



General FAQ

1. When does the season start?

Season begins mid May and ends mid August.

2. What days of the week are the games played?

The minors run Tuesday and Thursday and the adults run Monday and Wednesday.

3. What time do the games start at?

The minors begin at 5:30pm and the adults begin at 7:30pm.

4. Where are the games played?

Cambrian, Carmichael, Copper Cliff, and Coniston.

5. What are the equipment requirements?

CSA approved helmet, hockey/lacrosse gloves, shin pads (soccer or ball hockey) and a hockey stick. Skaters Edge is bringing in ball hockey specific gear and can help you with all your needs.

6. What are the age groups?

Adult → 18+

U18 → 2007, 2008, & 2009

U15 → 2010 & 2011

U13 → 2012 & 2013

U11 → 2014+

7. How much does it cost to play in the GSBHL?

The cost is \$250 for each player. This fee covers league games, referee fees, OBHF insurance, arena rentals and timekeeper fees. Our philosophy is to keep the fee to a minimum so anyone can participate in our league regardless of the financial situations.

8. Can I register past the deadline?

Yes, a late registration period will be run. However, we CANNOT guarantee jerseys will be on time for the first game of the season past the original March 15th deadline. It will be team's responsibility to make sure they have jerseys that DO NOT conflict with the other team.

9. I have never played ice hockey or ball hockey, is it okay to register?

Absolutely. We encourage anyone to participate.



10. Does ball hockey have different rules than ice hockey?

Yes, the biggest difference in ball hockey is the 'Floating Blue Line' rule. Once a team crosses the opponent's blue line with the ball, the attacking team will then have half of the entire playing surface within which to control the ball, from behind the opponent's goal to the center line of the arena.

11. Where can I find the rule book for ball hockey?

The OBHF rule book which can be found at https://www.canadaballhockey.ca/ressources/files/1495/CBHA_Rulebook_Eng_2022_Web.pdf?t=1651333091. However, moving into the 2024 season we are also implementing our own GSBHL rule book which will supersede the OBHF rule book. You will find this at our website at some point in the coming weeks. ****Any questions with regards to callups, protesting games, etc. will all be covered in our rulebook. ****

12. How many games are in the regular season and how does the playoff format work?

Both minors and adults are guaranteed 20 regular season games plus playoffs. Currently, based on registration numbers we plan to schedule every team to play each other once and after that the teams will move into divisions based on seeding. The teams will then finish out the regular season playing divisional teams. Playoffs will have a semi-final and final which are both best out of 3 games. **Note: this is subject to change based on registrations.**

13. What opportunities outside of the league are there for ball hockey?

Ball hockey is a growing sport across Canada. The GSBHL is sanctioned by the Ontario Ball Hockey Federation who hold several events across Canada each other. There are provincial tournaments for all age groups and our league is looking to send teams to represent the GSBHL. Last year the minor's provincials had over 70 teams participate. In the past three seasons our league has had success at the provincials with our Men's A winners the New Sudbury Zambronis finishing 2nd at the provincials and booking a spot in the National Championships and our U18 winners the Flying Elbows also took home 2nd place. In 2024, the City of Sudbury will be hosting the Men's B/C & Masters 43+ provincial championship August 16th to 18th.

14. Are we a for profit league?

No, we are a non-for-profit league. For greater transparency to our registrants, we are planning to release a financial statement.

15. Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Please contact the Greater Sudbury Ball Hockey League Association by email at payments@gsbhl.com