

REGULATION A: LAKE ONTARIO REGION

- A1 The Lake Ontario Region (LOR) is a Geographic Subdivision, for A and AA hockey from **U10 to U18** and for AAA hockey from **U10 to U16**, that is made up of the following:
- (a) GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan); and
 - (b) the surrounding OMHA Centres including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, and Ajax (each hereinafter referred to as an “OMHA LOR Centre” and these Centres’ AAA Zones); and
 - (c) Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation H20).

General Rules For LOR

- A2 Associations/Clubs that wish to add Teams in the LOR at A, AA and AAA above the base of one Team per Category and Division/Sub-Division must apply to their Member by January 31, of the current season for the following season. Approval of all applications will be done by Minor Council.
- A3 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre from **U10 to U13** must Tryout in their Centre/AAA Zone of residence.
- A4 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from **U10 to U13** requires a Release from their LOR Centre/AAA Zone of residence at AAA to Tryout at AAA, at AA to Tryout at AA, and at A to Tryout at A with other Teams in the LOR.
- A5 At the conclusion of each season, an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone resident Player from **U10 to U13** who has received a Release and has participated with a Team in the LOR outside of their LOR Centre/AAA Zone must return to their LOR Centre/AAA Zone to Tryout.
- A6 A Player in the LOR on a AAA Waiver must comply with the AAA Waiver Playing Regulations E31-E44 **for U12 to U16 and G4 for U10 and U11.**
- A7 At **U14** through to **U18** (with the exception of **U18** AAA) the LOR is an open Geographic Subdivision. All Players having graduated the **U13** Division and above are Released at the conclusion of the OHF Championships.

Tryouts/Registration (Also See OHF Playing Regulation G2, **G3 and G4**)

- A8 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from **U10 to U13** must have a Release from their Centre/AAA Zone to be eligible to Tryout with another Team in the LOR.
- A9 **At U12 and U13**, Teams must conduct Tryouts and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Weekend 1
				OHF Championships		
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
OHF	*AAA - Day 1	*AAA - Day 2	*AAA - Day 3	*AAA - Day 4	‡AAA - Day 5	‡AAA - Day 6
Championships				In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.		
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
‡AAA - Day 6	**AA - Day 1	**AA - Day 2	**AA - Day 3	**AA - Day 4	‡‡AA - Day 5	‡‡AA - Day 6
				In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.		
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
‡‡AA - Day 7	**A - Day 1	**A - Day 2	**A - Day 3	**A - Day 4	‡‡A - Day 5	‡‡A - Day 6
				In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.		
Day 21						
‡‡A - Day 7						

• U12 and U13 will be held in the fall, following Labour Day.

- (a) **At U12 and U13** the following legend applies:
- i. * Tryouts open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team, or, Players that have been Released by their residential Team in that Category, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
 - ii. ‡ Tryouts open to all Players providing they have attended the Tryouts with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
 - iii. ** Tryouts open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team, Players who have been Released by their residential Team in that Category or Players eligible as an NRP (OMHA only).
 - iv. ‡‡ Tryouts open to all Players providing they have attended the Tryouts with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released.

A10 A Player at U10 and U11 must comply with the tryout timelines contained in Regulation G4.

A11 A Player from **U14 to U18** (except **U18 AAA**) will require a Permission to Skate if changing Members. A Permission to Skate can only be withheld for outstanding fees or equipment.

A12 If a Player has difficulty obtaining the necessary Permission to Skate from their LOR Organization, it can be obtained from the LOR Organization's Member (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.

A13 Any Player who resides outside the LOR is not eligible to Tryout with any Team in the LOR, as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the LOR. The only exception to this is a Player who has a AAA Waiver Form (in this case, when the Player has complied with the AAA Waiver Regulations **for U12, U13, U14, U15 and U16**, a Player is eligible in compliance with E43 to participate in try outs and does not require the LOR Permission to Skate Form, as long as the Player presents the AAA Waiver Form(s) at Tryouts). **U10 and U11 Players must provide a AAA Waiver in accordance with Regulation G4.**

A14 Teams will be required to present to the Member Registrar any required forms for the Player to be eligible with the Player Registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so or provide documentation that contradict the regulations will be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) The Head Coach of the offending Team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games: and
- (b) The offending LOR Organization will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the Automatic Suspension of the offending Team until the fine is paid; and
- (c) Any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (d) The subject Player will not be eligible to sign, (or Affiliate) with any Team in the LOR Organization affiliated with the offending Team.

