

Ontario Hockey League to resume regular season play on December 1

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The OHL plans to resume 2020-21 regular season play on December 1, 2020, as long as it's safe to do so.
(Graphic: OHL)

The Ontario Hockey League (OHL) announced on Wednesday (August 5) that it is planning to return to play on Tuesday, December 1st — as long as it's safe for players, fans, and staff.

Over the next four months, the OHL says it will continue to work with government and health agencies to deal with outstanding issues such as safe attendance at venues and cross-border travel for teams and players.

The season will include a 64-game schedule and a 16-team playoff format. The regular season is scheduled to end on April 29, 2021, with the Memorial Cup — hosted by either the Oshawa Generals or Soo Greyhounds — scheduled to be played June 17 to 27, 2021.

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“We are looking forward to getting back to playing hockey, but are committed to ensuring that we do so in a manner that is safe and healthy for our players, officials, families, billets, teams, staff, fans and the community,” says OHL commissioner David Branch.

“Players will remain at home until the season resumes and teams will work closely with them on both their academic studies and overseeing their on and off-ice development. In addition, the league will liaise with our facilities to ensure that our venues are safe for our return to play.”

Peterborough Petes general manager Mike Oke says the entire organization is looking forward to having a start date to work toward and plan around.

“We feel that, with a great group of returning players and many talented prospects looking to earn spots on our roster, we’ll be icing an exciting team when the season gets underway,” Oke says.

Renewals for Petes’ season ticket memberships will resume on Tuesday, August 11th, with season ticket holders getting priority access to tickets. More details will be released as the regular season approaches.

The National Hockey League resumed play on August 1st in the hub cities of Edmonton and Toronto, with 24 teams in competition for the Stanley Cup.

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