



***TRI-COUNTY***  
**minor hockey league**

**TCMHL Championship Rounds & OMHA Qualification Play-In Games**  
**(The playoff structure was voted on and officially approved by the members on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025)**

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**Quarterfinal Matchups**

Following the round-robin stage, teams advancing to the quarterfinals will be reseeded according to their regular season standings. The highest-ranked team from the regular season that advances will be assigned the top seed, while the lowest-ranked advancing team will receive the lowest seed. For example, if the regular season's #1 seed moves on, they will face the lowest-seeded team remaining in the quarterfinals.

**Semifinal and Final Matchups**

Winners from the quarterfinal games will be reseeded based on their regular season standings. In both the semifinals and finals, the highest remaining seed will face the lowest remaining seed.

**Home Game Hosts**

In the quarterfinals, the highest-seeded team in each matchup will serve as the home team for the single-elimination game. For both the semifinals and finals, which follow a best-of-three format, the higher seed will host Game 1 and, if necessary, Game 3—the decisive game of the series.

**6-Team Quarterfinals:** The top two teams from each group will automatically advance to the Semi-Finals. The remaining four teams will compete in the Quarterfinals, seeded according to their regular season standings:

**Quarterfinals:** (single elimination game)

- **Quarter-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs. Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 2:** Second-highest remaining seed vs. Second-lowest remaining seed

**Semifinals:** (best 2 out of 3)

- **Semi-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs Lowest Remaining Seed
- **Semis Final 2:** Second-highest remaining seed vs Second Lowest Remaining Seed

**Finals:** (best 2 out of 3)

- **Final:** Semifinal winners will battle for the Championship.
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**8-Team Quarterfinals:** Divisions with 10 teams or more, top seeds playing the lower seeds.

**Quarterfinals:** (Single game elimination)

- **Quarter-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs. Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 2:** 2nd Highest remaining seed vs. 2nd Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 3:** 3rd Highest remaining seed vs. 3rd Lowest remaining seed
- **Quarter-Final 4:** 4th Highest remaining seed vs. 4th Lowest remaining seed

**Semifinals:** (Best 2 out of 3)

Quarterfinal winners will compete as follows:

- **Semi-Final 1:** Highest remaining seed vs Lowest Remaining Seed
- **Semis Final 2:** Second-highest remaining seed vs Second Lowest Remaining Seed

**Finals:** (Best 2 out of 3)

- **Final:** Semifinal winners will battle for the Championship.

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## OMHA Qualifying Teams – 1 to 2 Teams Advancing to the OMHA Championship

The TCMHL Champion will advance to the OMHA Championship as the #1 seed. If two teams qualify, the finalist will also advance as the #2 seed.

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## OMHA Qualifying Teams – 3 to 4 Teams Advancing to the OMHA Championship

### Post-Semi-Finals Seeding Series

The two teams that do not advance to the TCMHL Finals will compete in a best-of-three series to determine final seeding for the OMHA Championship. The winner of the series will advance as the #3 seed. If four teams are advancing, the losing team will qualify as the #4 seed.

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## OMHA Qualifying Teams – 5 to 6 Teams Advancing to the OMHA Championship

### Post-Quarterfinals Seeding Games

Following the Quarterfinals, the two or four teams that do not advance to the Semifinals will play in single-elimination games to determine final seedings for the OMHA Championship.

### 6-Team Quarterfinal Format

- **Seeding Match:** Top remaining seed vs. second-highest remaining seed
  - The winner secures the 5th seed for the OMHA Championship.
  - If a 6th team is advancing, the losing team will be awarded the 6th seed.

### 8-Team Quarterfinal Format

- **Match 1:** Highest remaining seed vs. Lowest remaining seed
- **Match 2:** 2nd highest remaining seed vs. 2nd lowest remaining seed
- **Match 3:** Winner of Match 1 vs. Winner of Match 2

The winner of Match 3 will claim the 5th seed at the OMHA Championship. If six teams are advancing, the loser of Match 3 will be assigned the 6th seed.