

9. ICE HOCKEY

A. GENERAL REGULATIONS

1) Interscholastic Participation

- 1.1) Only school teams recognized by the local Board of Education are eligible to participate in the OHSAA-sponsored tournament.
- 1.2) An individual may participate in a subvarsity game and a varsity game in the same day. Participation in both counts as two games in the contest limitation of 35. (Penalty — See Sports Regulation 20.)

*A team/Individual that exceeds the regular season participation limitation (maximum number of contests permitted) or participates in regular season contest(s) prior to the designated start date for contests may be removed from the OHSAA tournament.

- 1.3) PREVIEW — a maximum of one preview at which admission may be charged may be played according to the following schedule:

A preview may be scheduled and played only starting with the first day after four-day acclimatization period during the first four days of practice and ending with the date of the first regular season game of the teams involved. A preview may not exceed two periods for any one player or team and shall be played according to National Federation Ice Hockey Rules.

- 1.4) Any regular season game in ice hockey which is not started due to unforeseen circumstances, such as failure of team to arrive, strikes, school closings, is “No Contest.” Games not played are not included in won-lost statistics.
- 1.5) A member school, when instituting an interscholastic ice hockey program for its initial season, or renewing such a program after not having had an interscholastic ice hockey program the preceding school year, shall be permitted to conduct tryouts for such interscholastic ice hockey squad between April 15 and May 30 of the relevant year.

Said tryouts shall be conducted under the direction and supervision of the head and/or assistant coach for that interscholastic ice hockey squad, or if not yet retained, an adult familiar with interscholastic ice hockey who shall be selected by the principal and/or athletic administrator of such school.

Said tryouts shall be conducted so as to conflict as little as possible with spring sports sponsored by the member school. Sundays may be used for such tryouts if no other dates are conveniently available for the student athletes, due to academic, athletic or extracurricular activities.

Said school shall conduct no more than three (3) such tryout sessions.

The school shall also conduct a supplemental tryout at the beginning of the winter sports season for all student athletes who could not attend the earlier tryout or who have since enrolled at the member school.

Students qualifying for such squad at the initial April/May tryout shall not be removed from such squad at the winter sports tryout unless academically or otherwise ineligible for participation.

This set of procedures may likewise be used by a member school which is reestablishing an interscholastic ice hockey program so long as such school did not compete in the OHSAA Ice Hockey Tournament the preceding school year.

- 1.6) All teams must respect a four-day acclimatization period during the first four days of practice. All athletes joining the team for the first time at any point during the season after the first day permitted for coaching also must participate in a four-day acclimatization period prior to competing in a contest. All teams will utilize the first four days of preseason practice to acclimate players to safe body contact in high school hockey. Specific instructions for delivering and receiving a body check in a safe manner to promote safety and minimize injuries are required during this acclimation period.

2) Non-Interscholastic Participation

- 2.1) Ice Hockey Players Who Have Not Competed for Their School This Season:

An ice hockey athlete who has not participated for the school in the sport of ice hockey that season must cease participation in non-interscholastic ice hockey on November 20, 2020, in order to be eligible for OHSAA tournament competition.

In addition, an athlete who has participated for the school in ice hockey who violates this non-interscholastic participation date in ice hockey shall be ineligible for OHSAA tournament competition in ice hockey in addition to any other penalties that may be prescribed.

- 2.2) A member of an interscholastic ice hockey squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education shall not participate in a non-interscholastic program (tryouts, practice or contest) as an individual or a member of a team in the sport of ice hockey during the school's season. This regulation is applicable for those invited to participate in a tryout, group training or practices at a college or in contests, tryouts, group training or practices with any non-school team such as a club (Sports Regulation 7.3).

