

President's Message

CWMHA is pleased to be able to open registration for the 2020/2021 season. We are committed to providing a safe, modified hockey program for our players and volunteers.

We have been working closely with Centre Wellington Parks and Recreation and the Wellington Dufferin Public Health Unit to plan facility protocols. With a Return to Play Framework from OHF, Safety Guidelines from Hockey Canada and a Return to Play Framework specific to OMHA, our plans are evolving.

We ask for your patience and support as we navigate through a safe return to play. Our CW Fusion family is our number one priority.

Christine Cook
President

Frequently Asked Questions

Registration

1. When will registration open?
[Registration will open via our website on Monday Sept 14, 2020 at 5pm.](#)
2. I filled out an Intent to Participate form. Does that mean my child has secured a spot for this season?
[No, we needed that information to aid us with planning and program demand.](#)
3. Will registration be capped?
[Yes! We are required to play in bubbles of 50 players and within the parameters of our allocated ice times. Once we register 50 children in a division, subsequent registrations will be placed on a wait list. Our youngest kids \(5-7 years\) will be capped at 40 as we can currently only have 20 kids on the ice at one time. Register your child for the level they played last season and once your division is full, complete the wait list on our website so we can add more bubbles.](#)
4. Will you offer a payment plan?
[No. We have set our fees so that as many families as possible can access the program. Fees associated with playing hockey include insurance \(player and bench staff\), website and banking fees, OMHA/OHF/Hockey Canada assessments, ice time, jerseys, refs and timekeepers, legal and accountant fees, additional costs related to COVID protocols, volunteer certifications, etc.](#)

5. When are fees due?

All fees for the initial phase of programming **MUST BE PAID IN FULL prior to Oct 1, 2020**. Payment options will include credit card, e-transfer and cash. If you child's fee is not paid by this date, his or her spot will be offered to a wait listed player.

6. My child has moved into the area since last season. Can they play with CWMHA?

Yes. All families must complete the full OMHA residential questionnaire to be eligible this season. This type of transfer ensures that all players in our program are from our local public health unit. Contact Brandy for more info at brandylswain@gmail.com.

7. My child played in CW last season from another home association. Can they return?

Yes, all players rostered to a CW team in the 2019/2020 season are eligible to return to CW programming this season. Siblings will not be able to accompany unless they were also registered in CW last season.

8. How much are registration fees?

2020/2021 Age Reference	2019/2020 Age Reference	Phase 1 Total	Approx Cost per Session
U16-U18	Minor Midget-Midget	\$425	\$18
U10-U15	Minor Atom-Bantam	\$400	\$17
U9	Novice	\$390	\$16
U6-U8	IP5, IP6, Minor Novice	\$350	\$15

The cost difference reflects the allowable programming as per the OHF Return to Play Document.

- All groups will begin with a required 2 weeks of development before beginning game play.
- All groups will have on average 2 ice times per week.
- All skaters will receive a jersey to keep.
- The U16-U18 group will have 4 development sessions and approx. 20 games.
- The U10-U15 group will have approx. 14 development sessions and 10 games.
- The U9 group will be following the pathway as laid out by the OMHA.
- The U6-U8 groups will see 12 weeks of development as per their pathways.

We will announce second phase fees in December once we have altered our current programming to match the return to play guidelines as adjusted by the OHF. Some of the initial fees will not apply to the second phase (for example insurance costs and OMHA/OHF/HC assessment fees are only once per season). These will be the only fees for this phase of programming, there will be **no team fees** collected by coaches for any reason.

9. Will you still offer the multi-participant discount?

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a discount this season. We have tried to closely balance keeping our program fees low while covering our costs.

Programming

1. What will programming look like?

CWMH has submitted a plan for approval that will allow 2 ice times per week for each division (see answer above under How much are registration fees). Players will be tiered based on where they were rostered last season and placed into teams of 10 (9 skaters and 1 goalie). Each team will be part of a bubble with 4 other teams (as registration permits) for the initial phase. This phase will last from October to December.

2. When can we hit the ice?

Upon approval of programming by the OMHA and our public health unit, we will begin the week of **Oct 5th**.

3. What happens after December?

We will re-evaluate the offering for January and moving forward. We want to ensure we are offering a modified competitive program while adhering strictly to all public safety recommendations at that time. Please understand programs and protocols are subject to change based on the COVID 19 trends in Ontario and our public health region. These are uncertain time for all of us and we appreciate your patience as we return to minor hockey.

4. What is happening with 4 year olds and new 5 year olds?

We are in the planning stages of offering a program for this group of kids beginning in January based on our public health requirements at that time. Since these age groups are so volunteer heavy and we are strictly limited to the number of people we can safely place on the ice at one time, we are unable to successfully run a program at this time. The requirement for participation will be that your child can skate independently from one side of the ice to the other (width).

5. I would like to volunteer as bench staff this season. What do I need?

To keep costs down, we are hoping to place already certified coaches and trainers. Coach 1, Coach 2, and the trainer's certificate will be offered online this year for those who need to complete. **Please do not complete these courses until we confirm that we have a spot for you unless you would like to do so at your expense.** You can find the current coaching requirements here:

https://cwminorhockey.ca/Pages/10286/Bench_Staff_Qualifications/

6. My child wanted to play rep this year. Can they?

There is no rep program at this stage of the OHF Return to Play plan (which can be referenced on our website, posted Aug 12). All house league and rep players will be playing on house league rosters. We are combining major and minor aged children by division and each team will play as many other teams of equal skill that we can fit in your child's bubble (maximum of 5 teams). There is absolutely no difference between the rep and house league programming in Stage 3B.

COVID protocol

1. What COVID protocols are in place for a safe return?

We will be in close contact with our local public health unit and CW Parks and Rec to ensure we are safely adhering to all protocols. Further information on Safe Return to Play will be posted to the website as approved by the OMHA and WDGPH. Please check for the information on the COVID tab on the website which will list each arena's protocol and more.

Unsanctioned Hockey Participation

1. If a player participates in a non-sanctioned hockey program, can they also participate with CWMHA?

Any individual who participates, knowingly or otherwise, in non-sanctioned programs after Sept 30, 2020 will lose all membership privileges with Hockey Canada for the remainder of that season as per policy. You can find the OHF document here for more information: <https://www.ohf.on.ca/media/o2zj5kjr/ohf-unsanctioned-league-policy.pdf>

CWMH is asking that families returning to hockey read carefully through the OHF Return to Play Framework: https://www.ohf.on.ca/media/l3pair4n/ohf-return-to-hockey_0731.pdf

Understandably, every question or scenario cannot be predicted at this time. The situation is very fluid and plans will continuously adjust. A program will be rolled out that will best develop our players and is in line with the OHF/OMHA guidelines while accommodating our members as best possible. The CWMHA executive are working hard to ensure we are prepared to pivot when necessary. Player and volunteer safety will remain our top priority and guiding force.