

PLAYOFFS 2026 (FEB 8 – MAR 11)

<p>JANUARY 24th</p> <p>SEEDING – only to establish playoff matchups.</p>	<p>Round robin</p> <p>2 points for a win 1 point for a tie 0 points for a loss. Feb 8th to Wed March 11th</p>	<p>OMHA – team advancing</p> <p>To be determined by round robin play From Feb 8th to Wed Mar 11th Tie Breaker if needed should be played Thursday March 12th. Friday Mar 13 if both agree. Seeding 1st and 2nd place Followed by a 2 of 3 series Declaration – March 27th</p>	<p>League Championship and Finalists</p> <p>2 of 3 series after March break can begin after 1 pm on Sunday March 22nd</p>
<p>U10 Belcot U18 Doherty</p>	<p>A - group 6 team (A centres) Will play 10 games Home and home series</p> <p>5 home / 5 away</p>	<p>SEEDING TEAMS at the END of ROUND ROBIN : Based on total points during Round Robin, the TWO centres accumulating the most points during the playoff will play a 2 of 3 series with Game 4 scheduled with overtime no later than March 27th.</p> <p>If a tie breaker is needed to identify the top two teams, a single tie breaker game will be played before the start of March break (March break is defined as starting Friday Mar 13th at 3:30pm).</p>	<p>U10 to U18 2 of 3 SERIES Series can begin after 1pm on SUNDAY March 22, and must be completed by Friday March 27th 11pm The winner of the 2 of 3 series will advance to the OMHA playoff weekend</p>
<p>U11 Doherty U 12 Belcot U13 Doherty U14 Belcot U15 Doherty</p>	<p>7 teams One group Will play 6 round robin games 3 home / 3 away</p>		<p>And crowned League champs for their division. MEDALS & TROPHIES</p>
<p>U 16 Belcot</p> <p>Fort Erie U16 will be playing with U16 B elsewhere</p>	<p>7 teams One group 6 games 3 home/3 away Playing each team once.</p>		<p>The winning TEAM will receive the 1st place medal (gold) and their division trophy.</p> <p>2nd place team will receive 2nd place medal (silver)</p> <p>8 DIVISIONS x Gold and Silver for each division</p> <p>16 sets of 21 or 22 medals Players get them first Coaches can take one if they wish All extra medals are to be returned to the NDHL</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Playoff games begin, No games after 4 pm SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Final day for Round Robin	12 TIE BREAKERS	13 3:30 Start of March break no games unless mutually agreed upon	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 2 of 3 series can begin after 1:00 pm	23	24	25	26	27 OMHA declaration of winning center	28
29	30	31	1	2	April 3	April 4 OMHA RED HATS Championships Halton Hills

