

WELCOME BACK ST★RS!

Twin Centre Players and Parents,

It is with great anticipation and excitement that the 2021-2022 hockey season is just around the corner, right here in **TWIN CENTRE!** Plans from OMHA are that we will return to a more "regular" hockey season this year, which includes competing against our neighboring centres in both the Southern Counties Rep League and Grand River Local League.

Your Twin Centre Executive has been working hard to make sure we are ready for the season's start and on behalf of your board, I wish to welcome you back to the ice!

The below information has been provided to answer questions you may have as we get a start to the upcoming 2021-2022 season.

ARENA & COVID PROTOCOLS

Once it is available, please review the COVID information package provided by the Township of Wellesley for arena protocols and safety plans. Players will be permitted to enter the arena 15 minutes prior to their ice time. We will have use of the dressing rooms this season so players may choose to dress at the arena, however 15 minutes is the maximum time prior to entrance. It is recommended that younger players arrive at the arena partially/fully dressed (except skates, gloves and helmet). Similar to last season, all participants entering the arenas will be required to complete the COVID screening form (link on the TCMHA website @ www.tcmha.ca) prior to entry.



Please be advised that OMHA has released a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy which all minor hockey associations under OMHA are to comply with. OMHA will be mandating that all eligible participants involved in minor hockey are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 for the upcoming season. All eligible participants are required to be fully vaccinated by October 31st, 2021. For more details on the OMHA COVID-19 Vaccination Policy, please visit the following link: https://tcmha.ca/Articles/4862/OMHA_COVID-19_Vaccine_Policy_Announced/. As noted in an email sent to all registered participants earlier this week, please send proof of vaccination status to our Registrar (registrar@tcmha.ca) at your earliest convenience.

PRESEASON ICE TIMES

Ice times will begin **September 18th** for most age groups in the Wellesley Arena. Wellesley Arena will be the first arena open, followed by St Clements arena in early October. Please check the TCMHA website @ www.tcmha.ca for ice times and schedules as they are updated frequently throughout the season.

As per the Hockey Canada player development pathway, participants in U9 and U11 must be provided with pre-tryout skates. Twin Centre has decided to extend these pre-tryout skates to all players born in 2014 (U8) and later. All players registered in Twin Centre are invited out to these "Preseason Skates", regardless of whether they are trying out for REP or not. These sessions are listed on our website as "Preseason Skate".

U8 & U9 -> Sep 18, 19, 21, 25

U10 & U11 -> Sep 18, 19, 23, 25

U12 & U13 -> Sep 18, 19, 21, 23

U14 & U15 -> Sep 18 & 22

U16 / U17 / U18 -> Sep 18 & 22

U7 ice times will begin on September 25th

First Stars program ice times will begin on October 2nd at 10:00am

BODY CHECKING CLINIC (U15 & U18)

Twin Centre will be running a Body Checking Clinic on Monday September 20th from 7pm-9pm. This clinic is MANDATORY for all players trying out for U15 REP and/or wishing to be considered as Affiliate Players (APs) to U15 REP (this includes any U13 players who could be potential APs to U15 REP). Also, for any players in U18 REP who have not previously completed a Body Checking Clinic, they will also be required to attend this clinic prior to tryouts. Please contact our Registrar (registrar@tcmha.ca) for more details.

REP TRYOUTS

REP Tryouts will begin on or after September 24th, depending on age division. These are noted on the calendar as "Tryout". The cost of REP Tryouts is \$50 per player and must be paid through the Hockey Canada HCR 3.0 portal (same as when you registered) by September 23rd, 2021. Those not registered and paid cannot attend tryouts. This year, there will be 4 tryout ice times for REP teams to make their selections.

U8 & U9 -> Sep 28, 30, Oct 3, 5
U10 & U11 -> Sep 27, 30, Oct 2, 4
U12 & U13 -> Sep 25, 27, 29, Oct 2
U14 & U15 -> Sep 25, 27, 29, Oct 2
U16 / U17 / U18 -> Sep 25, 28, Oct 2, 3

LOCAL LEAGUE

For those players signed up for Local League and who are not trying out for REP, player ice times will begin on September 25th for U7 and September 26th for U9, U11, U13, U15, U18. These are noted on the calendar as "Practice". Teams will be split after evaluation and individual team ice times will be scheduled after October 9th.

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

We have a great program lined up for this season. Twin Centre will be providing options for both Goalie Clinics as well as a Specialized Hockey Development Player Program being offered in partnership with **The Zone Training**. The Hockey Development Program will be run at our home arena so there is no driving to Waterloo or elsewhere to get a great development program for players interested in this from Twin Centre. There will be a maximum limit on the number of participants and registration will be offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Info coming soon!

COMMUNICATIONS

Our TCMHA website is your best source of scheduling information and communications. We have and will continue to post information and communications on our programs and schedules through the www.tcmha.ca website. Our website has a feature available to sign-up and subscribe to calendar updates for your child's team. Should you have any questions as we start the season, you can reach us through our general info mailbox at info@tcmha.ca, on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) or reach out to a member of your board (<https://tcmha.ca/Staff/1003/>).

We look forward to a great season ahead, seeing everyone back on the ice and the opportunity to provide hockey programming to all our Twin Centre Stars players!

See you at the rink!

David Dienesch
President
Twin Centre Minor Hockey Association

