



## 2024-25 GTHL 'A' CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. **PARTICIPANTS**

The Championship Teams from each of the GTHL and MHL will participate in the 2025 Greater Toronto Hockey League 'A' Championships.

### 2. **DATES**

- a) U13 will be played from April 7 to April 11.
- b) U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18 will be played on April 19
- c) U10, U11, and U12 will not be played as this was a combined group in the GTHL Competitive Program 'A' West division.

### 3. **FORMAT**

- a) In the U13 Championships, the winner of the series will be the team that wins two (2) games of a three (3) game series. Any game that is tied after regulation play will be decided by sudden-victory overtime.
- b) In the U14, U15, U16, U17, and U18 series, a one-game Championship will be held.

### 4. **REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**

- a) The GTHL will be represented by the team that is declared playoff champion.
- b) The MHL will be represented by the team that is declared playoff champion.

### 5. **PROTESTS**

These Championships will be governed by GTHL playoff rules.

### 6. **CHAMPIONSHIPS LEADING TO O.H.F. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**

#### a) **Under 13**

The GTHL 'A' Under-13 Championship winner will advance to the O.H.F. Under 13 'A' Championship, April 18 to 20, 2025 — hosted by the OMHA in Belle River.

### 7. **AWARDS**

In addition to the Championship trophy, medallions will be presented to the Champions and Finalists. GTHL/MHL Executive members will present the awards in each series.

**8. LENGTH OF GAMES**

Warm-Up 3 Minutes

Under-13 to Under-18:

12-12-12 minute stop-time.

There are no intermissions.

**9. REFEREE SYSTEM**

The three official system will be used for the Under-13 to Under-18 series. Officials from the GTHL and MHL will be used during this event. Referee assignments will be coordinated through the GTHL Office.

**10. FIVE GOAL SPREAD RULE IN EFFECT**

From the start of the third period onward, if the goal spread in the score is five goals or more at any time, the game shall be running time. If the goal spread in the score reverts to a three-goal difference, the game clock will return to stop time unless the score becomes a five-goal spread again, in which case the running time will resume

**11. ADMISSION/ENTRY FEES**

The GTHL and MHL will cover all costs related to the tournament. There is no gate admission, and no team entry fees.

**12. PAYMENT OF REFEREE FEES**

Teams do not pay referee/timekeeper fees at the arena for Greater Toronto Hockey League 'A' Championships.

**13. SWEATERS**

GTHL and MHL Teams must bring both sets of sweaters to all games and the home team must wear light-coloured sweaters. In the event of a conflict, the Referee will make the final decision if the Teams are unable to resolve it. In accordance with GTHL Regulation 9.6(a) and MHL Regulation 27.01(a), matching team socks in team colours must be worn at all times (not applicable to goaltenders).

**14. SUSPENSIONS**

- b) Any suspensions incurred in league, tournament or exhibition play shall be served in the team's next game, even if that next game is in the Greater Toronto Hockey League 'A' Championships. Any suspensions incurred in Greater Toronto Hockey League 'A' Championships must be served in Greater Toronto Hockey League 'A' Championships. Any portion of the suspension that is not served by the completion of the 'A' Championships must be served in the Team's next Tournament, Playoff or League games.
- c) The 'A' Championships will be governed by the OHF Minimum Suspension List.

**15. GTHL ARTICLE 14.12 – FOUR PENALTIES IN ONE GAME**

Please be advised that the following GTHL Rule WILL be applicable for all Greater Toronto 'A' Championship Games; "Any player assessed a total of four penalties of any kind in any game (whether regular season, exhibition, tournament or playoff) shall be ejected from that game only notwithstanding any suspensions that may occur as a result of the assessment of another type of game ejection penalty as the fourth penalty or subsequent penalties in the same game."

## NOTE:

- 1) For the application of this rule, minor, major, and misconduct penalties will all count toward the total number of penalties assessed.
- 2) Any double minor penalty for HB, BUTT, SP and HC will only count as one penalty for the purpose of applying the above-noted rule.

**16. OVERTIME FORMAT**

Please note that if a game finishes tied after regulation play, a 12-minute sudden-victory overtime period shall take place.

Teams shall not change ends and if the OT period finishes tied, then a series of 12-minute sudden-victory periods shall take place until a winner is declared. Teams shall change ends after each overtime period where an ice resurfacing has taken place and the ice shall be resurfaced after the 1<sup>st</sup> overtime period and after every odd number overtime period. (1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> etc.).

**17. TIME-OUTS**

Each team will be entitled to one time-out per game which can be used during regulation play and any overtime period.

**18. GTHL RULE 10.5 WILL BE USED**

When, in the opinion of a Game Official, a player other than the goalkeeper is injured due to an infraction of the rules by an opponent and the offending player is assessed a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty or a Match penalty for deliberate injury for the infraction, the injured player shall retire to their players' bench or dressing room when the penalty/penalties are assessed and must remain out of the game for the next five minutes of playing time. If the injured player returns to the ice before the five minutes have elapsed, they shall be considered an ineligible player. If the presence of an ineligible player is brought to the attention of the Game Official prior to resumption of play following the first stoppage of play after the five-minute restriction has expired, the offending team shall be assessed a Bench Minor for 'Ineligible Player'. Additionally, any goal scored by the offending team while the ineligible player is illegally on the ice shall not be allowed.