



OWHA RETURN TO HOCKEY

WHERE WE ARE

- Operating within Step Three in Ontario.
- Looking forward to moving beyond Step Three in all or most of Ontario.
- Next should be 'Roadmap Exit Step' which, it appears, will have familiar general rules and very few specific rules.
- At all times, OWHA must follow health and safety requirements of all levels of government including PHUs and facilities with the strictest requirement in place.
- At all times, OWHA Insurance is through Hockey Canada and is ONLY in place for OWHA sanctioned activities that meet all OWHA requirements.
- Some areas may move at any time to a different Step.
- **There are limited in-person OWHA sanctioned activities permitted in Step One and in Step Two and expanded activities in Step Three.**

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ROADMAP TO REOPEN

REMINDERS

Roadmap to Reopen outlines three steps to easing public health measures, guided by the following principles:

Step One: An initial focus on resuming outdoor activities with smaller crowds where the risk of transmission is lower and permitting retail with restrictions. This includes allowing outdoor gatherings of up to 10 people, outdoor dining with up to four people per table and non-essential retail at 15 per cent capacity.

Step Two: Further expanding outdoor activities and resuming limited indoor services with small numbers of people where face coverings are worn. This includes outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, outdoor sports and leagues, overnight camps, personal care services where face coverings can be worn and with capacity limits, as well as indoor religious services, rites or ceremony gatherings at 15 per cent capacity.

Step Three: Expanding access to indoor settings, with restrictions, including where there are larger numbers of people and where face coverings can't always be worn. This includes indoor sports and recreational fitness, indoor dining, museums, art galleries and libraries, and casinos and bingo halls, with capacity limits.

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Roadmap to Reopen

ONTARIO NEWS RELEASE – July 9/21

Ontario Moving to Step Three of Roadmap to Reopen on July 16

Continuing Improvements in Key Indicators Allowing Province to Safely Expand Indoor Settings and Capacity Limits. The Ford government has said that Ontario will remain in Step Three for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of those 12 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75 per cent are fully vaccinated. The province has also stipulated that each public health unit must have

at least 70 per cent of its eligible population aged 12 and over fully vaccinated and that other key public health and health care indicators must remain stable.

Important Notes

- Ontario is currently in Step Three
- Ontario and/or parts of Ontario may remain in Step Three or may move back to previous Steps or Stages including Lockdown

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT - possible expectations when Ontario or areas of Ontario advance past Step One

Roadmap to Reopen – after Step Three

- Moving beyond the roadmap
- When Ontario exits the Roadmap to Reopen, ('the roadmap exit step'), majority of public health measures in effect under Step Three will be lifted. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - removing capacity limits in all sectors
 - removing limits for social gatherings and organized public events
 - removing requirements such as active screening of patrons and workers
- To minimize the risk of COVID-19, a small number of measures will remain in place. These measures include, but are not limited to the following:
 - individuals must wear face coverings in indoor public settings, such as retail settings and workplaces, with limited exemptions
 - passive screening requirements - businesses and organizations must post signs at all entrances so individuals can screen themselves for COVID-19 before they enter
 - businesses or organizations must collect patron contact information in settings where it is currently required in Step Three to support case and contact management
 - businesses or organizations must comply with the advice, recommendations and instructions of public health officials
 - day camps and overnight camps must continue to operate in a manner consistent with safety guidance from the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health
 - businesses must have a safety plan that outlines how they will meet public health and workplace safety measures
- All employers must continue to meet their legal duty under the Occupational Health and Safety Act to take every precaution reasonable in the circumstances for the protection of workers.
- Read Schedules 4 and 5 in O. Reg. 364/20 for the public health and workplace safety measures under the Reopening Ontario Act that will need to be followed when the province exits the Roadmap.
- The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will continue to review data and provide advice to the government on the appropriate and effective measures that are needed to protect the health of Ontarians.

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August 1/21

Ontario Regulation 364/20

Formerly Under Emergency Management & Civil Protection Act

Rules for Areas at Step Three & at the Roadmap Exit Step

O. Reg. 364/20: RULES FOR AREAS AT STEP THREE AND AT THE ROADMAP EXIT STEP (ontario.ca)

PUBLIC HEALTH ONTARIO

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/diseases-and-conditions/infectious-diseases/respiratory-diseases/novel-coronavirus/vaccines>

VACCINATIONS

COVID-19 Vaccines

Immunization is widely recognized as one of the most effective interventions for reducing the impact of infectious diseases. As safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are approved for use and become available, Public Health Ontario (PHO) is working very closely with the Ministry of Health, local public health units and other health system partners to provide scientific expertise, data and resources for the successful implementation of COVID-19 vaccine programs.

