



The purpose of the Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association wide 50/50 is to help offset the costs of registration, team fundraising for players, and to limit barriers to entry into hockey.

Participation in the program is optional and by choosing to participate parents/players agree to the ESMHA 50/50 policies.

Players may withdraw from participation in the ESMHA 50/50 at any time, by contacting [support@rafflebox.ca](mailto:support@rafflebox.ca)

## **ESMHA 50/50 LOTTO HOUSE RULES**

### **1) Exact Location of the draw**

There will be four draws (November 21, 2023, December 19, 2023, Jan 18, 2024 and February 22, 2024). Draws will take place at Eastern Shore Community Centre in the Mezzanine located upstairs at 67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia at 7:00 p.m.

Two executive members will conduct the draw, along with three witnesses. The draw will also be streamed live on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/108960859140981>) and the winners will also be posted to our Association's webpage ([www.esmariners.ca](http://www.esmariners.ca)).

### **2) How draw is to be conducted and how winners are determined**

To avoid printing thousands of tickets, Rafflebox now uses a certified Random Number Generator to select the winner. The winner will win the 50/50 proceeds for that month.

### **3) How will winner be contacted?**

The winner of each 50/50 draw will be contacted via telephone.

### **4) How prize will be awarded**

The 50/50 proceeds will be awarded by cheque made payable to the winner drawn each month.

### **5) Deadline for tickets to be include in draw**

The ticket sales end the night before the draw (Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec 18<sup>nd</sup>, Jan 17<sup>st</sup>, Feb 21<sup>th</sup>)

## **6) Procedure to be followed if winner cannot be located**

If the winner cannot be located via telephone or Facebook, we will contact the person that sold the ticket to them and ask that they have them contact ESMHA Treasurer [esmhatreasurer21@gmail.com](mailto:esmhatreasurer21@gmail.com) to obtain their proceeds.

If the proceeds remain unclaimed after 90 days, we will then re-draw a new ticket.

## **ESMHA 50/50 LOTTO FACTS & QUESTIONS**

### **How does our team get Association 50/50 tickets?**

50/50 tickets can be only purchased virtually on Raffle Box website

<https://rafflebox.ca/raffle/easternshoremha>

Each player registered for the 50/50 will receive their personal URL to share. If you do not, please contact [support@rafflebox.ca](mailto:support@rafflebox.ca)

### **50/50 Funds and Team Fundraising**

Funds from ticket sales in November, December and January (Feb 1 draw date) (\*\*This was adjusted in 2021\*\*) can be applied to a player's team fundraising goal. If they meet their fundraising goal before the end of January, then funds will go towards their next year's registration. For the February (February 22nd) draw, all monies brought in by each player will be applied to their next year's registration.

The 50/50 Treasurer will calculate the fundraiser cost deductions (Lotto fee, ticket cost, winners portion, bank fees) on a master spreadsheet. Player 50/50 amounts to be used for this season's fundraising will be transferred to teams by February 1, 2024,

If at any time you would like to be provided an update on each player's total, please send a request to the 50/50 email, and it will be sent to you as soon as possible.

If a player uses 50/50 money towards team fundraising, and they have a surplus at the end of the season the 50/50 money will go back to their 50/50 credits, no greater than they received.

### **What happens when a player has reached, or has not reached, their fundraising amount for their team?**

If an individual completes their team fundraising amount, they can continue to sell tickets towards their registration for next season, unless you are in your final year of U18. If you are in your final year of U18 you are to stop selling 50/50 tickets once your fundraising amount is met. If you choose, you can continue to sell tickets with all money going back into the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund.

***\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT NO OTHER TYPES OF FUNDRAISING CAN BE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON'S REGISTRATION.***

Any player with an outstanding fundraising amount still owing to their team at the end of the current season will have their 50/50 registration credits (if there are any) reduced by this amount owing to the current team.

**Is there a maximum amount allowed to be fundraised?**

After any team fundraising amounts in Nov/Dec/Jan, the following seasons base registration is the only amount allowed to be fundraised for through the 50/50 proceeds. (The cost of the age group the player will be going into next year – base registration fee only) U7 - \$430, U9 - \$695 and U11-U18 - \$765

ESMHA 50/50 Credits can be spread across to all siblings, but when all players base registration fees are covered for the following season, any excess money raised over that amount will be put into the ESMHA Helping Children Play Hockey Fund.