SEEDING January 24 th , the league will decide, which division each team will be playing.	Round robin 2 points for a win 1 point for a tie 0 points for a loss.	OMHA – team advancing Seeding 1 st and 2 nd place Followed by a 2 of 3 series	League Championship and Finalists Deadline is March 20 to submit entries for Tier 2 and March 27 th for A and Tier 1 and 3
ROBINSON U 11 8 teams Tiers based on win% and overall stats	TWO GROUPS 8 Robinson teams Tier 2 (4 teams) Haldimand, Fort Erie, Thorold and Port Colborne Tier 3 (4 teams) Glancaster, West Niagara, Garden City, NOTL 3 home and 3 away	Tier 1 and 3 From Feb 8th to Wed Mar 11th Tie Breaker if needed should be played Thursday March 12th. Top two after round robin play a 2 of 3 series the week after March break Declaration – March 27th Tier 2 From Feb 8th to Saturday Mar 7th Tie Breaker if needed should be played Sunday March 8th Top two after round robin Play a 2 of 3 series the week prior to March Break Declaration – March 20th	U11- U18 The 2 of 3 will determine the team that will represent NDHL in the OMHA Red Hat Championship weekend. Winner of each tier advance to OMHA weekend ** Highest Tier - Tier 1, in most cases. (Tier 2 for U11) Winner is crowned League champion for the Robinson Division The NDHL team winning the highest Tier in each division receives a gold medal and Trophy. A Silver medal is awarded to the NDHL team in the highest tier finishing 2 nd . Bronze medal will be awarded to NDHL teams advancing to the OMHA in tiers 2 and 3
ROBINSON U 13 9 teams Tiers based on win% and overall stats	TWO GROUPS 9 Robinson teams (3 and 6) Tier 1 Fort Erie, Garden City, West Niagara Tier 2 Glancaster, NOTL, Haldimand Welland Thorold and Port Colborne Tier 1 3 teams - 3 home, 3 away 6 games Tier 2 6 teams 5 home and 5 home	SEEDING TEAMS at the END of ROUND ROBIN is based on points during the round robin. Winners of each tier move into OMHA weekend. If a Tie breakers is needed to identify the top two teams, a single tie breaker game will be played (see tie breaking rule)	
ROBINSON U15 7 teams Tiers based on win% and overall stats	TWO GROUPS 7 Robinson Teams Tier 1 Glancaster, Garden City, Haldimand Fort Erie Tier 2 Thorold, Port Colborne, NOTL, 4 teams - 3 home, 3 away 3 teams - 3 home, 3 away		
Robinson U18 6 teams Tiers based on win% and overall stats on January 24 th Either 6 or 9 games. TBA	6 Robinson teams 6 teams - competing with Southern Counties Divided into 3 tiers Tier 1 - Thorold Fort Erie Ayr, Twin Centre Tier 2 NOTL Port Colborne New Hamburg, Travistock Tier 3 Haldimand West Niagara Brant, Plattsville		ROBINSON U18 With the crossover with Southern Counties, if a NDHL teams did not advance to OMHA finals in tier 1, the league will determine a proper manner to crown the NDHL Champion.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 Playoff games begin, Games starting after 3pm by mutual agreement. SUPERBOWL SUNDAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 TIE Breaker during day, so Ice schedulers can Have time to create 2 of 3 series	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
					OMHA declaration of the winning center	
						OMHA RED HAT Championship weekend Halton Hills

Rep teams Round robin PLAYOFFS –begin FEB 8th

FINAL DAY to play regular season games is **FEB 7th** (end of regular season is 11pm Feb 7th)

1) FORMAT for the round robin playoff games

True round robin

A Centres, Tier 1 and 3 Games to be played between **Sunday Feb 8th until Wednesday March 11th**

Tier 2 - Games to be played between Sunday Feb 8th and Saturday March 7th

Teams can play during the day on Family Day weekend and double headers on weekends are permitted.

Superbowl Sunday, Games after 3pm must be agreed upon by both teams.

Regular stop time, with no overtime.	U10 – U11 -12	games are 10-10 -15
	U13 to U15	games are 10-15-15
	U16 – U18	games are 15-15- flood 15

Each team will have one TIME-OUT per game.

All efforts will be made to avoid curfews; however, curfews may occur during round robin play.

The time of the curfew must be entered on game sheet prior to the game.

Canceling playoff games is frowned upon and highly discouraged.

Any games schedule during March break (defined as beginning Friday March 13th @ 3:30 - Sunday March 22th 1 PM) the game must be mutually agreed upon and the executive must be notified via e-mail to Vito Scaringi **with both centres cc'd**.

2) SCHEDULING OF PLAYOFFS GAMES

The ice schedulers from each centre will be asked to **submit 3 to 5 ice times per team** and confirm black out dates.

Given that the Playoff groups are pre-determined, and the playoffs are a true round robin, scheduling can begin before the end of the regular season. Seeding will occur on **January 24th** and playoff matchups will be created as per standings by win % at that time. Please make sure all Game sheets are uploaded.

3) Tie BREAKERS for ties after Round Robin Play:

- A) If tie breaker is needed, strictly to decide seeding, with no teams being eliminated from playoffs
- (1) head to head;
 - (2) the regular season standings recorded **FEB 7th 11 pm** will decide the seeding.
 - a. Total points
 - b. Best +/- differential on total goals for & total goals against. by subtracting the total goals against from the total goals f
 - c. Highest total of Total Goals for.
 - d. Lowest total of Total Goals against.
 - e. Lowest total of Total Penalty minutes.
 - f. Highest total of Total Wins.
- B) If a tie breaker is needed to decide 2nd and 3rd thereby eliminating one of a team from the OMHA Playdown weekend, a tie breaker game will be played on the first available ice before March break. If neither team has ice, a neutral site will be used.
- C) If Three [3] teams are tied in points after Round Robin Play, the team that finished with the highest standing (total points) at the end of Regular Season Play will have a BYE and wait to play the winner of the remaining two teams who will play a sudden victory Round Robin Tie Breaker Series using the format in # 4 below and seeding as be item B) above
- D) If Four [4] teams are tied in points after Round Robin Play there will be two [2] sudden victory games using the format in # 4 below. Final Regular Season League standings (total points) as of Feb 7th at 11:00 pm will be used to determine who plays whom. Of the teams that are tied the team that finished highest will play the team that finished third highest, and the team that finished second highest will play the team that finished fourth highest. (1st vs 3rd and 2nd vs 4th)

