

Lambton Middlesex Local League



Rules – 2019/20

(amended June 11, 2019, approved September 10, 2019)

Pre-Cursors

- 0.1 Rule changes may only be voted on and approved at the annual general meeting.
- 0.2 All OMHA rules and regulations will apply in addition to the specific LMLL rules.
- 0.3 Referees must be carded, as per OMHA regulations, to participate in any league sanctioned game.

1-Team Entry –Tyke, Novice, Atom, Bantam, and Midget

- 1.1 Each member centre will declare the number of teams they will enter in each division at the first board meeting of the season.
- 1.2 Each member centre will limit their local league entries to LMLL.
- 1.3 Each member centre must enter a team in a competitive league division before a team from that same division will be allowed to enter the LMLL. The LMLL board will annually review and approve exceptions.
- 1.4 Individual exception entries, approved by the OMHA and received after the beginning of the regular season, will be considered for approval by the board.

2-Team Entry –Minor Novice

- 2.1 In keeping with Hockey Canada's mandated cross-ice program, Minor Novice teams can begin games November 1, no minimum amount of games and up to 26 games at each Centre's discretion. Tyke teams will be tiered and balanced by each centre to ensure teams are facing similarly skilled opponents. Minor Novice Coaches will attend a scheduling meeting to plan the Minor Novice season. 1 or 2 Officials per game, scorekeeping is not allowed. Teams can participate in Jamborees after December 1, 2019.

Player Entry

- 3.1 Each member centre must follow the current OMHA rules for player registration and team rostering.
- 3.2 When a member centre enters more than one team in a division they must ensure that the player talent is balanced across all of those teams. Select teams are not allowed. The executive will monitor the league for violations.
- 3.3 Each player must be rostered in their own age division unless approved by the LMLL board and the OMHA.
- 3.4 An offer of affiliation form must be filed with the OMHA prior to any player participating as an affiliate player for any team.
- 3.5 Girls may affiliate to boy's teams as long as the girl's team is level C which is considered house league. Girls A and B teams are considered competitive.

4 –Games

- 4.1 All current OMHA game regulations must be followed.
- 4.2 Game lengths are based on the amount of ice time scheduled for each individual game.
- 4.3 All full-ice games will be played as stop time.
- 4.4 Period lengths should be those recommended and published annually by the LMLL.
- 4.5 Curfew can only be applied to games that conform to the LMLL period length recommendations.
- 4.6 Curfew time must be entered on the game sheet before the game begins. When no curfew will apply then enter 'none' in the curfew box on the game sheet. Both teams must initial the curfew box before the game begins.
- 4.7 Each team must carry an OMHA approved roster sheet at all times.
- 4.8 Any opposing team coach has the right to request a copy of the roster immediately after a game.

5 –Regular Season Scheduling for Atom, Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget

5.1 All teams are required to send at least one representative to the regular season scheduling meeting. LMLL reps should not participate as team representatives.

5.2 The LMLL board will meet immediately prior to the scheduling meeting to finalize the geographical divisions within each age division and to appoint conveners for each geographical division.

5.3 Teams cannot engage in scheduling with any other team prior to the start of the league scheduling meeting.

5.4 Each team will play 20 regular season games.

5.5 Teams are expected to play at least one regular season game against every other team in their division. Home and home schedules may not be possible due to division size and conflicting ice schedules.

5.6 After the scheduling meeting, the number of regular season games required for any team added to the league will be pro-rated to reflect the length of the remaining season.

5.7 Any team added as per rules 5.6 will be allowed to schedule regular season games against teams in all of the geographical divisions within their age division.

5.8 LMLL reps and coaches will schedule the first 9 games for Atom. Coaches will schedule the remaining 11 games following reseeding. **Amended 2019: Nine game seeding to take place within Geographic Divisions.**

5.9 Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget coaches will schedule first 9 games, and the remaining 11 games following reseeding.

6 – Minor Novice & Novice - Regular Season Scheduling

6.1 The Minor Novice & Novice scheduling meeting takes place immediately following the October 8, 2019 LMLL general meeting.

6.2 All Novice teams are required to send at least one representative to the Transition Season scheduling meeting January 7, 2020.

6.3 The board will appoint as many conveners as required. Conveners should not participate as team representatives.

6.4 Teams cannot engage in scheduling with any other team prior to the start of the league scheduling meeting.

6.5 As per Hockey Canada's 'Seasonal Structure' guideline:

- Minor Novice can play a maximum of 4 games during September and October AND a maximum of 26 games from November 1 to March 31
- Novice can play a maximum of 4 half-ice games during September and October AND a maximum of 18 half-ice games from November 1 until January 14 AND a maximum of 8 full-ice games after January 14.

