

## **Tier 2/ U8-U18 (2002 – 2013) Local League Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Am I Tier 1 or Tier 2?** Note Tier 1 is travel/rep players from last year only, if you played IP3 or local league or are new this year you are automatically assigned to Tier 2

**When does Tier 2 start?** Saturday October 3, all groups will be on ice.

**Am I late paying?** Payment Deadline for Tier 2 is September 30. If you are not paid then your position can be given to someone on waiting list.

**Registration:** All players must be registered and paid prior to attending any ENSMHA Tier 2 programming. Any new players must have submitted birth certificate and completed Respect In Sport Parent Program to participate. Please contact [erieregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:erieregistrar@gmail.com) if any questions.

**Late Registration:** Any players registering after September 11 deadline will be automatically placed on waiting list. [eriensvpkingsville@gmail.com](mailto:eriensvpkingsville@gmail.com) advising that you have registered. No payment should be made until confirmation of being added to the cohort. Board will be in contact in the event there is room in a level or if anyone drops out that opens up a spot.

**Team/Cohort Assignments:** Tier 2 players will be pre-sorted into Groups with approximately 8-10 players per team. Teams will be assigned by the VP of Local League with assistance from the local league board committee and coaches from the prior year. Teams will be used for the purpose of creating set cohorts and will remain in place until December 20. Please note different birth year kids may be mixed in order to balance out team numbers. Can Expect Assignments to be completed and communicated via email by **Monday September 28.**

**Team Changes:** Team changes will only be made in exceptional circumstances. Issues regarding the team placement should be brought to the attention of the VP of Local League via email only ([eriensvpkingsville@gmail.com](mailto:eriensvpkingsville@gmail.com)) after you receive your assignment. Please do not send requests ahead of time as unfortunately we will not be able to accept requests this season due to all the complications involved. Every effort will be made to keep siblings together where possible.

**Ice Times:** Tier 2 Groups will be given two 50 minute ice slots per week, consisting of practices and skill development based on OMHA guidelines and introduction of 3X3 and 4X4 games between the teams in that cohort. Ice times will start on **Saturday October 3** and be populated on team calendar. Expect 2 teams to be assigned to each ice time with October being primarily Saturday and Sunday Ice times in Kingsville. Late October/early November expect ice times to shift as we get our normal harrow ice times returned to us from the Town of Essex.

**Home Centre:** Tier 2 programming will be mixed, so all players should be prepared to attend both arenas throughout the season.

**Team Volunteers:** With smaller teams, will be needing additional volunteers to help including a COVID ambassador for each team to verify completion of online Co-vid Screening Form prior to entry.

**Development:** ENSMHA may be engaging the services of a certified skating/skills instructor to augment the practices and skills development of our players. Those sessions will be marked separately on the team calendar

**Arena Entry:** The Town of Kingsville and Essex have a protocol established regarding entering and exiting the facility. Please review the plan and the video on the Erie website. Players will arrive dressed 15 minutes prior to their ice time. Carry their skates, gloves, helmet, goalie pads (if applicable) where they and one parent/guardian will be allowed to enter facility. Online COVID screening completion will be verified by the team Co-vid Ambassador prior to access to facility. Note: if you have not completed screening, you will not be allowed to access the building, no exceptions. See attached new article on site for video on entry and link to COVID pre-screening.

[https://erienorthshorehockey.com/Articles/5045/ENSMHA\\_RETURN\\_TO\\_PLAY\\_PROTOCOL/](https://erienorthshorehockey.com/Articles/5045/ENSMHA_RETURN_TO_PLAY_PROTOCOL/)

**Illness:** KEEP YOURSELF AND YOUR PLAYER HOME IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS. Don't put this extra burden on the coaches or managers to have to send someone home.

**Winter Session** – January – March 2021 – programming and fees will be set in December once we have a better idea on OMHA directives.

**Refunds** - If you decide to remove your player from the session you may do so at any time up to October 31 and receive 50% refund. After that date, no refunds will be available. If the season is cancelled due to hockey being cancelled, then prorated refunds will be calculated.