

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION 2013-2014 HANDBOOK

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the OHF Officer's, I welcome everyone to another season.

Our volunteers are committed in providing all participants and their families an enjoyable experience in our game on and off the ice. Without the volunteers, our programs would not be fulfilled and our commitment to our participants would not be achieved. We appreciate all that you do.

The OHF and Hockey Canada continue to review our, playing rules and policies to ensure all participants in our great game are protected. This requires support and input from our Member Partners and all individuals associated with the game.

Body Checking has been removed from Pee wee and below which allows the players to grow with the game and develop their bodies to move up to the next level. Body Checking and Head Contact continue to be in the forefront of our rule emphasis. The OHF Board encourages everyone to "respect your opponent".

As the largest Hockey Canada Branch we continue providing the best possible leadership across the country.

I thank the Member Partners, their Office Staff, the OHF Board of Directors, the Councils and Committees and especially the OHF Office Staff for their dedication, commitment and support.

Please visit our website at www.ohf.on.ca for regular updates and to become familiar with the OHF.

I extend our best wishes for another great year of OHF hockey.

Bill Bowman

Bill Bowman, OHF President





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ABOUT THE OHF

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The Ontario Hockey Federation has been in existence since 1989 and is the largest Branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Canada is the national governing body for amateur hockey in Canada and is made up of thirteen provincial and regional Branches. The OHF is one of three Branches operating in the Province of Ontario. The other two Branches are Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) and Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO).

In 2012-13, Hockey Canada represented 625,152 registered players. Of those players, 235,945 were registered in the OHF.

In addition to the registered players, the OHF also involves in excess of 33,594 coaches and 9,152 Officials.

The main objectives of the OHF are: to foster, promote, encourage the sport of amateur hockey; provide opportunities for all players to play the sport; promote the orderly development of all categories, and to coordinate and conduct competitions for Branch, Regional and National Championships.

The strategic plan of the OHF is to provide administrative resources, coordinate programs, services and events for hockey participants and the Member Partners.

On an annual basis the OHF will coordinate approximately fifteen Branch, Regional and National Championship events. The OHF rewards dedication and hard work through the Bursary Program and Awards Program.

The OHF provides support to various Development Programs for coaches, officials, trainers and players, Safety and Risk Management Issues and offers resources for Harassment and Abuse education.

YEARS OF SERVICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Scott Farley	1995-2000
John Panethere	2000-2002
Phillip McKee	2003-Present

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

Ken Miller	1988-1996
Rick Morphew	1996-Present

PRESIDENTS

Cliff Phillips	1989-1991
Larry Clark	1991-1992
Justice David Watt	1992-1997
Dr. Allan Morris	1997-2001
Edward Pupich	2001-2005
Joe Drago	2005-2011
Bill Bowman	2011-Present



OHF AWARDS PROGRAM

The OHF Awards Program was introduced during the 2001–02 season to formally recognize the efforts and achievements of the OHF volunteers who dedicate themselves to furthering our great game.

BILL RICHMOND MEMORIAL AWARD

In 1996, the Bill Richmond Memorial Award was established to recognize outstanding achievement and involvement in the area of hockey development. For over 20 years, Mr. Richmond was a leader in the development and delivery of the National Coaches Certification Program. He passed away in 1995 and left a legacy of hard work and commitment to the development of the game.

99–00	Herb Ebisuzaki	Toronto, ON
00–01	Ken Miller	North Bay, ON
01–02	Dennis Brown	Barrie, ON
02–03	Vern Stenlund	Windsor, ON
03–04	Jim Grandy	Kitchener, ON
04–05	Rick Morphew	Whitby, ON
05–06	Bob Stevenson	Owen Sound, ON
06–07	Gary McFarlane	Hamilton, ON
07–08	Gary Fisch	Wyevale, ON
08–09	Darryl Bossence	Barrie, ON
09–10	Ron Noonan	Brampton, ON
10–11	Brian Stittle	Brampton, ON
11–12	John Murphy	Georgetown, ON
12–13	Thom Foster	Brantford, ON

PAST REFEREE-IN-CHIEF RECOGNITION

Presented as a token of appreciation from the Branch to the previous Referee-in-Chief, when the position has changed hands.

88–96	Ken Miller	North Bay, ON
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PAST PRESIDENT'S RECOGNITION

Presented to the OHF Past President to recognize their contribution and leadership in the evolution of the Branch during their presidential term.

91–92	Larry Clark	Hamilton, ON
92–97	Justice David Watt	Newmarket, ON
97–01	Dr. Allan Morris	Warton, ON
01–05	Edward R. Pupich	Schumacher, ON
10–11	Joe Drago	Sudbury, ON



DR. ALLAN MORRIS

Presented to recognize the outstanding achievement of an individual who has exemplified dedication to amateur hockey and the mission of the Branch. Previously known as the Past Presidents' Honour Award, it was renamed in honour of Dr. Allan Morris in 2009, who served as Branch President from 1997-2001 and as Hockey Canada's Chairman of the Board from 2007 until his passing in 2009. Dr. Morris had a profound impact on the game not only within the OHF but throughout the country.

02-03	Bill Appleby	Waterloo, ON
03-04	Peter Brill	Waterloo, ON
04-05	Kevin Almond	Meaford, ON
05-06	Alf Johnston	Mississauga, ON
06-07	Peter Martin	Hamilton, ON
07-08	Dick Bennett	London, ON
08-09	Karen Phibbs	London, ON
09-10	John Gardner	Toronto, ON
10-11	Frank Pindar	Peterborough, ON
11-12	Wayne Tod	Belleville, ON

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The recipient is selected by the OHF President, and the award is presented to an individual who has made a valuable contribution and has provided service and leadership to amateur hockey throughout the Branch.

03-04	William Church	Orangeville, ON
04-05	Tony Foresi	London, ON
05-06	Chris May	North Bay, ON
06-07	Pat Doherty	Kitchener, ON
07-08	Pat Langdon	Woodstock, ON
08-09	Fred Heimbecker	Waterloo, ON
09-10	Marg Ensoll	Ajax, ON
10-11	Henry White	Toronto, ON
11-12	Brent Ladds	Orangeville, ON
12-13	Michael Penman	Toronto, ON

OHF VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding commitment and significant contribution to the game, the Branch and it's hockey community by an individual actively involved in hockey during the year of the award presentation.



03-04	Fran King	London, ON
04-05	Ron Noonan	Brampton, ON
05-06	Al Reinhardt	Waterloo, ON
06-07	Jim Nicoletti	Etobicoke, ON
07-08	Bob Beaumont	Parry Sound, ON
08-09	Paul Carruthers	Duntroon, ON
09-10	Penny Brookshaw	Thorndale, ON
10-11	Gordon Murphy	Mississauga, ON
11-12	Colin McCallum	Simcoe, ON
12-13	Wendy Dufton	London, ON

OHF ORDER OF MERIT

This award honours an individual who has served many years within amateur hockey. The recipient has participated as a player, as a coach and/or an association member and has made significant contributions to amateur hockey within the OHF.

03-04	Jack MacLellan	Chelmsford, ON
04-05	Gerry McCrory	Sudbury, ON
05-06	Art Shannon	Espanola, ON
06-07	Lou Battochio	Schumacher, ON
07-08	Gord Hughes	Mississauga, ON
08-09	Mike Hammond	Thornbury, ON
09-10	Randy Pascal	Val Caron, ON
09-10	Todd Guthrie	Sudbury, ON
10-11	Pat Parlette	Emsdale, ON
11-12	Dick Prescott	North Bay, ON
12-13	Sue Michalski	Komoka, ON

OHF MINOR HOCKEY AWARD

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Minor Hockey.

02-03	John Grignon	Garson, ON
03-04	Pat Parlette	Amhersberg, ON
04-05	Michael Penman	Toronto, ON
05-06	Ian Beverley	Toronto, ON
06-07	Garry Punchard	Scarborough, ON
07-08	William (Bill) Maxwell	Toronto, ON
08-09	Yosh Kitamura	Hamilton, ON
09-10	Helen Ford	Oakville, ON
10-11	Geraldine Hardcastle	Georgetown, ON
11-12	Harry Blinkhorn	New Hamburg, ON



OHF JUNIOR HOCKEY AWARD

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Junior Hockey.

02-03	Charlie Macoun	Newmarket, ON
03-04	Marty Williamson	Keswick, ON
04-05	John Kopinak	Dover Centre, ON
05-06	Steve Spott	Waterloo, ON
06-07	Guy Blanchard	North Bay, ON
07-08	Wayne Smith	Belmont, ON
08-09	Scott Marshall	Iroquois Falls, ON
09-10	Morris Hart	Napanee, ON
10-11	Brad Grant	Milton, ON
11-12	Hector Seguin	Verner, ON

OHF SENIOR HOCKEY AWARD

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Senior Hockey.

03-04	Don Yeck	Belmont, ON
04-05	Don Robertson	Dundas, ON
05-06	Larry Hicks	Picton, ON
06-07	Peter Ham	Brantford, ON
07-08	Kent Helps	Camlachie, ON
08-09	Steve Cardwell	Whitby, ON
09-10	Tom Ruff	Orillia, ON
10-11	Mike Posavad	Millbrook, ON
11-12	Dave Stewart	Norwood, ON
12-13	Bill Stobbs	Chatham, ON

OHF OFFICIATING AWARD

This award recognizes an individual for active involvement in the officiating program, for their contribution to the game, their officiating skills and for what they put back into amateur hockey.

02-03	Glen Campbell	North Bay, ON
03-04	Gus Bambridge	Cobourg, ON
04-05	Dean Warren	Wronto, ON
05-06	Ken Miller	North Bay, ON
06-07	Brian Coles	Oshawa, ON
07-08	Chuck Farkas	Fenwick, ON
08-09	Dave Wedlake	Ajax, ON
09-10	Tim Cook	Beamsville, ON
10-11	Keith Grenke	Timmins, ON
11-12	Dave Burns	Waterloo, ON



OHF STAFF AWARD

Honours a staff person that best exemplifies the commitment to the values and objectives of the OHF and its Member Partners.

10-11	Janet Laxton	North Bay, ON
11-12	Peter Kourtis	Toronto, ON
12-13	Cheryl Podger	Galt, ON

OHF LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The OHF Life Membership is the highest honour that can be bestowed by this Branch for very distinctive services and contributions to the Federation. The recipient has served on the OHF Board of Directors, and will act in an advisory capacity to the Officers and shall attend meetings with no voting privileges.

02-03	Bill Appleby	Waterloo, ON
04-05	Dr. Allan Morris	Warton, ON
05-06	Justice David Watt	Newmarket, ON
06-07	Sam Ciccolini	Woodbridge, ON
08-09	Ed Pupich	Schumacher, ON

OHF BURSARY PROGRAM

2012-2013 BURSARY PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

All of the below recipients will receive a bursary from the OHF. Eleanor McAuley will receive the BFL Bursary of \$1,000 for being the top applicant.

1. Jarett Asselin	11. Nolan Gueciero	21. Sierra Morgulis
2. Savannah Awde	12. John Hutchinson	22. Josh Perdue
3. Tyler Baker	13. Soo Hyung Choe	23. Mitchell Smith
4. Benjamin Beneteau	14. Meagan Lum	24. Brent Smolarz
5. Paul Boyadjian	15. Micha Marcella	25. Marissa Steinbergs
6. Braden Cassleden	16. Mark Mariner	26. Andrew Stobbe
7. Jordan Broberg	17. Joseph Marsilla	27. Catie Thomson
8. Scott Cosentino	18. Ryan McClelland	28. Marissa Ukos
9. Chantelle Forbes	19. Andrew Meehan	29. Dylan Whitebread
10. Evan Foster	20. Everett Milberry	

Congratulations to the 2013 OHF Bursary Recipients!

For more information on the OHF Bursary Program
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OHF Championships

2014 OHF Pee wee AA Championships

ALLIANCE Host: Woodstock Minor Hockey Association, April 10 - 13, 2014

2014 OHF Bantam A Championships

ALLIANCE Host: Woodstock Minor Hockey Association, April 10 - 13, 2014

2014 All-Ontario Bantam AAA Championships

ALLIANCE Host: Huron Perth AAA Lakers, March 31 - April 5, 2014



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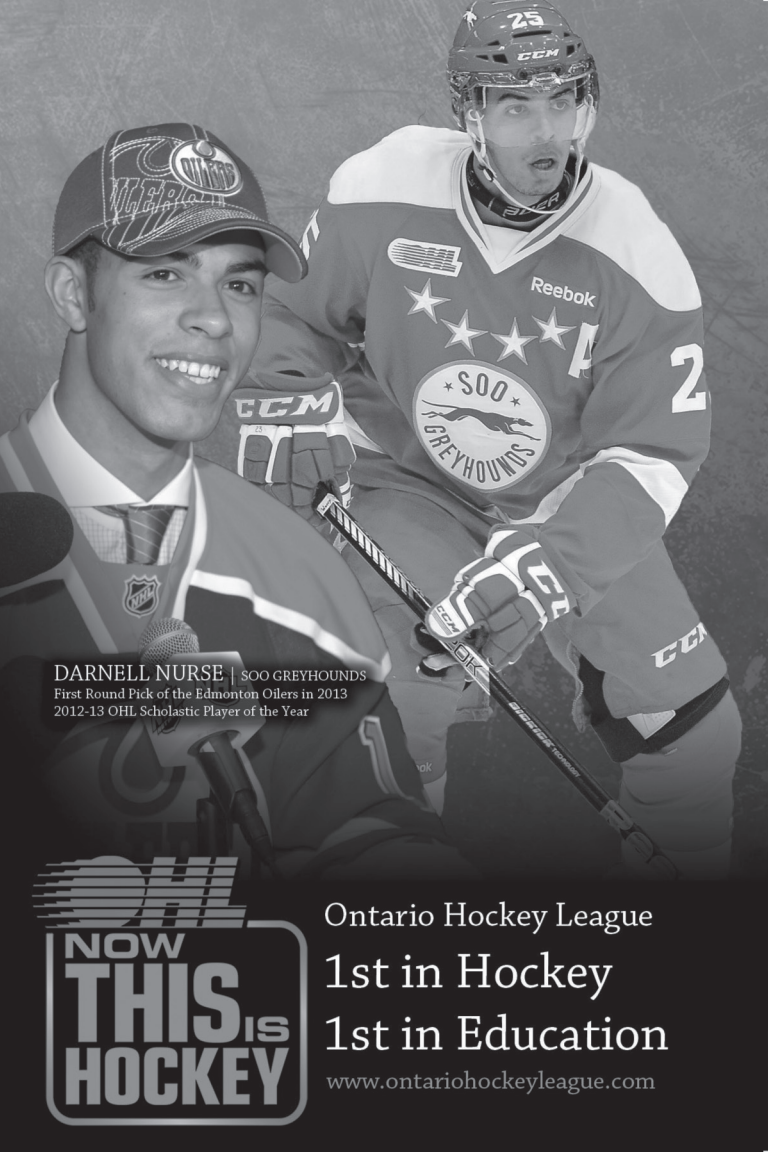
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CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

All revisions adopted by the OHF Board of Directors
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Gender Disclaimer: Within these Articles, By-Laws and Regulations, the alternating of gender in grammar is utilized. Any masculine reference shall also apply to females and any feminine reference shall also apply to males.