4) Format for Round Robin Tie Breaker Game if needed:

[i] A one- [1] game winner take all will be played.

A Centres, Tier 1 and Tier 3: Tie breaking game will be before the start of March break (Friday March 13th at 3:30)

Tier 2-Tie Breaking games must be played by Sunday March 8th (double header is possible if multiple teams are tied)

[ii] Final Regular Season League standings on **Saturday Feb 7th, 11:00 pm** , will be used to determine who has home ice advantage.

[iii] The association of the team that finished highest in the standings at the End of Regular Season play will be given the first opportunity to host the game. If they cannot host during the allocated time frame, the opposing centre can host the game. If the opposing centre is unable to host, a neutral site will be chosen.

[iv] Regulation stop time periods will be played with NO curfew.

Each team will have 1 time out per game.

[v] If the game is tied after regulation play, 1 x 5 minute period 4 vs 4, sudden victory overtime will be played.

If the game is still tied 1 x 5 minute period 3 vs 3 sudden victory overtime will be played.

[vi] If after the 2 overtime periods, the game is still tied, the game will be decided by shootout.

(a) 3-person shootout (alternating one team at a time)

(b) home teams have the choice of shooting first or second.

(c) If after the 3 shooters it is still tied, each team will choose 1 shooter and continue the shootout until a winner is decided. (sudden death)

(d) Teams cannot use the same shooter twice unless everyone on the team has already gone once.

The Home Association is responsible for covering the cost of Ice Time, Referees Expenses, and Time/Score Keepers.

5) Format for 2 of 3 series (Team advancing to OMHA)

[i] A centres, Tier 1 and 3 : Series will be played from Sunday March 22nd to Friday March 27th

Tier 2 : Series will be played from Sunday March 8th to Friday March 20th

The winner will advance to OMHA playoff weekend and winners of the A centre series and Tier 1 series will be crowned Doherty, Belcot and Robinson League champions.

[ii] Home ice advantage to the team finishing in 1st place during round robin play.

[iii] Regulation stop time periods will be played with NO curfew.

Each team will have 1 time out per game.

[iv] If the series is tied after 3 games a 4th game will be played with overtime as per rules in the tie breaker Game above in 4) v. 4) vi.

[v] If after the 2 overtime periods, the game is still tied, the game will be decided by shootout.

(e) 3-person shootout (alternating one team at a time)

(f) home teams have the choice of shooting first or second.

(g) If after the 3 shooters it is still tied, each team will choose 1 shooter and continue the shootout until a winner is decided. (sudden death)

(h) Teams cannot use the same shooter twice unless everyone on the team has already gone once.

The Home Association is responsible for covering the cost of Ice Time, Referees Expenses, and Time/Score Keepers.

U10 - U18 A April 3-5, 2026 Whitby

Declaration must be submitted by: March 27th

Tier 1	April 3-5, 2026	Kingston
Tier 3	April 3-5, 2026	Halton Hills

Declaration must be submitted by: March 27th

Tier 2	March 27-29, 2026	Halton Hills
U10B- U12B- U16 B	March 27-29, 2026	Oakville
U14 BB and U18 BB	March 27-29, 2026	Oakville

Declaration must be submitted by: March 20th

Visitors	vs	Home
7 team in a pod		
2nd PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
1 st PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2nd PLACE	vs	5 th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2 nd PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE
4TH PLACE	vs	3rd PLACE
5 th PLACE	vs	3 rd PLACE
6 th PLACE	vs	3 rd PLACE
3 rd PLACE	vs	7 th PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
7 th PLACE	vs	4 th PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
7 th PLACE	vs	5 th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
7 th PLACE	Vs	6 th PLACE

