



1. **MHL WEBSITE**

- <https://hockey.on.ca> – Addresses such things as...
 - Important Dates [Important Dates for 2026-2027 | MHL Mississauga Hockey League](#)
 - Coaching Certification & Police Check questions <https://hockey.on.ca/certification/>
 - Discipline Updates and Suspension Procedures Rule # 26 - [Mississauga Hockey League Yearbook | MHL Mississauga Hockey League](#)
 - Tournament and Exhibition game Permits, (see section 10 below)
 - Games Schedule and Standings on www.hockey.on.ca

2. **MHL YEARBOOK (i.e. MHL Rules & Regulations)**

- Available online at our website, <http://hockey.on.ca/rules-regulations/>
 - Download it to your smartphone and carry it with you
 - Please be familiar with the MHL Minimum Suspensions Listing and our various other Policies <https://hockey.on.ca/rules-regulations/>
 - If there are any questions regarding a Rule, a Policy, a suspension, etc., please contact your **Association Discipline Chair** or the MHL Office (905-607-1118, info@hockey.on.ca) ASAP.

3. **Electronic Game Sheet (EGS) Authentication and uploads**

- Electronic Game Sheets (EGS) will be used again for the 2026-2027 season.
- One of the Rostered Coaching Staff (i.e. Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Manager, Trainer) will upload the Game Sheet before each game.
- This upload will denote that the individual has ensured that all players are properly registered and rostered (or properly affiliated as a call-up) and players that are absent are in designated areas, and that the Coaching Staff are properly registered and certified as per MHL requirements, <https://hockey.on.ca/certification/>, and that any suspended players (or coaches) have been recorded in the correct area of the game sheet as well.
 - For those new to the Electronic Game sheets (EGS), (See section # 3) A complete training document can be requested from your associations prior to the start of the season or located on the website here... [Electronic Game Sheets \(EGS\) | MHL Mississauga Hockey League](#)
 - ** NOTE Each team is responsible for the accuracy of the EGS game sheet **
 - Ineligible players/bench staff will be subject to further suspension and/or team defaulted games
- House League Bench Staff will have until December 1st to be fully credentialed. After December 1st, not-fully-credentialed Bench Staff will be considered ineligible under MHL Rule 17

4. **Vulnerable Sector Search (VSS) CHECKS**

- VSS background checks and yearly declarations will continue to be completed this year through the OHF Further details can be found on the MHL website at <https://hockey.on.ca/certification/>.
- If you're unsure about the status of yours, contact your MHL Association Registrar or call the MHL Office. (905-607-1118, info@hockey.on.ca)

5. **MHL DISCIPLINE EMPHASIS**

- Spelled out on the last page of the Minimum Suspensions document, found at <https://hockey.on.ca/rules-regulations/>. In summary, aggressive play, fighting, unsportsmanlike or abusive verbal and non-verbal conduct, and discrimination of any kind, will not be tolerated.
- Please ensure any issues with complaints, game suspensions or any appeals to the MHL MUST be sent to your association discipline group or president first to have the issue reviewed and if appropriate the association will forward these to the MHL for review

6. **GAME OFFICIALS**

- Since 2016-17 special emphasis has been placed on improving communication between our Game Officials and our Bench Staff.
- Harassment or abuse of Game Officials will not be tolerated.
- The MHL has instituted a Green Arm Band program that is used to identify new officials to the game. Respect and understanding should be given to each of these officials as they start their officiating career. Increased penalties/suspensions can be added to any teams that disrespect these officials.
- Please note that there is a process to be followed for filing any complaints against Game Officials...
 - <https://hockey.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/MHL-Ref-Grievance-Policy.pdf>.
 - Coaches should review the process and know who their Association Discipline Chair is.

7. **APPEALS, PROTESTS and SUSPENSION INFORMATION**

- Please ensure any issues with complaints, game suspensions or any appeals to the MHL MUST be sent to your association discipline group or president first to have the issue reviewed and if appropriate the association will forward these to the MHL for review
- Coaches are reminded to review these processes (in the MHL Yearbook) [Mississauga Hockey League Yearbook | MHL Mississauga Hockey League](#)
- All such actions are to be processed through your Association Discipline Chair.
- Appeals – Rule # 5 in the MHL yearbook
- Protests – Rule # 23 in the MHL yearbook
- Suspension information (to be updated) see here...[Minimum-Suspension-Listing-MHL-2024-25.pdf](#)

8. **CONVENING**

- As in the past, Convening will take place during the first 4 to 6 weeks of the season. Any player movement between teams should take place during the first 3 weeks. A meeting of the MHL and Area Head Convenors is scheduled for September 28th, 2026, and the MHL House League season begins on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, A schedule starts October 5th, 2026.
- We appreciate your cooperation with all our Convenors during this very busy time.