PART I ~ CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE ONE (1) ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 This organization shall be known as the Ontario Hockey Federation (“OHF” or “Federation”) and is incorporated as the Ontario Hockey Federation, a not for profit Ontario corporation under The Corporations Act, R.S.O.1990, c. 38.

ARTICLE TWO (2) STATUS

- 2.1 This organization shall be a member of Hockey Canada, the governing body of amateur hockey in Canada, and, as an unalterable provision of this Constitution, shall operate in a manner consistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of Hockey Canada.
- 2.2 In addition to Article 2.1 each Member Partner shall operate in a manner consistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey Federation and its own organization.

ARTICLE THREE (3) DEFINITION OF AN AMATEUR

- 3.1 This organization adopts the definition of an “amateur” contained in the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of Hockey Canada.

ARTICLE FOUR (4) OBJECTS

The objects of this organization are:

- 4.1 To foster, encourage, promote, improve and perpetuate the sport of amateur hockey within its area of jurisdiction and to assist in its promotion conjointly with other organizations



with similar objects;

- 4.2** To provide opportunities for all players to play the sport at levels appropriate to their degree of skill or interest;
- 4.3** To promote the orderly development of all categories of the sport of amateur hockey without favor of one category over another or others;
- 4.4** To emphasize and encourage the involvement of those volunteers who put the interests of the sport ahead of their personal interests;
- 4.5** To develop and administer the sport of amateur hockey in areas within its jurisdiction in a manner that will encourage mass participation, promote the building of good character, improve skill levels and provide healthy physical activity and enjoyment of the game and adopts the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (IP) curriculum as a means to achieve this object;
- 4.6** To ensure the enforcement of the rules of the sport as adopted by this organization;
- 4.7** To elevate the awareness of the responsibilities of the hockey public in ensuring that the sport is played in a positive environment which encourages and fosters personal development and leadership qualities of individuals through their participation in amateur hockey;
- 4.8** To assist members in their pursuit of excellence by providing accessible and effective programs and services through available resources;
- 4.9** To monitor and review services, benefits and programs so as to ensure their availability and accessibility to all members in order to meet the members' ever-changing needs;
- 4.10** To promote and encourage the formation of amateur hockey teams and leagues, thereby to ensure that the sport is and remains accessible to all who wish to participate according to the level and extent of their interest and skill;
- 4.11** To promote and encourage membership in this organization by other associations which fairly represent other categories of persons engaged in the sport of amateur hockey whose Constitutions, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules are not inconsistent with those of this organization and Hockey Canada;
- 4.12** To co-ordinate and conduct competitions in the



several categories of amateur hockey for regional and branch championships and, in conjunction with Hockey Canada or the branches of other provinces, inter-branch and national championships;

- 4.13** To adjudicate disputes arising in the operation of, between or amongst any Member Partners and/or Members of Member Partners in an expeditious, fair, inexpensive and impartial manner that best assures each player is permitted to play the sport at the level appropriate to the player's skills; and,
- 4.14** To present a common voice on behalf of the Member Partners in all discussions that could affect them at the national and international level.

ARTICLE FIVE (5) JURISDICTION

- 5.1** The operations of this organization are to be carried on within the province of Ontario, other than within the Jurisdiction of Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO), except that the operations of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and the Ontario Hockey League may be carried on throughout the province of Ontario.

ARTICLE SIX (6) MEMBERSHIP

- 6.1** This organization shall be composed of seven (7) Member Partners, that is to say
 - (a)** the Greater Toronto Hockey League;
 - (b)** the Northern Ontario Hockey Association;
 - (c)** the Ontario Hockey Association;
 - (d)** the Ontario Hockey League;
 - (e)** the Ontario Women's Hockey Association;
 - (f)** the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, and;
 - (g)** the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario
- 6.2** Each Member Partner is, and shall remain an equal partner in this organization subject to Article 6.5.
- 6.3** The jurisdiction of the partners shall be as follows:
 - (a)** The Greater Toronto Hockey League shall have



jurisdiction for minor hockey over that area of the Federation that includes the City of Toronto, the City of Mississauga and the City of Vaughan (being the area bounded by Lake Ontario on the south and a line north along the Rouge River and continuing north along the Little Rouge River and further north along the Pickering Town Line, west along Steeles Avenue, north along Yonge Street, west along Highway 7, north along Bathurst Street, with a northern boundary one concession lot north of a straight line between Bathurst and Albion Road (Highway 50) based on the majority of the King Vaughan Side Road, south along Albion Road (Highway 50), west along Steeles Avenue, south along Indian Line Road, west along the northern boundary of the City of Mississauga [as of June 25, 2005] and south along the western boundary of the City of Mississauga to Lake Ontario). The Greater Toronto Hockey League shall, subject to the Lake Ontario Region Regulations, also share jurisdiction over the City of Markham with the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.

- (b)** The Northern Ontario Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction for Minor, Junior (except Major Junior) and Senior Hockey over that area of the Federation to include the area east of the 85th Meridian along the shoreline of Lake Superior and Lake Huron in an easterly direction to the French River, including all of the Manitoulin Islands, along the French River to Highway 69, southerly along Highway 69 to Highway 522, easterly along Highway 522 to the western boundary of the Township of South Himsworth, southerly along the western boundary of the Township of South Himsworth, easterly along the southern boundary of the Township of South Himsworth and the Township of Boulter to the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park, northerly along the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park to the northern boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park. Further from this point easterly along the northern boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park, including the community of Kiosk to the eastern boundary of the territory of the Federation.
- (c)** The Ontario Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction



for Junior (except Major Junior) and Senior Hockey over the Federation's area of jurisdiction except for that portion assigned to the Northern Ontario Hockey Association.

- (d) The Ontario Hockey League shall have jurisdiction for Major Junior Hockey within the territory of the Ontario Hockey Federation and such other areas of Ontario as granted by Hockey Canada.
- (e) The Ontario Women's Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction for Female Hockey within the territory of the Ontario Hockey Federation and such other areas of Ontario as granted by Hockey Canada.
- (f) The Ontario Minor Hockey Association shall, subject to paragraph (g) below, have jurisdiction for Minor Hockey over the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the Greater Toronto Hockey League and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. Within such area, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association shall have jurisdiction over OHF Member Organizations as at June 25, 2005, other than those listed below as members of the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario. Any addition or change to this jurisdiction must be approved by the OHF Board of Directors.
- (g) The Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario shall, subject to paragraph (f) above, have jurisdiction for Minor Hockey over the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the Greater Toronto Hockey League and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. Within such area, the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario shall have jurisdiction, as at June 25, 2005, over the following OHF Member Organizations: Brantford Church Hockey League, Brantford Minor Hockey Association, Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association, Cambridge Minor Hockey Association, Chatham-Kent County Zone, Elgin-Middlesex Hockey Alliance, Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association House League, Greater London Hockey Association, Inc., Hamilton Minor Hockey Council, Huron Perth Zone, Kitchener Minor Hockey Association, Lambton County Zone, London Representative Hockey Incorporated,



Sarnia Minor Hockey Association - AA, A & (Select and House League - joint with the OMHA), St. Catharines CYO, Stratford Minor Hockey Association, Sun County AAA Minor Hockey Association, Waterloo Minor Hockey Association, Windsor AAA zone and Woodstock Minor Hockey Association. Any addition or change to this jurisdiction must be approved by the OHF Board of Directors.

- 6.4** Each Member Partner shall be empowered to administer, foster and conduct its own affairs within its own jurisdiction in accordance with its own Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules and in a manner which is consistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of the OHF and not contrary to the best interests of amateur hockey in the Province of Ontario.
- 6.5** No Member Partner shall be suspended, expelled or have its jurisdiction awarded to or assumed by any other Member Partner or combination of Member Partners except for violation by the organization first mentioned of the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Rules of the Ontario Hockey Federation and by vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full Board of Directors of this organization upon written notice duly given in accordance with the By-Laws of this organization.
- 6.6** (a) Full membership with the Member Partners as noted in Article 6.1 shall be restricted to teams, leagues or associations of recognized amateur standing.
- (b) Membership in the organizations listed in Article 6.1 by the constituent bodies, players, members and individuals is purely voluntary, but application or acceptance of membership entails acceptance by such constituent bodies, players, members and individuals of the final and binding authority of all rules and decisions of the Board of Directors of the OHF and acceptance of the governing authorities of this Federation, and acceptance and subscription of such insurance coverages and participant membership fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Federation.
- 6.7** (a) The OHF Board of Directors may, in its discretion and subject to such terms and conditions as it sees fit to apply, admit as an Associate Member any team, league or organization:



- i. that operates a recognized hockey program that furthers the same objectives as the OHF;
 - ii. that operates pursuant to principles similar to those of the OHF,
 - iii. that has in place policies and procedures to address concerns such as suspensions, abuse/harassment and appeals; and
 - iv. whose admission to Associate Membership will not create undue risk to the OHF.
 - (b) An applicant for Associate Membership will complete and submit an OHF Associate Membership Application Form and supply any additional information or documentation required by the OHF Board. The OHF Board reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to deny Associate Membership status to any applicant.
 - (c) Except as may be otherwise determined by the Board in any particular case, Associate Membership is subject to review, and renewal in the discretion of the Board, on an annual basis on a date fixed by the Board
 - (d) The rights and privileges of membership accorded to each Associate Member will be determined by the OHF Board of Directors. Such rights and privileges, including if applicable the Hockey Canada/OHF insurance program, will not apply during any unsanctioned event or competition.
 - (e) Associate Members will not have voting privileges at any OHF meeting, will not use the OHF Logo without the written consent of the OHF Board of Directors and will not enter into or purport to enter into any obligations on behalf of the OHF.
 - (f) An Associate Member will designate one individual and one alternate to be its Official liaison with the OHF
 - (g) The fee, if any, to be paid by an Associate Member shall in each case be determined by the OHF Board.
- 6.8** (a) Any recourse to the Courts of any jurisdiction by any member, or by someone acting on behalf of a member, before all rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Federation have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be



a violation and breach of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Federation. This violation and breach shall result in the automatic indefinite suspension of such member from the OHF activities and games.

- (b) Any association, club, league, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, and/or referee who has sought court action before exhausting all proper procedures of appeal will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by the OHF
- (c) Until full legal costs are paid, at the discretion of the President, the right of membership of the said party will be suspended.
- (d) Any association, club, league, team, player, coach, manager, trainer, referee who, having exhausted the appeal procedures, proceeds with Court action will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by the OHF, should the Courts rule in favor of the OHF, prior to reinstatement of said party's membership with the OHF.

ARTICLE SEVEN (7)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

- 7.1** Amendments or alterations can be made to the Constitution and By-Laws and Regulations of this Federation only at the Annual General Meeting of this Federation, after specific notice in writing to the Executive Director of the OHF. Amendments or alterations to the OHF Constitution shall require a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Directors present. Amendments or alterations to the By-Laws or Regulations shall require a simple majority of the Directors voting.
- 7.2** Such notice shall be received, in writing, by the OHF Executive Director sixty (60) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.3** The OHF Executive Director shall communicate all such proposed amendments or alterations to each Director thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.4** Notices of Motion may only be submitted by the Directors or Officers of the Federation.
- 7.5** Notwithstanding Articles 7.1 and 7.2 of the Federation, the giving of notice provided therein may be waived at any Board

of Directors meeting by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of the Directors present at the meeting and the Board of Directors may make amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the Federation which will be effective until the next Annual General Meeting of the Federation. All amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations made by the Board of Directors must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

- 7.6** Notwithstanding Articles 7.1 to 7.5 of the Federation, the OHF Constitution By-Laws and Regulations will automatically change without Notice of Motion to be in accordance with Hockey Canada when changes are made to the Hockey Canada Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations.
- 7.7** Any changes in the Articles, By-Laws and / or Regulations, which have been adopted, amended or revised in the manner herein set forth, shall not be negated by reason of any error or omission which may occur in the periodic printing of the Articles, By-Laws and / or Regulations of this Federation.



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PART II ~ BY-LAWS

BY-LAW ONE (1) MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING

- 1.1** The Board of Directors of the Ontario Hockey Federation shall consist of representatives elected/appointed by each Member Partner in the numbers set forth as follows:
- (a)** the Greater Toronto Hockey League - two (2) representatives;
 - (b)** the Northern Ontario Hockey Association - two (2) representatives;
 - (c)** the Ontario Hockey Association - two (2) representatives;
 - (d)** the Ontario Hockey League - two (2) representatives;
 - (e)** the Ontario Women's Hockey Association - two (2) representatives;
 - (f)** the Ontario Minor Hockey Association - two (2) representatives, and;
 - (g)** the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario - two (2) representatives

The Board shall also include the Officers, as designated in By-Law 2.1 (a) appointed/elected in accordance with By-Law 2.2 and Council Chairs appointed as per By-Law 8.7.

