



Orangeville Flyers Novice and Below Programming -General Overview

In 2018 our Novice and below program implemented stage two of a three-year implementation plan developed by Hockey Canada and implemented in Minor Hockey Associations.

In **2019/2020** we will be implementing phase three of the program for players 8 years old and younger.

Some key changes include the following:

- Renaming of our seven-year-old age group from “Tyke” to Minor Novice
- Novice teams will implement three phase program that includes half ice program until January 15th with full ice program until March.

As with any new program, we may have to re-assess and adapt the program as information and resources become available from Hockey Canada, OHF and OMHA. Our commitment is to ensure our Novice and below program meets the requirements set out by our governing agencies while providing a quality program for our players.

Our intent over the coming weeks is to continue to enhance our website and program planning for our membership. Additional resources from OMHA is pending and our program directors are in the process of finalizing program details for the upcoming season. Please be sure to revisit our site for updates.

Our Flyers Novice and Below Program for the 2019/2020 season will consist of the following:

Initiation Programming (IP): Timbits Program

Program Name	Age	Year of Birth
Preschool	4 years old by December 31	2015
IP 5's	5 years old by December 31	2014
IP 6's	6 years old by December 31	2013

Minor Novice Programming:

Program Name	Age	Year of Birth
Minor Novice House League (HL)	7 years old as of December 31	2012
Minor Novice Minor Select	7 years old as of December 31	2012

**Please note our Minor Novice Select team will be formed following an assessment and selection process commencing early September 2019. Assessment dates will be posted on our website and shared with impacted parents once available.*

Novice Programming:

Program Name	Age	Year of Birth
Novice House League (HL)	8 years old as of December 31	2011
Novice Rep AA/AE	8 years old as of December 31	2011

***Please note our Novice AA/AE team assessments and selection was completed in Spring 2019. Commencing 2020/2021 assessments for Representative and HL streams for Novice and below will be completed in September.*

Please see OMHA graphic below, summarizing the modified ice program for this season:



Additional Considerations:

In order to ensure we are maximizing the program for our youngest players the following considerations will be implemented this season:

- Players will be assessed and grouped by like abilities, adjustments may be required to ensure player development in our HL Streams
- Programming will be aligned with player progress and development. Enhancements to programs will be assessed/implemented as required throughout each phase to ensure player development and enjoyment for the game
- Underage players requesting to play in higher age groupings in HL will require assessments and consultation with OMH. Decisions regarding our local policy are still pending, additional details with respect to player movement will be available in advance of grading day;
- Underage players requesting to play in Minor Novice Select are eligible to attend assessments/tryouts in September, players are required to be evaluated and result are to align the player in the top 3 of the grouping in order to be considered for selection.

- Select and Representative streams will participate in Tri-County scheduling and will require travel to cities such as (Caledon, Milton, Woolwich, Centre Wellington, Brampton etc) divisions and schedules are communicated later in the fall and may vary season to season
- Teams will be provided with sets of goalie equipment and a team goalie jersey to use throughout the season to development interest in the position.
- Goalies must be rotated for Minor Novice and below and our HL streams, its recommended that goalies are rotated in Novice Rep streams however we respect that some players may have developed in the position or may not be interested, these circumstances will be handled on a case by case basis.
- September is a development month- no games are permitted

Helpful Links for Modified Ice Hockey:

OMHA Novice and Below Program <https://www.omha.net/noviceandbelow>

Hockey Canada Novice Program: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/coaching/novice>

OHF Player Pathway Initiation Program: <https://www.ohf.on.ca/players/player-pathways/initiation-program>

OHF Player Pathway Novice Program: <https://www.ohf.on.ca/players/player-pathways/novice-program>