9. **MHL SEASONAL REMINDERS**

- a) Photos and social media – ** Note no photos of players should be taken within the confines of the dressing room, all players should be fully covered in all instances. No photos should / can be uploaded to any social media without permission from the families involved in the photo unless taken in an open environment.
- b) Pegging of nets – pucks on ice. Please be reminded that all nets need to be pegged and ready to go and all personnel (Referees) clear from the net area before pucks are permitted. ** Fines can be levied for repeat offenders.
- c) Injury Report – please be reminded of the importance of having these forms completed and submitted for any injury. (These can be downloaded from the MHL website, <http://hockey.on.ca/forms/>). Every team should always have these forms with them.
- d) Body-Checking – bodychecking is not permitted in the MHL/GTHL and no MHL teams are authorized to play in any games (exhibition or tournament) where bodychecking is allowed. However, Body Contact is allowed in the MHL.
- e) Helmets... Must be worn by ALL Coaches, On-Ice Volunteers, and third-party instructors (even those claiming to be self-insured).
- f) The MHL is under pressure from the City of Mississauga to stay within our contracted ice times. As such, it is very important that our games start and end on time. Please be reminded that games CAN (and will) start up to 10 minutes early and note that the 3-minute pre-game warm-up will be rigorously followed (with Delay of Game penalties administered for non-compliant teams).
- g) Starting of games on time – This will be strictly enforced this season, and teams may be subject to bench minors if not prepared to start games when officials have signaled for the start.

h) MHL board members are volunteers that are there to help facilitate the great game of hockey. Please respect them at the rink.

i) Music selection played by the TEAM or A PARENT in the stands should be monitored/approved by the teams coaching staff the MHL will be following the GTHL music policy seen here... [GTHL-Music-Policy-vf.pdf](#) Until an MHL policy is approved for use this year by the MHL board.

- o Note Any City the MHL plays in and their facility operators off-ice officials, on-ice officials or MHL board volunteers have the right to ask any team or individual to lower or cease the playing of any music that may disrupt game play on the ice at any time.

j) As in the past, no games will be played the Sunday/Monday of Thanksgiving weekend Oct 11th or 12th. After 4pm on Halloween, Family Day Monday February 15th (note that the MHL WILL be playing on the Saturday of Family Day weekend)

There will be no games on Super Bowl Sunday! or during March Break (Sat, Mar 13th to Sun, Mar 21st (inclusive)

10. **TOURNAMENTS & EXHIBITION GAMES**

- MHL teams must apply for an MHL Tournament Permit to participate in any sanctioned tournament. Further, if a scheduling exemption is required, the MHL requires 6 weeks' advance notice. The FINAL weekend for any tournament participation is February 13-14, 2027. Full details can be found on the MHL website at <http://hockey.on.ca/tournament-permits/>.
- All MHL teams must obtain sanctioning permission prior to participating in any exhibition game. Full details can be found on the MHL website at <http://hockey.on.ca/exhibition-permit/>.
- Please note that these Permits are "no charge" to the teams.

11. **WARM-UPS & Other City Notices**

- Off-ice warm-ups are NOT permitted in City facilities. Respect all other users of the facility that may not be there for hockey!
- NO pucks in warm up until the NETS are pegged and area vacated by the officials see GTHL policy (league games) [GTHL-Games-Policy-vf.pdf](#) fines and suspensions may occur if teams repeatedly offend.
- Use of markers and/or chalk on surfaces other than paper/whiteboard or chalkboard is NOT PERMITTED. Any damage caused will result in the team being billed for costs by the city.
- Music selection played by the team should be monitored/approved by the coaching staff and at least 1 certified coach should always be with the team and 2 certified coaches at any closed-door meeting.

12. **MHL Playoffs**

- House League Playoffs will begin sometime in February – exact date will be announced during the season.
- House League Championship Weekend will be April 2nd to April 4th, 2027
- Enhanced Red League Championship Weekend will be April 9th to April 11th, 2027
- OHF provincials U13 A, U15 A (BB) and U18 A, (BB) April 16th to April 18th, 2026
- MHL/GTHL A championships April 18th, 2026

Thank you and good luck with the 2026-2027 hockey season!