



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Member Associations  
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors  
FROM: Ian Taylor - Executive Director  
**SUBJECT: Exemption for 5v5 Game Play**

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Effective immediately, the Directors of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) have approved Ontario Minor Hockey's request to implement 5v5 hockey across the OMHA jurisdiction at the divisions of U10 and above.

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Exemption Request includes the following:

- 5v5 Modified game play with game play rosters of 11 (10 players + 1 goaltender) where permitted under the provincial COVID-19 Response Framework and Regional Public Health Unit (PHU) guidelines.
- Allowance for modified game play with adjacent Public Health unit (PHU) where permitted under provincial framework. All requests must include written approval from both PHUs and require submission and approval by your respective Regional Director and subsequent approval by the OHF.
- Game play cohort/bubble of 50 participants remains in place.
- To modify and re-set the game play cohort/bubble, teams would be required to quarantine for 14-days from all game play.

The approval is contingent upon:

- Strict adherence to [Ontario Regulation 364/20](#),
- Use of [OHF 5v5 Modified Playing Rules](#),
- Strict adherence to [Hockey Canada Safety Guidelines](#) and [OHF Return to Hockey Framework](#),
- Strict adherence to safety protocol established by the appropriate PHU, municipality and facility in which activity occurs.

The decision to allow the OMHA to deliver 5v5 hockey does not constitute a further progression through the OHF Return to Hockey Framework. Specifically, the OHF remains in Stage 3B.

It is noted that current Ontario Regulations only permit team or gameplay in areas in the Prevent-Green, Protect-Yellow and Restrict-Orange categories of [Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework: Keeping Ontario Safe and Open](#). Associations in the Control-Red or Gray-Lockdown categories of the framework are not permitted to participate in any game play or scrimmages.

If you require any additional assistance or clarification regarding these changes, please contact your Regional Director or the OMHA Office.