



Ontario Elite Hockey League

OHA Sr. "AA" Hockey

2025-26 Expansion



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Who We Are:

A well established senior hockey league, with more than 80 years of history.

Sanctioned under the umbrella of Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation and Ontario Hockey Association

Our Mission:

To provide high-calibre hockey in small communities across Ontario

Our Vision:

Senior hockey thriving across Ontario with integrity, sportsmanship and commitment to community



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Governance

Rick Richardson **Commissioner**

Mr. Richardson is the retired Fire Chief of Blandford-Blenheim Fire Department, culminating a career of 47 years in fire service, including 21 years as Chief.

An experienced hockey executive, Mr. Richardson is a past director and chair of the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) and a past director of the Ontario Hockey Federation, as well as the current commissioner of Allan Cup Hockey League, the OHA's Sr. "AAA" league.

The commissioner ensures fair, independent application of the OEHL Manual of Operations



Board of Directors

Chair: Gord Lamont (Saugeen Shores)

Treasurer: Kyle Wynette (Tavistock)

Secretary: Chris Michie (Lucknow)

Director: Jackson Blowes (Milverton)

Director: Mackenzie Fleming (Georgian Bay)



J.F. Paxton Trophy
"AA" Championship



Hugh McLean Trophy
"A" Championship



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Why OEHL Hockey?

- **Strict "tiered" roster system, ensuring a fair playing field for all clubs**
- **OHA sanctioning provides:**
 - **Fully qualified on-ice officials**
 - **Hockey Canada insurance coverage for all team activities**
 - **Ability to qualify for the Allan Cup Tournament**
- **Independent governing body and commissioner ensures impartiality in leadership**

Future Vision

We envision a league stretching across Ontario, with multiple divisions so communities of all sizes can ice a championship team

More teams in more communities means:

- **Shorter travel distances during regular season**
- **Multiple divisions/conferences to keep playing field competitive**
- **More small communities with a team to call their own**



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The Allan Cup

For the first time ever, a national championship is within grasp of Ontario Hockey Association "AA" clubs.

Effective for the 2024-25 season, OEHL members are eligible to compete for the Allan Cup, Canada's senior hockey championship.

Currently, the OEHL playoff champions are able to gain entry to the Allan Cup tournament by challenging (and defeating) the ACHL champion (or finalist if the champion is also host) in a best two-of-three playoff series.

This is part of a broader effort to restore the Allan Cup to its previous stature, with a vision of more provincial champions taking part in the tournament.



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Let's Talk!

Feel free to reach out to any of our representatives for a chat or to ask questions:

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Please reach out to the Commissioner for a formal application package.

Applications must be received by May 15th to be considered for 2025-26



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