

Moving from U9 to U11 Frequently Asked Questions:

1. When do tryouts happen for the U11 age group?

Tryouts for U11 tier 1 and tier 2 will start in April 2026, the week following Provincial Weekend. This year provincials are April 9-12, 2026. Make sure to watch the Owen Sound Ice Hawks website and social media for tryout updates!

C and Local league teams will be made in September 2026.

2. Who are the coaches?

Next season's coaches will be Mike Gladwell, U11 AA/A and Dylan Downie, U11BB/B. C and Local League coaches are still TBD.

3. How many teams will there be at U11 in the 2026/2027 season?

Projected numbers for next season will be able to support 4 U11 teams! The levels will be AA/A, BB/B, C, Local League.

4. How do I know what level my player should try out for?

OSGH encourages all players to attend tryouts at the highest level they are eligible for. Even if the player doesn't make the highest-level team, the experience gained from the additional ice time and tryout process should be a positive one.

5. Do I need to register for tryouts?

Yes, there will be a registration package set up for 2026/2027 tryouts through RAMP.

6. Is there a fee to try out?

Yes, there is a fee to try out. This fee is to cover the cost of ice during the tryout process. You only need to pay and register ONCE for the try out season. For example, your player attends the tryout for tier 1 and does not make the team, she is automatically registered for tier 2 tryouts.

7. How many skates are guaranteed?

Each player is guaranteed 2 evaluation skates at each level.

8. How is the level of the team determined?

The organization is committed to ensuring that all teams are placed in divisions that reflect their collective skill level and foster healthy competition. This approach promotes player development and enjoyment.

Team categorization levels are posted with coaching applications and used as the basis for coach selection, player registration, and tryouts

Actual team categorizations cannot be confirmed until teams are selected. In some cases, teams should be moved up or down to ensure a suitable competitive fit with the group of players.

9. What league does each level play in?

AA/A play in the Ontario Women's Hockey League Southern Division (OWHL)

BB/B can play in either OWHL or the Western Ontario Girls Hockey League (WOGHL) B only, no BB in WOGHL.

C & Local League play in the Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA)

10. What do the loops look like for each league?

Loops will vary slightly year to year.

Examples of loops from 2025/2026 season:

A Loop (OWHL) – Guelph, Grand River, Kitchener, Waterloo, Woolwich, Cambridge

B Loop (OWHL) – Grand River, Ayr, Waterloo, Woolwich, Brantford, Guelph

B Loop (WOGHL) – Port Elgin, Kincardine, Walkerton, Mount Forest, Stratford, Wilmot, South Huron, Huron Heat, Twin Centre, St. Mary's

C and Local League Loop (WOAA) – Port Elgin, Kincardine, Walkerton, Mount Forest, Upper Maitland, Bruce Peninsula

11. What happens if my player makes the tier 1 team but wishes to play on a lower tier team?

Having an open and honest conversation with the head coach prior to try outs is important. If your intent is not to play tier 1 but your player wishes to gain experience reach out to the coach and let them know.

If you and your player decide you do not want to play tier 1 after tryouts are finished a roster spot is not guaranteed for the tier 2 team. Tier 3 and Local League teams will be made in the fall.

