



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Centres
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: Ian Taylor - Executive Director
SUBJECT: Player Pathways

In the ongoing implementation of the Hockey Canada Player Pathways, several items are identified in this Memo for your consideration.

NOVICE AND BELOW

With the previously communicated revisions to the Novice Player Pathway, the OMHA ['Programming Novice and Below - Association Implementation Guide'](#) has been updated, and is posted to the OMHA Website. Notable revisions to the document for the 2019-20 season include:

- Re-naming what had previously been known as the 'Tyke' Division (7 year-old), which moving forward will now be known as 'Minor Novice'. This aligns the naming of this division with the rest of Hockey Canada.
- Tryouts: For the 2019-20 season, Spring Evaluations and Tryouts, as currently managed, will be permitted to continue for the 2019-20 season at the Minor Novice and Novice Age Divisions.
- Tryouts: Effective the 2020-21 season, Evaluations and Tryouts will move to a fall model for mandated implementation at Novice Division.
- Playoff format will not allow for elimination-style series.
- Rostered Select will no longer be a programming option at Novice.
- Summary of the 'Requirements' and 'Considerations' has been added to the Association Implementation Guide.

ATOM

As indicated previously in Bulletin 181220-018-I of December 20, 2019, additional resources regarding the Atom Pathway have been received and [can be accessed through Dropbox access](#) created by Hockey Canada.

- You will note that in these resources, the Fall Evaluation/Tryout model will also be mandated for the Atom age Division effective the 2020-21 season.

- Hockey Canada has [created a survey to solicit your feedback](#) on the resources that have been created.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Director or the OMHA Office should you have any questions.