



TRI-COUNTY
minor hockey league

AHL 2025–2026 Season

Season Dates:

October – Exhibition phase ***must have an approved roster and apply for a Travel Permit.**

- Full-Time Teams (**not playing** both HL and Adv. L) – 6 exhibition games.
- Part-Time Teams (playing both HL and Adv. L) – 4 exhibition games.

November 1st to January 31st - Regular Season

- **Full- Time Teams** – 4 Reg. games scheduled per month (league scheduled) – plus 2 exhibition games per month (team scheduled)
- **Part-Time Teams** – 4 Regular games scheduled per month
 - No travel permits required for regular season games
 - Travel permits required for exhibition games.

February 1st to March 12th – Round Robin League Playoffs

- 6 to 8 RR games scheduled (pending # of teams in your pod)

March 21st to March 27th – semis/finals

- SEMI FINALS – One Game
- CHAMPIONSHIP – best out of 3

Rules for the AHL 2025–2026 Season

Divisions and Groupings

- For the upcoming season, divisions will be organized by **single age groups** from **U11 through U16**.
- At the conclusion of the regular season, any division with **8 or more teams** will be split into **two tiers**:
 - **Tier 1** – top-seeded teams
 - **Tier 2** – lower-seeded teams
 - Each tier will have its own championship.

Note:

The U11 and U13 divisions each have more than 8 teams. For playoffs, these divisions will be split into Tier 1 and Tier 2, with a separate championship held for each tier.

Roster Guidelines

- Divisions may include **fewer than 4 major players** from the older birth year.
 - Example: A **U14 (2011)** team may carry **1–3 players born in 2010**.
- This exception is in place to help centers that may not have enough players to form a single-age roster.
- These roster rules apply to the **local league only**.
 - For **tournaments**, teams with major-year players must register in the **older age group**.
- Whenever possible, we strongly encourage teams to maintain **single-age rosters**.

Period Length Rules

Prior to the season and confirmed by OMHA, game periods must follow these guidelines:

- Some centres will play **10-10-10** periods depending on available ice time.
- Centres with additional ice time may play **10-10-15** or **10-15-15**.
- If a centre wishes to use **10-10-15**, they must coordinate with their facility, timekeepers, and officials to ensure the final 5 minutes can be run on stop-time if required. Otherwise, centres must default to **10-10-10**.
- **12-minute periods are not permitted** under OMHA rules.

Playoffs

- Playoff information will be posted at the beginning of January 2026
- We will have the tie breaker rules, round robin and the championship format
- Regular season tiebreaker we will follow the same as the AA-A-B/BB rules please refer to the Tri-County Rules of Operation

General Rules

- Please review the Tri-County Rules of Operation as a guideline.
- Suspensions – please review the OMHA suspension list
- If you are unsure and have questions, please reach out to Glen Davis the President of Tri-County or Peter Cabral Convenor for the AHL