



We would like to thank everyone who came out to our information meeting, has been asking insightful questions and taking the time to learn about the opportunity our association and players have with joining North Middlesex, Lucan, and Ilderton Hockey Associations in a hybrid (amalgamation) reorganization.

Since our last FAQ information document was sent out and our information meeting happened, there has been some new information provided to us. We kindly ask you to please read our newly revised FAQ information document addressing important information about the hybrid (amalgamation) reorganization. This document will offer insights into the upcoming amalgamation, outlining objectives and anticipated benefits for players, coaches, and our memberships.

Why is it now called reorganization and not amalgamation?

OMHA has reviewed the process of amalgamations and decided that calling it a reorganization is better suited to what our associations are proposing to do. Going forward we will be addressing this amalgamation as a reorganization.

How will ice times work?

There has been lots of discussion about the ice times at each home centre and how it will be disrupted to all the teams including OMHA Local League, WOGHL League and the new OMHA A Rep Centre.

At this time the goal for all Home Centres is to allot all Local League and WOGHL the same ice time as the currently have. This means if your player is playing on a Lucan Local League or WOGHL team they will continue to have home games and practice ice time at our Lucan centre with the same amount of ice times they currently have. Days and times may be adjusted, as they are every season.

The new OMHA A Rep centre will work around our ice time schedule around all the Home Centres ice times. The Home Centres will not be losing any ice times to the new OMHA A Rep centre.

How do we vote?

Due to some new information obtained after the North Middlesex, Lucan, and Ilderton information nights and from OMHA the voting process has been changed a little.

Our Voting Meeting will still be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 in the Lucan Community Centre. Voting will now be open from 6:00pm until 10pm.

Members from our reorganization committee will be at the community centre during this time to answer any questions you have before making your vote.

The vote count will be done after the voting has closed. The votes will be counted by the committee, a non-committee member as a witness and it will be video as well. The results of the vote will be announced once all three centres have held their voting meeting.

All three centres will announce the voting results on January 12th on their own Minor Hockey websites. Any information you hear about the votes and/or their results before they are announced on the website will not be official.

One vote is allowed per 23/24 registered OMHA family unit, including NRP, ATM and 3.5 players, for their home centre with the same address as their player(s). In the case of a split family, only the guardian at the registered address of the player can vote. You must have a player rostered to an OMHA team in the 23/24 season to vote. You will need to register before voting with an I.D. that has with the same address as your registered players. Without an I.D. you will not receive a ballot for voting.

The Parachute Clause

The parachute clause will be a part of the new OMHA A Rep Centre constitution and will mandate a comprehensive review after two years. It is yet to be determined who will lead the review, but the purpose of this clause is to allow for a vote to decide the future of the OMHA A Rep Centre and each Home Centre. The reassessment will aid in optimizing hockey programs across all the centres, ensuring alignment with evolving needs for enhanced development and sustained excellence.

What this means for us is that in two years, we will be able to be a part of a review and have the opportunity to make any needed adjustments to our hockey programs to ensure our players are getting what they need to succeed.

If you have any questions about the parachute clause, please contact Ben Greig at bengreig14@gmail.com.





Start-up Cost

Each home centre will provide funds in the form of an interest-free loan to aid new Rep Centres' initial setup costs, which will be repaid to each home centre over five years. The start-up costs have yet to be determined but will be equally covered by each association. This collaboration of financial assistance will help build solidarity and unity among the three Home Centres and allow for sustainable development and success for the new OMHA A Rep Centre.

Right Of Choice

Although we are looking at making Ailsa Craig the new centre point for the new OMHA A Rep Centre, it has yet to be determined and approved. If you live near two different hockey centers, you may have a "Right of Choice" (ROC) to play at one or the other center, provided the distances are within 8km of each other. Once a right-of-choice player signs onto the organization, they are considered a lifetime member.

If you have any questions about Right of Choice, please contact Ben Greig at bengreig14@gmail.com

How are teams picked?

All players who want to play at the new OMHA A Rep Centre will need to try out for the A team in their age group. If they do not make that team, they will have the opportunity to try out for the OMHA A Rep Centre's BB (AE) team. They will play for their Home Centers Local League team if they do not make either team at the OMHA A Rep Centre.

All players and coaches will be selected by a committee of independent evaluators made up of all three Home Centres. No centre will be able to select players and coaches solely from their own centre. All teams will consist of players and coaches based on their skill levels rather than the centre they come from.

In a successful reorganization, there will be 'A' rep teams in 2025/2026 in: U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18, and U21. We will also have second entry (AE) BB teams in U11, U13, U15 and U18. The A teams will mainly comprise single birth year cohorts, while the BB teams will be double birth year cohorts. Local League teams will be eligible for AP opportunities.

How does a reorganization happen?

On **Thursday, January 11, 2024 in the Lucan Community Centre**, the Hybrid Reorganization Voting Meeting will be held. Members must be at this meeting to vote. Each centre would need a majority vote of 66% or greater from their respective members to proceed with the amalgamation.

If the vote is yes to reorganization, we aim to be officially amalgamated for the start of the 2025-2026 season, pending OMHA's approval.

If the vote is no for your respective Association, it will continue as it is now and will not be able to enter reorganization talks again with any alternative association for three years.

If the vote is no for 1 association and yes for the other 2, this proposed reorganization will not continue and a new outlook and direction for all centers would need to happen. The 2 centres that voted 'Yes' would have the opportunity to proceed with this Reorganization if they choose.

What will the new Association be called?

If the vote is yes, a subcommittee of all the centres will be created to manage the new branding. All centres are very open to having the membership make recommendations which can be considered.





What would the New OMHA Rep A Centre look like?

- 12 teams: 8 A and 4 BB/ Second Entry – U10 and Up
- Up to the maximum limit skaters and goalies per team that OMHA allows
- 180 skaters and 24 goalies
- Same number games currently scheduled
- New boundaries will be created later
- Play out of Parkhill, Lucan, Ilderton & Komoka Arena, which team will play where will be determined later and based on the needs of all 3 centres and how many teams and ice times will be needed
- Teams would be responsible for their own fundraising

What would the Local Centres look like?

- House the U5, U7, U9, U11-U18 Local League OMHA & OWHA teams
- Currently, there will be no changes to any of these teams.
- The number of teams will be determined by registration
- Same number games currently scheduled
- Play out of home arenas; ice time will be determined later but will have equal priority as the new A centre

How does the Executive Boards work for all the centres?

A new board will be made consisting of equal members from current North Middlesex, Lucan, and Ilderton Hockey Associations. After 2 years, an independent board will be voted in by the membership. The Presidents of Lucan, Ilderton & North Middlesex will also sit on this independent board to represent each centre.

Each Local League OMHA & OWHA centre will continue the board as is.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your association's main contact:

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