- 1.2** Except for the President, any member of the OHF Board of Directors who takes or continues to hold any position on the Hockey Canada Board must relinquish all duties and privileges within the OHF.
- 1.3** Each Director shall be elected/appointed by their Member Partner for a term of one (1) year and may be re-elected/re-appointed.
- 1.4** **(a)** Each Director or designated alternate approved by the Member Partner present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote, to a maximum of two (2) per Member Partner, on any matter properly placed before and considered by the Board, except when only one Director from a Member Partner is present, that Director is entitled to both Member Partner votes.
- (b)** Each Officer provided voting privileges, in accordance with By-Law 2.1 (a) shall be entitled to vote on any matter properly placed before and considered by the board.



- 1.5 There shall be no votes cast by proxy.
- 1.6 Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of this Federation, its Officers, Committees and Councils so far as they may be applicable without coming into conflict with the act of incorporation, By-Laws, Regulations or Rules adopted by this Federation.
- 1.7 A quorum of the Board shall consist of the President or President's Designate, at least two (2) other Officers and at least four (4) Directors and/or designated alternates who shall represent at least four (4) Member Partners.
- 1.8 Except where otherwise provided in the Constitution or By-Laws of this organization, any motion properly brought before the Board may be passed by a simple majority of the Directors present and voting. A vote may be held by secret ballot, upon approval of a two-third (2/3) majority vote of eligible votes present or at the discretion of the President.
- 1.9 The President of the Federation shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie. If the duty of chairing a meeting of the Federation falls to or is designated to the 1st Vice president or is designated to the 2nd Vice President, he/she shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie.
- 1.10 By-Laws 1.1, 1.7, 1.9, and 2.1(c) may only be amended in accordance with Article 6.5 of the Constitution of the Federation.
- 1.11 Except as otherwise expressly provided, the President of the Federation and any Officer or Director may only be suspended or removed in accordance with Article 6.5.

BY-LAW TWO (2) - OFFICERS AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERATION: DUTIES AND POWERS

2.1 OFFICERS

- (a) The Officers of the Federation shall be the President, the Immediate Past President (non-voting), the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, the Secretary/Treasurer (non-voting) and the Executive Director (non-voting).
- (b) Full time or part time employees of a Member Partner shall not be eligible for election as Officers of this Federation.



- (c) An Officer of the Federation shall not be a member of the Board of Directors/Executive or have any voting privileges with any Member Partner. A newly elected Officer shall have reasonable time to resign from any posts held with any Member Partner(s) and such acceptance of nomination shall constitute an undertaking to do so in the event of their election.
- (d) All nominations for the above Officer positions must be submitted in writing to the OHF Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Nominations submitted must be endorsed in writing by two (2) Member Partners, as listed in By-Law 1.1. This does not apply to incumbents who are seeking re-election to the same position.
- (f) All candidates for Officers positions must be or have been a Director, Alternate Director, Council Chair or Officer of the Federation or a member of a Member Partner's Board of Directors or Executive Committee for a minimum of one (1) of the previous three (3) years.
- (g) In the event of a vacancy of any of the said offices the Board of Directors may fill the vacancy.
- (h) All authorized signing officers shall be bonded, at the expense of the Federation in an appropriate amount as determined from time to time by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board.

2.2 TERM & ELECTION

- (a) The President shall be elected or appointed for a two-year term at an Annual General Meeting, in odd numbered years, in accordance with By-Law 2.1. An incumbent may be re-elected or reappointed.
- (b) The Vice Presidents shall be elected or appointed for a two-year term at an Annual General Meeting in accordance with By-Law 2.1. An incumbent may be re-elected or reappointed.



- (c)** The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed for a two-year term by the Board of Directors immediately following an Annual General Meeting, in even numbered years, in accordance with By-Law 2.1 . An incumbent may be re-appointed.
- (d)** The President must be elected on separate ballot and must gain an absolute majority of 50% plus one of the votes cast.
- (e)** The First Vice President must be elected on a separate ballot and must gain an absolute majority of 50% plus one of the votes cast to be elected and declared the First Vice President. Any unsuccessful candidates for the First Vice President position shall have the option of standing for election for the Second Vice President position.
- (f)** The Second Vice President must be elected on a separate ballot and must gain a majority of 50% plus one of the votes cast.
- (g)** In each of (d), (e) and (f) if no winner is declared on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes will be eliminated from the second ballot and so on, until the right number of candidates obtain the votes necessary for election to office.

DUTIES & POWERS

OFFICERS

- 2.3** The Officers shall be responsible for recommending policy and direction to the Board of Directors relating to any marketing initiatives of the Federation.

PRESIDENT

- 2.4** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and be an ex officio member of all Federation Committees and Councils and shall be a signing officer of the Federation.
- 2.5** The President shall generally perform the duties usual to the office of President and may, at his or her discretion, order the calling of meetings of the Federation, its Officers, or any of its Councils or Committees.



- 2.6** The President shall have the authority to delegate those duties assigned to the President to an Officer except that the duty of chairing a meeting of the Federation may only be delegated to a Vice President.
- 2.7** The President, or an alternate approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation, shall be the Official representative of the Federation on the Board of Directors of Hockey Canada to whom he or she shall present objectively the views or position of the Federation.
- 2.8** In addition to the powers conferred upon him or her by the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of this Federation, the President, in cases of emergency when it is impracticable to obtain a vote of the Board of Directors, may exercise all the duties and powers of the Board of Directors.
- 2.9** Any action taken by the President under By-Law 2.8 shall be referred to the Board of Directors for approval or rejection in whole or in part within fifteen days next following the action taken.
- 2.10** The president shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or discipline as he deems necessary, any player, team official or referee who is a member of the OHF, with respect to any act, omission or other conduct demonstrated to be contrary to the best interests of the OHF or the sport of amateur hockey. The president shall also have the power to levy fines authorized by Regulation G1.
- 2.11** Notwithstanding provisions set forth in By-Laws 5 and 6 and the Regulations, the President acting in stead of the Board may provide for special dispensation from the By-Laws and Regulations with the agreement of all parties, including the Member Partners involved in the situation. Any decision as to what qualifies for special dispensation shall rest solely with the President in his absolute and unfettered discretion. Any decision of the President, with the agreement of the parties, as to what special dispensation is or is not provided shall be final and binding on all the parties and, notwithstanding By-Law 5.9, is not subject to appeal. Each decision of special dispensation will be made on its individual merits.
- 2.12** A decision made by the President under By-Law 2.10 shall remain in effect until final disposition of any appeal taken therefrom under By-Law 5.



FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

2.13 The First Vice President shall perform those duties delegated by the President and/or the Board of Directors, and in the absence of the President, have all the authority and perform all the duties of the President.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

2.14 The Second Vice President shall perform those duties as delegated by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

PAST PRESIDENT

2.15 The Past President shall perform those duties as delegated by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

2.16 The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be as follows:

- (a) to chair the Finance Committee;
- (b) to be a signing officer of the Federation;
- (c) to ensure that the records and minutes of the Federation are a current and actual report of the Federation's business;
- (d) to prepare and present the annual budget of the Federation;
- (e) to authorize payments of accounts;
- (f) to ensure that the financial records are a current and accurate report of the Federation's financial position;
- (g) to present audited financial statements to the Board of Directors; and
- (h) to delegate any duties with approval of the Board of Directors. Any person to whom duties have been delegated shall be bonded for \$25,000, at the expense of the Federation.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2.17 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board and be answerable to the Board of Directors through the President.



- 2.18** The Executive Director shall not vote at any meeting of the Federation.
- 2.19** The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member on all committees and councils of the Federation.
- 2.20** The Executive Director will at all times act in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the OHF as set forth in the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Policies of the Federation.

2.21 DUTIES:

The Executive Director shall:

- (a) keep accurate records of the proceedings of the OHF including the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, Policies, Guidelines and minutes including notice of amendments;
- (b) act as the holder of all OHF trophies in trust;
- (c) distribute and record (where required) all minutes of the OHF and the Board of Directors;
- (d) issue notices of all meetings and to issue such necessary correspondence;
- (e) receive, in the name of the Federation, all monies which shall be deposited in a Canadian Chartered Bank and/or trust company and pay all accounts owing, within any limits established by the Board of Directors;
- (f) be responsible for the administration and operation of the Federation Office and the employees as per the policies and guidelines established by the Board of Directors;
- (g) interpret and serve as a resource with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulation and Policies of the Federation;
- (h) co-ordinate all OHF Branch Championship events;
- (i) distribute any information received from other organizations to the appropriate people;
- (j) act as a signing officer of the Federation;
- (k) act as the Official Branch Officer in all releases, transfers and other player movement with other Branches and Federations;



- (l) pursuant to By-Law 5.4, in the absence of the OHF Appeals Committee Coordinator, shall act as the temporary Coordinator in assessing and determining all matters designated in By-Law 5.9 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to By-Law 5.12 (this is pursuant to By-Law 5.4);
- (m) co-ordinate any special events as determined by the Board of Directors;
- (n) develop and present fundraising proposals to the Board of Directors for approval
- (o) develop and present any promotional, marketing or communication proposals to the Board of Directors for approval; and
- (p) to ensure any decision which is inconsistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations or Board of Directors' decisions of this Federation are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors

BY-LAW THREE (3)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 3.1** The Board of Directors has the following responsibilities and authority;
- (a) To administer and conduct the affairs of the Federation;
 - (b) To act in a manner consistent with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada;
 - (c) To act in a manner consistent with the objects of this Federation, as prescribed in Article 4 of the Constitution;
 - (d) To grant or refuse new applications for membership or associate membership status to the Federation;
 - (e) To suspend, expel or take disciplinary action against any league, team, player, team Official, game Official or individual for any Breach of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Federation or of any decision, policy or regulation of the Board of Directors;
 - (f) To formulate, prescribe, alter or amend



By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policy for the governing of this Federation, consistent with its Constitution and in general, make rulings or decisions on any matter brought before it from any source;

- (g)** To, at any time, over-rule any decision which is inconsistent with any decision of the Board;
- (h)** To appoint the President of the Federation;
- (i)** To appoint the Secretary/Treasurer of the Federation;
- (j)** To appoint the Referee-in-Chief of the Federation;
- (k)** To appoint the Chairs of Committees and Councils, as prescribed in By-Law 7 and By-Law 8, respectively;
- (l)** To appoint an Executive Director to conduct the day to day operations of the Federation;
- (m)** To sanction all inter-branch competition (exhibition and league play) involving OHF teams;
- (n)** To sanction all inter-divisional competition (league play) among Member Partners;
- (o)** To sanction all incoming IIHF team tours and competition with OHF teams;
- (p)** To sanction all outgoing OHF teams on IIHF tours and/or competition;
- (q)** To establish, amend or alter regulations pertaining to OHF Championship competitions;
- (r)** To oversee the collection and expenditure of funds to and from this Federation;
- (s)** To authorize all major expenditures within approved budget limits;
- (t)** To enter into agreements from time to time with organizations that will, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, provide benefits to the membership;
- (u)** To assist in the facilitation and implementation of development programs for players, coaches, game Officials, team Officials and volunteers;
- (v)** To appoint Committees, sub-Committees or other



individuals to deal with specific or specialized business matters;

- (w)** To provide means to adjudicate disputes among individuals, Member Partners and members thereof;
- (x)** To call special meetings when necessary;
- (y)** To ensure that all members of the Board of Directors comport themselves in a manner that avoids any conflict of interest;
- (z)** To collectively represent the interests of its members at all Hockey Canada meetings and functions;
- (aa)** Any alteration to the By-laws, Regulations or Policies should occur only after appropriate consultation and consideration. Unless there is some urgency, as confirmed by a majority vote at a Board of Directors meeting, any such alteration should be voted upon at the second-following meeting of the Board of Directors. Similarly, motions of any Council or Committee are to be considered by the Board at the second Board meeting following its adoption by the Council or Committee. If the motion is one that is necessary to be considered at the first-following Board meeting, that must be confirmed by a majority vote of that Council or Committee.
- (bb)** To ask the appropriate Member Partner to replace any Director who:
 - (i)** has committed and been convicted of a crime of moral turpitude while in office;
 - (ii)** has consistently failed to perform his/her duties of office, or;
 - (iii)** has knowingly violated the governing laws of the Federation.

3.2 When the OHF Board of Directors is asked to, and does, endorse or support a candidate for any position within Hockey Canada, such endorsement or support shall be given, and shall be stated to be given, for that purpose only and the candidate for whom the OHF will ultimately vote in any election will be determined at a later date by the Board of Directors.



BY-LAW FOUR (4)

REGISTRATION FEES AND FINANCIAL

REGISTRATION FEES

- 4.1** Each player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member Partner in this Federation shall register with the Federation.
- 4.2** Each team in the OHF which may be competing outside the jurisdiction of their Member Partner (including inter-branch competition, regional, branch, provincial or national championships) must submit a team list, in the approved format, to the OHF Office not later than October 15 of the current year, (except in the case of Senior Hockey, where in such the list shall be submitted by November 1 of the current year).
- 4.3** Failure to comply with By-Law 4.2 may result in the players on that team automatically being deemed ineligible for further competition, pending further action by the Board of Directors.
- 4.4** Any changes to the list submitted, whether by addition or deletion, shall be reported to the OHF within three (3) working days after such changes are made.
- 4.5** Each player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who registers with the Federation under By-Law 4.1 shall be assessed a registration fee annually which is due and payable on registration and is in addition to any fees that may be charged by the Member Partner and Hockey Canada.
- 4.6** The registration fees shall be valid for a season which shall be considered as beginning on September 1 and ending August 31 of the year next following.
- 4.7** No player, coach, manager, trainer or referee shall participate with or in a Member Partner of this Federation without having first registered with the Federation and paid the registration fee.

