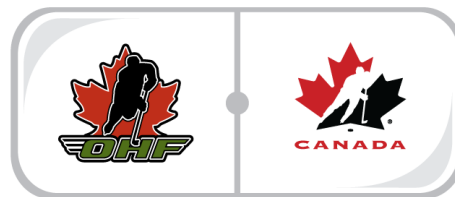


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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Directors, OHF Members, OHF Senior Leadership Team, OHF Staff
From: Jeff Stewart, Director of Programs and Events
Date: April 25, 2024
Re: OHF Survey Part 3 – Regular Season and Playoff Phase
Bulletin ID: 24-020

The Ontario Hockey Federation's 3rd and final survey – the Regular Season and Playoff Phase – is now open. Please forward the following survey link to your Minor Hockey Associations to be further sent to coaches and participants.

[Ontario Hockey Federation Regular Season and Playoff Phase Survey – Part 3](#)

This survey is for parents/guardians/athletes. Staff, board members, and the administration of the Associations are welcome to respond to the survey as well.

Please ensure that the Minor Hockey Associations upload the link to their websites and share it to their social media accounts. We ask that they include the information in their email communication and newsletter channels.

Feel free to leverage the following wording in your communications:

As a Member/Association of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), we are forwarding the following survey.

[Ontario Hockey Federation Regular Season and Playoff Phase Survey – Part 3](#)

The Ontario Hockey Federation wants to understand your experiences with the new Playing Regulations for the 2023-2024 season.

The first Survey that was sent out in September sought feedback on the Preparation and Evaluation Phases. The second survey explored your experience with the Development Phase.

The Regular Season and Playoff Phase survey will be open until Sunday, May 12, 2024, and will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. As a reminder, the 2023-2024 season was made up of 5 phases:

- The Preparation phase is considered non-team development opportunities that take place once the playoffs are complete and before the Player Evaluations commence.



- The Player Evaluation phase provides flexibility in the format that Associations' tier their Registered Participants and still allows and encourage Associations to tier players with similar skill. Within tryouts, a player either makes the team or does not.
- The Development Phase is a 27-day period that takes place after Labour Day where teams may only play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games and/or one Tournament. On-ice practices are permitted during this period.
- The Regular Season phase was permitted to start as of October 2, 2023 and is recommended to have a maximum of 46 games, including exhibition, league, playoff/tournament games. Within this phase, it is recommended to have two seasonal breaks (not including Christmas/long weekends) that include a minimum of five days without a scheduled game or mandatory practice.
- The Playoff Phase is either tournament-style or elimination rounds with a continued effort to reinforce skill-development elements in practices.

Your feedback will be used in future decisions that support player development.

Your participation is completely voluntary. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to and may stop the questionnaire at any time. You may also withdraw from the project at any time without penalty. Your decision to withdraw will not impact your involvement with your Association, Membership, or the Ontario Hockey Federation.

All survey data will be anonymous. Your name will not be recorded anywhere e. For reporting purposes, your responses will be grouped together with other participants. All responses you provide will remain completely confidential.

Should you have any questions, please contact communications@ohf.on.ca

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