

YMHC: Player Pathway

Updated: April 2020

Season Structure

Division	Under 7 (6)	Under 8 (7)	Under 9 (8)	Under 10 (9)	Under 11 (10)
Assessment Period	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks	2 weeks
# players	18	18	18	18	18
Rink Size	cross ice - '1/2 ice; max 100 x 60'	half ice - '1/2 ice; max 100 x 100'	fall session half ice - '1/2 ice; max 100 x 100'; winter session - full ice	full ice	full ice
Games (minimum)	19	19	19	19	19
Practices (minimum)	12	12	12	12	12
Nets	max 3' x 4'	same as 6	standard size	standard size	standard size
Score	not kept	not kept	fall session - no winter session - yes	yes	yes
Standings	not kept	not kept	not kept	yes	yes
Playoffs	none	none	none	yes	yes

Player Management

	6	7	8	9	10
# players	18	18	18	18	18
Designated Positions	no designated full time goalie; goaltending equipment optional; no designated positions; goalie rotates each shift	no designated full time goalie; a goalie is designated for each game - goalie does not rotate each shift; goaltending equipment mandatory, no designated positions	no designated full time goalie; a goalie is designated for each game - goalie does not rotate each shift; goaltending equipment mandatory, no designated positions	full time goalie - optional; a goalie is designated for each game, goaltending equipment mandatory, all who want to play goal must be given opportunity and equally rotated including play-offs, no designated positions	full time goalie - optional; a goalie is designated for each game, goaltending equipment mandatory, all who want to play goal must be given opportunity and equally rotated including play-offs, no designated positions
Length of Shifts	2 minute buzzer	2 minute buzzer	fall session - 2 minute buzzer; winter session - 3 minute buzzer	3 minute buzzer	3 minute buzzer
Line Changes	on the fly at buzzer, at buzzer players immediately go to bench and leave puck where it is; play resumes immediately as new players take to ice	on the fly at buzzer, at buzzer players immediately go to bench and leave puck where it is; play resumes immediately as new players take to ice	fall session - same as 7's; winter session - normal hockey practice	at buzzer; normal hockey practice	at buzzer; normal hockey practice
Fair & Equal Ice Time	In accordance with Player Pathway and YMHC guidelines	In accordance with Player Pathway and YMHC guidelines	In accordance with Player Pathway and YMHC guidelines	In accordance with Player Pathway and YMHC guidelines	In accordance with Player Pathway and YMHC guidelines
Player Tiering	lines tiered based on player skill level; 1/2/3 / 4 lines	lines tiered based on player skill level; 1/2/3 / 4 lines	lines tiered based on player skill level; 1/2/3 / 4 lines	lines tiered based on player skill level; 1/2/3 / 4 lines	lines tiered based on player skill level; 1/2/3 / 4 lines

Game Structure

	6	7	8	9	10
# players	18	18	18	18	18
Game Duration	40 minutes; 3 minute warm up	40 minutes; 3 minute warm up	40 minutes; 3 minute warm up	50 minutes; 3 minute warm up	50 minutes; 3 minute warm up
Format	4 on 4 + 1 goalie	4 on 4 + 1 goalie	fall session: 4 on 4 + 1 goalie; winter session: 5 on 5 + 1 goalie	5 on 5 + 1 goalie	5 on 5 + 1 goalie
Officials	2 refs; 1 coach allowed on ice	2 refs; 1 coach allowed on ice	fall session - 2 refs; 1 coach on ice; winter 2 refs no coaches on ice	2 refs; no coaches on ice	2 refs; no coaches on ice
Face-offs	only to start game	only to start game	in accordance with general hockey practice	in accordance with general hockey practice	in accordance with general hockey practice
Goal Scored	whistle blown; scoring team backs away; defending team gets puck and starts play - no face-off	whistle blown; scoring team backs away; defending team gets puck and starts play - no face-off	fall session - same as 7's; winter session - normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice
Goaltender Save	shooting team backs away; goalie passes to teammate and play resumes	shooting team backs away; goalie passes to teammate and play resumes	fall session - same as 7's; winter session - normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice
Penalty	ref indicates penalty; if offending team - change of possession; at end of shift coach informs player and they sit out next shift; always play 4 on 4 + 1 goalie	ref indicates penalty; if offending team - change of possession; at end of shift coach informs player and they sit out next shift; always play 4 on 4 + 1 goalie	fall session - same as age 7; winter session - normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice	normal hockey practice
Pucks	blue; 4 oz	blue; 4 oz	black - regular 6oz	black - regular 6oz	black - regular 6oz