FINANCIAL

- 4.8** The Federation shall derive its income from:
 - (a)** annual registration fees from each player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member Partner in this Federation;
 - (b)** fees from any associate member organizations which may be admitted to the Federation by the



- Board of Directors in accordance with Article 6.7;
- (c) fees payable for the hearing of appeals in accordance with By-Law 5; and,
 - (d) funds received from any source approved by the Board of Directors of the Federation.

4.9 The Board of Directors shall have the authority to determine the amount of the annual fees to be paid by registrants.

BY-LAW FIVE (5) APPEALS COMMITTEE

DEFINITIONS

- “Board” means the Ontario Hockey Federation Board of Directors
- “Chair or Chairperson” means the Chair of a Panel
- “Coordinator” means the Coordinator of the Appeals Committee
- “Vice-Coordinator” means a person appointed by the OHF Board of Directors who shall carry out any or all of the Coordinator’s duties in the absence of the Coordinator or when requested by him.
- “Officers” means Officers of the Ontario Hockey Federation Board
- “OHF” means Ontario Hockey Federation
- “Panel” means a duly constituted Panel of the Appeals Committee
- “Party” means the Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s) named in the application, and any Association directly affected by the issue in dispute

5.1 The Appeals Committee shall hear Appeals and make recommendations and decisions in strict accordance with the powers conferred on it in this By-Law 5 and in compliance with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies adopted or passed by the Board.

5.2 Each Member Partner, upon its final disposition of any hearing or appeal conducted by it, shall:

- (a) advise the party that certain rights are available to them under By-Law 5;
- (b) provide the party with a copy of By-Law 5; and
- (c) upon request, provide the party with an OHF Appeal Application Form.

COMPOSITION

5.3 The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, and not more than thirty-five (35) other



persons. The Officers shall appoint people to hold positions as Appeal Committee Members. The Officers may request suggested names from Member Partners. Appointments to the Appeals Committee will be ratified by the Board on an annual basis.

- 5.4** The Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by an OHF Board member and appointed by a majority vote of the Board. They shall have had no membership, executive status or interest in any of the Member Partners, Associations or Leagues of the OHF for at least three (3) years immediately prior to their nomination. In the absence of the Coordinator, or when directed by him, the Vice-Coordinator shall act as the Coordinator. In the absence of both the Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, the OHF Executive Director shall act as the temporary Coordinator.
- 5.5** The Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, shall be appointed each year by the Board. If either or both cannot complete a term, a successor(s) shall be appointed by the Board.
- 5.6** Subject to By-Law 5.24 the Appeals Committee shall sit in Panels of three (3) as needed and a decision of a majority of a Panel shall be final and binding.
- 5.7** Should a person appointed to the Appeals Committee have or have had any position or active role in a Member Partner, or any member thereof, in any of the current or previous two (2) seasons, such person shall not be eligible to participate as a Panel member in any Appeal in which such Member Partner has an interest.
- 5.8** The Appeals Committee shall determine all matters designated in By-Law 5.9 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to By-Law 5.12.
- 5.9** A person, team, league or Association who is aggrieved by a final decision of the OHF President (made under By-Law 2.10) or a Member Partner in relation to any dispute, difference or question may Appeal the following standing issues to the Appeals Committee:
 - (a)** the decision is in conflict with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the relevant Member Partner, OHF or of Hockey Canada that may



have had a material impact on the decision rendered;

(b) the party making the decision committed a material procedural error, or failed to provide the aggrieved party with a fair Appeal hearing that may have had a material impact on the decision rendered;

(c) the party making the decision did not have the authority or jurisdiction to make the decision;

5.10 The following decisions made by a Member Partner, provided that such decision is not contrary to Hockey Canada or the OHF Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations, shall be final and not appealable to the Appeals Committee:

(a) any decision by a Member Partner as to the outcome of any game or games;

(b) any decision relating to the classification of teams within the jurisdiction of a Member Partner;

(c) any decision relating to a tournament or exhibition game sanctioning;

(d) any suspension pursuant to the minimum suspension list; or

(e) any other suspension of fewer than seven (7) games.

NOTE: If a supplemental suspension is assessed in addition to the minimum suspension, and the total suspension is beyond six (6) games, the games in the supplemental suspension are appealable.

5.11 No appeal to the OHF involving an allegation of Harassment or Abuse shall be heard by the Appeals Committee unless the relevant Member Partner has received a Fact Finder's report and rendered a final decision on the matter.

5.12 The Board or Officers of the OHF may from time to time refer matters to the Appeals Committee requesting a recommendation or decision upon such terms or conditions as the Board or Officers direct. No decision making power can be referred that would have the effect of altering or amending the Constitution of the OHF or the jurisdiction of any of its Member Partners.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

5.13 An Appeal shall only be commenced by the submission of a completed OHF Appeal Application Form. Such form shall:

- (a)** be received by the OHF Office no later than 15 days from the date the decision sought to be appealed was sent to the appellant;
- (b)** be accompanied by an Appeal Application fee of \$300.00 in cash or by cheque made payable to the Ontario Hockey Federation;
- (c)** be signed. No application submitted on behalf of an Association/Club will be accepted unless accompanied by a written letter of support of the application signed by at least one of the signing Officers of the relevant Association/Club. Unless the application is submitted by a team that has registered directly with a Member Partner, no team shall submit an OHF Appeal Application Form unless it is signed and endorsed by at least one of the recognized signing Officers of that team's Association or Club;
- (d)** be specific, describe the decision being Appealed and cite the specific paragraph under By-Law 5.9 that applies to the Appeal;
- (e)** be concise and contain, in numbered paragraphs, the grounds for Appeal (including how the Appeal qualifies under the relevant paragraph under By-Law 5.9) and the facts supporting the Appeal. Pertinent documents, if any from the original Appeal, must be attached (see By-Law 5.27).

5.14 Upon receipt of an OHF Appeal Application Form, the OHF shall forward a copy to the party which rendered the decision. That party must promptly supply to the OHF Office the following:

- (a)** a description in numbered paragraphs, of the position of the decision maker including:
 - i.** the grounds for the decision Appealed,
 - ii.** the facts and applicable policy or regulation supporting the decision,
- (b)** a list of witnesses who gave evidence in the Appeal hearing/special meeting;



- (c) a Fact Finder's Report, if one was considered; and
 - (d) any additional pertinent documents from the original Appeal, if any. In cases where third party confidentiality is required, a full Fact Finder's Report may not be provided.
 - (e) All contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) must be provided to the OHF at the time of the appeal submission.
- 5.15** The Appellant will be provided the response of the party rendering the decision and will have an opportunity to rebut only on the points submitted without the addition of any new arguments or evidence within 48 hours of receiving the response. A copy of such rebuttal will be forwarded to the party rendering the decision.
- 5.16** The Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator shall determine whether, on the basis of the material submitted to him, the grounds cited by the appellant qualify the proposed Appeal for a hearing pursuant to By-Law 5.9. The parties shall be notified of that determination forthwith.
- 5.17** Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed Appeal does not qualify for an appeal hearing, the Appeal Application Fee, less \$50.00 administration fee, will be returned to the appellant. This determination shall be final and binding subject only to such further rights of appeals as may be available under the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of Hockey Canada:
- 5.18** Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed appeal qualifies for an Appeal hearing he/she shall proceed in the following manner:
 - (a) an Appeal hearing shall be set for a date no later than 15 days after the date that the Coordinator's determination is received by the OHF Office;
 - (b) if it is not practicable to schedule an Appeal hearing within 15 days, as set forth in By-Law 5.17 (a), a hearing date may be set beyond the 15 day period and such does not constitute grounds for an Appeal to Hockey Canada due to "improper procedures";
 - (c) the OHF office shall notify all parties to the Appeal



not less than five (5) days before the scheduled date for the Appeal. The Notice of Appeal hearing shall include:

- i. a statement of the issue(s) to be considered, the time and place of the Appeal hearing,
- ii. a statement to advise each party that if a party does not attend, the Appeal hearing may proceed in the absence of that party without further notice, and
- iii. a copy of material provided pursuant to By-Law 5.14.

5.19 Once convened, an Appeal hearing may be adjourned from time to time, provided that the Panel decides that such adjournment is necessary in order to do justice.

APPEAL HEARING PROCEDURE

5.20 Any OHF Appeal may be resolved on consent of all parties prior to, or during, an Appeal hearing. The Panel shall issue a direction as may be necessary to accept such resolution, provided it is consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and relevant Member Partner.

5.21 An Appeal hearing shall be open to the public unless a hearing in camera is:

- (a) requested not later than three (3) days prior to the Appeal hearing date by one of the parties; and
- (b) the Coordinator is of the opinion that the public should be excluded having regard to:
 - i. the nature of the Appeal, or
 - ii. the evidence that may be presented,
 - iii. any other relevant matter.

At no time shall any party to the Appeal be excluded from the Appeal hearing while it is in progress unless for gross misconduct during the hearing.

5.22 The Chair may take such action or give such direction, as is necessary to maintain order at the Appeal hearing.

5.23 A party to an Appeal may at the hearing:



- (a) be represented by counsel or an agent;
- (b) call and examine witnesses and present arguments and submissions; and
- (c) conduct cross-examination of witnesses as may be reasonable in the circumstances.

5.24 The Panel shall:

- (a) permit the parties to present their cases in accordance with due process and the rules of natural justice; and
- (b) inquire of all parties as to the possible impact of any decision or ruling for consideration as it sees fit.

5.25 Although, pursuant to By-Law 5.6, a Panel shall consist of three (3) members:

- (a) if 15 minutes or more after the Appeal hearing is scheduled to commence, only two (2) members are present, those two (2) members may decide to proceed with the hearing. The power and authority of that Panel will be the same as if three (3) members were present.
- (b) once convened, if any member of the Panel is unable to continue, the two (2) remaining members may decide to proceed with the Appeal hearing. The power and authority of that Panel of the Appeals Committee will be the same as if three (3) members were present.

5.26 If By-Law 5.24 applies, and at the conclusion of the Appeal hearing, the two (2) remaining members of the Panel do not agree on a decision then the issue shall be concluded as a 'no' decision. In this situation, the appellant has the right to a rehearing, which shall be heard by a new Panel. The request for rehearing shall be forwarded to the OHF office within five (5) days after the OHF Appeal hearing. Subject to approval by the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator, the rehearing shall be scheduled within eight (8) days.

5.27 The Chair may add any person or Association as a party to the Appeal hearing that he/she determines might be materially affected by the resolution of the issue before the Panel. The timing and method of notifying the appellant and respondents shall be at the discretion of the Chair.



EVIDENCE

5.28 The Panel may receive such evidence as is relevant and considered to be reliable and trustworthy provided that no witness may give evidence who did not give evidence at the Appeal hearing giving rise to the OHF Appeal. No written evidence can be given which was not given at that hearing unless:

- (a) the evidence was not discoverable by reasonable diligence before the end of that Appeal hearing; and
- (b) the evidence is wholly believable; and
- (c) the evidence is practically conclusive of an issue in the OHF Appeal hearing. The onus shall be on the parties seeking to introduce such evidence to satisfy the Panel hearing the matter that such evidence should be received.

ENFORCEMENT

5.29 Each Member Partner shall be bound by decisions of any Panel and shall take all such steps as are necessary within its organization to ensure compliance with such decisions.

5.30 Where the Board or Officers conclude that there has been a contravention of any order or decision made by a Panel, they may take any, some or all of the following actions:

- (a) suspend or restrict the privileges extended through the OHF to the defaulting party;
- (b) assess the costs of the enforcement process against the defaulting party;
- (c) impose a monetary penalty on the defaulting party;
- (d) require the necessary parties to appear before the Board.

DECISION

5.31 At the conclusion of the Appeal hearing, the Panel may:

- (a) allow or dismiss the Appeal Application in whole or in part, and make such order as is just in the circumstances and consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and the relevant Member Partner. If the decision involves two Member Partners with inconsistent rules then the decision must be consistent to the OHF and Hockey Canada Articles,



By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies;

- (b) increase based on new evidence accepted by the hearing panel, decrease or leave unchanged any suspension or sanction against the appellant. Such decision must be in accordance with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and the relevant Member Partner. If the decision involves two Member Partners whose relevant Rules are inconsistent, the decision must be consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and Hockey Canada;
- (c) assess, in a set amount, all or any part of the costs of the Appeal against one or more of the parties, as long as the assessment does not exceed the application fee received for the Appeal;
- (d) grant a refund of up to 50% of the Appeal Application fee in cases where the appellant has been substantially successful in his/her Appeal;
- (e) adjourn the disposition of the Appeal Application provided that written notification of the decision is delivered to all parties within 10 days of the adjournment.

5.32 Within 48 hours of the Appeal hearing, the Chair shall communicate the Panel's decision or recommendation to the OHF Office in writing. This decision will indicate the disposition of the Appeal.

5.33 If the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator concludes any decision of a Panel is not in adherence with By-Law 5.30, the Coordinator or Vice Coordinator in consultation with the OHF Officers shall return the matter to the Panel with appropriate directions, so that it can render a decision in adherence with By-Law 5.30.

5.34 The OHF shall forward the written decision or recommendation of the Panel to all parties within 24 hours of receiving that decision.

5.35 Unless the reasons have been included with the decision, the Chair shall communicate the Panel's reasons in writing, within 10 days following the Appeal hearing.

5.36 Reasons shall include:



- (a) a statement of the jurisdiction for the decision;
- (b) a brief summary of any facts and/or issues the Panel found significant to its decision;
- (c) the policy of the OHF and (if applicable) of Member Partner applied to the case;
- (d) reasons for the awarding or denial of costs pursuant to By-Law 5.30 (b).

5.37 Notwithstanding By-Law 5.34, when an Appeal hearing is completed on a Friday or Saturday;

- (a) the Chair shall communicate the Panel's decision to the OHF office not later than the next business day; and
- (b) the OHF office shall forward the decision of the Panel, in writing, to all parties on the next business day following the receipt of the decision with reasons, where available.