PHO is actively monitoring, reviewing and assessing relevant research related to COVID-19 vaccines. Please visit the Synopsis of Key Articles webpage to find summaries of new articles on COVID-19 vaccines. This page will be updated as more information becomes available.

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<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario>

COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses like COVID-19. Vaccines work with your immune system so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed. This can reduce your risk of developing COVID-19 and make your symptoms milder if you do get it. Our supply will not arrive all at once, so distribution will happen in stages. The goal is for everyone in Ontario to be able to get a COVID-19 vaccination if they want one, as soon as enough doses are available from manufacturers.

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SUMMARY STEP THREE

WHAT IS REQUIRED

- Approved Applications from OWHA prior to any proposed activities.
- Requirements that continue
 - Pre-screening
 - Contact tracing
 - Physical Distancing
 - Masks
- Facility requirements based on %, area and maximums
- Compliance with All Health and Safety and OWHA requirements

NOT PERMITTED AT THIS TIME, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- Travel Outside Ontario - TBD
- Participation with teams from outside Ontario - TBD
- International/USA Transfers - TBD
- Hockey Games – tentative start date is September 1/21, based on health and safety approvals
- League Play – tentative start date is October 2021 and based on health and safety approvals
- Tournaments – tentative start date is October 1/21 based on health and safety approvals
- Overnight Camps and Activities - TBD
- Bus transportation - TBD
- Any off-ice activities without physical distancing and masks - TBD

NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME

- Unsanctioned activities

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STEP THREE

- Applications for programming must be submitted on the OWHA form, meet compliancy requirements, and receive prior written approval from OWHA
- All participants, players, staff, and executives/board members must register in RAMP for 2021-2022 season.
- All participants must be registered, and all staff must meet requirements such as certification, VSS/CRC, RIS and must follow all policies & procedures such as 2-deep
- Rowan's Law – Information posted on OWHA web site – current requirements remain in place
- Associations & Independent Teams are reminded of the importance of transparency of fees based on the uncertain aspects of hockey/Covid. There must be a refund policy in place for each Association.

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TRYOUTS

- Tryouts for OWHA registered players – commencing August 13/21 for areas in Step Three or beyond
- Players within your own association
- Brand new players
- Previously registered players with OWHA require Permission to Skate on OWHA Form
- Scrimmages are only permitted within your own tryout group
- U11 and younger must follow the pathway for their age group
- Permission to Skates are required unless players are currently registered with the association hosting the tryouts
- We encourage associations to work with players and other associations in the best interests of players.
- Tampering is not permitted, and a player registered with an association may not be approached to play for another association without the permission of her current association.
- Remember to be prepared for player evaluations if the Covid-19 situation worsens and tryouts are not possible.

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2021/2022

OWHA REGISTRATION

- All players and staff must be assigned on an approved team roster before their first game
- At this time, players may register with only one team
- There may be limits on pick up players
- There will be no DS registration for this season – this will be reviewed as we progress through health and safety protocols.

DUE DATES

- Intent to Register, ITR, as soon as possible
- Competitive Team Rosters – before the first game, exhibition, tournament or league game or October 31
- House League Team Rosters - before the first game, exhibition, tournament or league game or November 30
- Provincial Bond for competitive teams – October 31

FEES

- Team Registration (ITR) Fee - \$25.00/team
- Participant Registration Fee (player & staff) - \$50.00/participant
- FUNdamental Registration Fee - \$41.00/participant
- Participant with a Proof of Insurance - \$25.00/participant
- Provincial Bond for competitive team - \$200.00/team

OWHA - 2021/2022

U7 PLAYER PATHWAY - <https://www.owha.on.ca/content/u7-program>

U9 PLAYER PATHWAY - <https://www.owha.on.ca/content/u9-program>

U11 PLAYER PATHWAY- <https://www.owha.on.ca/content/u11-program>

OWHA CLINICS

COACH

- HU Planning a Safe Return to Hockey
- HU Online Coach 1 / Coach 2 (pre-requisite to Coach 1 or Coach 2 clinic)
- HU Online Checking (pre-requisite to Development 1 clinic)

NOTE: Clinics will be posted on the OWHA website once they are available.

