

OWHA 2025 PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWN and PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP MEMO



ALL teams in playdowns must unanimously agree on game formats and game lengths before playdown games can proceed

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW ALL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING THOSE IN THIS DOCUMENT

The OWHA has received confirmation and commitment from all teams wanting to participate in the 2025 OWHA Provincials. You are receiving notice, by division, category and region, of the specific teams involved in playdowns.

This season is OWHA's 50th anniversary, and the provincial championship will be a true celebration of all players from across the province. With the recent media coverage of the women's game, it is a great opportunity to capture local coverage for teams and stories specific to the communities that tie to the on-ice and off-ice success of the players. We thank you for your contributions and wish you well for the remainder of the season.

In most divisions, teams will be grouped in pools of 4 with the top team advancing after round robin play in that specific group of 4 teams.

CRITICAL PATH and TIMELINES for PLAYDOWNS

January 31st, 2025 OWHA teams begin communication with each other to set up games as required.

OWHA teams agree on a liaison person per division, category and region to serve

as liaison between OWHA office and the division.

Ongoing Logistics Games are confirmed and scheduled on the RAMP Games Portal under

"League Tournament Games" and then select "Playdown game" for the game type. Game scores and stats are entered using RAMP Games Sheet app. Once

a winner has been declared, the OWHA office is notified via email to

provincials@owha.on.ca

There will be an <u>OWHA Provincial Playdown</u> tab on the OWHA website. The standings and statistics for Provincial Playdown games will be shown there for each respective division/category. This tab is on the Leagues Bar of

the OWHA Website for members to access.

In regions where a second series is required, the process is repeated for

that series

March 9th, 2025 Deadline for completion and notification to OWHA office.

NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED

NOTE: Any teams withdrawing after February 1st, will lose their bond fee and will be assessed a minimum of \$500.00 fine.

PAYMENT PROCESS

The amount due for U22 AA is \$2050.00 (Bond \$200.00 and Provincial Fee \$1850.00). The amount due for U18 AA is \$1950.00 (Bond \$200.00 and Provincial Fee \$1750.00). The amount due for all other divisions is \$1650.00 (Bond \$200.00 and Provincial Fee \$1450.00). The amount due for U9 is \$1200.00 (Bond \$200.00 and Provincial Fee \$1000.00)

Payment Processing details will be shared with teams directly via email upon qualification.

PLEASE REVIEW THE 2024-2025 OWHA HANDBOOK

RULES POLICY - PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS and PLAYDOWN POLICY

(click here to access document - see pages 44-47)

GAME SHEETS & GAME REPORTING PROCEDURES

- 1. All players MUST be eligible to participate in the Provincial Playdown as per Rules Policy Provincial Championship and Playdown Policy (A) (6).
- 2. No players may be added, and <u>NO pick-up players are permitted for playdowns or Provincials.</u> Individuals under suspension are not permitted to participate at any time.
- 3. Teams must schedule their playdown games on the RAMP Games Portal. These games are to be scheduled under the "League Tournament Games" tab. When scheduling a playdown game, you will be required to choose a game type, please select "Playdowns".
 - ONLY your "HOME" games should be scheduled on the RAMP Games Portal.
- 4. Teams may use a game that counts as both a playdown game and a league game, if both teams agree the game can proceed. These games must follow OWHA Playdown eligibility requirements and protocols. These games must be scheduled under both "League Tournament Games" and under "League Games".

PLAYDOWNS PROCEDURES

- Each group MUST designate a person responsible for ensuring playdowns operate efficiently, keep records and report the outcome to the OWHA office. Please ensure that the Subject Line for each email contains the Division, Category, and Region (ie: Subject: U15 B, Region C). This is important.
- Teams are to work together to schedule games through a fair process, understanding that ice may be available in some areas and not in others. Consideration should be given to home and away games and there is flexibility. As an example, if there is a 2-game "home and home" series, both games could be scheduled in 1 rink and each team could be designated as "home team" in each game.
- If an association has 2 teams in the same division/category, the teams are NOT to play their last game against each other in the series. It is important to schedule and play these games early in the series to avoid any perception of conflict.

