

OHF to Introduce Modified- Ice Progression

Minor Hockey Association Q & A

Monday, December 4, 2017



Review of Announcement

1. Game play for 2012-and-2013-born players (5-and-6-year-olds) in the 2018-2019 season is to be cross-ice.
2. Game play for 2011-born players (7-year-olds) in the 2018-2019 season is to be half-ice.
3. There are only two exceptions to this progression
 - I. 2011-born players who were granted the opportunity to play with 2010-born players in the 2017-2018 season may continue to play with the age group above for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 season; or,
 - II. If a minor hockey association makes a request to its Member to allow an exemption due to registration numbers and the Member approves the request.



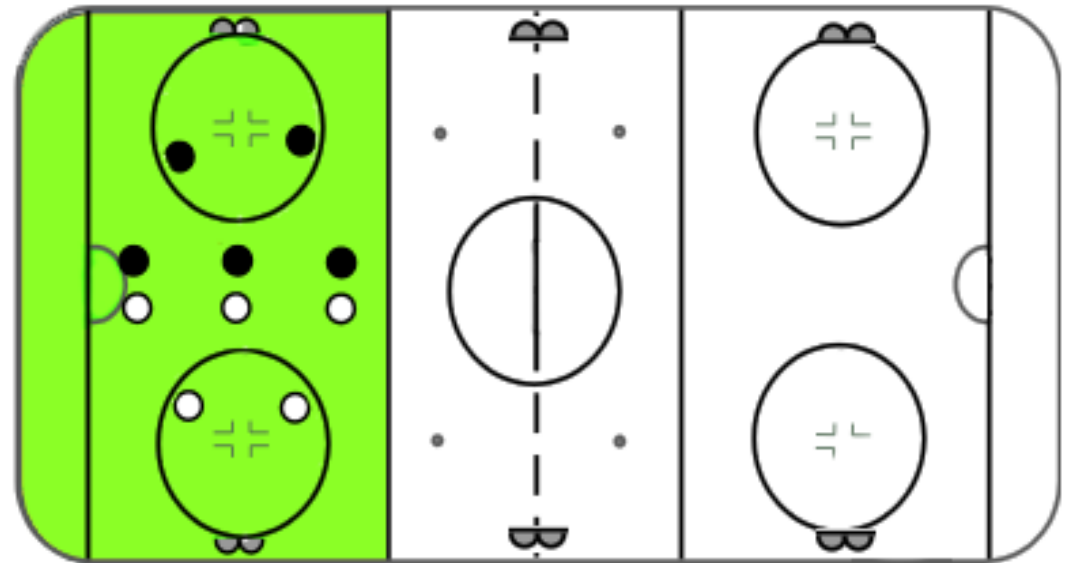
Review of Announcement – Continued...

4. In instances where mixed programming (2010-and-2011 born players) is permitted by the Member for the 2018-2019 season, teams will start the season in half-ice programming (October-December) and transition to full-ice in the second half of the season. This will include a development season in January to prepare the players for full-ice games in February and March. This will be repeated in 2019-2020 for 2011-born players.