TRAINERS - <https://htohockey.ca/>

OWHA Team Official Qualification Requirements have been updated ([click here to review](#))

OFFICIALS – Clinics will be posted on the OWHA website once they are available.

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League Play

- Please select the league, on the ITR, using the former league name at this time.
- Leagues will all be operated/coordinated through the OWHA office.
- League fees will be set when league budgets are confirmed.
- Will be more local with less travel and mostly limited to inside Ontario.
- Working with participating associations and teams
- Working with Volunteers
- Sharing Best Practices
- Focus on
 - Competitive Leagues
 - Senior Leagues
 - Travel House Leagues
 - Self Contained House Leagues
- Projected start date for most League play is October 2021
- U22 projected start date is late September 2021/early October 2021
- Will be adaptable to Covid-19 changes

Exhibition Games – based on Covid-19 protocols & eligibility

- Exhibition games for U13 and older may commence only once roster is approved and not before September 1, 2021.
- U11 and younger is based on the pathway requirements.
- All exhibition games against non-OWHA registered teams require pre-written approval from the OWHA.
- Requests are required for Ontario U Sports teams.
- All exhibition games must be recorded on RAMP.
- No exhibition games are permitted against USA teams until further notice.
- Approval may be considered for border games against Quebec and Manitoba.
- If in doubt about a registered team, please contact the OWHA office.

Provincial Championships

April 7- 10, 2022 if they can take place in regular or adapted format

PROCESS FOR OWHA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

- Host Association completes the application form on the OWHA web site.
- Completed application will be reviewed to ensure compliance with OWHA requirements.
- Applications meeting all requirements will be tentatively approved and posted on the OWHA web site by 12:00 noon each Tuesday.
- If an OWHA Member Association or Independent Team feels a tournament that has been tentatively approved creates a serious hardship for the players in their association, they may submit their concerns on the OWHA form. The form must be properly completed and received in the OWHA office no later than 12:00 noon on the Thursday following the Tuesday posting.
- All tentative applications that have not received comments will be approved.
- If a submission of concern is received, the OWHA will convene a meeting between the tournament applicant and the complainant to attempt a positive resolve. If this process does not reach a mutually agreeable position, the OWHA will convene an independent review panel to render a final and binding decision.

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ESSO FUN DAY

The Esso Fun Day program originated in 1998 and has grown to become Hockey Canada's largest recruitment tool for women's hockey. The unique program was designed to help thousands of first-time players step on the ice and start their hockey journeys!

The Esso Fun Day program: <https://www.owha.on.ca/content/esso-fun-days>

- Introduces beginners to hockey and its basic skills at no cost to the first-time participant
- Can be delivered to girls and women of all ages. (NOTE: Local associations may direct the program to a certain age group based on association needs and resources).
- Attracts first-time players to register for women's hockey programs, including Timbits U7, so they will enjoy the game for a lifetime.
- Enables participants to become contributing members of a team effort, experience team spirit, develop self-confidence and experience a sense of achievement.
- Creates a fun, informative hockey program that establishes Esso as a lead supporter of women's hockey programming and development.

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THE ASSIST FUND**

<https://www.owha.on.ca/article/62026>

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HOCKEY CANADA MALTREATMENT UPDATE**

- New Playing Rule – moved portions of rule 9.2 into a new Playing Rule #11 Maltreatment
- National requirement to track incidents of discrimination in a consistent and accurate manner
- On Ice Penalties under proposed playing Rule 11.4
- On Ice Allegations that are not penalized but reported
- Complaints of discrimination that occur outside of game play

OWHA will be providing updates on requirements, materials, and procedures when available.

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SUMMARY STEP THREE & BEYOND**

WHAT IS REQUIRED

- ✓ A Positive Approach and Teamwork
- ✓ Regardless of where a player registers, her health & well being is important to all of us.
- ✓ All players and participants will experience maximum benefit through our collective and individual strengths.

WINNING IS FAR MORE THAN THE SCORE OF A HOCKEY GAME

WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED

- Following:
- ALL Health & Safety Guidelines
- ALL OWHA Requirements

IMPORTANT: THE MOST RESTRICTIVE IS MANDATORY

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Q & A – will be updated shortly.