

Minor Development teams (MD)

OMHA Minor Development Regulations (OMHA 4.5) are to be followed to provide the No body Checking Competitive Hockey Program, administered by York Simcoe Minor Hockey League (YSMHL)

In addition, it is recommended by YSMHL for all Minor Development teams that:

- a) The start of the regular season for MD teams and the end date will be determined each year at the August YSMHL meeting.
- b) The teams will play a 30-36 game regular season schedule depending on the number of teams registered
- c) The regular season will end approximately mid February and the YS Play downs will commence shortly thereafter with the top 4 teams in each division going directly into the YSMHL semi-finals.
- d) The number of teams will dictate whether there is one division or multiple divisions. Tiering is a possibility.
- e) League play will be suspended during:
 - Christmas Holidays
 - January Exams (specifically for Major Bantam, Minor and Major Midget teams)
 - March Break and Easter Holidays (if applicable)
- f) Playoffs
 - i] There are No OMHA Championships because this follows OMHA MD Programming
 - ii] YSMHL Playoff flowcharts may include tiering to ensure competitive playoff series
 - iii] A Champion will be declared through a playoff format to be determined – best 3 of 5 series where possible.
 - iv] League standings will determine home ice during playdowns
- i) Additional Sanctions for MD players
 - a. Body Checking infractions:
 - a.1 first violation of two body checking penalties in the same game = 1 game ejection
 - a.2 second violation of two body checking penalties in the same game = game ejection plus 2 game suspensions
 - a.3 third or subsequent violations of two body checking penalties in the same game = game ejection plus suspended indefinitely pending a review by Regional Director and/or OMHA Convener.
 - b. Stick Infractions:
 - b.1 first violation of three stick infractions in same game = 1 game ejection
 - b.2 second violation of three stick infractions in same game = game ejection plus 2 game suspensions
 - b.3 third or subsequent infractions of three stick infractions in same game = 1 game ejection plus suspended indefinitely pending a review by Regional Director and/or OMHA Convener.