Releases

A15 **For U12 and U13**, in order to retain a Player requiring a written Release, the OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone with which the Player is Registered must offer the Player an opportunity to an unused Roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the Player and parent in accordance

with Playing Regulation H11. A Player at **U12 and U13**) who is provided a Registration offer from a Team and does not accept will not be provided a Release for that Category. An LOR Organization at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every Player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws an offer previously made, the Player is Released and the Team will forfeit one (1) Player Registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C8, for each such Player.

- A16 An LOR Organization that has made a Maximum Number of Offers may extend further offers to additional Players if any of the Maximum Number of Offers are declined. Any OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player who is in compliance with H18, to whom an offer above the Maximum Number of Offers is thereafter made, and who declines such offer, will be entitled to an immediate Release upon request.
- A17 An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player at **U10 to U13** who does not attend the majority of Tryouts and/or does not make themselves available to be offered a Roster spot with their Centre/AAA Zone will not automatically be provided a Release for that Category.
- A18 No Team/LOR Organization may Release a Player Registered in the LOR, after November 15 of the current season, however Members (GTHL and OMHA) are able to Release a Player until January 10.
- A19 For **U10 to U13** if a Player's OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone does not provide a Team in a specific Division and Category then a Player having fully participated in a majority of the Team's Tryout sessions is automatically Released for that Division and Category. If the Centre/AAA Zone does not provide Tryouts for a Team in a specific Division and Category then the Player is automatically Released for that Division and Category.

Markham Programs

- A20 Markham is unique in the LOR, as there are GTHL Clubs and an OMHA Association operating in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents is as follows:
- (a) Markham residents are always non-Imports to Markham Teams.
 - (b) A Markham resident Player who has not previously participated at the AAA, AA, A level from **U10 to U13** may play with either Markham Minor Hockey Association.
 - (c) Markham resident Players, **U10 to U13**, having Registered with either the Markham OMHA or Markham GTHL in any given season, will require a Release from that Team in order to register with the other Markham Member in the following season.
 - (d) Markham resident Players without an identified Import status (all **U10** Players and any Player who has not previously participated in the LOR at the AAA, AA or A Category) must be Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders in order to register with an LOR Team outside of Markham. Having been Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders, the Player's Import status will be defined based on the first LOR Team the Player registers with at the AAA, AA or A Category, **U10 to U13**.
 - i. If the Player registers first with any Team within the OMHA the Player is an Import to the GTHL.
 - ii. If the Player registers first with any Team within the GTHL the Player is an Import to the OMHA.

- (e) Markham resident Players, having established their Import status to either the OMHA or the GTHL may have their Import status reversed by playing one full season on a Team with the Markham organization where they would be defined as an Import if playing on a Team outside of Markham.
- (f) Markham resident Players, **U11 to U13**, wishing to play in the LOR outside of Markham require the following Release each season based on their Import status.
 - i. Import status to the GTHL:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for either Member in the LOR outside of Markham.
 - ii. Import status to the OMHA:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for an OMHA LOR Team outside of Markham.

The Extended Boundaries of the LOR AAA Zones Of Richmond Hill And Markham

- A21 The LOR has extended boundaries from the normal Association boundaries. This is due to the AAA Zones of Richmond Hill and Markham, which are both LOR areas, but which, for AAA programs only, have Players eligible in other Centres as part of their AAA Zone. The extended areas are as follows:
- (g) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone. Players from these areas as part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone are Imports to AAA GTHL Teams and are non-Imports to OMHA perimeter Centres of the LOR at AAA only.
 - (h) The area of Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is part of the OMHA Markham AAA Zone. Players from this area as part of the Markham OMHA AAA Zone are Imports to AAA GTHL Teams and are non-Imports to OMHA perimeter Centres of the LOR at AAA only.