6.6 Minor Novice and Novice games will follow Hockey Canada's Game Format, Game Play Guidelines and Game Structure as published in "Programming Novice & Below –Association Implementation Guide"

7 –Cancellation and Re-Scheduling

7.1 A team official must notify their opposition a minimum of 72 hours prior to the cancellation or postponement of any game. A fine is levied against any centre that does not provide 72 hours notice.

7.2 Exceptions to the 72 hour notice may be granted for incidents caused by arena breakdown, weather or some other unavoidable occurrence. Centres must still provide as much notice as possible in these circumstances.

7.3 Each team must inform their centre's LMLL rep of any game cancellations, postponements and re-scheduling.

7.4 Each centre representative must immediately inform the statistician of any game cancellations, postponements, and re-scheduling.

7.5 Centre representatives are responsible for the re-scheduling of all cancelled and postponed games.

7.6 Centre reps must retain copies of all correspondence associated with each cancellation, postponement, and re-scheduling.

7.7 Any cancelled game must be re-scheduled within 2 weeks from the day of cancellation including TBA's or the opposing team gets 2 points and the cancelling centre is fined \$ 200.00. Every effort must be made to get games rescheduled and if not the cancelling team needs to bring it to the LMLL board to plead their case.

8 –Discipline

8.1 Suspensions incurred will carry over to the following season.

8.2 Any player assessed a league suspension must serve said suspension before playing as an affiliate for any team.

8.3 Any coach assessed a league suspension must serve said suspension before coaching for any team.

8.4 The LMLL Executive may suspend any team official, upon review, if the team official is seen not to have exercised proper control in an arena, on or off the ice.

8.5 Any protest associated with a regular season or playoff game must follow the regulations in the OMHA Manual of Operations, section 15.

8.6 All incidents or complaints to the LMLL must be submitted using the LMLL incident report form. Each form and any supporting documents must be submitted by the centre's LMLL representative to the LMLL Secretary.

8.7 Incident report's and complaints are reviewed at the next LMLL board meeting, filed by the secretary and forwarded to the next level for review and action as required.

8.8 Protest Policy: Protest fee is **\$25.00** Defense fee of a Protest is **\$15.00**. A team entering a protest must do so by electronic mail, facsimile, courier or personal delivery to the League president with copies going to the appropriate contact person. The documentation must be received within 48 hours of the start of the game. Teams wishing to file a defense must do so within 36 hours after being notified of the protest by the President. The executive committee will rule on the protest. Any financial awards are due within fourteen (14) days or funds will be taken from the bond account. The center must reimburse the bond account by the end of the current season or face suspension. Protests shall be as per OMHA rules and regulations where applicable.

9 –Administration and Fines

9.1 All fees and fines are to be paid directly to the LMLL and deposited by the treasurer. Any centre with outstanding fines from the previous season will not be allowed to register any teams in the forth coming season until fines are resolved.

9.2 Each centre must pay all outstanding fees or fines before they are allowed to participate in the following season.

9.3 Each centre must be represented at each LMLL board meeting. A fine of \$ 25.00 is imposed for each absence.

9.4 The team entry fee is set at the annual general meeting as per by-law one. The fee for 2019-2020 is \$70.00 per team.

9.5 When using a paper gamesheet, the Home centres must mail the original white copy of each game sheet to the statistician. Retain the green copy for reference purposes.

9.6 Game sheets are to be mailed weekly. A fine of \$ 10.00 is levied against each game sheet that arrives late to the statistician.

9.7 Game numbers must be written on all game sheets. A fine of \$ 10.00 is levied against each game sheet that arrives to the statistician missing its game number.

9.8 Gate admission is set by the LMLL board prior to the commencement of each season. The fine for violation is \$ 75.00 per game.