5.38 Subject to the provisions of By-Law 5.36, where the time limit for doing anything under this By-Law expires or falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or other holiday, the time so limited extends to the next business day.

5.39 A decision of the Panel shall be final and binding on all parties, subject only to such further rights of Appeal as may be available under the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of Hockey Canada.

5.40 Notwithstanding By-Law 5.38, in extreme cases the President and Executive Director may refer the Appeal to a new Panel to be reheard. If either or both have participated in the Appeal in any capacity, his or their places in reviewing and referring an Appeal for such a rehearing shall be taken by the First Vice President and/or the Second Vice President, in that order. If either of them cannot act since he participated in the Appeal, his place will be taken by the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Past President.

5.41 No person shall sit on a Panel who is the brother, brother-in-law, spouse, sister, sister-in-law, father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, daughter, son, aunt, uncle, employer, employee, counsel or agent of any party to an Appeal or any witness whether such witness gives evidence in person or in writing.

5.42 Where an issue that is not expressly covered by the provisions



of By-Law 5 arises at the Appeal hearing, such issue shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of natural justice and in order to do justice between the parties in dispute having regard to the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of a Member Partner, OHF or of Hockey Canada.

BY-LAW SIX (6)

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 6.1** The Registration Committee shall be the mechanism that shall deal specifically with all matters of Registration or Eligibility involving two or more Member Partners of the Federation.

COMPOSITION

- 6.2** The Registration Committee shall consist of a Chair, being an Officer appointed by the President, and four (4) other members, appointed from time to time by the President as follows. Each Member Partner shall propose the names of two (2) of its Directors or Alternate Directors who will be eligible to sit on the Registration Committee from time to time. From those names the President shall select the other four (4) members of the Committee for each case or hearing. Among those four (4) members shall be one from each Member Partner whose registration and/or eligibility issues are to be resolved. The Chair will not vote, except to cast a deciding vote if in case of a tie.
- 6.3** The Chair of the Registration Committee shall preside at all hearings, meetings or conference calls dealing with applications as are referred to it by the President.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- 6.4 (a)** Should the appellant wish to respond to the Member Partner's submission, he must do so by the end of the second full business day after that submission was e-mailed, faxed or couriered to him by the OHF. The applicant's response may rebut only specific points submitted by the Member Partner, without the addition of any new facts or arguments.
- (b)** Minor Hockey Player Transfers
- i.** A player whose minor hockey player transfer form



has been denied by a Minor Hockey Member Partner may appeal that decision to the OHF Registration Committee, by submitting to the OHF Office a completed OHF Registration Committee Application Form, accompanied by a non-refundable filing fee of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars) fee in cheque format made payable to the Ontario Hockey Federation.

- ii. The application shall include all documentation provided for on a Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form. The Registration Committee may also request one or more of the following documents; Hydro Bill; Gas Bill; Cable Bill; Electric Bill; Tax Bill; Insurance – Home and Automobile; Automobile registration.
 - iii. The application shall be forwarded by the OHF to the office of the Member Partner who rejected the Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form. This Member Partner will provide its response within seven (7) days, with such documentation as the Member Partner considered, plus any further supporting evidence.
 - iv. Failure to provide such response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in the committee finding in favour of the applicant. A fine of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars), payable to the OHF, will be levied against the Member Partner. Failure to remit the fine within thirty (30) days shall result in removal of that Member Partner's voting privileges with the OHF Board of Directors, until the outstanding fine is paid.
- (c) Should the appellant wish to respond to the Member Partner's submission, he must do so by the end of the second full business day after that submission was e-mailed, faxed or couriered to him by the OHF. The applicant's response may rebut only specific points submitted by the Member Partner, without the addition of any new facts or arguments.
- (d) Tampering
- i. If tampering is alleged between Associations / Clubs in two Member Partners, the Signing Officers of the Association / Club making the allegations shall file them directly with the OHF Office, accompanied by a



\$50 (fifty dollar) filing fee (Regulation G5). If a tampering allegation is between Associations / Clubs of the same Member Partner, refer to Regulation G6.

- ii. The filing shall include all necessary supporting documentation, including the player's previous registration certificate(s), information on residence (if applicable), information or evidence as to residence and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
- iii. After obtaining the Association / Club contact information from the Member Partners, the OHF shall forward the materials noted above to all parties.
- iv. The Association / Club shall provide, within seven (7) working days, a response including the player's registration certificate, documentation validating eligibility, and a statement responding to the tampering allegations.
- v. Failure to provide a response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in a finding of tampering (penalties outlined in Regulation G4).

(e) Additional Registration / Eligibility Issues

- i. A completed OHF Registration Committee Application Form and fee shall be forwarded to the OHF office through the appropriate OHF Member Partner. Any direct applications to the OHF Office will be referred to the appropriate Member Partner.
- ii. The Application Form shall be accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation including the player's previous registration certificate(s), information or evidence as to residence (if applicable), information on where the player is allegedly registered and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
- iii. The Application Form and materials submitted to the OHF shall be forwarded to the applicable Member Partner Office. This Member Partner shall provide its response within seven (7) days, with such documentation considered by it plus any further supporting evidence.
- iv. Failure to provide such response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in the committee finding in favour of the applicant. A fine of \$150.00 (one



hundred and fifty dollars), payable to the OHF, will be levied against the Member Partner. Failure to remit the fine within thirty (30) days shall result in removal of that Member Partner's voting privileges with the OHF Board of Directors, until the outstanding fine is paid.

JURISDICTION

- 6.5** The appointed Committee shall determine facts and make decisions and / or orders in accordance with the powers conferred on it in By-Law 6.1 of the OHF and in compliance with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and policies adopted or duly passed by the OHF Board of Directors.
- 6.6** The Committee will review and determine matters of Minor Hockey Player Transfers solely on paper submissions by both parties.
- 6.7** In matters involving tampering allegations, the Committee will conduct a hearing.
- 6.8** In all other matters, the decision as to whether to resolve the matter based on paper submissions or by way of a hearing is that of the Committee, in its sole discretion.

NOTICE

- 6.9** In all matters where a hearing, either in person or by way of conference call is being conducted, all parties are entitled to reasonable notice in writing of the date, time and location (where applicable). The hearing shall proceed with or without any of the parties being present.

EVIDENCE/EXAMINATION

- 6.10** Any party to a Registration Committee hearing may:
 - (a)** be represented by agent or counsel; and
 - (b)** tender evidence, documentation or oral testimony deemed by the Committee to be relevant, reliable and trustworthy.
- 6.11** In considering and determining questions with respect to any application, the Committee may consider and act upon any kind of evidence, whether direct or circumstantial.



APPEAL HEARING PROCEDURE

- 6.12** A Registration Committee shall consider a matter within fifteen (15) days following the OHF's receipt of the application and fees. Extenuating circumstances may warrant an extension of the fifteen day requirement, in which case such determination shall be made exclusively by the OHF President.
- 6.13** All Committee meetings shall be closed meetings. All Committee hearings shall be closed hearings with only the parties involved being invited. Other parties will be allowed to attend only with the permission of the Committee Chair.
- 6.14** In all matters, the Registration Committee shall:
- (a) confirm that the matter is within its jurisdiction;
 - (b) confirm that all documents and fees have been properly submitted; and
 - (c) provide the attending parties the right to present their positions in accordance with due process and the rules of natural justice.
- 6.15** A Registration Committee meeting/hearing will be held either in person or via conference call. The committee will deliberate on the matter without the parties present.
- 6.16** All written submissions and evidence will be distributed to all parties and the Committee prior to the meeting/hearing.

DECISION/SCOPE OF DECISION/RIGHT OF APPEAL

- 6.17** Within two (2) business days of the conclusion of the meeting/ hearing, the Committee shall forward its decision in writing to the OHF Executive Director, who will in turn inform the parties of the decision by the next business day.
- 6.18** All parties and all OHF Member Partners shall be bound by the decision of the Registration Committee and all parties shall agree to take all such steps as are necessary to ensure compliance with its decision.
- 6.19** Appeals of a decision of the OHF Registration Committee shall be directed to the **National Appeals Committee of Hockey Canada in accordance with Hockey Canada By-Law 1201**. At the commencement of a Registration Committee meeting on a matter, the parties present shall be



provided with information on the process of appeal that may be available through the **National Appeals Committee**.

- 6.20** If the Executive Director receives evidence indicating that there has been a contravention of any order or decision of the Registration Committee, the Executive Director will automatically refer the matter to the OHF Board of Directors. The OHF Board of Directors shall have ultimate authority over such matters and take necessary action as they see fit.

BY-LAW SEVEN (7) COMMITTEES

- 7.1** The standing Committees of the Federation shall be:
- (a)** the Constitution Committee;
 - (b)** the Finance Committee;
 - (c)** the Championship Committee;
 - (d)** the Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee;
 - (e)** the Strategic Planning Review Committee;
 - (f)** the Personnel Committee.
 - (g)** the Appeals Committee (see By-Law 5)
 - (h)** the Registration Committee (see By-Law 6)
- 7.2** The Constitution Committee, Finance Committee and Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee shall have seven (7) members, each representing one Member Partner, and four (4) members shall constitute a quorum.
- 7.3** The membership of and quorum, if any, for the Championship Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee and the Personnel Committee shall be as hereinafter specifically set out in By-laws 7.19, 7.26, and 7.29 respectively.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

- 7.4** Ad hoc Committees may be appointed from time to time as the need arises by the Board of Directors and shall be composed as in the case of Standing Committees.
- 7.5** That the chair of an ad hoc committee shall be selected either by the Officers of the Federation or by the majority of



the committee, as decided by the Board.

- 7.6** The term of office of an ad hoc Committee shall be until its task is completed, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- 7.7** The Constitution Committee shall consist of a Chair and seven (7) members, one nominated by each Member Partner annually.
- 7.8** The Chair of the Constitution Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.9** The Constitution Committee shall edit the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Federation before they are published for distribution to members and may recommend such changes to the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Federation as it deems advisable and in the best interests of the sport of amateur hockey within the jurisdiction of the Federation.
- 7.10** The Chair of the Constitution Committee shall report to the Board of Directors at each meeting concerning the activities of the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 7.11** The Finance Committee shall consist of a Chair and seven (7) members of the Board of Directors, or Alternate Directors, one nominated by each Member Partner annually.
- 7.12** The Chair of the Finance Committee shall be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Federation.
- 7.13** The Finance Committee, shall review the finances and expenditures of the Federation and recommend to the Board of Directors any course of action which the Committee may deem advisable.
- 7.14** The Finance Committee shall continually monitor the financial affairs of the Federation and report thereon to the Board of Directors.
- 7.15** The Finance Committee shall prepare and submit for approval of the Board of Directors a budget that discloses the proposed operations of the Federation for the year next following.



- 7.16** The Finance Committee shall present to the Board of Directors any matters involving the financial affairs of the Federation for which provision has not been made in the approved budget.
- 7.17** The Finance Committee is empowered to make and carry out any decisions that are within the approved budget of the Federation or are approved by the Board of Directors in accordance with By-Law 7.16.

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

- 7.18** The Championship Committee shall be responsible for all OHF Championships, Inter Branch Championships and Hockey Canada Regional Championships, excluding all OWSA and OHL Championships.
- 7.19** The Championship Committee shall consist of a Chair, one member appointed by each Minor Member Partner annually and the Junior and Senior Council Chairs. A quorum shall be at least four (4) members.
- 7.20** The Chair of the Championship Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
- 7.21** The Chair of the Championship Committee shall report upon the activities of the Committee to the Board of Directors.

RISK, CONDUCT AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 7.22** The Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee shall consist of a Chair and seven (7) members, one nominated by each Member Partner annually.
- 7.23** The Chair of the Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Chair or in his/her absence the OHF Officer responsible, shall be the representative of the OHF at Hockey Canada or other meetings related to safety and risk management.
- 7.24** The Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee shall be responsible for the evaluation, development and implementation of all insurance and risk management related



activities in the Federation and work in cooperation with the appropriate Committees and Councils of the OHF.

- 7.25** The Chair of the Risk, Conduct and Safety Management Committee shall report to the Board of Directors concerning the activities of the Committee.

STRATEGIC PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 7.26** The Strategic Planning Review Committee shall consist of the Officers and the Member Partners' respective Presidents and Executive Directors (or their equivalent). A quorum shall be at least two Officers and one member of at least five (5) Member Partners. An Officer, as appointed by the President, shall act as Chair.
- 7.27** The Strategic Planning Review Committee is responsible for the on-going evaluation and implementation of the OHF Strategic and Operational Plan.
- 7.28** The Chair shall report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis and present committee recommendations to the Directors for consideration.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- 7.29** The Personnel Committee shall consist of three (3) members: the President, the First Vice President and a third person appointed as follows. Each Member Partner may nominate one person. That person must be a current Director, Alternate Director or have been a Director in at least one of the previous three years, and must not be a current Officer, nor a member of the Finance Committee. The President and First Vice President will choose the third member of the Personnel Committee from those nominees, having particular regard to experience in personnel administration. The Chair of the Finance Committee will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the Personnel Committee. The Executive Director will assist the Personnel Committee in a resource capacity and, in particular, will make recommendations to the Personnel Committee relating to the hiring, compensation and the termination of Office Staff.
- 7.30** The Personnel Committee may at any time, in its discretion, seek the assistance on an ad hoc basis of two additional people



whom it will choose from the current Directors and Alternate Directors. Those additional people will be voting members of the Committee solely for the purposes of the task for which they have been added and they will cease to be members on completion of that task. In matters dealing with the hiring or termination of the Executive Director, the Personnel Committee shall have two (2) additional members as set out above.

