

INLINE HOCKEY IRELAND 2020/21 SEASON

CONTINGENCY PLAN (Step System)

Step 1:

- **Regular season** - None
- **Playoffs** - None
- **Promotion/Relegation** - None

Step 2:

- **Regular season** - None
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Byes for top 2 teams from last season + 2 more randomly selected¹
- **Promotion/Relegation** - None

Step 3.1:²

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18 & Under 15 - 1 round vs each team
 - League 1, League 2 & Under 13 - None
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in Elite League, Under 18 & Under 15
 - For League 1, League 2 & Under 13 there are byes for top 2 teams from last season + 2 more randomly selected¹
- **Promotion/Relegation** - None

Step 3.2:

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18, Under 15, League 1 & Under 13 - 1 round vs each team
 - League 2 - None
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in Elite League, Under 18, Under 15, League 1 & Under 13
 - For League 2 there are byes for top 2 teams from last season + 2 more randomly selected¹
- **Promotion/Relegation** - None

Step 3.3:

- **Regular season**
 - 1 round vs each team for all divisions
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - None

Step 4.1:

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18 & Under 15 - 2 rounds vs each team
 - League 1, League 2 & Under 13 - 1 round vs each team

- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - Relegation for Elite Only

Step 4.2:

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18, Under 15, League 1 & Under 13 - 2 rounds vs each team
 - League 2 - 1 round vs each team
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - Elite Relegation & League 1 Promotion and Relegation Only

Step 4.3:

- **Regular season**
 - 2 rounds vs each team for all divisions
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - Yes

Step 5.1:

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18 & Under 15 - 3 rounds vs each team
 - League 1, League 2 & Under 13 - 2 rounds vs each team
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - Yes

Step 5.2:

- **Regular season**
 - Elite League, Under 18, Under 15 & Under 13 - 3 rounds vs each team
 - League 1 & League 2 - 2 rounds vs each team
- **Playoffs** - Yes
 - Usual qualification in all divisions
- **Promotion/Relegation** - Yes

Notes

¹ The Byes belong to the following teams:

- Elite League: Midland Thunder and Dublin Rebels.
- League 1: Longford Hawks and Rileys.
- League 2: Bangor Chiefs and Sirens.
- Under 18: Midland Thunder direct to final. Kilkenny Storm & Flying Ducks to play a semi-final.
- Under 15: Kilkenny Storm & Midland Thunder.
- Under 13: Midland Thunder & Kilkenny Storm.

² Step 3 League Games only serve as a round-robin stage for the Playoffs. Teams will not be awarded for placing first in their respective Leagues, while on Step 3. i.e. teams need to play each team twice for league title to be awarded.

- Individual Awards are not yet confirmed to be awarded and are subject to progress made during the season in all leagues. The League Committee will have the final say on this matter.
- Should your team have played an extra game (i.e. you played a team twice or three times, but the current step states you only play a team one game less, the results from the additional times you played the other team will be divided as to make one whole result from the 2-3 games. E.G, your team won in OT and regulation against the other team in 2 games, so you get 2.5 points, and the other team gets 0.5, while on the lower step. Also applies to GF, GA and GD. Note, this will not be seen on the IHI website.
- The IHI League Committee will hold the final decision on whether we move up or down each step of the plan.
- Teams should be prepared to play-out their rounds in weekly or bi-weekly fashion, if and when their round is in the appropriate step of the plan.
- The League Committee will be considerate to teams who are unable to train leading up to their gameday.
- The League Committee will take every opportunity to play out gamedays/games of other Leagues should there be an opportunity to do so. The respective league managers may contact you to offer you games, maybe in as little as days in advance. For this reason, we ask teams of all divisions to be ready in case such opportunity arises. (Should they be willing to accept these offers)
- Teams should be ready to play out their gamedays in an alternative venue if the original venue becomes unavailable for one reason or another. No postponements or rescheduling will be given to senior teams unwilling to travel to a different location.
- Following changes to the Sporting Framework in the Republic of Ireland, games will only be held if the teams and venue location are in Level 2 (In Northern Ireland, there is no clear framework but IHI will keep all clubs up to date on that matter). If teams feel 'unsafe' or 'uncomfortable' while playing in Level 2 (And NI equivalent) or while playing at all during this pandemic, then you should seriously reconsider your participation in IHI Leagues this season (No punishments will be taken against teams, provided they keep league management informed via the proper channels).