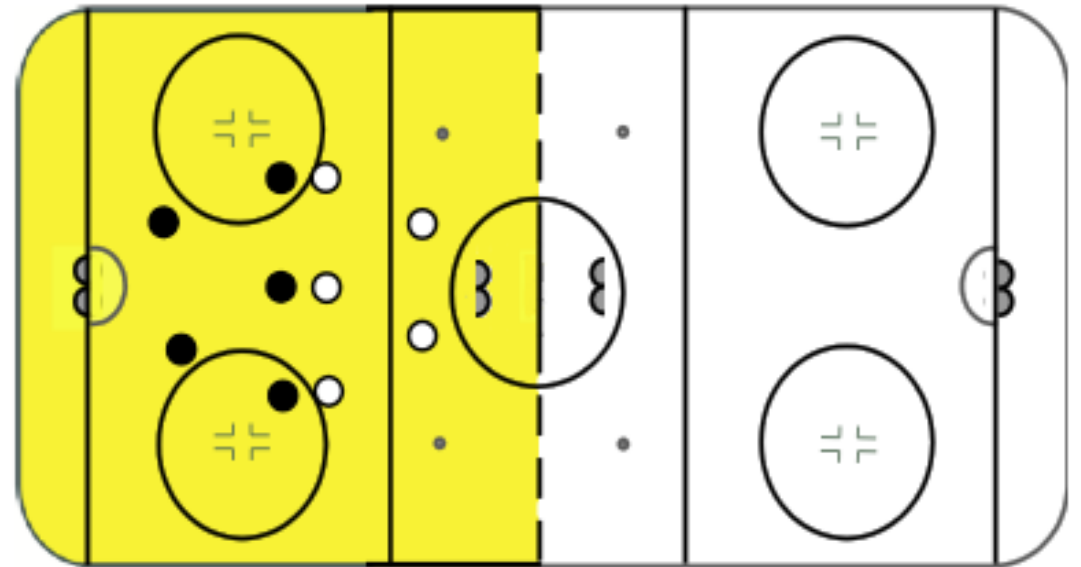
Hockey Canada – Winter Congress Motions

- 6-year-old and under hockey games to be played cross ice or a modified ice surface that is similar in size to 100x60.
 - No officials
 - No designated goaltenders
 - No designated positions
 - Fulfills LTAD



Hockey Canada – Winter Congress Motions

- 7-year-old hockey games to be played cross ice or half ice or modified ice to a maximum of 100x100.
 - One official
 - Designated goaltenders as an option
 - No designated player positions
 - Fulfills LTAD



Hockey Canada – Winter Congress Motions

- 8-year-old hockey games to be played cross ice, half ice or modified ice to a maximum of 100x100 from October to December.
 - One official
 - Designated goaltenders as an option
 - No designated player positions
 - Fulfills LTAD
- Transition to Full Ice starting in January.
 - Use September as a Development month – no games, just practices.
 - Play a limited half-ice game schedule from October to December.
 - Use January as a development month (practices and exhibition games) to help transition kids to full ice with 2 exhibition games.
 - Full ice games February and March.
 - **Two officials, designated goaltenders (optional), no designated player positions, fulfills LTAD.**



Hockey Canada – Winter Congress Motions

- For mixed programming there will be three options available to the Members to choose from:
 - Deliver ½ ice programming for the full year to players 7 and 8 years of age;
 - Deliver ½ ice programming for the full year to players 7 and 8 years of age and provide a 6 week transition program to the players that are 8 years of age in February and March; or
 - Deliver programming set out above for players 8 years of age for the mixed age group with the understanding that the players 7 years of age will repeat the programming as an 8-year-old.



Expected Release of Promotional Materials

- Official release of novice modified-ice mandate
 - Hockey Canada, end-of-March 2018
- Game format, seasonal structure, team formation, etc
 - Hockey Canada, mid-February 2018
- OHF Player Development Model (all-in-one brochure)
 - OHF, electronic end-of-February 2018, printed March 2018
- Promotional videos
 - Hockey Canada, April 2018, and OHF, TBD



Resources Currently Available

- Hockey Canada Network
 - <https://www.hockeycanadanetwork.com/>
- Drill Hub
 - <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/drill-hub>
- Hockey Canada Player Pathways
 - <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/players/essentials>
 - Novice - <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/players/essentials/categories/novice>
- Promotional Videos
 - <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/initiation/administrators>
- Human Resources – Member, OHF and Hockey Canada staff



Other Promotional Videos

- Hockey PEI
 - Novice Half-Ice Instructional Video -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6jBRXYn5JU>
- Hockey USA
 - NHL Analytics Tracking of U8 Players –
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CB_Ygapyl7c
 - From a Child's View, Parents find Full-Ice Hockey No Fun -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXhxNq59pWg>
- Sport Nova Scotia
 - Sports Parent Support Group -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C6ezBrpaJ00>



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