RESCHEDULING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ONLY

- To reschedule any cancelled game, both teams must agree to a new date & time.
- please email <u>provincials@owha.on.ca</u> with the details. Please ensure that both teams are copied on the email when it is sent to the OWHA.

DISCIPLINE

- OWHA discipline is in place. All suspensions must be reported to stats@owha.on.ca within 24 hours or prior to your next game, whichever occurs first.
- Any participant under suspension is not permitted to participate with the team in any team related activities.
- OWHA will suspend and/or remove participants and/or teams for violations of OWHA
 requirements or for actions that are not consistent with the OWHA Values and Code of Conduct.
 Decisions of the OWHA are final and binding on all teams.

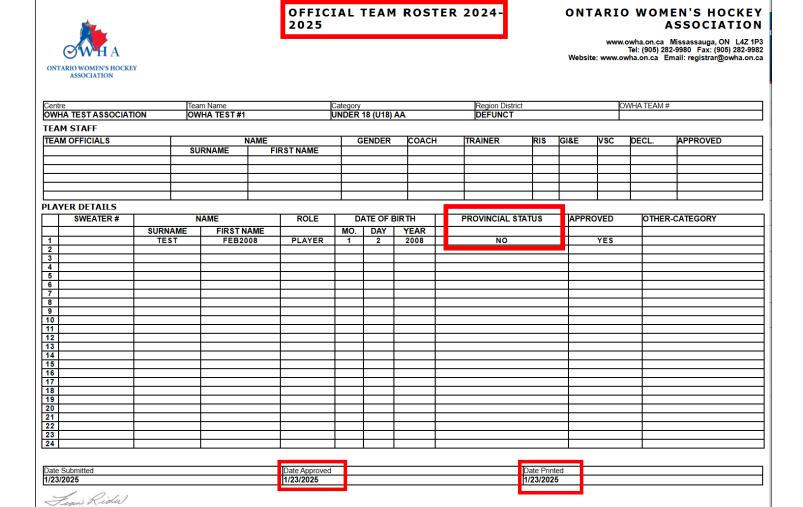
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

- 1) The 2025 OWHA Provincial Championships are currently scheduled for April 10th to 13th.
- 2) Ice is currently blocked at multiple facilities in the GTA.
- 3) OWHA U9 teams that have committed will participate in Provincial weekend will compete in a Jamboree format. In accordance with the U9 pathway games will be round robin with no championship games. Games will be played on full ice. Each team will be playing 4 games, 2 on Saturday April 12th and 2 games on Sunday April 13th.

ROSTER PROCEDURES

All teams MUST have PDF of their official team roster form (TRF) to show to their opponents before each game. It will be the responsibility of the teams to ensure the following. (see attached for a sample TRF)

- 1. TRF must state OFFICIAL Team Roster 2024-2025 at the top.
- 2. Provincial Status Any player with NO is ineligible.
- 3. Date approved It must have a date.
- 4. Date printed It **MUST be Jan 30, 2025** or later. Please contact your Association Registrar for a copy of the TRF.



ACCOMMODATION FOR PROVINCIALS

The OWHA is partnered with HTG for Provincial hotel reservations. To reserve your hotel, please use this link: 2025 PROVINCIAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

HTG will work with the teams to move reservations around if needed.

COMMUNICATION

Communication with OWHA is through the email: provincials@owha.on.ca

NOTE: This email address is to be used when you have questions and when you send confirmation of teams advancing to Provincials. **Please remove OWHA from internal emails.**

OWHA reserves the right to interpret and update the material above and make final and binding decisions as it deems appropriate for the OWHA Playdown and the Provincial Championships.

We thank everyone involved for their cooperation and support in providing a fair and supportive playdown series for all participants. We wish everyone well and are available to assist as required.