



Otonabee Minor Hockey

Minutes from Major & Minor Novice Townhall Meeting Wednesday, August 28, 2019 - 7:30 pm

Present: President, Brian Bickmore; Coach Convenor/Player Development, Wayne Clark; Ice Scheduler, Amy Bickmore; IP Coordinator, Scott Murdoff; Head Coach Minor Novice Black, Jamie McIntyre; Julie Stinson, Mark Stinson, Tracy Shaw, Dana Ardiel, Bob Roy, Donna Pinch, Rob Campbell, Brian Smith, Nick Powers, Dan Perilli, Sean Gillespie, Kristyne Smith, Barb Couch, John Murphy, Rob Graham, Ian McIntyre, Remie O'Donohue, Chris Fee, Ryan Simms

1. Opening

Meeting was called to order by President, Brian Bickmore at 7:39 pm.

2. Code of Conduct

All present were informed of the newly introduced Code of Conduct and that it is required that everyone involved with Otonabee Minor Hockey must sign it.

3. Concussion Protocol

Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) has mandated that each organization implement Concussion Safety Protocols. There is now a Concussion Safety Code of Conduct that must be signed by every family and returned to the coach within 7 days of the first day on the ice. Any player that does not have a signed form returned within those 7 days will be suspended until such form is returned. Otonabee Minor Hockey has also implemented a Concussion Checklist, Removal from Sport Policy and Return to Sport policy. Should a head injury be suspected, the trainer will go over the checklist with the player. If "yes" is checked on the form, the player will be removed from the game following the Removal from Sport procedure and will not be allowed to return to play without a doctor's note and the Return to Sport policy will be followed. It was asked about players that "over-react" or "under-react" to an injury. The trainer will have to closely monitor this, and use the checklist as a starting point.

4. Novice and Below Programming

Until January 15, 2020, Major Novice will play half-ice games, with no scores kept or penalties issued. There will only be 1 referee per game up until January 15. Full ice games will start after January 15, 2020. At this point, there will be 2 referees and scores and penalties will be tracked.

All Novice and below games will consist of 2 twenty-two (22) minute periods in 4 on 4 style hockey (with a goalie). Shifts will play until the buzzer and all players will need to exit the ice before the next shift goes on.

The minor novice level will be split into 2 teams determined by the scheduled evaluation skates. Minor Novice Black will focus on development and will not play in the LEO league. Information has been sent to families regarding extra fees for minor novice teams.

5. Coaches

Major Novice will be coached by Dan Hennessy and Rob Graham.

Minor Novice White will be coached by Jesse McInroy

Minor Novice Black will be coached by Jamie McIntyre

6. Start Dates

Otonabee Minor Hockey season starts September 14, 2019.

Leo League season starts October 14, 2019.

7. Gate Fees

Gate fees are set by the LEO league and the money brought in and kept on hand pays for the referees following each game. Gate fees for the 2019/20 season are as follows:

For Novice Level - \$2.00 until January 15, 2020

- \$4.00 after January 15, 2020

For Atom and above - \$4.00

8. Other Information

a/ Otonabee Minor Hockey has paid to have its logo featured at centre ice for the 2019/20 season

b/ For games, all minor novice teams will use BLUE pucks, all major novice teams will use BLACK pucks

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm