



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Associations; OMHA Leagues
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: Ian Taylor – Executive Director
SUBJECT: 2024-25 SEASONAL CALENDAR

The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) has approved key dates and details regarding the Seasonal Calendar for the 2024-25 season. This model adheres to the key concepts and principles of the Canadian Player Pathways framework from Hockey Canada.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

Player Evaluations for Representative teams will again take place in the Spring as was implemented for the 2023-24 season.

Typically, Spring Player Evaluations begin the Monday following OHF Championships. 2024 OHF Championships are scheduled for the third weekend of April – **April 19-21, 2023**

New for 2024-25 and in an effort to maximize available ice-time, Player Evaluations for Divisions that are not eligible for the 2024 OHF Championships will be begin on **Saturday, April 20th**.

Divisions that are eligible for OHF Championships will begin the Monday after OHF Championships, as past practice, on **Monday, April 22nd**.

TOURNAMENTS

Tournament participation for all Divisions and Categories permitted to start **September 20, 2024**.

REGULAR SEASON

The regular season for all Divisions and Categories permitted to start **September 30, 2024**.

All teams must be engaged in meaningful competition until March 1, 2024 – No teams may be eliminated from competition before this date.

U9 & BELOW | SEASONAL CALENDAR

Prep Phase May begin September 3 – must be 6 days

Evaluation Phase May begin September 9
Player Evaluations are delivered in 7-day windows

Development Phase May start September 16 – must be 14 days

U10-U13 | SEASONAL CALENDAR

Prep Phase May begin March 2
Minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association (or group of MHAs) to all Players.
Players are not required to attend the preparation skates; attendance does not impact eligibility to attend Player Evaluations.
*Only players no longer engaged in regular season, or playoffs permitted to participate.

Evaluation Phase Player Evaluations are delivered in 7-day windows
All Players participate in minimum three (3) On-Ice Player Evaluations (one skills, one small area games, and one formal intrasquad game)

AAA Evaluations begin April 20

AA Evaluations begin April 27

A & below Evaluations begin May 4

Note: Through to June 30 (1-2X/week over 6-7 weeks) Associations and Teams can provide skill development sessions – no games are permitted

Development Phase Teams selected in the Spring may begin sanctioned Team activity August 26 through September 29

Must be a minimum 27 days

**Number of games & tournaments - TBD

U14-U18 (excluding U18 AAA) | SEASONAL CALENDAR

Prep Phase

May begin March 2

Minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association (or group of MHAs) to all Players.

Players are not required to attend the preparation skates; attendance does not impact eligibility to attend Player Evaluations.

*Only players no longer engaged in regular season, or playoffs permitted to participate.

Evaluation Phase

Player Evaluations are delivered in 7-day windows

All Players participate in minimum three (3) On-Ice Player Evaluations (one skills, one small area games, and one formal intrasquad game)

AAA Evaluations begin April 22

AA Evaluations begin April 29

A & below Evaluations begin May 6

Note: Through to June 30 (1-2X/week over 6-7 weeks) Associations and Teams can provide skill development sessions – no games are permitted

Development Phase

Teams selected in the Spring may begin sanctioned Team activity August 26 through September 29

Must be a minimum 27 days

*Number of games & tournaments - TBD

U18 AAA | SEASONAL CALENDAR

Follow OHF Regulation K: U18 AAA

FALL PLAYER EVALUATIONS | U10-U18 (excluding U18 AAA)

Teams at AA & Below (outside LOR) may deliver Player Evaluations in the Fall.

Prep Phase	May begin September 3 Minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association (or group of MHAs) to all Players. Players are not required to attend the preparation skates; attendance does not impact eligibility to attend Player Evaluations.
Evaluation Phase	Player Evaluations are delivered in 7-day windows All Players participate in minimum three (3) On-Ice Player Evaluations (one skills, one small area games, and one formal intrasquad game) No Evaluations during the first week of school All Evaluations may begin on September 9
Development Phase	Must be a minimum of 14 days regardless of start date *Number of games & tournaments - TBD

SPRING & SUMMER PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES

Associations may provide sanctioned individual skills training or hockey schools – **August 11 - September 1.**

This programming requires sanctioning from the OMHA.

HOCKEY CANADA PLAYER PATHWAY – RESOURCES

[U7 Player Pathway](#)

[U7 Prep Phase Session Plans](#)

[U9 Player Pathway](#)

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[U11 Player Pathway](#)

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[U15 Player Pathway](#)

[U15 Prep Phase Session Plans](#)

[U15 Checking Skills Session Plans](#)

Please contact your Regional Director if you have any questions or require additional clarification.