



Hello Tiger Families,

Welcome to the 2020/21 season. We would like to thank you for your patience during this extraordinary time. For those of you that took the time to fill in our survey, thank you for your feedback, it was greatly appreciated. As many of you can appreciate, updates and information are changing hourly and the Orangeville Girls Hockey Association (OGHA) is working diligently to put a Return to Hockey model in place that follows the guidelines of Hockey Canada, Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), the Town of Orangeville, Government and our Public Health Unit (PHU).

Our upcoming season will be moving forward; however, it will not be a traditional hockey season. The season will consist of 2 Blocks.

**Block 1** will run from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. The season will commence with a minimum of 2 weeks of skills development. House League players will have balancing sessions towards the end of September and will be placed on teams. Once we are given the approval from the OWHA we will move forward to a modified game play situation, playing 3 on 3 or 4 on 4, depending on the age level. We will eventually be able to join with our partner organizations, Caledon, Brampton & Vaughan, therefore there may be some travel. We are hoping modified game play will commence by mid-October but we will need approval from OWHA before this can happen. We are awaiting the modified game rules from the OWHA.

There will be no try-outs for our Representative teams at the moment. If OWHA approves try-outs in the future, we will reassess at that time. Girls that played on a Rep team in Orangeville for the 2019/20 season will automatically be contacted by a Rep coach to see if they are interested in skating with that team. House League girls that were interested in trying out for a Rep team this season will check the appropriate box on the registration page stating they would like to be considered for a Rep team this season. If there is room on a Rep team, the coach may reach out to you. If you are a player from outside of the OGHA and are interested in being considered for a Rep team please contact the Rep coach. There are no Permission to Skate forms being issued. You cannot skate with an Orangeville Rep team unless you have registered with the OGHA and we have received your Release from your previous organization. Our Representative teams will commence with a minimum of 2 weeks of skills development. They will be starting their season the week of September 8<sup>th</sup>. Rep coaches will be reaching out to other centres to create an Extended Group for their teams to play modified 4 on 4 games against, therefore there may be some travel. We are hoping modified game play will commence by the end of September but we will need approval from OWHA before this can happen. There will not be a Lower Lakes League, playoffs, playdowns, tournaments or Provincials at this time.

**Block 2** will run from January 1<sup>st</sup> to approximately the end of March. We will be reassessing the guidelines that OWHA has put in place and determining if our season will continue with modified game play or not. We are hoping House League teams will not change during this block, however, we cannot guarantee at this time.

Registration for the 2020/21 season is now open on our website. There are 2 avenues that you must register on this season; the OGHA website and the OWHA RAMP website. You will find the link for RAMP on our registration page. Players can only register with 1 organization this year. Players are not allowed to play on both a girls and a boys team this year. You will find all fees and our refund policy on the Registration General Information page. Registration fees cover the cost of OWHA insurance, ice, officials, jersey and socks, pictures and a yearend banquet/trophy.

Our anticipated schedule is as follows; however, this will depend on ice availability:

**House League U7 & U8 teams** - practice/play on Saturdays and possibly every other Tuesday. **U7** Cross ice 3 on 3, **U8** Half ice 3 on 3

**House League U9 to U15 teams** - practice on Wednesday evenings and practice/play on either Saturday or Sundays. **U9** Half ice 3 on 3, **U11** Half ice 3 on 3, **U13 - U15** Full ice 4 on 4

**House League U20** teams - play on Monday evenings. Full ice 4 on 4

**Ladies Rec** - play on Friday evenings. Full ice 4 on 4

**Fundamentals** program - start mid-October on Saturday mornings.

The OGHA will have a COVID-19 Response Protocol in place on their website under the "Covid" tab in the event that someone is not feeling well or has tested positive for Covid. We will also have protocols in place to screen and track participants coming to the rink. We are awaiting direction from the Town of Orangeville regarding guidelines that we must follow. These will be shared with our members as they become available.

All updates and information will be shared with our members on our website at [www.orangevilletigers.com](http://www.orangevilletigers.com), through our **Tigers email distribution list**, Facebook page **@orangevilletigers**, Instagram page **orangevilletigers** and Twitter page **@OvilleTigers1**. If you would like to receive emails please ensure you include your email address when you register. All Return to Play documents from the OWHA, OGHA and the Town of Orangeville will be available on our website under the Covid tab. We encourage you to read them as there are many guidelines to be followed.

The OGHA will be holding a Virtual AGM meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The link to access the meeting will be available on our website at 6:00 pm that day. We encourage you to join the meeting and ask questions.

Thank you once again for your continued support, patience and understanding. Although it will look a little different this year, we will strive to put forth a fun, safe and competitive program for all players.

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