Visitors	vs	Home
8 team in a pod		
2nd PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
5 th PLACE	vs	1 st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
7 th PLACE	Vs	1 st PLACE
1 st PLACE	vs	8 th PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2nd PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2 nd PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE
8th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
4 th PLACE	Vs	3 rd PLACE
5 th PLACE	vs	3 rd PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	3rd PLACE
8 th PLACE	vs	3 rd PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	4 th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	4 th PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	8th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
5 th PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE
8 th PLACE	vs	5 th PLACE
7 th PLACE	Vs	6 th Place
6th PLACE	vs	8th PLACE
8 th PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE

Visitors	vs	Home
9 team in a pod		
2nd PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	3rd PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1 st PLACE	Vs	7 th PLACE
8th PLACE	vs	1st PLACE
1st PLACE	vs	9th PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2nd PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2 nd PLACE	Vs	6th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
2nd PLACE	vs	8th PLACE
9th PLACE	vs	2nd PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	3 rd PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	3rd PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	3rd PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	8th PLACE
3rd PLACE	vs	9th PLACE
5th PLACE	Vs	4th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	7th PLACE
8th PLACE	vs	4th PLACE
4th PLACE	vs	9th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
9th PLACE	vs	5th PLACE
5th PLACE	vs	8th PLACE
7th PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
8th PLACE	vs	6th PLACE
6th PLACE	vs	9th PLACE
8th Place	vs	7th PLACE
9th PLACE	vs	7th PLACE
9th PLACE	vs	8th PLACE

STANDINGS as of JANUARY 24th - 11 pm

U10 - Belcot							
1st	Haldimand River Kings	22	22	0	0	44	1
2nd	Welland Tigers	23	18	4	1	37	0.804
3rd	Glancaster Bombers	24	10	12	2	22	0.458
4th	West Niagara Flying Aces	23	8	12	3	19	0.413
5th	Garden City Falcons	24	7	14	3	17	0.354
6th	Niagara Falls Canucks	23	0	23	0	0	0
U12 - Belcot							
1st	Glancaster Bombers	22	16	6	0	32	0.727
2nd	Haldimand River Kings	23	14	4	5	33	0.717
3rd	Niagara Falls Canucks	22	8	14	0	16	0.364
4th	Garden City Falcons	22	7	13	2	16	0.364
5th	Welland Tigers	24	8	15	1	17	0.354
6th	West Niagara Flying Aces	23	5	14	4	14	0.304
7th	Stoney Creek Warriors	22	4	15	3	11	0.25
U14 - Belcot							
1st	Garden City Falcons Minor	23	15	4	4	34	0.739
2nd	West Niagara Flying Aces Minor	23	14	7	2	30	0.652
3rd	Haldimand River Kings	20	11	5	4	26	0.65
4th	Niagara Falls Canucks Minor	21	12	8	1	25	0.595
5th	Glancaster Bombers Minor	22	9	7	6	24	0.545
6th	Welland Tigers Minor	21	8	10	3	19	0.452
7th	Stoney Creek Warriors	20	1	19	0	2	0.05
U16 - Belcot							
1st	Pelham Panthers	21	14	4	3	31	0.738
2nd	Garden City Falcons Minor	22	13	5	4	30	0.682
3rd	Welland Tigers Minor	22	12	7	3	27	0.614
4th	West Niagara Flying Aces	23	7	9	7	21	0.457
5th	Haldimand River Kings	21	6	11	4	16	0.381
6th	Glancaster Bombers	22	6	13	3	15	0.341
7th	Niagara Falls Canucks	19	2	15	2	6	0.158
8th	Fort Erie Meteors	20	0	18	2	2	0.05
U 11 - Doherty							
1st	Haldimand River Kings	21	21	0	0	42	1
2nd	Welland Tigers	19	14	5	0	28	0.737
3rd	Pelham Panthers	23	16	6	1	33	0.717
4th	Garden City Falcons	22	7	14	1	15	0.341
5th	West Niagara Flying Aces	22	5	13	4	14	0.318
6th	Glancaster Bombers	23	3	19	1	7	0.152
7th	Niagara Falls Canucks	21	1	19	1	3	0.071
U 13 - Doherty							
1st	Welland Tigers	22	20	1	1	41	0.932
2nd	Garden City Falcons	21	14	7	0	28	0.667
3rd	West Niagara Flying Aces	23	14	7	2	30	0.652
4th	Glancaster Bombers	23	7	15	1	15	0.326
5th	Haldimand River Kings	23	5	17	1	11	0.239
6th	Pelham Panthers	24	4	17	3	11	0.229
7th	Niagara Falls Canucks	22	5	17	0	10	0.227
U 15 - Doherty							
1st	Glancaster Bombers	22	16	5	1	33	0.75
2nd	Garden City Falcons	22	14	5	3	31	0.705
3rd	West Niagara Flying Aces	22	13	5	4	30	0.682
4th	Haldimand River Kings	23	14	8	1	29	0.63
5th	Pelham Panthers	21	6	15	0	12	0.286
6th	Welland Tigers	20	4	14	2	10	0.25
7th	Niagara Falls Canucks	21	1	20	0	2	0.048
U 18 - Doherty							
1st	Haldimand River Kings	22	20	2	0	40	0.909
2nd	Welland Tigers	20	16	4	0	32	0.8
3rd	Glancaster Bombers	21	11	8	2	24	0.571
4th	Pelham Panthers	23	6	13	4	16	0.348
5th	Niagara Falls Canucks	23	2	19	2	6	0.13
6th	West Niagara Flying Aces	21	2	18	1	5	0.119