- 7.31** The Chair of the Personnel Committee shall be the President.
- 7.32** The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for making recommendation to the Board for the hiring and termination of the Executive Director; hiring and terminating of Office Staff; conducting ongoing review of office structure, including the number of staff and their job responsibilities; making recommendations to the Finance Committee as to annual or special compensation budgets for consideration in the Finance Committee's budget proposals to the Board; making recommendations to the Board, in consultation to the Finance Committee, as to compensation reviews for each Office Staff position, including Executive Director conducting annual appraisals and compensation reviews of Office Staff; and developing, for presentation to the Board, job descriptions, including those for Staff, Officers and Council Chairs.

BY-LAW EIGHT (8) COUNCILS

- 8.1** The Standing Councils of this Federation shall be:
- (a)** Minor Hockey Council
 - (b)** Junior Hockey Council
 - (c)** Hockey Development Council
 - (d)** Senior/Adult Recreation Council
- 8.2** Each Standing Council shall consist of a minimum of three (3) members, no more than two of whom shall represent the same Member Partner.
- 8.3** In each Standing Council comprised of three (3) members, two (2) Council members shall constitute a quorum, of which no more than one (1) of whom shall represent the same Member Partner.
- 8.4** In the case of standing Councils whose membership exceeds three (3) members, two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall



constitute a quorum.

8.5 Motions at all Council meetings shall pass by a simple majority of Council Members Present.

8.6 (a) Decisions taken at all Council meetings that do not affect any other council, the constitution or the finances of the Federation do not need Board Approval.

(b) Any alteration to the Policies under 8.6(a) should occur only after appropriate consultation and consideration. Unless there is some urgency, as confirmed by a majority vote of the Council, any such alteration should be voted upon at the second-following meeting of the Council.

8.7 The Board of Directors shall elect a Chair for each standing Council (except for the Associate Chair for Male Adult Recreation Hockey) at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

(a) Procedure for Application

i. All nominations for the Chair of each standing Council must be submitted in writing to the OHF Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

ii. Nominations submitted must be accompanied by an endorsement in writing from one (1) OHF Member Partner, as listed in By-Law 1.1. This does not apply to incumbents who are seeking re-election to the same position.

iii. No Member Partner shall submit more than one nomination per chair.

iv. If there are no nominations for the chair of any Standing Council, the new Board of Directors shall appoint a chair from the OHF membership at the Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The chair shall not have any voting privileges.

(b) For Senior and Adult Recreation Council, the Board of Directors shall attempt to have acclaimed or elected an Associate Chair for Adult Recreation Hockey at the first meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Federation. The Associate Chair for Adult Recreation will not have any voting privileges at Federation Board



meetings. He/she will be designate spokesperson for the Federation on matters related to male adult recreation hockey at meetings of Hockey Canada Senior and Adult Recreation Council.

- i. A person from the OHF membership may be acclaimed or elected Associate Chair for Adult Recreation Hockey.
- ii. Any nomination must have the support of the respective Member Partner making the nomination.

8.8 Meetings of any Standing Council shall be called by the Chair upon authorization of the President.

8.9 The duties of the Chair of a Standing Council of the Federation include:

- (a) to conduct any meetings of the Council with whom they were elected/appointed to;
- (b) to report any items to the Board of Directors on behalf of the Council for consideration; and,
- (c) to be the Official representative to the appropriate Hockey Canada Council of the Federation in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Hockey Canada.

8.10 The responsibilities and composition of the Standing Councils of the Federation as prescribed in By-Law 8.1 shall be as follows:

(a) MINOR COUNCIL

i. Composition

Each Member Partner which offers Minor Hockey Programs (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation A.22) shall appoint two (2) members to Minor Council. Each appointee to Minor Council shall have one (1) vote at Council Meetings.

ii. Responsibilities

- 1. to approve International minor tours involving foreign teams in the OHF and the OHF teams outside Canada;
- 2. to approve changes to playing rules and regulations for minor hockey deemed to be



beneficial to these particular divisions of hockey;

3. to approve changes to the regulations and/or policies of the OHF deemed to be beneficial for minor hockey divisions; and,
4. to continually monitor the needs of minor hockey in the OHF and work in conjunction with other Councils/Committees of the OHF/Hockey Canada to develop, evaluate and implement any projects or programs.

(b) JUNIOR COUNCIL

i. Composition

Each Member Partner that offers hockey programs in the Junior Division shall appoint two (2) members to Junior Council. Each appointee shall have one (1) vote at Council Meetings.

ii. Responsibilities

1. to establish dates, regulations, etc. for Branch Playdowns to determine Branch Champions in applicable categories;
2. to approve International tours, tournaments and other events involving foreign teams in Canada and OHF teams outside Canada;
3. to approve changes to the Rules and Regulations for Junior Hockey as may be deemed beneficial to these particular divisions of hockey in cooperation with the OHF Rules Committee;
4. to continually monitor the needs of Junior Hockey in the OHF; and,
5. to establish development programs and promotional ventures deemed to be beneficial to Junior Hockey

(c) HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

i. Composition



Each Member Partner may appoint two (2) persons to the Hockey Development Council. Each member of the Council will have one (1) vote. The OHF Referee-in-Chief shall be a non-voting member of the Hockey Development Council. The Council may appoint sub-Committees to deal with program specific areas, upon approval of the Board of Directors.

ii. Responsibilities

This Council shall be responsible for formulating and implementing hockey development programs and for working in concert with Hockey Canada to supervise and encourage their implementation within the OHF. It shall also be responsible for continually monitoring, reviewing, and proposing revisions of, and amendments to, the playing rules of the Federation and of Hockey Canada for consideration and action at the appropriate meeting of Hockey Canada.

(d) SENIOR/ADULT RECREATIONAL COUNCIL

i. Composition

Each Member Partner offering Senior and/or Adult Recreational programs shall appoint one (1) member to this Council. Each such appointee shall have one (1) vote at Council meetings. The Associate Chair shall annually, through the Council Chair, submit to the Board for its approval a listing of (a minimum of six [6]) appointees to this Council to represent male adult recreation hockey regionally within the jurisdiction of the Federation. Each Board approved appointee shall have one (1) vote at Council meetings.

ii. Responsibilities

- 1.** to establish and operate Branch Playdowns for each category;
- 2.** to approve any International tours, tournaments or other events involving foreign teams in the OHF and OHF teams outside of Canada;
- 3.** to approve any changes/amendments to the Rules and Regulations governing hockey at those divisions; and,
- 4.** to monitor the needs of these programs in the OHF and establish any promotional ventures deemed to be beneficial to Senior and Adult hockey.



BY-LAW NINE (9)
OWHA

- 9.1** Female hockey shall operate under the auspices of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) and it shall appoint the female hockey representatives to Hockey Canada.

BY-LAW TEN (10)
REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

- 10.1** The Referee-in-Chief will be elected/appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting.

Procedure for Application

- (a)** All nominations for the Referee-in-Chief must be submitted in writing to the OHF Executive Director no later than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
 - (b)** Nominations submitted must be accompanied by an endorsement in writing from one (1) OHF Member Partner, as listed in By-Law 1.1. This does not apply to incumbents who are seeking re-election.
 - (c)** No Member Partner shall submit more than one nomination.
 - (d)** If there are no nominations for the Referee-in-Chief, the new Board of Directors shall appoint the Referee-in-Chief from the OHF membership at the first Board meeting following the Annual General Meeting. The Referee-in-Chief shall not have any voting privileges.
- 10.2** The Referee-in-Chief shall not be the Referee-in-Chief, or its equivalent, of a Member Partner. A newly appointed RIC shall have reasonable time to resign from any such position and acceptance of such appointment shall constitute an undertaking to do so.
- 10.3** The Referee-in-Chief's performance will be reviewed each year by the OHF Development Committee.
- 10.4** The Referee-in-Chief shall have an extensive background as Referee-in-Chief/Referee Technical Director with a Member Partner and shall have a working knowledge of the structure and operations of the Hockey Canada Officiating Program and the OHF. This would include the program procedures, techniques and playing rules.



BY-LAW ELEVEN (11)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 11.1** An Annual General Meeting of this Federation shall be held annually at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.
- 11.2** A quorum at the General Meeting shall consist of the President or President's designate, at least (2) other officers and at least four (4) Directors and/or designated alternates who shall represent at least four (4) Member Partners.
- 11.3**
- (a)** Voting procedures are to be the same as set out in By-Law 1.4.
 - (b)** Officers are not entitled to vote in elections for Officer positions.

BY-LAW TWELVE (12)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP-GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATIONS

- 12.1** Life Membership may be granted to an individual who has served a minimum of ten (10) years on the Board(s) of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and/or one or more of its Member Partners, with a minimum of five (5) of those years in service to the Board of the OHF, and who has rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the OHF, having performed enough work and shown sufficient initiative to suggest that the individual would be likely to continue to bring credit to the OHF.

NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

- 12.2**
- (a)** In January of each year a Life Membership Bulletin will be sent to the Board of Directors advising them that nominations for election to the Life Membership are open until 60 (sixty) days prior to the next Annual General Meeting.
 - (b)** A nomination for Life Membership may be submitted only by a Member of the Board of Directors.
 - (c)** Each candidate must be endorsed by three (3) Member Partners.
 - (d)** Once a Member Partner endorses a nomination, that



same Member Partner may not endorse any other nomination. Accordingly a maximum of two (2) individuals may be nominated in any year.

- (e) A completed Life Membership Nomination Form together with endorsements must be filed with the Executive Director 60 (sixty) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The file for each nomination shall not be retained for subsequent selections.

ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

- 12.3**
- (a) The vote for Life Membership shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting by secret ballot. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with By-Law 11.3.
 - (b) For Life Membership to be granted, a minimum 75% of the eligible votes cast and not spoiled must be in favour of the nomination.
 - (c) In the event that there are two (2) candidates, the names of both candidates will appear on the ballot and votes may be cast for one, both, or neither of the candidates.



PART III ~ REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS

AAA Waiver	Written permission by a AAA club to permit a player to try out and register with a AAA club, which is adjacent to the club for which the player is eligible by residence. (Only the signing officers of the AAA club can issue AAA waivers.)
AAA Zone	A geographic subdivision made up of several centres for the purpose of providing AAA category hockey.
Additional Entry (AE)	A category identifier of an additional representative team from a centre that already has a representative team entered in an age division.
Affiliation	The process allowing higher Division or category teams the opportunity to dress the maximum number of players allowable in accordance with Hockey Canada Playing Rules.
Affiliate Players (AP)	Refers to a player who participates with a team other than the team with whom they are registered, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Partner Affiliation Regulations.
Age Division	Age groups within the Branch for competition. Example: Senior, Junior, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, Atom, Novice, and Pre Novice. See Regulation C4.
Age Sub Division	Age groups within divisions. Example: Minor Midget, Minor Bantam, Minor PeeWee, Minor Atom, and Minor Novice.
Automatic Suspension	The suspensions incurred from game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalties as per OHF Minimum Suspension List.
Association	A local Hockey Organization operated and controlled by a duly elected Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves the signing officers of that organization.
Branch	A geographic subdivision of Hockey Canada



empowered to conduct amateur hockey within its jurisdiction. Branches are full members of Hockey Canada. The OHF is the recognized Hockey Canada Branch within the geographic territory of the OHF as defined by Hockey Canada Article 4.8.

Branch Championship	An OHF sanctioned play-offs (in a series or tournament format) to declare champions of the OHF at the age divisions and categories as determined by the Board of Directors.
Category	A centre's level of competition e.g. AAA, AA, A, B, C, etc. An OHF Member Partner according to their Regulations, Policies and guidelines determines category of competition.
Centre	A recognized Hockey Organization or Association within the OHF (that is a city, town, village, municipality, geographic subdivision, which incorporates limits or boundaries as accepted by the Member Partner for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OHF).
Club	Same definition as Association.
Geographic Subdivision	Includes a city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or a zone as established by the OHF or a Member Partner.
HCR	Hockey Canada Registry.
Home Centre	For minor hockey, a program for which a player is eligible to participate in by residence or other Regulations.
House League	A community oriented minor hockey program structured to provide development and competition at a recreational level.
Import (Minor Hockey)	A player who is a non-resident of the geographic subdivision of the team/club with which he registers. Minor hockey imports are only allowed in the Lake Ontario Region. The number of imports allowed on a team is restricted.



Import (Junior and Senior Hockey)	Refers to the status given to a player who, under Hockey Canada Regulations, has obtained a proper transfer from another Hockey Canada Branch, USA Hockey or IIHF Federation to register in Hockey Canada. Also applies to a player resident in one geographic subdivision (or zone) as established by Junior Hockey within the OHF who elects to register in another geographic subdivision (or zone) other than the one in which he is resident for his first registration.
Inter Branch	Activity between two or more member Branches of Hockey Canada. E.g. OHF and Hockey Nova Scotia
Lake Ontario Region (LOR)	The Minor Hockey geographic sub division comprised of the GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan) and the OMHA centres of Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Markham, Pickering and Ajax.
Local League	A house league team, which competes regularly in a local league comprised of a number of centers which must affiliate with their Member Partner.
Member	Includes teams, associations, centres, clubs, and individuals that register with Hockey Canada, OHF or OHF Member Partner.
Member Partner	Organizations that are members of the OHF as per the OHF Constitution. Current Member Partners are Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (Alliance), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), and Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).
Minor Development (MD)	A category of minor hockey which defines programs that are not true select hockey (see Definition) and not competitive (i.e. AAA, B, D, etc.), but are required to be residency compliant.
Official Game Report	The Official report of the activity from a sanctioned game verified by team Officials from each competing team and signed at the completion of the game by the On-Ice Officials.

(a) On-Ice Officials: refers to the Referee and/



or Linesman.

(b) Minor or Off-Ice Officials: refers to Scorekeeper, Timekeeper and Goal Judges.

