

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. When do I need to register my child for the next hockey season and how much does it cost?

Basic Registration Dates and Fees

DIVISION	AGE	Before July 1st	Before August 15th	After August 15th
INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM (IP)	4, 5, 6	\$230.00	\$230.00	Late Fee of \$50.00

House League Fees

Player fees for our House League teams, which formerly consisted of a basic registration fee of as high as \$695, depending when it was paid, has been reduced to \$630.00. They can be paid in two installments if parents wish. Please see the installment schedule below.

DIVISION	AGE	Before July 1st	Before August 15th	After August 15th
NOVICE	7, 8	\$315.00	\$315.00	Late Fee of \$50.00
ATOM	9, 10	\$315.00	\$315.00	Late Fee of \$50.00
PEEWEE	11, 12	\$315.00	\$315.00	Late Fee of \$50.00
BANTAM	13, 14	\$315.00	\$315.00	Late Fee of \$50.00
MINOR MIDGET	15	\$315.00	\$315.00	Late Fee of \$50.00
MIDGET	16, 17	n/a	n/a	n/a
JUVENILE	18	n/a	n/a	n/a

Representative Fees

Player fees for our rep teams, which formerly consisted of a basic registration fee of as high as \$695.00 depending on when it was paid, and a rep fee of \$900.00, have been reduced \$1,500.00. They can be paid in three installments if parents wish. Please see the installment schedule below.

DIVISION	AGE	Before May 31st	Before July 1st	Before August 15th	After August 15th
NOVICE	7, 8	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
ATOM	9, 10	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
PEEWEE	11, 12	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
BANTAM	13, 14	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
MINOR MIDGET	15	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
MIDGET	16, 17	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	Late Fee of \$100.00
JUVENILE	18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

NFMHA Representative Fees

Player fees for rep teams have been changed to \$1,500. This total combines registration & rep fees.

This can be paid in three installments,

\$500.00 by May 31st,

\$500.00 by July 1st, and

\$500.00 by August 15th, if parents wish.

A late fee of \$100.00 will apply to payments made after August 15th.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – **REGISTRATION CLOSES AUGUST 1, 2015**

After August 1, acceptance is at the discretion of the Board and will be subject to a late fee.

Q. What method of payment is accepted?

We accept Visa, MasterCard, and Debit.

As of January 1, 2014, the NFMHA no longer accepts cash.

Q. Can I pay in installments?

As of Spring 2016, we accept installments.

Q. What is Respect In Sport – Parent Edition and is it mandatory?

Commencing the 2014 & 2015 Season, the OMHA implemented the “Respect in Hockey” initiative. This initiative requires at least one parent or guardian of each player registered in minor hockey throughout the OMHA to complete the e-learning course “Respect in Sport – Parent Program” as a condition of participation. For inquiries regarding the Respect in Sport - Parent Program, please contact the Business Office at nfmha@bellnet.ca. Alternatively, feel free to contact the OMHA directly at omha@omha.net

To access the e-learning course, please visit www.omha.net. Click on the Players Tab, and then select “Parents”. There you will find an Overview, Instructions, and access to the e-learning course. Once you have completed the course, and added your child(ren) to your profile, please forward a copy of your certificate to the Niagara Falls Minor Hockey Business Office at nfmha@bellnet.ca

The cost for this course is \$12.00 + HST per family. The OMHA only accepts online credit card payments. This course is available now.

The deadline for course completion is August 1, 2015.

Q. What equipment does my child need?

Hockey stick, CSA approved helmet with face protector, mouth guard, neck guard, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, athletic supporter with cup/jill, hockey pants, shin guards, and skates.

Q. How do I know my registration is confirmed?

Once you have submitted your registration form online and paid in full, you will receive an electronic receipt which confirms your acceptance into Niagara Falls Minor Hockey.

Q. What equipment is supplied?

Hockey sweater and hockey socks.

Q. When will I be contacted as to what team my child is on?

IP TO BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE REGISTRANTS: All participants should be contacted by September 20, 2016. If you have not been contacted by this date, please contact our business office at nfmha@bellnet.ca.

MIDGET AND JUVENILE-LEVEL HOUSE LEAGUE PLAYERS: All participants should be contacted by October 1, 2016. If you have not been contacted by this date, please contact the office at nfmha@bellnet.ca.

Please do not phone or email prior to these dates.

Q. When does the House League season begin?

House League hockey begins in the middle of September, **with the exception of Midget and Juvenile**. Everyone will be contacted by a coach or convenor with your start date and time.

Q. When will my child play and practice?

House League registrants play one game per week. Practices will be one day per week at a variety of times. The schedule for the 2016 & 2017 Season will not be available until September. It will be distributed by your coach.

Q. Can I specify a certain coach or team that I want my child to play for?

Unfortunately, with a registration base of 900 participants it has become impossible to accommodate special requests. We do accommodate siblings registered in the same division. If you are coaching, you can ensure your own child is on your team.

Q. Can I request that my child play with his or her friend for carpooling purposes?

Again, it is impossible to accommodate special requests. Once the first two weeks of hockey has been played and it is unworkable for you to get your child to the arena please speak with your coach and convenor, and we will try to accommodate your situation.

Q. What documentation do I need if I want to coach?

Coaches and trainers are required to attend clinics run by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association. Each level of hockey is designed with clinic specific programs. You may contact the Minor Hockey Office or OMHA directly to determine which clinics best suit your coaching/training position. Once determined, please visit our Clinics section for a complete listing of clinics offered this season by the NFMHA. For additional clinic listings, please visit www.omha.net and click on Development Programs. Another requirement of the NFMHA and the OMHA is a criminal reference check to be obtained through the NFMHA. Please contact minor hockey for further information.

Q. Where do I sign up to be a House League Coach?

Coaching applications are available on this website and in the Minor Hockey Office. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2016.

Q. How will I find out my child's House League schedule?

Schedules will be available through your coach and convenor.

Q. Is there a league specifically for girls?

The Niagara Falls Rapids offers recreational and representative hockey for girls. They are not associated with the NFMHA, but we have a great working relationship with them. Please visit www.nfga.com for details and contact information.

Q. What documentation do I require to claim my child's hockey registration fees on my current income tax return?

Once you have registered your child(ren) online, and paid in full, a receipt will be emailed to you. Please keep this receipt for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit.

Representative hockey players also receive a receipt upon payment of the representative hockey fee. Please include that document in your records.