

## 2021 Season – Frequently Asked Questions

The following FAQs are provided as a reference for districts and clubs with respect to the 2021 Snowmobile Season offers.

General Permit FAQs can be found online at: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/permits/#permit-faqs>

General Gift Card FAQs can be found online at: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/gift-cards/#permit-faqs>

### 1. When are permits available for purchase?

*Permits will be available online at ofsc.on.ca on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020*

### 2. What are the permit fees for the 2021 Ontario Snowmobile Season?

Permit Type	Date of Purchase	Fee*	Rider Advantage Confidence Bonus**
Seasonal & Gift Cards	Sept 1 – Sept 30	\$190	\$50 bonus applied to your 2022 permit account
	Oct 1 – Nov 1	\$190	\$25 bonus applied to your 2022 permit account
	Nov 2 – Dec 1	\$220	n/a
	Dec 2 onwards	\$270	n/a
Classic & Gift Cards	Sept 1 – Sept 30	\$150	\$50 bonus applied to your 2022 permit account
	Oct 1 – Nov 1	\$150	\$25 bonus applied to your 2022 permit account
	Nov 2 – Dec 1	\$150	n/a
	Dec 2 onwards	\$180	n/a

### 3. What is the Rider Advantage Confidence Bonus and how do I take advantage of it?

*We're doing what we can to help reassure snowmobilers and provide some certainty in uncertain times. Thus, the OFSC is also providing a one-time "confidence bonus" for snowmobilers who sign up for the Rider Advantage Program at the time of early permit purchase.*

*This bonus to your permit account may be redeemed as partial payment towards a 2022 Seasonal or Classic Trail Permit. Snowmobilers who sign up for Rider Advantage this September, between the 1<sup>st</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, will qualify for a bonus of \$50. For those signing up for Rider Advantage from October 1 to 31, the bonus is \$25.*

### 4. What happens if I don't buy my permit and sign up for benefits until the season starts?

*You won't qualify for the confidence bonus and will make it even more difficult for clubs to afford getting trails ready this fall. Permits will be available throughout the season but only permit purchases between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> (inclusive) are eligible for the Rider Advantage Confidence Bonus and only if the option is selected at the time of purchase.*

### 5. What happens if I don't select the Rider Advantage offer at the time of my permit purchase?

*To qualify for the Rider Advantage Confidence Bonus, you must select this option at the time of permit purchase. The offer is only available for purchases made between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> (inclusive).*

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6. Do Gift Cards qualify for the Rider Advantage Confidence Bonus offer?

*Yes. All Gift Cards purchased during the month of September 2020 are eligible for the \$50 bonus ONLY if the gift card is redeemed for a permit before February 15, 2021 and the purchaser signs up for Rider Advantage.*

*All Gift cards purchased during the month of October 2020 (and including November 1st) are eligible for the \$25 bonus ONLY if the gift card is redeemed for a permit before February 15, 2021 and the purchaser signs up for Rider Advantage.*

7. What happens if there is a second wave of COVID-19 this winter?

*That's a very broad question that even the world's best experts can't answer with yet. The OFSC is ready to move within the challenging landscape pertaining to COVID-19 to ensure riders can still safely enjoy the trails available based on the latest guidelines from Public Health. All we can do is work with what we are being told today by the experts and in the event of a second wave of COVID-19, develop plans to shift focus to regional and local riding opportunities wherever possible. We will always remind riders to adhere to the latest guidelines set by the government and will communicate the impact to snowmobiling activities as any changes arise.*

8. When will trails open this winter?

*As always, Mother Nature ultimately answers this question, and that's why trail openings normally vary from winter to winter as well as region by region. But the OFSC addresses what it can control by making sure trails typically are made available once the volunteers have ensured that all land-use permissions are in place, any trail work has been completed, and trails have been inspected during the fall. Once winter starts, we make sure that the ground is sufficiently frozen and snow-covered for safe operation of groomers. Riders should always keep an eye on the online Interactive Trail Guide (ITG) at [ofsc.on.ca](http://ofsc.on.ca) for trail availability or obtain information from local club volunteers before riding.*

9. Is there any compensation for last year's early trail closure due to COVID-19?

*No, as with other Ministry of Transportation fees, those for Ontario Snowmobile Trail Permits are non-refundable, in whole or in part. On March 21st, a date only a couple of weeks away from the usual trail closing due spring thaw, the OFSC made the responsible decision to close any remaining available trails on the provincial trail network in adherence with Ontario's declared state of emergency and Public Health guidelines.*

10. Can I get a refund for my Ontario Snowmobile Trail Permit?

*No. Ontario Snowmobile Trail Permits are non-refundable.*