is to send 1 team representative, who is wearing a mask, to the OWHA registration desk to pick up a sleeve of participant hats for your team.
- Teams are required to check in at the registration desk at least 30 minutes prior to the start of each of their games.
- Teams are required to bring their own locks for dressing room doors.

COMMUNICATION

• Communication with OWHA is through the email: provincials@owha.on.ca

PLAYER and STAFF ELIGIBILITY

- 1) All players must have been registered on the roster of the specific team on or before December 31, 2021.
- 2) Due to the pandemic, there are no minimum requirements for the number of games players have played with a team
- 3) Pick up players are not permitted for playdowns or provincials
- 4) Eligible Team Staff may be added at any time and must be approved in RAMP to be eligible
- 5) All players and staff must meet all eligibility requirements including but not limited to being fully vaccinated (with proof being QR codes)
- 6) Individuals under suspension are not permitted to participate

LIVE STREAMING

Streaming is available at the following facilities:

Iceland, Susan Fennell, Century Gardens, Earnscliffe, Westwood & Chesswood via the following link: https://live.gameonstream.com/

Canlan York & Canlan Etobicoke games can be streamed via the following link: <u>https://livebarn.com/en/register</u>

Due to contractual agreements, OWHA teams are not permitted to stream games at facilities where streaming is already available.

DISCIPLINE

- OWHA discipline is in place. Teams must report all suspensions to <u>discipline@owha.on.ca</u> as per OWHA Discipline Policy.
- Any participant under suspension is not permitted to be part of any activities and is not permitted in the dressing room or on the bench.
- OWHA will suspend and/or remove a participant and/or team for violation of COVID-19 protocols.
- OWHA will suspend and/or remove participants and/or teams for violations of OWHA requirements or for actions that are not consistent with the OWHA Values and Code of Conduct.
- Decisions of the OWHA are final and binding on all teams.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All team staff MUST properly wear a mask while on the bench. Masks may not be taken off or lowered when talking. The OWHA discipline board will address all reported incidents of violations of COVID-19 protocols and has the authority to suspend and/or remove individuals and teams from participation in the OWHA Provincial Championships. Further disciplinary action may also be assessed.

SHAKING OF HANDS

- Teams, team staff and on-ice officials will not shake hands before or after games.
- Players may line up on their respective blue lines following each game and show a display of fair play by doing a stick salute (start with all sticks on the ice and lift sticks over heads and back onto the ice).
- Displays of poor sportsmanship are subject to suspension and removal.

MEDAL and BANNER PRESENTATIONS

- Championship medals and banners will be given to the team coach by an OWHA delegate. The coach will be responsible for distribution.
- The coach of Gold Medal winning teams will be given a sleeve of Championship hats by the OWHA delegate.
- Please ensure masks are worn by individuals while receiving materials form OWHA volunteers.

COMMUNICATION

Electronic game sheet / Game Sheet App: <u>games@owha.on.ca</u> Discipline <u>discipline@owha.on.ca</u> General: <u>provincials@owha.on.ca</u> Registration: <u>registrar@owha.on.ca</u>

COVID-19 REMINDERS/REQUIREMENTS IMPORTANT NOTES

1) OWHA Vaccination requirements remain in place for the duration of the 2021/2022 hockey season.

2) Masks must be properly worn by everyone in the dressing room and by team staff while on the bench and while in the dressing room. Masks must cover nose and mouth at all times and may NOT be lowered when talking.

3) Screening remains in place with team management of each team responsible.

1) The OWHA, PHUs, and municipalities may have policies and procedures that are more restrictive than the rules in the Regulation and the most restrictive requirement must be followed.

NOTE: It is understood that teams and players may be required to drop out of provincials due to COVID-19. OWHA will work with the remaining teams to determine a fair process as deemed appropriate by it.

NOTE: The OWHA reserves the right to interpret and update the material above.

PARKING INFORMAITON FOR SPECIFIC VENUES

Canlan York - Please view the link below to see the specific instructions for the Canlan York facility. <u>Parking Information – Canlan York</u>

FOR PROVINCIAL GAME SCORES, STANDINGS AND LIVE GAME STREAMING, PLEASE VISIT THE LINK BELOW. <u>OWHA 2022 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</u>



<u>NOTE</u>: Rules are subject to change.



- A. Game Length (updated April 6 at 4pm)
 - a. U9, U11, U13, U15 and Senior Non-Medal Games 12/12/12
 - b. U11, U13, U15 and Senior Medal Games 12/12/15
 - c. U18 A, BB, B, C, and U22 A Non Medal Games 12/12/12
 - d. U18 A, BB, B, C, and U22 A Medal Games 12/12/15
 - e. U18 AA & U22 AA Non-Medal Games 12/12/15
 - f. U18 AA & U22 AA Medal Games 15/15/Flood/15
 - g. Note: Please reference rules for overtime games and times
- B. There will be a three (3) minute warm up prior to each game, starting as soon as the ice re-surfacer gates are closed, but no earlier than thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- C. There will be no overtime played in round robin series, unless otherwise noted on schedule.
- D. In quarter finals, semi-finals, and championship games, if the game is tied at the end of regulation play then teams will play ten (10) minute stop time sudden victory periods until a goal is scored. Teams will not switch ends for the first overtime period but will switch ends after each successive period until a winner is declared.
- E. One 30 second timeout will be permitted per team/per game in all categories of OWHA Provincial Championships. This one timeout may take place in regulation or overtime.
- F. Floods (addition or deletion) will be at the discretion of the OWHA and/or the referee on the ice if the need arises (i.e. overtime, weather conditions, etc.)
- G. Points will be awarded as follows: two (2) points for a win, one (1) point for a tie and no points for a loss.
- H. If there is a tie in points after round robin games, the following tie-breakers will be used to break the tie:
 - i. Number of wins;
 - ii. Record against other tied teams;
 - iii. Goals scored minus the goals against in round robin play;
 - iv. Fewest goals allowed in round robin play;
 - v. Most periods won in round robin play;
 - vi. Fewest penalty minutes in round robin play;
 - vii. First goal scored in round robin play;
 - viii. Flip of a coin.
- I. In case of more than two teams, tie-breakers will follow the numerical order until all ties are broken.
- J. All disciplinary matters will be dealt with by the Disciplinary Board of the OWHA.
- K. Teams are required to bring two sets of sweaters (light and dark) to the Provincial Championships. The home team will wear their light-coloured sweaters. Goalies must dress in the same sweater colour as the team is wearing. Any conflict in sweater colour will result in the home team having to change.
- L. All players of each team must wear the same-coloured hockey socks on both legs, goalies excepted.



OWHA Values FAIR PLAY FUN EXCELLENCE GOOD CITIZENSHIP INTEGRITY & HONESTY EQUITY



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