

Lambton Middlesex Local League



Rules – 2021/22

(Amended per approved AGM Motion from AGM June 1, 2021
Updated November 3, 2021)

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 20192020 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 8th 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

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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
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