

Three County League - Rules

1. Teams & Rosters:

- a) If Member Associations have more than one team in a division the teams must be balanced unless the Member Associations agree in the June meeting that the division will be tiered.
- b) Approval for overage age or underage players must be obtained from the OMHA Convenor before the player can be placed on the team's roster.
- c) Rosters must be submitted and approved by the end of the 3rd week of the season. Teams that have not met the deadline will not be able to continue with their schedule until their roster is approved.
- d) A completed Offer of Affiliation form must be completed and uploaded to the player profile on HCR prior to submitting the roster for approval. AP's cannot play for the team until they are on the approved team roster.
- e) The Association registrar or Centre Contact is responsible for providing the team with their approved roster and forwarding copies of the approved rosters to the Three County League Secretary. *(This wasn't discussed but is it necessary to send the rosters to the Secretary)*
- f) Coaches/Team Managers are responsible for reviewing approved rosters to ensure all team members are accurately listed.
- g) Teams must have a copy of their approved roster with them at all exhibition, tournament, regular season and playoff games.

2. Scheduling

- a) Scheduling meetings for Tyke through Midget will be held the Sunday following the OMHA scheduling.
- b) In the first scheduling meeting the Tyke teams (Novice as well if deemed necessary) will schedule till the end of November and will schedule the balance of the season on the first weekend in December.
- c) Initiation scheduling will occur on the first weekend of December.
- d) A second scheduling meeting, if deemed necessary by the member associations, for the Novice through Midget divisions will take place on the first Sunday after January 1st.
- e) Playoff scheduling for all divisions except Initiation will take place on the last Sunday of February.
- f) Schedulers (or someone authorized to add games) for Member Associations will be required to attend the scheduling meetings and enter their Associations home game schedule on The OneDb.
- g) All schedules and standings will be maintained on the Three County Website.

3. Game Sheets & Reporting

- a) Game Sheets must be completed for all games as follows:
 - Game Number (from Three County Website), proper Date and Location (*Town & Arena*) of Game.
 - League Name (Three County League) & Division Name (Atom, Peewee etc.)
 - Category - LL
 - Home and Visiting Team Proper Names.

- Players Names and Numbers in the proper players name area, if player is an Affiliate player **AP's** are to be noted beside their name.
- Coaching Staff Names and all Signatures in the proper team official area. **
- Periods, Flood (yes or no)
- Curfew time (yes or no).

****Signatures:** When a "rostered" Coach is absent, an Assistant Coach becomes responsible for that game or coach in charge. As the "coach responsible for the game" they are **required** to sign in the **Head Coach** spot. This is the only situation where a team official will sign beside a position that does not reflect the position on the approved roster.

- b) Game lengths by division:
- Initiation 10-10-10 – two minute buzzer – blue puck mandatory
 - Tyke 10-10-10 – blue puck mandatory
 - Novice 10-10-10 – change on the fly
 - Atom 10-10-10 – change on the fly
 - Pee wee/Bantam/Midget 10-15-15 – change on the fly
- Floods between periods are not mandatory
- c) At the completion of the game the timekeeper will take the game sheet to the referees room for review and signature. They will then distribute to yellow and pink copies home and away teams.
- a) The home centre is responsible for recording the results of the game on the website within 24 hrs of game completion and sending the white copy of the game sheet to the Division Convenor within 14 days of the game unless a PDF copy is sent to the Convenor then the game sheet can be submitted at the next league meeting.

4. Games & Cancellations

- a) All scheduled games must be played. Those centres that cancel a game without just cause, and refuse to reschedule, may be subject to a \$150. Fine imposed by the Three County Hockey League Constitution and Rules Committee
- b) Request for schedule changes that are not due to inclement weather conditions must be agreed to by both centres and received by the Division Convenor 14 days prior to the original schedule date. Date, time and location of the reschedule must accompany the request. Requests that do not provide the details of the rescheduled game will not be approved.
- c) Cancellations due to severe weather conditions must be received as soon as possible prior to game time. The decision to cancel due to weather is at the discretion of the travelling team. It is the travelling team's responsibility to advise the home team of the cancellation – leaving a voicemail message does not qualify as a notification. The home team must advise the Division Convenor and cancel referees and timekeepers. The teams must agree to a reschedule date and advise the Division Convenor with 48 hours of the cancellation.
- d) Any team not showing up for a scheduled game without sufficient notice to the home team may be fined or penalized.
- e) Cancelling scheduled games:
- i. The offending team (the team that cancels the game or the team that does not show up for the game without notification) will be removed from the league until monies are

paid and the games that they miss will be defaulted. A flat rate fee of \$100. to cover costs will be paid to the home centre by the offending centre within 30 days.

- ii. If the team in “a” drop out of the league and won’t pay the monies owing, then the association will be removed from the Three County Hockey League until monies are paid.
- f) Any team who refuses to travel to away games during the schedule or playoffs will be suspended from the league for the rest of the year.
- g) Gate fees – the standard gate fee will be \$4.00 for adults and no more than \$2.00 for seniors and students. Centre contacts will receive gate passes to be used in lieu of paying the gate fee at any of the league centres.
- h) Initiation – Goalies are required for each game and must have a minimum of a goalie stick. They can be rotated throughout the game.

5. Suspensions & Reporting

- a) It is the responsibility of the coach to report all suspensions received during exhibition, tournament, regular season and playoff games using the online form on the Three County website. The form must be submitted within 24 hours of the game with the exception of a Match Penalty which must be reported immediately following the game. Failure to report suspensions may result in disciplinary action.
- b) Any player receiving three minor penalties will be removed from the game. No further suspension will be added. In the event the player continues to play after being penalized three times, he will not be subjected to further suspension. Further, the outcome of the game will stand. The coach will be suspended for the next regular season or playoff game. The player is not permitted to remain on the bench and the third penalty is to be served by another player on the team who is on the ice when the penalty was called.

6. Exhibition & Tournament Games

- a) All exhibition and tournaments requests are handle by the Centre Contact who is responsible for entering them in the OMHA Portal for approval. Once approved the Center Contact will forward the approval to the appropriate team for their records.
- b) Approval is required for all exhibition and tournament games.
- c) Teams are required to report all suspensions received during exhibition and tournament game as not in the above section.
- d) Game Sheets for all exhibition and tournament games must be sent to the Division Convenor within 14 days of the completion of the exhibition game or the tournament unless a PDF copy is sent to the Convenor then the game sheet can be submitted at the next league meeting.

7. Playoff Guidelines

- a) Playoff scheduling will be determined by member centres each year
- b) Decisions on teams participating in the A-Championships will be assessed on a year to year basis by member centres.