



OWHA 2023 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP and PROVINCIAL PLAYDOWN MEMO



IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH TEAM TO UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OUTLINED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

The OWHA has received confirmation and commitment from all teams wanting to participate in the 2023 OWHA Provincials. You are receiving notice, by division and category, of the specific teams involved in playdowns.

CRITICAL PATH and TIMELINES for PLAYDOWNS

January 27 th , 2023	OWHA sends memo to teams making commitment
January 27 th , 2023	OWHA sends provincial playdown breakdown by division and category. 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 Game scores and stats are entered using RAMP Games Sheet app. Once a winner has been declared, the OWHA office is notified. In regions where a second series is required, the process is repeated for that series
March 12 th , 2023	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 may be assessed a \$500.00 fine.

PAYMENT PROCESS

The amount due for U18 AA & U22 AA is \$1600.00. Deduct \$200.00 if your bond has already been paid.
The amount due for all other divisions is \$1300.00. Deduct \$200.00 if your bond has already been paid.

Cheques are to be made payable to the OWHA and mailed to the OWHA office at the address below:
225 Watline Avenue, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1P3.

If you are unsure if bond has been paid, please check with your Association.

NOTE: Only cheques and/or money orders are accepted. E-transfers and Credit Card payments are not accepted.

OWHA PLAYDOWN CLARIFICATIONS

- 1) A single round robin is when all teams in a series play 1 game against every other team in a series. Teams decide on site and home team.
- 2) A double round robin is when all teams in a series play 2 games against every other team in a series. Teams would be the home team for 1 game and visiting team for the other game.
- 3) Forfeitures are not permitted in Playdowns.

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 do NOT copy provincials@owha.on.ca when you are setting up games with other teams.

PLAYER and STAFF ELIGIBILITY

- 1) All players must have been registered on the roster of the specific team on or before December 31st, 2022.
- 2) Pick up players are not permitted for playdowns or provincials.
- 3) Eligible Team Staff may be added at any time
- 4) Individuals under suspension are not permitted to participate.

GAME SHEETS/GAME REPORTING

1. Rosters will be pulled from RAMP, remembering that any player signed after December 31st is NOT eligible. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure any players signed after December 31st do NOT participate in any playdown game. These players are not to show as playing on the electronic game sheet for any games.
2. No players may be added, and no pick-up players are permitted for playdowns or Provincials.
3. Teams must schedule their playdown games on the [RAMP Games Portal](#). These games are to be scheduled under the "Portal 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 and send an email to both provincials@owha.on.ca and leagues@owha.on.ca. These games must follow OWHA Playdown eligibility requirements and protocols and have prior approval from the league. Once there is agreement, this game must be scheduled under "Portal Games" even if it has already been scheduled under "League Games".

PLAYDOWNS

- Teams may use a game to count in both league and playdown statistics with approval of both the OWHA and league personnel.
- Each group MUST designate a person responsible for ensuring playdowns operates 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.

**PLEASE REVIEW THE 2019-2020 OWHA HANDBOOK
RULE THREE, REGIONAL PLAYDOWNS AND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS.**

[Click here to read the Provincial Rules & Regulations](#)

TIE BREAKERS

GAME POINTS

Win - 2 points

Tie - 1 point

Loss - 0 points

If tied in points, the following tiebreakers will be followed:

- i. Number of wins.
- ii. Record against other tied teams.
- iii. Goals scored minus the goals against in round robin games.
- iv. Fewest goals allowed in round robin play.
- v. Most periods won in round robin play.
- vi. Fewest penalty minutes in round robin play.
- vii. First goal scored in series.
- viii. Flip of a coin.

In case of more than two teams, tiebreakers will follow the numerical order until all ties are broken.

GAME LENGTHS

We recognize the challenges teams are facing in securing ice and that it is different in various parts of the Province of Ontario. If ALL teams in a series agree, in writing, to either shorter or longer game times, we will support as long as each game is a minimum of 3 x 10-minute stop time periods.

RESCHEDULING DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER ONLY

- Both teams must agree to reschedule. Once the new date & time have been agreed upon, please email provincials@owha.on.ca with the details.

TIMEOUTS

- Playdown games MUST NOT be curfewed and no overtime except for RULE THREE (B) (9) (b)
- There will be one 30 second time out per team per game as per Hockey Canada Playing Rules.

OFFICIALS

- The Home Team is responsible for the scheduling and the costs of qualified officials.
- It is strongly recommended that currently certified OWHA on-ice officials are used.

DISCIPLINE

- OWHA discipline is in place. All suspensions must be reported to stats@owha.on.ca as per the [OWHA DISCIPLINE and PROCEDURES](#).
- 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 2023 OWHA Provincial Championships are currently scheduled for April 13th to 16th.
- 2) Ice is currently blocked at multiple facilities.
- 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.
- 4) Plans are currently under way to hold the 2023 Esso Cup – National Women's U18 Championship in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on April 23rd-29th, 2023. As a result, the OWHA

- U18 AA Provincial Championship winner will attend and represent the OWHA at this event.
- 5) The pandemic is still active and, if we move forward, the event could be cancelled at any time before or during the event.
 - 6) We are committed to facing the risks and challenges and move forward with plans to hold a provincial championship that is adapted to health and safety requirements.
 - 7) The physical and mental health of participants is of primary importance.

ACCOMMODATION FOR PROVINCIALS

The OWHA is partnered with HTG for Provincial hotel reservations. To reserve your hotel, please use this link: [PROVINCIAL HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#).

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

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

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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate email provincials@owha.on.ca