Coaching Movement

- A22 A person who is Registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the LOR Organization with which such person is Registered as a Team Official, be Registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher Division or Sub-Division (where applicable) of another LOR Organization. Such written consent must be signed by an LOR Organization Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An LOR Organization may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member of the Team that is withholding the consent. Reports of any Team Officials who may be in violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the GTHL, OMHA or OHF office as soon as possible.

Imports

- A23 The Import quota system applies only to Teams in an area known as the LOR. It does not apply to other Associations/Clubs outside this area.
- A24 An Import is defined as a Player who:
- (i) resides in the LOR and plays for a Team in the Member (i.e. GTHL or OMHA) in which the Player is not a resident.
 - (j) resides in the AAA Zones of Burlington, Halton Hills, Grey-Bruce, York Simcoe, Central Ontario and Whitby who plays in the GTHL on the Waivers.

- A25 A Player remains an Import as long as they register with a non-residential Team. They do not lose their Import status after one, two, three etc. years as an Import with a Team.
- A26 A Team registering an Import shall place on the submitted Registration the word "IMPORT" and the Player's Registration shall be further validated as such by the Member and the OHF to be considered Registered as defined in Regulation 1.34.
- A27 If an Import Player has not been identified as an Import by the Team in accordance with OHF Playing Regulation H26 and is Registered by the Member and the OHF as a non-Import Player and is subsequently designated an "Import" by the Member or OHF, such Player shall be deemed to be Registered on the date of designation.
- A28 If, as a result of such designation or a Team has Registered more than the allotted number of Import Players, the priority of Registration as determined by the OHF Playing Regulation H27 shall prevail and Import Players must be Released in reverse order of Registration. Example: the last Player designated, as an Import would be the first to be Released. If two or more Players are designated on the same day, then Players shall be Released in reverse order based on the date of their original Registration. This Release order would continue until the Team has reached its proper Import quota.

Import Quotas (LOR Only)

- A29 Teams may only register a total allotment of Imports under the following guidelines:
- (k) for AAA no more than four (4) Imports;
 - (l) for AA and A Teams, no more than three (3) Imports.
- A30 Teams in the LOR may have Registered at any one time, no more than the allowed Import number for that Team.
- A31 If a Team registers too many Imports, the Players shall be Released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member until the Team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last Player whose Registration was approved would be the first Released.
- A32 AAA, AA, A Clubs or Teams in the LOR shall submit, through their Member, a current Team List to the OHF:
- (m) on October 15 of each playing season, all Registered Players for the current season with notation of Import Players
 - (n) on January 15, Clubs will submit, through their Member, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their Team list making its current Team List final.

Import Players Used As Affiliate Players in the LOR

- A33 Subject to the following, a Team may dress as Affiliate Players (AP's) both non-Imports and Imports, even if that means that the Team is dressing more Imports than its quota for any particular game.
- A34 An Import can dress for a maximum of ten (10) games. If the Affiliate Team has fewer Registered Imports than its quota, an Import may play an unlimited number of games after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs. Hockey Canada Regulation F16.
- A35 If an Import after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs is dressed by a Team whose quota is full (even if the number of Imports dressed for any particular game within the quota), that Team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member.

- A36 If a Team legitimately loses an Import (e.g. through a season ending injury or illness, or withdrawal), it can apply to the OHF for relief to replace that Player with an affiliated Import with the understanding that Hockey Canada Regulation F16 and F15(c) and OHF Regulation D6 apply.
- A37 The GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be, has the right to intervene, and, if necessary, discipline or penalize any of its Teams which, on the basis of a formal complaint, is found to be using an Import as an AP on a continual or regular basis so as to cause any Player, either Import or non-Import, on the immediately higher Category/Division Team to be inactive for unreasonable periods of time.
- A38 To assist Teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the LOR, an Import Player dressing for their Affiliated Team shall be designated as "AP (I)" on the game sheet. No designation is required on a game sheet for an Import playing for their registered Team.