

General Rules for Both Divisions:

1. All OMHA and Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) regulations are to be followed.
2. Teams, officials, and spectators must adhere to the OMHA Code of Conduct.
 1. Failure to comply will result in a review from the tournament organizer and potential removal from the tournament.
 2. No refunds will be provided for teams that fail to comply with OMHA Code of Conduct.
3. Ensure equitable ice time for all players, with positional rotation encouraged.
4. A CSA-approved helmet is mandatory for all on-ice participants.
5. U7 Teams are required to complete paper game sheets prior to each game.
6. U9 Teams will leverage the GameSheet Application.

U7 Division Specifics:

- **Game Structure:**
 - **Format:** Half-ice games.
 - **Periods:** Two 22-minute straight-time periods.
 - **Shift Changes:** A buzzer will sound every 2 minutes to signal line changes.
 - **Warm-Up:** 3-minute warm-up before each game.
 - **Flood Schedule:** Ice resurfacing after every three games.
- **Gameplay Rules:**
 - **Teams:** 4 vs. 4 format, excluding goaltenders.
 - Lightweight blue puck.
 - **Face-Offs:** To start each period; subsequent play is continuous.
 - **Scoring:** No official scorekeeping; emphasis on fun and development.
 - **Penalties:** No penalties called; coaches address infractions by instructing players.
 - **Offsides/Icing:** Not enforced to maintain game flow.
 - **Timeouts:** No timeouts permitted.

U9 Division Specifics:

- **Game Structure:**
 - **Format:** Full-ice games.
 - **Periods:** 10-minute, 10-minute, and 10-minute periods.
 - **Shift Changes:** Line changes on the fly; no buzzer system.
 - **Warm-Up:** 3-minute warm-up before each game.
 - **Flood Schedule:** Ice resurfacing after every game.
- **Gameplay Rules:**
 - **Teams:** 5 vs. 5 format, not including goaltenders.
 - **Puck:** Standard black puck.
 - **Face-Offs:** At the start of each period and after goals.
 - **Scoring:** Scores are kept (2 points for a win 1 point for a tie, no OT)
 - **Penalties:** Standard penalties enforced; penalized player sits out, and team plays shorthanded.

- **Offsides/Icing:** Enforced according to standard hockey rules.
- **Timeouts:** One 30-second timeout per team in **Semis and Finals only**

Tie-Breaker Rules for U9 Division:

Tie- Breaker Round Robin:

- Two Teams Tied:
 1. Head-to-head results
 2. Most wins in round robin
 3. Best goal differential (GF/ (GF + GA))
 4. Fewest Penalty minutes
 5. First Goal scored in head-to-head game
 6. Coin Toss

- Three or More Teams Tied:
 1. Points among tied teams
 2. Most wins among tied team
 3. Best goal differential (GF/ (GF + GA))
 4. Fewest Penalty minutes
 5. Coin Toss

In the event of a tie at the end of regulation time in Semis and Finals:

- Three different shooters per team.
- Shooters will occur at the same time starting from center ice.
- If still tied after initial shooters, a sudden-death shootout with new players until a winner is determined.

Wild Card Selection

- Most Points among tied teams
- Most Wins among tied teams
- Best goal differential (GF/ (GF + GA))
- Fewest Penalties
- Coin Toss

Additional Considerations:

- **Registration:** Teams must register 45 minutes before their first game.
- **Jerseys:** Teams should have two sets of jerseys (home and away) wherever possible.
- **Officials:** Minimum of one official for U7; standard officiating crew for U9.