



## Novice Girls 2019-2020 Half Ice Hockey – Updated December 12, 2019

SEASONAL STRUCTURE			
DATES	SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER 21	OCTOBER 22 TO JANUARY 14	JANUARY 15 TO MARCH 29
<b>PHASE</b>	DEVELOPMENT PHASE	REGULAR SEASON PHASE	TRANSITION PHASE
<b>ICE SET-UP</b>	HALF ICE GAMES	HALF ICE GAMES	FULL ICE GAMES
<b>BALANCE</b>	23% OF SEASON	46% OF SEASON	31% OF SEASON
<b>VOLUME</b>			
WEEKS (26)	6 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	8 WEEKS
PRACTICES (42)	12 PRACTICES	24 PRACTICES	6-8 PRACTICES
GAMES (24-30)	2 GAMES	14 GAMES	8 GAMES
JAMBOREES/TOURNAMENTS (3)	1 JAMBOREE	1 JAMBOREE	1 JAMBOREE

**\*NOTE: If the Jamboree in the September to October 21 phase is not utilized, a team may play in 2 jamborees in the October 22 to January 14 phase if they wish.**

### NOVICE PROGRAM

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LEAGUES	• Novice
TIERING	• Novice
NUMBER OF GAMES	• 24 games following seasonal structure above
ROSTER SIZE	• 18 players- easier transition to full ice
TRYOUTS	• Evaluations
GOALIES	• Recommendation to rotate goalies

SEASON STRUCTURE (ALSO SHOWN ABOVE)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DEVELOPMENT PHASE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ September (after Labour Day)- October 21, 12 Practices 2 Half Ice Games, 1 Jamboree/Tournament</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. REGULAR SEASON PHASE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ October 21- January 14, 24 practices, 14 Half Ice Games 1 Jamboree/Tournament</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. TRANSITION PHASE (FULL ICE GAMES) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ January 15- March 29, 6-8 practices, 8 Full Ice Games, 1 Full Ice Jamboree/Tournament and a year-end Jamboree/Tournament</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
PLAYOFFS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamboree/Tournament</li> <li>• No elimination, round robin playoffs, no cross division play</li> </ul>
GAME LENGTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-3 minute warm up</li> <li>• 2 periods (23 minutes each)</li> <li>• after January 15- regular full ice hockey rules</li> </ul>
SHIFT LENGTHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 second shifts- change on buzzer</li> <li>• after January 15- regular full ice hockey rules</li> </ul>
CHANGE OF POSSESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face-off starts each half</li> <li>• Goalie freezes puck- blow whistle</li> <li>• Puck shot out of play- Non offending team gets new puck</li> <li>• Penalties- non-penalized team gets possession</li> <li>• after January 15- regular full ice hockey rules</li> </ul>
OFFICIATING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• half ice game- 1 official</li> <li>• after January 15 full ice 2 officials</li> </ul>
PENALTIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minor- official notifies coach, player will skip a shift (still 4on4)</li> <li>• Major- removed from remainder of that game (still 4on4)</li> <li>• after January 15- regular full ice hockey rules</li> </ul>
SCORING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scores not recorded</li> <li>• After January 15- scores kept but no goal scorer recorded</li> </ul>
JAMBOREES/TOURNAMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited to 3 Jamborees/Tournaments and a year-end Jamboree/Tournament</li> </ul>
GAME SHEETS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OWHA gamesheets <b>MUST</b> be used for all games, whether they are for ½ ice or full ice. It <b>MUST</b> be signed by one member of the coaching staff to verify attendance.</li> </ul>



## **RULES FOR HALF ICE**

The rules for half-ice Novice game play have been created to maximize player engagement by increasing the opportunities to interact with the puck and other players. A simplified version of the game allows younger players to focus on elements of the game they enjoy most.

### **PLAYING RULES**

- 4 VS 4 format- plus each team with a goalie
- Each team is required to have a goalie
- 2-3 minute warm up

### **Rink Set-Up:**

- One or two sets of barriers with a space in between for spare players
- Game length- 50 minutes (could vary by region)
- Two 23-minute periods
- Shift length- 60 seconds in duration with an automatic buzzer or whistle sounding to indicate players change. The clock continues to run throughout the 23-minute half
- If two games are being played, both games are synchronized
- Officials work together to keep the game synchronized
- If there are fewer than four players on the bench, the active player designate to stay out for the following shift must tag up at the bench prior to continuing play
- There will be two face-offs during the game:
  - The first face-off will start the game
  - The second face-off will start the second half

### **Shifts**

- Player shifts are recommended to be 60 seconds in length. A buzzer or whistle will sound to signal line changes
- On the buzzer/whistle sounds, players must relinquish control of the puck immediately and vacate the ice. The new players enter the ice immediately
- Failure to immediately relinquish control of the puck or new players entering the ice surface prematurely may result in a penalty for the offending team.



### **Change of Possession**

- Goaltender freezes the puck- the official blows the whistle to indicate the attacking team backs off and defending team gets possession
- Puck shot out of play- the offending team backs off and the official gives the non-offending team a new puck

### **Penalties**

- Minor penalties are noted with the official briefly raising their arm to indicate a penalty will be assessed. At the conclusion of the shift, the official notifies the coach of the infraction and the number of the offending player.
- If the offending team controls the puck after the infraction, the official blows the whistle and calls for a change of possession; the non-offending team is given room to play the puck (three-metre cushion)
- The offending player will sit out the next shift, but the team will play even strength
- Should an infraction occur that would normally require a player to be ejected from the game (game misconduct, match penalty or gross misconduct), the player will be removed from the remainder of that game. Even under these circumstances, teams will not play shorthanded. A major penalty report must be completed and sent to [discipline@owha.on.ca](mailto:discipline@owha.on.ca)