On-Ice Sanctioned Activity	Refers to training, practice or game competition involving members that are conducted within facilities used for ice hockey.
Postponed Game	A scheduled game that is not started due to reasons as determined by a Member Partner.
Player	Goaltender or skater registered as a member of a Member Partner.
Regional Championship	A Hockey Canada sanctioned play-off (in a series or tournament format) involving more than one Hockey Canada Branch to declare champions in a Hockey Canada defined region at age divisions and categories as determined by the Hockey Canada Board of Directors.
Release	The unconditional release of a player from a team authorized by the Official signing officers of that team/ association/club. The Branch or Member Partner has the right, at its discretion, to place conditions on a release as per Hockey Canada Regulations.
Sanctioned Activity	Activity approved by a Member Partner, Branch, Hockey Canada or IIHF.
Select Hockey	A category of minor hockey which in order to be eligible, a player must be registered with a recognized (sanctioned) house league organization and accordingly be an active participant in the corresponding age grouping (division) in a recognized (sanctioned) schedule of house league programming. Select hockey players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise indicated by the Member Partner.
Supplemental Discipline	Penalties imposed to members in addition to any minimum requirements in accordance with the powers vested in the OHF and its Member Partners, either through a separate investigation and/or hearing.
Suspension	The loss of an individual's right to participate in sanctioned activities of Hockey Canada, OHF or Member Partner.



Suspended Game	A scheduled game that is interrupted due to an act of God or other reasons as determined by a Member Partner.
Team	A group of team Officials, at least one of whom must be a coach, and at least one of whom must be a Hockey Trainers Certificate Program (HTCP) certified trainer and a group of registered players, at least two of whom must be goaltenders (except in PeeWee AA and below) who are qualified in a division and category under the OHF or Member Partner Regulations up to the maximum number provided by Hockey Canada Regulations.
Team Officials	All or any of the following persons involved in the management of a team and includes coach, trainer, manager and any assistant coach, assistant trainer or assistant managers.
Tournament	A schedule of games played among three (3) or more teams that follows an interlocking schedule that leads to an eventual winner (play-offs leading to Branch or National Championships when played in a tournament format are not considered tournament games for affiliation).
Tryout	An official sanctioned activity of a team for the purpose of player evaluation and team selection.
Volunteer	An individual who provides services, on behalf of or at the discretion of a member in relation to the member's operations, without receiving monetary compensation for such services.



ACRONYMS:

ALLIANCE	Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario
BNQ	Bureau de Normalization de Quebec
CBET	Competency Based Educational Training
CCAA	Canadian College Athletic Association
CIS	Canadian Inter-University Sport
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
GTHL	Greater Toronto Hockey League
HC	Hockey Canada
HCIP	Hockey Canada Initiation Program
HCOP	Hockey Canada Officiating Program
HTCP	Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
IIHF	International Ice Hockey Federation
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association
NCCP	National Coach Certification Program
NCMP	National Coach Mentorship Program
NOHA	Northern Ontario Hockey Association
OHF	Ontario Hockey Federation
OHA	Ontario Hockey Association
OHL	Ontario Hockey League
OMHA	Ontario Minor Hockey Association
OWHA	Ontario Women's Hockey Association



REGULATION A - COMPETITION

PLAYING RULES & GAME REGULATIONS

- A1** In all competition under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), the Playing Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada will be the governing authority for all hockey, except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.
- A2** The Board of Directors must approve Playing Rules of Member Partners annually.
- A3** Any amendments, changes or interpretations of Hockey Canada Playing Rules and Regulations shall automatically amend those of the OHF and its Member Partners.
- A4** All games under the jurisdiction of the OHF shall be officiated by individuals who are registered with a Member Partner for the current season consistent with Member Partner officiating requirements.
- A5** No team shall take part in a sanctioned game in the OHF until a Team Official has provided to the Game Officials on a Game Report, a list of registered players certified by that Official to be eligible to take part in such game.
- A6** All games in the OHF shall comply with the requirement in Hockey Canada Rule 2.2 for number of players in uniform and Hockey Canada Regulation E.1 for number of registered players, subject to OHF Regulation C7, C8 & C9.
- A7** Game Forfeiture
- (a)** A game is forfeited when:
 - i.** A team does not appear for that game. When a game is declared forfeited due to the non-appearance of the team (Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 d), the team in attendance shall be declared the winner and the score recorded as 5–0. The incident shall be reported to the League / Association President to take any further actions as may be authorized in the organization's Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations.
 - ii.** A team refuses to start play (Hockey Canada Rule 10.14). When a game is declared forfeited in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 c), the non-offending team shall be declared the



winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5–0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member Partner President or designate.

- iii. A team is unable to continue play due to having insufficient players (as per Hockey Canada Rule 10.14). When a game is declared forfeited due to a team having insufficient players to continue play, either through injury and/or penalties, the non-offending team shall be declared the winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5–0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member Partner President or designate.
- iv. Both teams are unwilling or unable to continue the game. When a game is declared forfeited due to both teams being unwilling or unable (insufficient players) to continue the game, the score shall be recorded as 0–0 with no points awarded either team. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member Partner President or designate.
- v. A team played a game with one (1) or more ineligible participants. When a game is declared forfeited due to a team playing with one (1) or more ineligible participants, the non-offending team shall be declared the winner and score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5–0 if the non-offending team was not in the lead. The players on both teams shall be credited with all personal statis-



tics earned. Should the game in question be part of a tournament, the offending team shall automatically be relegated to the final position in any preliminary round robin series (if applicable) or to the final position in the tournament standings. The use of an ineligible player shall be reported to the Member Partner President or designate.

- vi. In games played under the direct jurisdiction of the Member Partner (e.g. League play or Playoffs), all reports will go to the Member Partner President or designate. In games played under the direct jurisdiction of the OHF (e.g. Branch Championships or Playoffs), all reports will go to the OHF President.

A8 For a game that is suspended, the following options shall be available:

- (a) The remainder of the game may be played at a later date. In this case, the game will resume with all conditions (penalties, score, etc.) as when the game was suspended. The referee shall note these conditions on the Game Report.
- (b) The entire game may be replayed if it has a bearing on final standings within a league.
- (c) The application of either (a) or (b) shall be at the discretion of the Member Partner who has sanctioned the game or in the case of Branch playoff competition, the OHF President.
- (d) This Regulation will not be applicable in the case of a game suspended by curfew when the time of curfew was noted on the Game Report.

A9 Only pucks that meet the rules of the Hockey Canada Rule 3.8 may be used in OHF sanctioned competition. For League and playoff competition, it is the responsibility of the home team to supply pucks in proper condition for all games.

A10 Protective Equipment

- (a) Players shall be required to comply with the provisions in Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 relating to required equipment to participate in sanctioned on-ice activities.



- (b)** Players participating as affiliate players must wear all required equipment for the team for which they are registered. For example, a minor hockey player must wear full facial protection and a throat protector when participating in junior hockey as an affiliate player.
- (c)** It is recommended that in Minor Hockey, all goaltenders, in addition to a BNQ certified throat protector, wear a plastic throat guard adjoined to the goaltenders helmet/mask.
- (d)** It is recommended that all players, including goalkeepers, wear a colored (non-clear) internal mouthpiece, which covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. For all classifications where full facial protection is required, the mouthpiece be attached to the facemask or helmet. It is recommended, in all classifications, that the mouthpiece be fitted by a Dentist or a Dental Professional.
- (e)** Any player with a physical disability (e.g. vision, hearing, etc.) shall at the time of registration provide a certificate from a medical doctor which states that the player may safely engage in the level of hockey for which the player is being registered. Such medical certificate must accompany the player's Hockey Canada Registration.
- (f)** No team or player on a team shall be permitted to wear vertical striped sweaters or 'tear-away' sweaters. Zippered pants that are unfastened are not permitted. During competition, any violation of this will result in the offending team being assessed a two minute bench minor penalty and the offending player or players being prevented from further participation until such time as improper equipment is removed.

A11 Canadian Flag Requirement

- (a)** All players registered on competitive teams and all on-ice Officials within the Federation shall be required to wear or have embossed on their jerseys a standard Canadian Flag patch either on their left sleeve or on their upper right chest.
- (b)** A team's or Official's failure to comply shall be reported to the Member Partner President or designate.



A12 Championships

- (a) The Championships of each category shall be contested annually and decided by a series of games as approved by the Board of Directors in the following age divisions and categories:

MINOR HOCKEY

Atom A	Atom AA	Atom AAA
PeeWee A	PeeWee AA	
Bantam A	Bantam AA	
Midget A	Midget AA	
Juvenile AAA		

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Junior A

MEN'S SENIOR HOCKEY

Senior AAA

- (b) Other categories and divisions may be added at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.
- (c) Hosting of Branch Championships will be determined through a rotation process approved by the Board of Directors. Member Partners scheduled to host a Branch Championship must confirm their intent to host by OHF AGM, or earlier of the preceding year. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after this date may result in penalties against the offending Member Partner.
- (d) Any Member Partner failing to have declared its participant in a Branch Championship less than seven (7) days prior to the first date of a Championship (or other date as established by the Board of Directors) shall be fined the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) Member Partners shall advise the OHF in writing by October 1st of the current season of their intent to participate at approved Branch Championship(s). Withdrawal after this date will result in a fine of \$1,000 to the offending Member Partner.
- (f) Minor Hockey Branch Championships will be conducted the weekend of the second Saturday in April.
- (g) The Board of Directors, through the recommendations of the Championship Committee, will establish Rules and Regulations for all Branch Championships.



REGULATION B - TOURNAMENTS/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION/EXHIBITION GAMES

TOURNAMENTS

- B1** All tournaments in the OHF shall be governed in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation M and Member Partner tournament and sanctioning Regulations or Policies.
- B2** Tournaments approved by a Member Partner cannot be operated within the jurisdiction of another Member Partner without the written approval of that Member Partner.
- B3** A Member Partner may sanction a tournament in its jurisdiction involving a non-member or private enterprise entity so long as the Association or Club obtaining the sanctioning maintains a material involvement in the planning, operation and financial oversight of the tournament. Such non-member or private enterprise entity must have in place and file with the Member Partner appropriate and adequate insurance coverage for the duration of the tournament.
- B4** All OHF Official Game Reports and suspension information must be reported and submitted to the sanctioning Member Partner.
- B5** Any indefinite suspension (as per the current OHF Minimum Suspension list for that category of hockey) imposed at a sanctioned tournament will result in expulsion of that individual from further participation at that tournament pending appeal with the Member Partner with whom the player is registered.
- B6** Tournaments only have the authority to impose suspensions for the duration of their tournament. Minimum suspensions (as per current OHF Minimum Suspension list for that category of hockey) that carryover to competition outside the tournament duration must be reported as per OHF Regulation B4 and served in accordance with Member Partner suspension Regulations. The Member Partner with whom the player is registered shall retain the authority to impose additional games above the approved minimum suspension for the rule infraction.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION (EXCLUDING USA HOCKEY)

- B7** All international competition (outgoing tours to IIHF countries and incoming IIHF teams) shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Hockey Canada Regulation D and applicable Member Partner Regulations and Policies. This information is available through Member Partner offices. Any competition by OHF teams that is conducted in violation of the above noted regulations may result in penalties against the member as deemed appropriate.

EXHIBITION GAMES

- B8** No team or player shall be permitted to play exhibition games or inter-branch games of any kind without the permission of the OHF through the appropriate Member Partner. Teams shall not compete in non-sanctioned games or tournaments or participate against non-OHF/Hockey Canada/IIHF teams. Violations may result in penalties against the offending team.

REGULATION C CLUBS AND TEAMS

- C1** The formation of clubs and teams will be governed by the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation E and Regulations and Policies of Member Partners.
- C2** No new club/association can be formed after October 1st of the current season.
- C3** Any team that may compete in a Branch, Regional or National Championship Competition must register all players on an approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director. All teams from which players affiliate to a team competing in Branch, Regional or National Championships also must register all players on an approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director.
- C4** Recognized Age Divisions & Categories.

****** - Indicates that limits are in place for the number of players eligible to be registered in the last year of that age division.



Age Division	Recognized Categories (in order from highest category to lowest)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior **	Major, A, B, C, D	Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Juvenile **	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Midget	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 18 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Bantam	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
PeeWee	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Atom	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Novice	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 9 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Initiation	No categories	Under 8 years of age as of December 31st of the current season

** Please refer to Regulation E16 for Juvenile Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Partner Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

C5 Categorization of teams is within the sole jurisdiction of the Member Partner with whom the team is a member.

C6 All teams will be required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) players registered in order to be eligible for competition. Member Partners have the authority to permit a lower number of registered players at their discretion.



- C7** Teams will be permitted the number of player registrations as indicated below. Member Partners have the authority to permit a lower number of registration certificates than indicated at their discretion.

Senior Male	not more than forty-five (45) player registrations
Senior Female	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations
Junior Male	not more than forty-five (45) player registrations
Junior Female	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Juvenile Male	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations
Juvenile Female	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations
Midget Male	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations
Midget Female	not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Bantam Male	not more than twenty (20) player registrations
Bantam Female	not more than twenty (20) player registrations

PeeWee Male	not more than twenty (20) player registrations
PeeWee Female	not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Atom Male	not more than twenty (20) player registrations
Atom Female	not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Novice Male	not more than twenty (20) player registrations
Novice Female	not more than twenty (20) player registrations

- C8** Notwithstanding C7, the following teams may neither sign nor register, at any one time, more than:

- (a) Twenty-five (25) eligible players in the case of Junior Male teams and Juvenile Male teams;
- (b) Nineteen (19) eligible players in the case of Minor Male (excluding Juvenile) and Minor Female teams.
- (c) Twenty (20) in the case of the highest registered level of male and female Midget hockey.



- C9** Minor Hockey teams will be permitted to use up to (19) players for a sanctioned game, with the exception of Juvenile teams in games within the Branch and teams at the highest registered level of male and female Midget hockey, all of which will be permitted to use up to (20).
- C10** For the age divisions of Minor Bantam and above and the category of PeeWee AAA, a goaltender must be identified and registered as such on his Hockey Canada Registration. Players registered as goaltenders will not be permitted to play any other position.

