



South Dundas Minor Hockey Association Return to Sport

We appreciate the patience everyone has had while we wait for direction from Hockey Canada, Hockey Eastern Ontario, District 1 Hockey League, the Eastern Ontario Health Unit and the Municipality of South Dundas. While hockey will look different this year, SDMHA remains committed to getting kids on the ice in a safe and fun way, with ice times dedicated to skill development and fun scrimmages.

We, SDMHA, are committed to providing a safe environment for children to return to the ice on October 1st. A safe return to sport and recreation will require cooperation from everyone – including participants. You should be prepared for changes related to how activities will be organized and coordinated.

SDMHA, as a member of District 1, will be following the guidelines that have been issued by HEO and D1. All D1 Associations will be following Stage 1 rules which will run from October 1st to December 18th.



LEVELS

We will offer programs at all age groups; remember Hockey Canada has moved away from the name divisions to the age level descriptions.

u7 Initiation Program (IP)

u9 Novice

u11 Atom

u13 Peewee

u15 Bantam

u18 Midget

STAGE 1 PROGRAM

Stage 1 will be for development, skills, conditioning and scrimmaging.

We will divide our levels into tiers. Each level will have 2 Tiers, with potentially multiple teams in a tier.

Each week you will have 2 to 3 ice times. There won't be any split ice times, but potentially mixed ice times with teams within the same tier.

South Dundas will be bubbling with North Dundas at u9 (Novice), u11 (Atom), u13 (Peewee) and u15 (Bantam). U18 Midget will Tier, Bubble TBA.



In these bubbles we will be able to scrimmage against these teams in a 3 on 3 or 4 on 4 setting.

The scrimmages will not have referees, and there is no prolonged or deliberate physical contact between players.

TEAMS

In Stage 1, there will be no player evaluations (try-outs) to determine skill levels. Tiering levels into teams will be completed by the following aspects:

1. 2019-20 Team you were rostered on, ie Rep vs B or C House
2. The aspect of whether a player is a major or minor, meaning first year or second year in an age group.
3. The coaches and coach coordinators input.
4. The balancing of numbers per team.

DATES

October 1st to December 18th.

- Complete D1 shutdown from December 19th to January 1st.

There are 11 weeks in Stage 1, this will be referred to as the Fall Session.

- The Winter Session will be from January 2nd until the end of March.

You must make a commitment to Register by September 15th.

To be eligible to participate in the Winter Session, you must participate in the Fall Session.

COSTS

- i. This is a very challenging exercise. We are predicting most of our costs to be the same except for referee costs. We are also predicting a 20% reduction in registrants. In addition, other unknown factors may arise over the next few months that could affect the cost of hockey. Even so we are reducing the cost of registration for the season.
- ii. There will be no individual team fees in Stage 1. Currently, per D1, there will be no tournaments or exhibition games allowed in Stage 1.
- iii. The only travel required will be to the Morrisburg Arena or to an Arena in North Dundas (Winchester or Chesterville).

With the cost of registration reduced and the elimination of team fees, parent's overall costs will be reduced by approximately 25%. Considering the elimination of most travel, your costs for the Fall and Winter Sessions in Stage 1 have been significantly reduced.

If at the end of the 2020-21 season, SDMHA has a surplus from registration fees, parents will be reimbursed a share of the surplus. This is the standard that all D1 associations will be following. If we are running a deficit, we will reduce costs in the second half of the season and use some of our reserve funding to cover operating costs.

At our last AGM (Annual General Meeting) we passed our treasurers report for the 2019-2020 season. Please note that we were in a deficit position last season of \$6060. In 2018-19 we had a surplus of \$7377. We are committed to running a quality hockey program, while keeping the cost to families as low as we can.

FEES for 2020-21 SEASON

<u>Level</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>TOTAL Fee</u>
u7 IP	Born 2014-2016	\$400
u9 Novice	Born 2012-2013	\$550
u11 Atom	Born 2010-2011	\$550
u13 PeeWee	Born 2008-2009	\$600
u15 Bantam	Born 2006-2007	\$600
u18 Midget	Born 2003-2005	\$600

Payments are due in either one or two payments.

- 100% in September, or 50% in September and 50% in October.

Payment Due Dates:

September 15th

October 15th

There are no refund timelines. If you opt in to play, you have committed your fees for the season. You always have the option to withdraw, but no refund will be issued.

If the hockey season is cancelled or reduced in length because of Covid19, we will offer a prorated refund.

The Fundraising Portion of a player's registration costs goes directly to operational expenses. We offer the Fundraising as a means for families to re-coup some costs associated with their child's registration. Regrettably, fundraising for this season has been dropped. Please note that this is not an option and we have calculated that fee into registration.

REGISTERING

You must register again to opt into the 2020-21 season. Registration is now open and will close on September 15th.

Go to TeamSnap at: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/243265>

COACHING

We will need many more volunteers this year, so we have added a direct question in the registration form, please answer. We will ask for more volunteers once the teams are formed.

SCREENING

SDMHA will follow District 1, EOHU and South Dundas Township protocols. Before every ice session you will need to complete the pre-screening checks. We will have the pre-screening checks available to complete and submit via TeamSnap. When you arrive at the arena you will also be screened.

DRESSING ROOMS

To be Announced in the COVID 19 2020-2021 Arena Operations Plan, but we will have access to Dressing Rooms.

PARENT ATTENDANCE

To be Announced in the COVID 19 2020-2021 Arena Operations Plan, but at least one Parent will be allowed to view hockey sessions.

JERSEYS

We will distribute our game jerseys to all teams. We want the players to use them during any of their ice times. Coaches may determine which colour to wear on a specific day so always bring both your white and blue jerseys to the arena.

STAGE 2

As the next few months unfold, we are hopeful that minor hockey will get to Stage 2 of our season which allows for a more normal return to the hockey season. In Stage 2, the Winter Session could have us return to league play. In that instance, we will conduct Tryouts for our Rep and B House Teams in December.

RESOURCES

To prepare for a safe and enjoyable return to sport and recreation, participants should review the information on the EOHU website.



<https://eohu.ca/en/covid/return-to-sport-recreation-guidance-for-participants>

Facility operators and sport and recreation organizers (associations, coaches and volunteers) are being asked to create plans and adapt activities to ensure a safe and enjoyable return to sport and recreation for all.



The Municipality has created a COVID 19 2020-2021 Arena Operations Plan, which will go to council. Once approved, we will share.



DRAFT COVID 19 2020-2021 Arena Operations Plan

Municipality of South Dundas

Parks and Recreation

8/26/20

Draft Plan-For Council Review

