



# PRELIMINARY BRACKETS ANNOUNCED FOR 2019 PLAYDOWNS

31,000 Minor Hockey Players from 6,750 Teams Set to Compete

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**Richmond Hill, ON:** The Preliminary Brackets have been announced for the 2019 Ontario Minor Hockey Association Playdowns presented by the Egg Farmers of Ontario.

Playdowns are one of the most exciting events on the OMHA calendar and is a celebration of all the hard work that teams put into the season. More than 31,000 minor hockey players competing on 6,750 teams will begin competing in Ontario Minor Hockey Association Playdowns starting in January, running through to March. Teams from across the province will be challenging for 91 championships.

“Hockey plays an important role in building stronger, healthier communities. We understand the values instilled through hockey help build lifelong relationships, character, self-esteem and good citizens,” says Ian Taylor, Executive Director at the OMHA. “We are excited to partner with the Egg Farmers of Ontario to celebrate the culmination of the commitment, dedication, and perseverance shown from all of our member associations.”

With the first brackets being released, teams can now prepare to see who they will be facing in the Preliminary round. Brackets may have different rules for how teams advance as well as how many teams from each league move on to the next round.

“We are proud to support local Ontario communities and part of this includes helping kids stay active while learning life skills such as teamwork and discipline,” said EFO Chair Scott Graham. “Our partnership with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association is something we feel accomplishes all of those things and more, and we are eggs-cited to work together to help kids fuel their hockey goals.”

Preliminary brackets begin play on January 3rd, with subsequent rounds being completed by:

**Quarter-Finals:** February 24

**Semi-Finals:** March 10

**Championships:** March 31

Stay connected and share your Playdowns photos on social media by using #RedHats and #OMHA.

Schedules will be finalized in the coming weeks as teams begin to advance to the next rounds.

**About the Ontario Minor Hockey Association**

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association, founded in 1935, is a leader in community sport and oversees a participant base of 300,000 consisting of players, coaches, trainers, officials, hockey volunteers and parents across the province. The OMHA works with its 225 local minor hockey associations and annually coordinates 28 leagues to create the best minor hockey experience in Canada. For more information, visit [www.omha.net](http://www.omha.net).

**About the Egg Farmers of Ontario**

Egg Farmers of Ontario is an association that represents approximately 500 egg and pullet farm families in the province. EFO works to ensure that consumers have access to safe, reliable and reasonably-priced eggs with fair farm pricing ensuring adequate returns to egg farmers. For more information, visit [www.GetCracking.ca](http://www.GetCracking.ca).

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