

Bluewater Hockey League 2022-23 Season Format

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NOTE: the exception to these rules is the U9 division which will follow the U9 pathway as per OMHA rules.

1. AA / A mixed divisions will play a minimum of 20 games where possible and a maximum of 26 games.
2. The season format will be modified to include a Development portion, a Regular season portion, followed by post-season as per OMHA and league regulations. Start and end dates for each portion of the season are determined by the league in conjunction with OMHA rules.
3. Scheduling formats for all BB (or MD) divisions will be a 'balanced' schedule with each team playing each other the same number of times.
 - a. AE divisions will follow this formula:
 - i. $(X-1) * Y$ where X = number of teams in the division and Y = number of times to play each team
 1. Example: in a 5 team division playing each other 4 times this would be $(5-1) * 5 = 20$ games
4. AA / A formats will also be a 'balanced' schedule with each team playing each other the same number of times.
 - a. Example: 10 teams in a division
 - i. $(x-1) * Y$ where x=number of teams in the division and Y=number of times to play each team.

The concept is the same regardless of the number of teams in the division. The variable is the number of times to play each other which can change in order to ensure a minimum 20 games.
5. The yearly scheduling meeting in August will require the schedulers to complete the Development and Regular season matchups which will be published to each centers calendars.