



TRI-COUNTY

minor hockey league

TCMHL Championship Rounds & OMHA Qualification Play-In Games

NOTE: ***After the round-robin stage, the teams advancing to the quarterfinals will be reseeded based on their regular season standings. This means that the highest-ranked team from the regular season that moves on will retain the highest seed, while the lowest-ranked advancing team will be the lowest seed. For example, if the #1 seed from the regular season advances, they will face the lowest-seeded team among those that qualified for the quarterfinals.

6-Team Quarterfinals: Divisions with 7-10 teams, in this format, the top two teams are rewarded with a bye to the semi-finals, while the lower-seeded teams face off in the quarterfinals for a chance to advance.

Quarterfinals: (single elimination game)

- Match 1: 3rd Seed vs 6th Seed
- Match 2: 4th Seed vs 5th Seed

Semifinals: (best 2 out of 3)

- Match 3: 1st Seed vs Lowest Remaining Seed
- Match 4: 2nd Seed vs Second Lowest Remaining Seed

Finals: (best 2 out of 3)

- Match 5: Semifinal winners will battle for the Championship.

8-Team Quarterfinals: Divisions with 11 teams or more, top seeds playing the lower seeds.

Quarterfinals (Single game elimination)

- Match 1: 1st Seed vs. 8th Seed
- Match 2: 2nd Seed vs. 7th Seed
- Match 3: 3rd Seed vs. 6th Seed
- Match 4: 4th Seed vs. 5th Seed

Semifinals (Best 2 out of 3)

Quarterfinal winners will compete as follows:

- Match 5: Highest Remaining Seed vs. Lowest Remaining Seed
- Match 6: Second Highest Remaining Seed vs. Second Lowest Remaining Seed

Finals (Best 2 out of 3)

- Match 7: Semifinal winners will battle for the Championship.

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OUR GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT THE STRUCTURE PROVIDES THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TCMHL'S TOP TEAMS TO REPRESENT THE LEAGUE AT THE OMHA CHAMPIONSHIP.

OMHA Play-In Games: 2–4 Teams advancing to the OMHA Championship

Following the Quarter Finals, four teams will compete in a single-elimination format to determine seedings and which teams will advance to the OMHA Championship.

- **Match 1:** 1st Seed vs. 2nd Seed Winner of the game will be seeded #1
- **Match 2:** 3rd Seed vs. 4th Seed Loser of this game will be seeded #4
- **Match 3:** Loser of Match 1 and Winner of Match 2 play for the 2nd Seed and 3rd Seed

OMHA Play-In Games: 1 Team Advancing to OMHA Championship

Following the Quarter Finals, four teams will compete in a single-elimination format to determine seedings and which teams will advance to the OMHA Championship.

- **Match 1:** 1st Seed vs. 4th Seed
- **Match 2:** 2nd Seed vs. 3rd Seed
- **Match 3:** Winner of Match 1 and Winner of Match 2 play for the #1 seed to move on to the OMHA

After all, three matches, the advancing teams will be determined based on the number of teams from Tri-County moving forward to the OMHA Championship.

OMHA Play-In Game: 5-6 Teams advancing to the OMHA Championship

After the Quarter Finals, the two or four teams that did not advance to the semifinals will compete in single-elimination game to determine their seedings for the OMHA Championship.

- **Match 1:** Top Seeded Team vs. Second highest Seeded team (play for the 5th and if applicable 6th seed)

Once the match is completed, the advancing team(s) will be seeded and advance to the OMHA Championship.