- 2.3) A member of an interscholastic ice hockey squad (any student who has played in a scrimmage, preview or regular season/tournament game as a substitute or starter) sponsored by the Board of Education may participate in non-interscholastic ice hockey prior to and after the school season under the following conditions:
- 2.31) The number of interscholastic ice hockey players from the same school on the non-interscholastic squad is limited to **five** on the roster of that non-interscholastic squad. A roster is defined as all the members of the entire squad on that non-interscholastic squad.
- Note: Graduating seniors who are participating on a non-interscholastic ice hockey squad after their final interscholastic contest of the season in the sport of ice hockey are exempt from this limitation.
- 2.32) There is no limit on the number of ice hockey squad members from the same school participating on the same squad during the period June 1-July 31.
- 2.33) A player may continue to play with a non-interscholastic squad in a national qualifying tournament in excess of the **five** player limitation after July 31 until the squad is eliminated but no later than Labor Day.
- 2.34) Non-interscholastic participation includes tryouts, training, practice and competition.
- 2.35) All-Star Games — There are many directors of non-interscholastic competitions that use the term “All-Star” in describing their events. Student-athletes in team sports who wish to participate in one of these “all-star” competitions outside the interscholastic season of their sports may do so without jeopardy to eligibility provided the students maintain compliance with Sports Regulations 7.3 and 7.6.
- The purpose of this special “All-Star” regulation is to provide an opportunity for the interscholastic team sport coach to coach players from his or her school. Coaches are permitted to coach in “All-Star” contests if they meet all the provisions of General Sports Regulation 7.6.
- Penalty: For a senior, violation of this regulation may result in the loss of athletic eligibility for the balance of the school year. For all other students, the penalty may result in loss of eligibility for the ensuing season in the sport in which the student participated in the All-Star contest.
- 3) Instructional Programs**
- See *Regulations for Instructional Programs* under Section 8 of the General Sports Regulations and in the Ice Hockey Manual that is posted on the “Ice Hockey” section of the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).
- 4) No Contact Period — Coaches**
- See *Regulations for No Contact Period* — Coaches under Section 11 of the General Sports Regulations and in the Ice Hockey Manual that is posted on the “Ice Hockey” section of the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).
- 5) Penalties**
- 5.1) The maximum penalty for violation of Sports Regulation 7.2 (participation with a non-interscholastic ice hockey squad while a member of the school’s interscholastic ice hockey squad) or any OHSAA regulations for any member of the school squad, EXCEPT a senior, may be ineligibility for the remainder of the interscholastic ice hockey season or the ensuing ice hockey season. For a senior, the maximum penalty may be ineligibility for the remainder of the school year.
- 5.2) The penalty for a coach for violation of Sports Regulation 7 (non-interscholastic teams) may include suspension, probation, public censure, fine not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence, or such other penalty as the Executive Director may deem appropriate.
- 6) Transfer Bylaw**
- While all questions regarding the transfer bylaw should be addressed to the appropriate school administrator, information regarding the transfer bylaw can be found on the OHSAA website at this link, <http://www.ohsaa.org/Eligibility/Transfer>. Note that students who transfer and do not meet an exception to the transfer bylaw, and who participated in high school ice hockey within 12 months of the transfer date, are ineligible for all regular season contests, scrimmages, and the OHSAA postseason tournament beginning with varsity regular season contest #19.
- 7) Other Bylaws and Regulations**
- For information on Ejections for Unsporting Conduct, see Ejection Policies for Coaches and Players under Section 13 and 14 of the General Sports Regulations and in the Ice Hockey Manual, which is posted on the “Ice Hockey” section of the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org). For information on Out of State Travel regulations, see Bylaw 9-2 which is posted on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) and in the Ice Hockey Manual, which is posted on the “Ice Hockey” section of the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).
- B. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 9-12**
- 1) Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — October 30, 2020.**
- 2) First game — November 20, 2020.**

- 3) **Deadline date for OHSAA Tournament — February 5, 2021.**
- 4) **Tournament draw/seeding meeting — February 10, 2021.**
- 5) **Coaching and Season end — March 14, 2021.**
- 6) **Scrimmages and Previews — Maximum of four scrimmages or three scrimmages and one preview. A preview shall be limited to a maximum of two 15 minute periods played according to National Federation Ice Hockey Rules.**
 - 6.1) Scrimmages or previews scheduled against Special Olympics teams, or a team of similar designation, may be approved by the OHSAA to be played in addition to the maximum allowable number of scrimmages or previews. A waiver for approval of such contests can be found on the “Ice Hockey” section of the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org). This waiver must be submitted to, and approved by, the OHSAA Ice Hockey Administrator prior to the contest taking place.
- 7) **Regular season games — Maximum of 35 regular season games plus OHSAA tournament. Each contest played counts in the maximum of 35 contests permitted.**
- 8) **Rules — National Federation Ice Hockey.**
- 9) **Officials**
 - 9.1) Varsity — OHSAA Class 1 officials required.
 - 9.2) Reserve/Junior Varsity — OHSAA Class 1 officials recommended.
 - 9.3) Freshman — OHSAA Class 1 officials recommended.

C. SPECIFIC REGULATIONS — GRADES 7 & 8

- 1) **Coaching, tryouts and instruction may begin — October 30, 2020.**
- 2) **First game — November 20, 2020.**
- 3) **Coaching and Season end — March 14, 2021.**
- 4) **Scrimmages — None permitted.**
- 5) **Regular season games — 15 plus one postseason tournament not to exceed three games.**
- 6) **Rules — National Federation Ice Hockey.**
- 7) **Officials — OHSAA Class 1 officials recommended.**

Ice Hockey	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Coach-No Contact Period	8/1-8/31/20	8/1-8/31/21	8/1-8/31/22	8/1-8/31/23
Coaching and Tryouts Begin	10/30	10/29	10/28	10/27
Season Begins	11/20	11/19	11/18	11/17
District	2/15-3/6	2/14-3/5	2/13-3/4	2/12-3/2
State	3/13-3/14	3/12-3/13	3/11-3/12	3/9-3/10
Season Ends	3/14	3/13	3/12	3/10
Easter	4/4	4/17	4/9	3/31
Coach-No Contact Period	8/1-8/31/21	8/1-8/31/22	8/1-8/31/23	8/1-8/31/24