

The TSMHA Novice subcommittee has recommended the follow proposal for the 2018-19 Novice season and beyond to align with the implementation of the changes to the Novice program initiated by Hockey Canada, NOHA, OHF and OWHA; The TSMHA executive has voted in favour of adopting this framework.

Be it resolved that TSMHA will implement the following changes to the TSMHA Novice IP program to comply with the changes put forth by Hockey Canada for the 2018-19 season and beyond:

Novice registration fees remain the same as the 2017-18 season and will be reassessed prior to the 2019-20 season.

A mandatory parent information session will be held during the first Novice start up ice time.

A Novice Team Selection Committee will be established prior to the Novice House start up ice times. The purpose of the committee will be to tier the players (A, B, C, D), create 4 teams using the tiered model to be used until the Christmas break. The teams will be comprised of the following: an all-girls team with four (4) tier A players, and three boys teams consisting of 4 of each of the A, B, C and D, tiered players. The TSMHA administrator however will roster the four (4) team as designated:

- Novice "A" boys
- Novice house boys
- Novice house boys
- Novice house girls

This designation is not finalized until the Christmas break. It will be for the sole purpose of roster registration, insurance and to minimize card transfers come Christmas.

Two of the four (4) teams will practice together until Christmas sharing ice

Teams will play modified games until Jan 13th, 2019, TSMHA home ice will be consistently on Sundays between 8:00 AM and 10:10 AM providing ice availability.

Teams will be allowed to attend one out of town Jamboree prior to Christmas.

An additional skills ice time will be offered to all Novice players on Mondays at 5:25 PM in NDDN, possibly 8-10 sessions for a yet to be determined fee, from start up until the Christmas break. Players must pre-register and pay for this additional ice time prior to October 12th, 2018

During the Christmas break the Novice Team Selection committee will reconvene and compose a Novice Rep "A" team, two (2) evenly distributed Novice Boys House teams and one (1) Novice Girls team.

The newly created teams will continue to practice on the TSMHA funded practice times however the ice times will be divided to reflect the newly created teams.

Before January 10th, 2019, TSMHA will finalize rosters for the four (4) Novice teams providing registration allows for this composition;

- Novice "A" boys
- Novice house boys
- Novice house boys
- Novice house girls

The four teams created after Christmas break will adhere to the following parameters and will be provided the same team funding as previous years:

Novice "A" Boys

- Will play in a reduced schedule as part of the CD Quebec League starting after January 15th, 2019
- Will have team practice on Mondays at 5:25 in NDDN and practice with one (1) of the other three (3) Novice teams weekly. This ice time will be funded by the parents.
- Will be provided two (2) additional ice times to be either used individually or shared as they will be sharing ice timed all season and are permitted the 2 bonus ice times for sharing ice all season. This will be subject to ice availability.
- Will collect a \$75.00 Rep team fee from all carded players on January 5th, 2019
- Will participate in the CD league playdowns
- Will participate in one (1) out of town tournament after Christmas
- Will participate in the Novice NOHA TOC
- Can Affiliate players that were registered on the two (2) boys house league teams
- Any expenses above what TSMHA provides will be the responsibility of the parents and team to collect
- Will be permitted to participate in full ice games

Two (2) Boys House League Teams

- Practice with one (1) of the other Novice teams in a shared ice time.
- Will be provided two (2) additional ice times to be either used individually or shared as they will be sharing ice timed all season and are permitted the 2 bonus ice times for sharing ice all season. This will be subject to ice availability.
- Will play in an NDHL sanctioned league consisting of Englehart, Two (2) TSMHA boys teams and the TSMHA girls House Team with possible inter-league play in Kirkland Lake.
- Will be permitted to attend one (1) out of town tournament after Christmas
- Will participate in a league playdown
- Any expenses above what TSMHA provides will be the responsibility of the parents and team to collect
- Will be permitted to participate in full ice games

Girls House League Teams

- Practice with one (1) of the other Novice teams in a shared ice time.
- Will be provided two (2) additional ice times to be either used individually or shared as they will be sharing ice timed all season and are permitted the 2 bonus ice times for sharing ice all season. This will be subject to ice availability.
- Will play in an NDHL sanctioned league consisting of Englehart, two (2) TSMHA boys teams and the TSMHA girls House Team, with the possibility of playing the TSMHA Atom House girls team as part of an unbalanced schedule
- Will be permitted to attend one (1) out of town tournament after Christmas and one (1) Jamboree/ 5 on 5 Tournament (only for 2018 -19 season) before Christmas
- Will participate in a league playdown either with North Bay girls loop or NDHL North with boys and Englehart
- Any expenses above what TSMHA provides will be the responsibility of the parents and team to collect
- Will be permitted to participate in full ice games

The Novice Subcommittee will convene at minimum two (2) times during the season, once during the Christmas break and once upon the completion of the Novice season with the purpose of monitoring the progress of the program and to ensure it is operating as efficiently as possible and providing the best possible experience for the players in order for the players to develop to their full potential.