

# Lambton Middlesex Local League



## Rules – 2022/23

(Amended per approved AGM Motion from AGM July 12, 2022)

### **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 – U9, U11, U15, and U18**

- 1.1 Each member centre will declare the number of teams they will enter in each division as per the deadline set by the scheduler (Note: typically in September).
- 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 – U8**

- 2.1 All requirements for U8 will adhere to the published Hockey Canada's pathways
- 2.2 U8 teams will be tiered into two levels at the discretion of each centre
- 2.3 Within each U8 tier, all teams from the same centre will be balanced

### **3-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. All girls affiliation must adhere to OMHA rules (and approval where required).

### **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 with OMHA operations manual.
- 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. (Note: access to an electronic version is acceptable).

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 U9, U11, U13, U15, and U18**

5.1 LMLL Exec will determine electronic centralized or manual scheduling during the August Board meeting.

### **5.2 Electronic Centralized Scheduling**

5.2.1 Financial compensation for the scheduler role will be voted on during the AGM

5.2.2 The scheduler role will be filled during the August board meeting if not filled during the AGM

5.2.3 Each centre is required to provide ice times, by division/team, as requested by the deadline provided by the scheduler. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$200.

5.2.3 All centres will submit sufficient to allow most games to be automatically scheduled

5.2.4 Any games unable to be automatically scheduled will require the two centre directors to work to assign the game as per 7.7

### **5.3 Manual Scheduling**

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

5.3.1 The LMLL board will establish the geographical divisions within each age division for the seeding season in advance of the scheduling meeting.

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

5.4 Each team will play approximately 20 regular season games as determined per 5.1. There may be instances that games cannot be played due to extenuating circumstances.

5.5 Teams are expected to play at least one regular season game against every other team in their division for each half of the season (see 5.8). All teams should play roughly the same number of home and away games.

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 Season Structure**

5.8.1 Season will consist of a 'Seeding Season' (Oct-Dec), a 'Winter Season' (Jan-Feb), and Play-offs

5.8.2 Season structure including # of games and format will be decided as per 5.1 and communicated to all LMLL centre reps.

5.8.3 Methods for ranking will be established as per 5.1 and communicated to all LMLL centre reps in advance of the season.

5.9 All U9 and U11 programming is to adhere to the Hockey Canada pathways and any additional modifications provided by OMHA.

## **6–U8 - Regular Season Scheduling**

6.1 U8 scheduling will be decided as per 5.1.

6.2 Number of games will adhere to Hockey Canada pathways requirements

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

6.4 U8 games will follow Hockey Canada's Game Format, Game Play Guidelines and Game Structure as published in "Programming U9 & Below – Association Implementation Guide"

## **7–Cancellation and Re-Scheduling**

7.1 A centre must notify their opposition centre rep 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 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, Operations, 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 2022-2023 is \$75.00 per team.

9.5 When using a paper gamesheet, the Home centres must scan both sides and send electronically. Retain the green copy for reference purposes.

9.6 Paper gamesheets are to be emailed within 72 hours of a game. Electronic gamesheets are to be uploaded within 72 hours of a game.. 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 (at the discretion of the statistician).

9.8 Gamesheet errors will be assessed by the statistician and suspensions issued at the statistician with consultation with the OMHA rep and/or LMLL Exec (as necessary)9.8 The fine for missing a scheduled game (without notice as described in Rule 5) is \$200.00.

9.9 Financial compensation for the statistician will be established at the AGM and the role filled as per standard executive voting processes.

## **10-Standard of Play**

10.1.0 Accumulation of 8 Penalty Minutes

10.1.1 Ejection

- When a U13, U15 or U18 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. 10 minute misconduct penalties are not included for the calculation of 8 minutes. All other 2/4/5 minute penalties are included.
- The coach is ultimately responsible for informing the referee that a player must be ejected.
- Scorekeeper should make all attempts to identify a player with 8 assessed minutes and advise the refs to remove the player
- The player will leave the game when the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 have the following consequences:
  - o First infraction receives a warning
  - o Second infraction receives a 1 game suspension
  - o Additional infractions will be reviewed by LMLL board and suspensions levied

**Notes from By-Law One**

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