**Can we still sell tickets?**

Yes, most definitely please continue to sell and keep the jackpot high and help other kids who otherwise may not have the chance to play hockey!

**What if my player does not play for Eastern Shore Minor Hockey next season – will we lose all our 50/50 credits?**

50/50 credits can be transferred between siblings. They will also be held in trust for 2 years to be used if the player returns to ESMHA. If an individual has a credit towards their registration but decides that they are not going to play hockey that year or leaves to play in another Association, then their credit will be held for two registrations. For example, if a player raised \$200 in the 2021/2022 season, and does not register for ESMHA in the 2022/2023 season the funds will be held until the 2023/2024 registration.

If a player does not register at ESMHA for the 2023/2024 season the funds will be released to the association to the ESMHA Helping Children Play Hockey Fund) This will be used to help increase the number of children playing hockey on the Eastern Shore.)

The funds are raised under the ESMHA name, and therefore technically belongs to the ESMHA. The lottery license does not allow for funds raised under ESMHA name to be transferred out of the association. The registration credits can be transferred between registered siblings. Past credits cannot be applied to current individual team budget obligations.

Registration credits CANNOT be sold.

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***ESMHA has an official legal agreement with the ES Thunder Junior C team in the 2023/24 season.***

### **How registration credits are applied the following year:**

For anyone who has a credit towards the following year's registration from 50/50, they will see this as a credit upon checkout when they register for hockey the following year. If you do not see this, please contact the ESMHA Registrar (Janie Conrad: [esmha-registrar@hotmail.com](mailto:esmha-registrar@hotmail.com)) before checking out.

For players with a yearly balance lower than \$19.99, the credits will be moved to the Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund. Players with a balance of \$20.00, or higher will see their credit when they register for the 2024/2025 season.

### **What is Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association's Role**

1. To make this available association wide 50/50;
2. To ensure that all rules are followed regarding the lottery license from NS Alcohol and Gaming, to ensure all ESMHA 50/50 policies are followed.
3. To organize the registration credits at the association level; and
4. To maintain a separate bank account for the association 50/50 apart from general operating accounts.
5. To draw and pay the lucky winners!

### **What is the Team's Role?**

1. To communicate any 50/50 information provided to their players/family.
2. To find out which players want to use their credits towards this season's fundraising (team fundraising and/or registration).

### **What is the Player's/Family's Role?**

1. To sell tickets!
2. Registration credits cannot be sold to another player or family
3. If there are any errors with your 50/50 tickets such as name, email, etc – please contact Rafflebox directly to correct. [support@rafflebox.ca](mailto:support@rafflebox.ca)
4. Keep track of your 50/50 sales & credits on an ongoing basis (monthly).

### **Calculations:**

- a) Winner receives 50% of tickets sales.
- b) Rafflebox Fee of 5%
- c) Merchant Fee (Bambora) of 2.5% + \$0.15 per transaction around 3.2-3.5%
- d) Lottery Fee of 2.13% of the winnings;
- e) Bank Fees, taxes and other fees > 1%.
- f) Players will receive 38% credit

### **NOTE:**

In the event there are any excess funds left from Section C & E at the end of the year, the funds will go to the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund.

**Year End Process:**

A player can only receive a credit for the base registration cost of the season. As the registration fee for the season does not get set until the summer, the maximum credit a player can have will be equal to the current season's cost for the level the player will be in next season. It is the responsibility of the player's family to keep track of funds raised that will be applied as credits for the next season. Any extra amount over and above the registration amount allowed will not be able to be held but can be transferred to a sibling who is registered for the following season. If no transfer is possible the funds remaining will go to the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund

For auditing purposes and best practices, player credits will be tracked and kept in a dedicated ESMHA 50/50 Bank Account. The association will track which credits are used and transfer only those credits used to the operating ESMHA bank account on a yearly basis once registration is complete. If a player decides not to continue to play at any point that year, registration credits will not be given as a cash refund back to the player. It will be kept on file for future use.