9.9 The fine for missing a scheduled game (without notice as described in Rule 5) is \$200.00.

10 -Standard of Play

10.1.0 Accumulation of 8 Penalty Minutes

10.1.1 Ejection

- When a Peewee, Bantam or Midget player accumulates 8 or more penalty minutes in a single game they will be ejected from that game. A GE101 will be recorded on the game sheet.
- The score/timekeeper is responsible for informing the referee that a player must be ejected.
- The player will leave the game when the 6th minute is assessed.
- A substitute player will serve the penalty.
- The ejection will be reported to the league statistician for tracking purposes.
- The ejected player's coach is responsible for reporting the ejection to the statistician if the electronic game sheet is not capable of doing so.
- Any coach who fails to remove or report an ineligible player will be suspended in accordance with OMHA Regulation 8.1

10.1.2 Suspension

- The statistician will notify the league president when a player is assessed a third game ejection due to penalty minute accumulation.
- A three game suspension will be assessed against the player.

10.1.3 Indefinite Suspension

- The statistician will notify the league president when a player is assessed a fourth game ejection due to penalty minute accumulation.
- An indefinite suspension will be assessed against the player.
- The player will meet with members of the league executive to determine the end of the suspension.

The accumulation of offences will continue through all LMLL sanctioned games from September 1 until April 30 each season.

The following penalty minutes are excluded:

- Bench Minor

- Too Many Men
- Time served on behalf of an ejected player.
- Time served on behalf of a goaltender.

10.2.0 Accumulation of Physical Foul Penalty Minutes

10.2.1 Suspension

- The league statistician will notify the league president when a player accumulates 16 penalty minutes for Physical Fouls.
- A three game suspension will be assessed against the player.

10.2.2 Indefinite Suspension

- The statistician will notify the president when a player accumulates 24 penalty minutes for Physical Fouls.
- An indefinite suspension will be assessed against the player.
- The player will meet with members of the league executive to determine the end of the suspension.

10.2.3 Tracking

- The league statistician is responsible for tracking the accumulation of Physical Foul penalty minutes.

10.2.4 Support for Team Officials

- LMLL will publish a Physical Fouls reference document for distribution to team officials.

10.3.0 Recognition For Fair Play

- On the Monday following each week of league play, the statistician will generate a report containing the name of every team that was assessed zero penalty minutes during the previous week of league sanctioned play
- The league statistician will deliver the zero penalty minute report to the league president.
- The president will randomly select at least one team from the report.
- The selected team or teams will be recognized for their outstanding contribution toward sportsmanship within the LMLL.
- The nature of the recognition can be reviewed and modified, at the request of a board member, during any LMLL general meeting.

10.4.0 Frequent Penalty Offenders

10.4.1 Identification of Frequent Offenders

- At the conclusion of every season, the league statistician will compile a report that details the number of penalty and misconduct minutes assessed to each player during LMLL sanctioned play.
- The report will be separated into age divisions.
- The players will be ranked according to the total number of penalty and misconduct minutes received.
- The statistician will deliver the report to the league executive for review at the annual general meeting.

- Annually, during the AGM, the LMLL Board will determine the criteria to identify players as Frequent Offenders.

10.4.2 Communication to Member Associations

- On or before August 31, the LMLL executive will deliver a letter to the president of each Frequent Offender's association.
- The letter will identify the player as a frequent penalty offender.
- The player's annual penalty statistics will be shared.
- The LMLL will request that, before the player begins a new season of hockey, the home association will review the LMLL Standards of Play with the player and with their parent/guardian.

Notes from By-Law One

- Each centre must supply a contact person who will be the LMLL Director for the Centre. By-Law 5.1
- Each director is entitled to a single vote per motion. Directors may appoint a proxy however the proxy must be present to vote. By-Law 7.5

Significant Dates:

LMLL Board Meetings

August 6, 7:00 pm
 September 10, 7:00 pm
 September 24, 6:30 pm
 October 8, 6:30 pm
 November 12, 7:00 pm
 December 3, 6:30 pm
 January 7, 6:30 pm
 January 28, 6:45 pm
 February 25, 7:00 pm
 March 31, 7:00 pm

Minor Novice

October 8, 7:15 pm –Scheduling Meeting
 October 23 to March 11 –Proposed Regular Season

Novice

October 8, 7:15 pm –Scheduling Meeting
 October 23 to January 14 –Proposed Regular Season
 January 7, 7:15 pm –Transition Season Scheduling Meeting
 January 15 to March 11 –Proposed Transition Season

Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget

September 24, 7:15 pm –Seeding Season Scheduling Meeting
October 1 to December 1 –Seeding Season
December 3, 7:15 pm –Regular Season Scheduling Meeting
December 4 to January 27 –Regular Season
January 28 –Playoff Round 1 Scheduling Meeting
January 29 to February 23 –Playoff Round 1
February 25 –Playoff Round 2 Scheduling