



Selection Policy

Teams and Players- OBHF Provincial Competition

1. The OBHF shall conduct annually an inter-league competition in Men's, Women's, and Youth ball hockey for the Championship of Ontario. Such competition shall be under the direct control and direction of the Board of Directors of the OBHF.
2. No team which has not participated in League Competition during the current season and is regularly qualified through League Playoffs, shall compete in the Provincials.
3. A League must declare its intention to compete in the Provincial Championship(s) by submitting a list of qualifying teams by July 15th of the year of the event, as well as a pre-tournament roster form for each team attending, to the OBHF on or before August 1 in the current year.
4. It is the OBHF's responsibility to verify the eligibility of all individuals and teams entering the Provincial Championships. This is done by an OBHF database of players, teams, coaches and officials as well as ID checks at the competition.

OBHF Teams and Players- National Competition

1. OBHF registered individuals have an opportunity to compete in national competitions through the Canadian Ball Hockey Association (CBHA) and international competitions through the International and Street Ball Hockey Association (ISBHF). Verification of registration is confirmed through the OBHF database.
2. Ontario teams qualify for national competitions in the following ways:
 - a. Winning Provincials – the winner of provincials in any division automatically qualifies for nationals.
 - b. If Ontario is given more than one seed at a national competition, the OBHF employs one of two methods:
 - i. The spot is given to the 2nd place provincial team, 3rd place, etc. depending on the number of seeds
 - ii. A qualifier tournament is held with the winner(s) qualifying for the spot
3. If a new division is developed in which provincial competitions have not taken place the following selection procedure will take place:
 - a. A qualifier tournament is held with the winner(s) qualifying for the spot
 - b. Try-out camps are held with a selection committee put in place to run the camp and select the players

c. An application process takes place in which players can apply if they are interested, listing their experience and references. A Selection Committee is put in place to review the applications and select the players.

OBHF Teams and Players- Ontario Summer Games Competition

1. Four try-out camps take place over three weekends in Northern Ontario (plus additional localized camps if needed), Eastern Ontario, South/Western Ontario and Central Ontario for both the U18 girls and U15 boy team selections.
2. Open Ontario Summer Games try-out camps are advertised on the OBHF website and social media.
3. An email communication is sent to all OBHF leagues letting them know about the try-out camps. Top athletes are encouraged by leagues in their area to participate and be considered.
4. Try-out camps take place to select players.
5. From each try-out camp one U15 boys team and one U18 girls team is selected from each of the four regions ensuring the best will be chosen and the level of competition will be high.

Section Process for OBHF Coaches

1. All OBHF and CBHA coaching opportunities are advertised on the OBHF website and OBHF social media. An email communication is also sent to all leagues.
2. All Ontario residents have an opportunity to apply for these positions.
3. A Selection Committee is formed to review all applications and select candidates (OBHF Committee for OBHF Coaches and CBHA Committee for CBHA Coaches).
4. Successful candidates are contacted by the Selection Committee Chair.
5. Unsuccessful candidates are contacted with reasons why they were not selected so they can improve on these areas for next time.

Selection Process for OBHF Referees

1. All OBHF referees are trained using the CBHA Rulebook and therefore have an opportunity to referee in OBHF league, OBHF Provincial, CBHA and ISBHF competitions.
2. The OBHF Technical Director is a Member of the CBHA Technical Committee.
3. The OBHF Technical Director Chairs the OBHF Technical Committee.
4. Members of the OBHF Technical Committee are trained to review referees at the league and provincial level based on a set of guidelines developed by the OBHF Technical Committee.
5. Reviewers at the league level put forward the names of top league referees for provincial competitions.
6. Reviewers at the provincial level put forward the names of top referees in consultation with the OBHF Technical Committee to the CBHA for consideration at the national level.
7. At the National level reviewers put forward the names of top referees to the ISBHF for consideration at the international level.

6. Throughout the season and during provincials OBHF Technical Committee members regularly review and provide feedback to referees so they can improve their skills.

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