



**BARB DOWNEY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT
OWEN SOUND MINOR HOCKEY
2025/2026**

WELCOME TEAMS!

TOURNAMENT RULES

1. All OMHA and CHA rules will apply. Neck guards and mouth guards are mandatory. GTHL & Alliance teams are exempt.
2. All divisions are **non-body contact**.
3. Your team representative must have uploaded a copy of your team's official roster and travel permit to the Barb Downey portal, **prior to Friday March 13th**.

PLEASE NOTE: Any AP's or bench staff present at the tournament must be on an approved OMHA roster, submitted prior to the first date of the tournament.

4. All Teams must register at least 45 minutes prior to their first game at the "tournament office". This will be located:
 - a. at the top of the stairs at the Julie McArthur Regional Recreation Center
 - b. by the elevators on the upper level of the Harry Lumley Bay Shore.
5. All teams **must have a certified trainer on the bench at all times**.
6. All teams must be prepared to play 15 minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
7. The team designated as the HOME team must occupy the HOME bench and wear LIGHT colour jerseys. Home teams are listed second in the schedule.
8. All game suspensions shall be assessed as per OMHA/OHF regulations.
9. The Tournament Committee will not overturn any suspensions.
 - a. It is common to have coaches and/or parents approach the Tournament Committee protesting a suspension penalty issued by a referee. It must be emphasized to all coaching staff and parents that the Tournament

Committee cannot and will not overturn any penalty issued before, during or after a game regardless of the circumstances. The suspension appeal process can be found in the OMHA Manual of Operations.

10. Any Fighting Major or Match Penalty will result in automatic player disqualification for the remainder of the tournament. **OMHA suspensions will also apply.**
11. A point system will be used for preliminary Round Robin Play; 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie, 0 points for a loss. There will be no overtime in Round Robin Play/pool play.
12. A three (3) minute warm up will commence on the clock when the Zamboni leaves the ice. Please ensure your team is ready to go on the ice at that time.
13. The Owen Sound Minor Hockey Group (OSMHG) strongly supports the Zero Tolerance Policy against the abuse of OMHA Officials. Any player, team member, team official or spectator may be asked to leave the playing area or arena premises by an OSMH Official.
 - a. Parents and guests are the responsibility of the team. Inappropriate parent or guest behaviour towards the competing team, any player, referees, coaches, arena staff, tournament staff, OMHA staff and/or other parents will not be tolerated.
14. Teams are asked to change as quickly as possible after their game and to vacate the dressing rooms within **20 minutes** following the game. The dressing rooms are expected to be left in good and clean condition. Any team that causes damage to a dressing room will be held liable and may be removed from the tournament.
15. No timeouts during Round Robin/pool play. One 30-second timeout per team is allowed in all Semi Final & Final games.
16. Coaches are responsible for their players conduct while at the arena(s).
17. Standings after the Round Robin games will be decided on the following basis:
 1. Team with most points.
 2. Winner of game between tied teams (if two teams are tied). If more than 2 teams, go to #3 below.

3. Highest Scoring percentage. (i.e.) goals you scored divided by total goals scored. [example: Your team won 2-0, lost 4-1 and won 5-3. You scored 8 goals, divided by 15 (total goals scored) = .5333%. The team with the highest percentage takes the higher placing.
 5. Team with the most wins.
 6. Fewest total penalty minutes.
 7. Most goals scored.
 8. If still tied the latest time of first penalty is the higher seed.
18. The ice surfaces will be flooded at the beginning of each game. There will be NO flood between the periods of any games.
19. LENGTH OF GAMES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
1. All tournament games must comprise 3 stop-time periods, scheduled as per OMHA Regulation 10.2(a) & 10.2(b).
 2. When any team is ahead by five or more goals in the third period however, the tournament will utilize 'straight time'. Any penalties, during this time, will be running time and minor penalties will be 3 minutes in length.
 3. The game will proceed under 'straight time' unless the point gap is reduced to three goals, at which point the clock will revert to stop time.
 4. The only time the clock will stop during this time is if an on-ice injury should occur.
 5. For **U11 to U13: 10-10-10 minute periods.**
U15 to U18: 10-10-15 minute periods.
20. OVERTIME FORMAT: (for Semi-Finals & Finals ONLY)
1. One 5-minute stop time, sudden victory period will be played. Play will be in a 4-on-4 format.
 2. If still tied, one 5-minute sudden victory period will be played. This play will be in a 3-on-3 format.
 3. If teams are still tied, a shoot-out will commence with three (3) different shooters from each team.
 - a. If still tied after each team has utilized their 3 shooters, then a sudden victory shoot-out will commence.
 - b. Each team will send one (1) different player at a time to centre ice. Each player must attempt the shoot-out before any player can be utilized again. From the fourth shooter on, it becomes a sudden victory shoot-out.
21. iPads will be available for each game in the Tournament Office at each location.
(see #3 above)

22. It is the responsibility of each team to review their roster and identify suspended players and/or inactive players. All teams received a Gamesheet code to access this function for this tournament. **Please make sure your roster is inputted into Gamesheet prior to the tournament date!**
23. **Each bench staff will need to electronically sign the game sheet in the tournament office prior to the game.** Teams will not be permitted to sign-in on behalf of other bench staff. Refreshments will be provided for bench staff at each tournament office!
24. iPad are not to leave the tournament office.
25. Due to Municipal and insurance regulations, at no time are players allowed on the ice without a helmet. **Spectators are never allowed on the ice at any time,** to take pictures or for any other reasons. We respectfully request your co-operation and compliance.
26. Absolutely no air horns permitted at any facility.
27. **No protests will be accepted. The Tournament Committee's decision will be final.**
28. No teams shall be permitted to display free standing sponsorship/team banner stands. Team signage is limited to magnetic door signs and flags, on their changeroom doors during their occupancy of that changeroom.
29. Please **ensure any siblings and young spectators are supervised at all times**, to ensure their safety and help maintain each arena in good condition. There will be a "Sibling Station" in the JMRRC with quiet activities available throughout the tournament. There will be NO supervision provided by the tournament, however.
30. Have fun!

Thank-you coaches, managers, guardians & players! You co-operation is appreciated.
OSMHG, Tournament Committee

