

2026 / 2027 • ASSOCIATION-WIDE FUNDRAISER

ESMHA 50/50 Lotto

EASTERN SHORE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Helping families. Supporting teams. Keeping hockey accessible.

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

Participation is optional. By choosing to participate, parents and players agree to the ESMHA 50/50 policies. Players may withdraw at any time by contacting support@rafflebox.ca.

Draw schedule

DRAW DATE • 7:00 PM	TICKET SALES END
November 24, 2026	November 23, 2026
December 15, 2026	December 14, 2026
January 26, 2027	January 25, 2027
February 23, 2027	February 22, 2027

Location: Eastern Shore Community Center
67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia

Buy tickets:

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

Watch the draws and see winners:

[ESMHA 50/50 Facebook page](#)

HOUSE RULES

How the draws work

1. Draw dates, location and witnesses

Four draws will take place on November 24, 2026; December 15, 2026; January 26, 2027; and February 23, 2027. Each draw will take place at 7:00 PM at Eastern Shore Community Center, 67 Park Road, Musquodoboit Harbour, Nova Scotia. Two executive members will conduct the draw with the 50/50 organizer and two other witnesses. Draws will be livestreamed on the [Facebook page](#), where winners will also be posted.

2. How is the winner determined?

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

3. How will the winner be contacted?

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

4. How will the prize be awarded?

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

5. What is the ticket deadline?

Ticket sales end the night before each draw: November 23, December 14, January 25 and February 22. See the schedule on page 1 for the applicable years.

6. What happens if the winner cannot be located?

If the winner cannot be located by telephone or Facebook, ESMHA will contact the person who sold the ticket and ask them to have the winner contact the ESMHA Treasurer at treasurer@esmariners.ca to obtain their proceeds. If the proceeds remain unclaimed after 90 days, a new ticket will be drawn.

FACTS & QUESTIONS

Tickets, fundraising & limits

How does our team get Association 50/50 tickets?

Tickets can only be purchased online through [the Rafflebox website](#). Each player registered for the 50/50 will receive a personal URL to share. If you do not receive one, contact support@rafflebox.ca.

How are funds applied and transferred?

Funds from ticket sales can be applied to a player's team fundraising goal or registration for next season. If an individual player's sales are less than \$20.00, the amount goes back to the Association. The coordinator calculates deductions for lottery fees, ticket costs, the winner's portion and bank fees on a master spreadsheet. Amounts used for this season's fundraising will be transferred to teams in March 2027. Requests for player totals may be sent to the 50/50 email (esmha50502025@gmail.com); an update will be provided as soon as possible.

What happens when a player reaches the team fundraising goal?

You should stop selling once your fundraising amount is met. If you choose to continue, all money goes back into the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund. The supplied policy also permits fundraising for next season's base registration, as described below. **No other types of fundraising can be carried forward to next season's registration.** Any outstanding team fundraising amount at the end of the current season will reduce the player's available 50/50 registration credits by that amount.

Is there a maximum amount that may be fundraised?

After team fundraising amounts in November, December and January, only the following season's base registration may be fundraised through 50/50 proceeds, based on the age group the player will enter:

U7	U9	U11-U18
\$430	\$695	\$765

Credits may be spread across siblings. Once all players' base registration fees for the following season are covered, excess funds go to the ESMHA Helping Children Play Hockey Fund.

Can we still sell tickets?

Yes. Continuing to sell keeps the jackpot high and helps other children who might otherwise not have the chance to play hockey.

FACTS & QUESTIONS

Registration credits & responsibilities

What if my player does not play for ESMHA next season?

Credits may be transferred between registered siblings and are held in trust for two registrations if a player does not register or leaves for another association. The supplied example states that \$200 raised in 2021/2022 is held through 2023/2024 registration if the player does not register in 2022/2023. If the player also does not register in 2023/2024, the funds are released to the ESMHA Helping Children Play Hockey Fund to help more children play on the Eastern Shore.

Funds raised under the ESMHA name belong to ESMHA. The supplied policy states that the lottery licence does not allow these funds to be transferred out of the Association. Past credits cannot be applied to current individual team budget obligations. **Registration credits cannot be sold.**

How are registration credits applied the following year?

Credits appear at checkout when registering the following year. If a credit is missing, contact treasurer@esmariners.ca **before checking out**. The supplied text directs balances lower than \$20.00 to the Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund and states that balances of \$20.01 or higher appear at registration for the 2027/2028 season or team fundraising for the 2026/2027 season.

What is the Association's role?

1. Make the association-wide 50/50 available.
2. Ensure lottery licence rules from NS Alcohol and Gaming and all ESMHA 50/50 policies are followed.
3. Organize registration credits at the association level.
4. Maintain a separate 50/50 bank account apart from general operating accounts.
5. Conduct the draws and pay the winners.

What is the team's role?

1. Communicate 50/50 information to players and families.
2. Identify which players want to use credits for this season's fundraising.

What is the player's or family's role?

1. Sell tickets.
2. Do not sell registration credits to another player or family.
3. Contact support@rafflebox.ca directly to correct ticket information such as a name or email.
4. Track 50/50 sales and credits monthly.

CALCULATIONS & YEAR END

How proceeds and credits are managed

Proceeds calculations

- a. Winner: 50% of ticket sales.
- b. Rafflebox fee: 5%.
- c. Merchant fee (Bambora): 2.5% + \$0.15 per transaction, approximately 3.2%-3.5%.
- d. Lottery fee: 2.13% of the winnings.
- e. Bank fees, taxes and other fees: greater than 1%.
- f. **Player credit: 38%.**

Any excess funds remaining from items c and e at year end go to the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund.

Year-end process

A player can receive credit only up to the base registration cost for the season. Because registration fees are not set until summer, the maximum credit equals the current season's cost for the level the player will enter next season. Families are responsible for tracking funds raised for next season's registration credits.

Amounts above the permitted registration credit cannot be held, but may be transferred to a sibling registered for the following season. If no transfer is possible, the remaining funds go to the ESMHA Helping Kids Play Hockey Fund.

For auditing and best practices, player credits are tracked and kept in a dedicated ESMHA 50/50 bank account. After registration is complete, the Association tracks credits used and transfers only those used credits to the ESMHA operating account each year. If a player stops playing during the year, registration credits are not refunded in cash; they remain on file for future use.