ROBINSON DIVISION JANUARY 24th -standings as of 11:00 pm

	ROBINSON U-11							
Tier 2	Haldimand River Kings B	23	17	5	1	35	0.761	1st
	Fort Erie Meteors	19	12	5	2	26	0.684	2nd
	Thorold Blackhawks	19	12	6	1	25	0.658	3rd
	Port Colborne Sailors	23	14	7	2	30	0.652	4th
Tier 3	Glancaster Bombers B	21	8	9	4	20	0.476	
	West Niagara Flying Aces B	22	9	12	1	19	0.432	
	Garden City Falcons B	23	6	17	0	12	0.261	
	NOTL Wolves	20	1	18	1	3	0.075	

ROBINSON U-13											
Tier 1	Fort Erie Meteors	21	19	2	0	38	0.905	134	39	95	0.775
	Garden City Falcons B	21	16	3	2	34	0.81	118	36	82	0.766
	West Niagara Flying Aces B	23	16	4	3	35	0.761	104	45	59	0.698
Tier 2	Glancaster Bombers B	22	11	9	2	24	0.545	88	72	16	0.55
	NOTL Wolves	21	10	9	2	22	0.524	76	73	3	0.51
	Haldimand River Kings B	23	10	11	2	22	0.478	68	83	-15	0.45
	Welland Tigers B	22	6	15	1	13	0.295	47	80	-33	0.37
	Thorold Blackhawks	20	2	18	0	4	0.1	32	133	-101	0.194
	Port Colborne Sailors	23	2	21	0	4	0.087	44	150	-106	0.227

ROBINSON U-15											
Tier 1	Glancaster Bombers B	20	16	2	2	34	0.85	113	27	86	0.807
	Garden City Falcons B	22	15	4	3	33	0.75	89	46	43	0.659
	Haldimand River Kings B	21	14	6	1	29	0.69	76	40	36	0.655
	Fort Erie Meteors B	18	11	5	2	24	0.667	70	30	40	0.7
Tier 2	NOTL Wolves B	21	7	12	2	16	0.381	27	63	-36	0.3
	Port Colborne Sailors B	22	2	17	3	7	0.159	25	87	-62	0.223
	Thorold Blackhawks B	20	0	19	1	1	0.025	17	124	-107	0.121

ROBINSON U-18											
Tier 1	Thorold Blackhawks	21	19	2	0	38	0.905	114	25	89	0.82
	Fort Erie Meteors	18	12	4	2	26	0.722	89	29	60	0.754
Tier 2	NOTL Wolves	21	11	7	3	25	0.595	91	52	39	0.636
	Port Colborne Sailors	18	6	10	2	14	0.389	55	74	-19	0.426
Tier 3	Haldimand River Kings B	19	4	11	4	12	0.316	52	83	-31	0.385
	West Niagara Flying Aces B	19	0	18	1	1	0.026	10	148	-138	0.063