

Lambton Shores Minor Hockey Association

March 19, 2026

Dear LSMHA Families,

With the new season right around the corner, we've got some important news to share. Our goal is always to make sure every player has a great place to develop their skills, and these updates help us stay on track.

These changes come from a few different places: new rules from the **OMHA**, shifts in what's happening with nearby hockey centers, and our own plans to keep the association strong as the hockey world changes.

1. U9 Program Structure

The OMHA has mandated that LSMHA will operate one U9 MD1 team for the upcoming season. The remaining U9 team will participate as U9 LL teams. We can assume that the same format will be followed for the 2026-27 season in regards to U9 half ice / full ice with U9MD1 entering full ice play before our local league teams.

2. Confirmed "B" Teams for 2026–27 LSMHA will operate:

- U10 B team
- U13 B team
- U15 B team
- U16 B team
- U21 B team
- U11 B team
- U13 B2 team
- U15 B2 team
- U18 B team

Local League teams from U8 - U18 will continue as per usual.

These teams will run within our standard "B" programming structure and in a Shamrock B Loop.

LSMHA will not operate a U11 B2 (A/E) team as the Shamrock League has confirmed it will not run this loop for the upcoming season.

3. Coaching Announcements

B (Rep teams) & U9 MD1 Coaches will be announced at the beginning of April 2026. A/E (B2) Coaches will be announced on or before the start of the first A/E (B2) tryout.

4. LSMHA Classification Status

LSMHA will remain classified as a “B” centre for the 2026–27 season

5. Tryout Process

A. U9MD1, U10B, U11B, U13B, U13B2, U15B, U15B2, and U16B tryouts/skates will be held in the spring. U18, and U21 will try out/skate starting in the fall. Dates to be determined for fall dates.

B. The Spring tryout process will begin with a checking clinic for U15 and above. Tryouts will begin with “B” (first picked teams) and “B2” (second picked teams) as per the schedule below.

Please pay close attention to the website for detailed dates and schedules as these tentative start dates could change. Preskates will begin **BEFORE** the posted tryout dates.

U9MD - April 14
U10 B – May 9
U11B – May 9
U13B – May 9
U13 B2 – May 13
U15B – May 11
U15 B2 – May 14
U16B – May 11

C. To be eligible for tryouts a player shall pay their tryout fee. Players will not be able to step on the ice without fees paid. For the 2026-27 season there will be a \$100 (U9) or \$150 (U11 - U18) tryout fee for all goalies and players, which includes tryout and skill skate ice time. The registration link will be open starting April 1, 2026.

D. Players DO NOT need to try out for B level hockey, to be eligible to try out for B2 level hockey. However, they are STILL required to pay the tryout fee. Please note that since the B2 coaches will be at the B tryout skates, it is recommended that all players attend the B tryouts, however it is not mandatory.

E. All players will be guaranteed 2 tryouts prior to release.

F. If a team offers a spot to a player, the player and family must formally register through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) with LSMHA. Registration is available on the website and a link will be emailed to each player by the coach. Once this registration is completed, the player may not move to other centers/teams or attend any other center tryout(s). The player shall have 24 hours to accept or decline the offer.

6. Updated Registration Cost

REGISTRATION FEES: (incl. OMHA, Shamrock, LMLL, WOGHL – registration & insurance fees)				
Payments to be made via etransfer to: lsmhatreasurer@gmail.com OR via credit card in the HCR system.				
Please ensure player(s) full name(s) in the notes section. All etransfer payments will be accepted automatically. No password required.				
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE 3 DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR REGISTRATION				
DIVISION	BIRTH YEAR	OPTION 1: EARLY BIRD Received before by May 20, 2026	OPTION 2: REGULAR REGISTRATION Received May 20, 2026 - July 10, 2026	OPTION 3: LATE REGISTRATION Payment received July 10, 2026 or later. (<i>Late fee <u>not</u> applicable to new to LSMHA players</i>)
U4)	2023	\$355	\$405	Not applicable
U6	2021 - 2022	\$355	\$405	\$505
U7	2020	\$475	\$525	\$525
U9	2018-2019	\$575	\$625	\$725
U11	2016- 2017	\$625	\$675	\$775
U13	2014 - 2015	\$625	\$675	\$775
U15	2012 - 2013	\$675	\$725	\$825
U18	2009 - 2011	\$675	\$725	\$825
U21	2006 - 2008	\$450 <small>*no fundraising or volunteer requirements for U21*</small>	\$500 <small>*no fundraising or volunteer requirements for U21*</small>	\$550 <small>*no fundraising or volunteer requirements for U21*</small>

7. U18 Intent to Register

With LSMHA hosting Fall tryouts for U18, players that are trying out for our B team and wish to take advantage of our Early Bird Registration incentive are asked to etransfer early bird payments to lsmhatreasurer@gmail.com AND complete the intent to register [form](#). Please note that U18 players are STILL required to also register for tryouts using the provided link on our website.

8. Volunteer Requirements

Volunteer requirements will remain the same for the 2026-27 season. Please see the website for details.

9. Cancellation Policy

For players registered from U9 to U18, a \$100 administrative fee will be deducted from registration fees paid. For U7 and below and U21, no administrative fee will be deducted.

After which the following applies:

Refunds for any player withdrawing from LSMHA will be granted according to the date the written application is received by LSMHA and the following table:

Prior to the start of the Season	100% (after administrative fee, if applicable)
Up to September 30	90% (after administrative fee, if applicable)
During the month of October	75 % (after administrative fee, if applicable)
During the month of November	50 % (after administrative fee, if applicable)
During the month of December	25 % (after administrative fee, if applicable)
As of January 1	0%

No late charges will be refunded.