REGULATION D AFFILIATION

- D1** Affiliation Regulations and procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation E.
- D2** Affiliation options are as indicated below for each category. Each Association/Club must declare its affiliation option no later than October 15 of the playing season. Such declaration shall be completed by the official signing Officers in writing and forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner and available to the OHF upon request.
- D3** Geographic subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation shall be determined by the appropriate Member Partner and filed with the OHF on an annual basis.
- D4** For tournaments and Branch Championship competition, teams must have a copy of the approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director for all players listed on the game report as affiliated players in order for the player to be eligible to participate.
- D5** In all cases of player affiliation, the team must receive permission from the team with whom the player is registered in order to use an eligible player as an affiliate for a sanctioned game or activity.

MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

- D6** Minor Hockey Teams have the following affiliation options:

(a) TEAM-TO-TEAM AFFILIATION

- i. This affiliation shall be governed by Hockey Canada



Regulation E9 a)

- ii.** For the purposes of OHF, Provincial and Regional Championships the Affiliate team must be a team:
 - 1.** from within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 - 2.** from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 3.** from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii.** Players on a Team-To-Team affiliation are ineligible to play as an affiliate player on any other minor hockey team, either through a Specially Affiliated Player List or a Club System.

(b) SPECIALLY AFFILIATED PLAYERS (UP TO 19 PLAYERS)

- i.** Hockey Canada Regulation E9 b) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii.** Players eligible to be part of a Specially Affiliated Players List must:
 - 1.** reside within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 - 2.** be from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 3.** be from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii.** Specially Affiliated Players may not be selected to participate as an affiliate player to another minor hockey association/club that has declared either a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Club System Affiliation for the current season. These players may not be on more than one Minor Hockey Specially Affiliated Player List.
- iv.** The final list of players must be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner by January 15 or earlier of the playing season. All players used, as Specially Affiliated Players must have their registration endorsed as a Specially Affiliated Player. That endorsement cannot be completed before written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the appropriate Member Partner.
- v.** A minor hockey team may have, as part of its Specially Affiliated Players, a player registered with a team in the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), provided that the player meets the residence, age requirements and other Regulations regardless of where the player plays in the OWHA program.



(c) CLUB SYSTEM

- i. Hockey Canada Regulation E9 c) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii. Within a Club System, Affiliate Players must be:
 1. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 2. from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Players and teams that are part of a declared Club System shall not be eligible to affiliate to another minor hockey team through a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Specially Affiliated Player list.
- iv. In addition to the club system, a junior team may have a Team-to-Team affiliation with a lower category junior team or a lower age division minor hockey team, provided that such team is not in a club system or Team-to-Team affiliation.

JUNIOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

D7 Junior teams have the following affiliation options:

(a) TEAM-TO-TEAM AFFILIATION

- i. This affiliation shall be governed by Hockey Canada Regulation E9 a)
- ii. The Affiliate team must be a team:
 1. from within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 2. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 3. from the same age division and a lower category.
 4. who is not entered in another Team-to-Team or Club system Affiliation.
- iii. Players on a Team-to-Team affiliation are ineligible to play as an affiliate player on any other junior hockey team, either through a Specially Affiliated Player List or a Club System.



(b) SPECIALLY AFFILIATED PLAYERS (UP TO 19 PLAYERS)

- i. Hockey Canada Regulation E9 b) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii. Players eligible to be part of a Specially Affiliated Players List must:
 1. reside within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 2. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 3. from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Specially Affiliated Players may not be selected to participate as an affiliate player from another minor hockey association/club that has declared either a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Club System affiliation for the current season.
- iv. The final list of players must be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner by January 15 or earlier of the playing season. All players used, as Specially Affiliated Players must have their registration endorsed as a Specially Affiliated Player. That endorsement cannot be completed before written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the appropriate Member Partner.

(c) CLUB SYSTEM

- i. Hockey Canada Regulation E9 c) shall govern a Club System.
- ii. Within a Club System, affiliate players must be:
 1. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 2. from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Players and teams that are part of a declared Club System shall not be eligible to affiliate to another junior hockey team through a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Specially Affiliated Player list.
- iv. In addition to the club system, a junior team may have a team to team affiliation with a lower category junior team or a lower age division minor hockey team, provided that such team is not part of another Club System or Team-to-Team affiliation.
- v. All Junior C and D teams may have in addition to their chosen affiliation option, one (1) Affiliate 'Player at Large'. This player must come from a community within a geographic



subdivision of that junior hockey team that does not have a junior hockey team. If the team chooses to exercise the Specially Affiliated Player affiliation option, then this player must be among their 19 allowable players. An Affiliate 'Player at Large' cannot be a 20 year-old player.

SENIOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

- D8** Men's Senior teams are permitted to affiliate with a junior team situated in the Branch or a lower category Senior team (where applicable).

REGULATION E PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

GENERAL

- E1** "Registration" or "Registered" refers to the Official acceptance by, the relevant registrar, of an approved roster form, properly completed and signed by the player, parent or guardian where required.
- E2** A player must be a registered member of a Minor Hockey Member Partner in order to be eligible for competition.
- E3** Effective beginning of the 2010/11 season all real time electronic submissions to the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) must include:
- Last Name
 - First Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Address
 - Street Address or P.O. Box
 - City/Town
 - Postal Code
 - Name of Team or Club
 - Team Division (e.g. Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Junior, Juvenile, Senior and Adult Recreational)
 - Team Category (e.g. House League, A, AA, AAA, etc.)
 - Role on team/Association (e.g. Player, Goaltender, Coach, Bench Staff, Safety, or Official)
 - On-ice Official (and certification, season of qualification and



- criminal record check)
- Coach (level of coach certification, season of qualification and criminal record check)
- Safety Personnel (level, expiry date and criminal record check)
- Registration date
- Name of Hockey Association or Club name
- Active Season (e.g. 2010/11)
- Release status
- Release date (if applicable)
- Affiliate Status (if applicable)
- Import Status (if applicable)
- Tryout Status (if applicable)

Ontario Hockey Federation assures the Member Partners that any and all registration data gathered by the Ontario Hockey Federation for the purpose of the HCR will be kept in a protected and secure manner. The Member Partner shall at all times retain ownership and control of any and all of its data in the HCR. There will be no commercial use of the data by the Ontario Hockey Federation or Hockey Canada in any way, shape, or form, unless expressly agreed to in writing by the respective Member Partner(s). To clarify, no data in the HCR will be used directly or indirectly to market and/or contact those registered within the HCR without the express written permission of the Member Partner(s) for each use.

- E4** A player may not be rostered or registered with a second hockey team in the same season at the competitive level. Violation will result in the immediate suspension of the player.
- E5** A player must abide by all rules, Regulations and Policies of Hockey Canada, the OHF and the Member Partner for which they are eligible.
- E6** A player when registering for the first time in minor hockey and junior hockey, must submit proof of his date of birth at registration, in a form that is acceptable to a Member Partner in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F18-19.
- E7** Every team shall be responsible for the eligibility of all players that are registered with that team or participating with that team.



- E8** The OHF shall immediately suspend any team that registers and/or plays a player without obtaining satisfactory proof to establish habitual residence of a player. All submitted complaints shall be reviewed. If a complaint is proven true, all league and/or play-off games in which such player has participated shall be forfeited and the player, team and club shall not be eligible to compete in Branch, Provincial or National play-downs.
- E9** Any player who is a registered member of the OHF and who has been proven guilty by his or her Member Partner, the OHF or Hockey Canada of having:
- (a) falsified a AAA waiver;
 - (b) falsified a birth certificate;
 - (c) falsified a Hockey Canada Registration;
 - (d) falsified any other registration document;
 - (e) forged any of the foregoing;
 - (f) played under other than his own birth certificate;
 - (g) played under an assumed name;
 - (h) knowledge and not reported that any of the above has occurred; shall be automatically suspended from registering for hockey with any team associated with Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of his suspension. (Hockey Canada Regulation F22, with amendments).
- E10** Any team Official, executive member of a Team, Club or Association proven to the OHF or Hockey Canada of having been a party to, or having had any knowledge of any of the wrongdoings in OHF Regulation E9, shall be automatically suspended for a period of not less than three (3) years from playing or holding office with any team, club or association affiliated with Hockey Canada. (Hockey Canada Regulation F23).
- E11** The OHF Registration Committee deals with complaints under Regulation E9 when two (2) or more Member Partners are involved. To determine grounds for a complaint, see Hockey Canada By-Law TWELVE.
- E12** Special Assistance to teams shall be in compliance with Hockey Canada Regulation B45 and Member Partner Regulations.
- E13** Players competing with CCAA, CIS or NCAA hockey programs



after January 10 of the current season shall, as per Hockey Canada Regulations, be ineligible to participate with any OHF team.

- E14** The final date to register players in the current season is February 10, or earlier if declared by a Member Partner.

ELIGIBILITY – MINOR HOCKEY

REGISTRATION

- E15** Before a minor hockey player returning from a junior hockey tryout can register with a team, he must declare his availability to the team with which he last registered, his residential centre, and his AAA zone club. The team of last registration shall have the first right of refusal on the player's services for a seven (7) day period in which the player must be registered to the team, failing that;
- (a) the AAA zone club and his residential centre club shall have a further seven (7) days in which the player must be registered to a team, failing that;
 - (b) the player, if he wishes, will be waived to play with an adjacent AAA team.
 - (c) The above is not applicable to players who have received a written release from their previous club.
- E16** Juvenile age division teams, not including House Leagues, in the OHF will be restricted to registering not more than six (6) players who are in the last year of eligibility for that age division. Players registered in excess of the six (6) players allowed will be released From the teams' roster based on the reverse date of his Hockey Canada Registration being validated. For example, if a team has seven (7) players in their last year of eligibility, the player whose Hockey Canada Registration was registered last will be rejected.

RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- E17** Residential qualifications of the Hockey Canada Regulations F1 through F5, shall be strictly enforced. In addition Regulations of the Minor Hockey Member Partners shall also determine eligibility for those respective minor hockey programs.
- E18** Residency is where a player and his parents habitually reside and is presumed to be where the player was legitimately reg-



istered for hockey in the preceding season. In all other cases, unless established to the contrary, it is presumed to be with the parents of the player.

- E19** A player is required to tryout and play where he resides or if unable to tryout, make himself available to the organization to be offered a registration if the organization so wishes, except as provided herein.
- E20** A player shall complete such reasonable written information as required by a team to permit attendance at tryouts.
- E21** The onus of proof to establish habitual residence rests entirely with the player.
- E22** A player moving with parents and establishing a continuous habitual residence in another centre, is eligible to register when the appropriate residential questionnaire or transfer application is forwarded and approved, either by the Member Partner to whose jurisdiction the player is moving or by the OHF in the case where a player is moving with parents from one Member Partner's jurisdiction to another.
- E23** In the event that a player moves during the season and establishes a legitimate habitual residence in another centre after December 1 in any year, then such player may:
- (a) continue to play with his current team for that season only, if the travel distance is deemed as reasonable;
 - (b) play with a team for which he is eligible by reason of his new residence; or
 - (c) seek written permission from his new residential AAA club to tryout, for that season only, with an adjacent AAA club.
- E24** If a player changes habitual residence after registering for the current season prior to December 1, then such player shall be deemed to be eligible for the team or team(s) within the newly established habitual residence and the previous registration shall be void as the player does not meet residential eligibility requirements.
- E25** The eligibility of a player who moves without parents and establishes a continuous habitual residence with someone other than his parents as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3, shall be determined by either the Member Partner involved or the OHF



based on factors such as but not limited to:

- (a) where the player's parent(s) reside;
- (b) where the player goes to school; and
- (c) the amount of time actually spent in alleged place of residence

ELIGIBILITY – JUNIOR HOCKEY

- E26** Eligibility of players for junior hockey programs is governed by Hockey Canada and Member Partner regulations where age, residence, import status and release requirement restrictions may exist.
- E27** Junior teams are eligible to sign Midget aged hockey players according to Hockey Canada Regulation F53.
- E28** In order to register players for junior hockey released by minor hockey organizations, the release must be authorized by the official signing officers of the player's home centre (or previous organization), his AAA zone (where applicable) and the junior hockey team in the community where the player resides (where applicable).
- E29** Once a player is registered with a junior team, a player remains a member of that team until he is properly released, as per OHF Regulations E92-E100.

PLAYER MOVEMENT – MINOR HOCKEY

- E30** All player movement within minor hockey shall be governed by residential requirements contained herein and regulations and policies adopted by Member Partners.

AAA WAIVERS

- E31** "AAA Waiver" refers to written permission by a AAA Club that allows a player not offered a AAA registration to try-out and register with another AAA Club which is adjacent to his residential Home Centre or Zone. Only the signing officers of the AAA Club can issue waivers.
- E32** A player requiring a written release to change Clubs who is in compliance with Residential qualifications and OHF



Regulations E17, E18, and E19 for AAA hockey only, must be offered, in writing, a player's registration for the current season, and a copy of that offer must be delivered by:

- (a) Registered mail sent and postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts;
- (b) Courier with a receipt verifying date the package was given to the courier, within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts, or
- (c) Personal service, verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery that the delivery was made to the player/parent within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts.

Note: AAA tryouts commence the first Monday following the OHF Championships except in the NOHA where AAA tryouts must be completed by Labour Day.

Note: For Midget AAA Hockey the dates in E32 (a), (b), and (c) do not apply and an offer is to be made by September 30.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) falls within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

E33 A team must intend to sign and play every player to whom it extends an offer. The maximum number of player registrations a AAA Club may offer is the lesser of the number of registration certificates allowed by Hockey Canada or the number allowed by the Member Partner.

E34 A player who is offered a player registration in accordance with E32 has fourteen (14) days to accept the player registration, failing which the AAA Club may fill the player's position. The date at which the fourteen (14) day period begins is determined as follows:

- (a) with E32 a), seven (7) days following the postmark date on the Registered Mail
- (b) with E32 b), three (3) days from the date stamp on the Courier package
- (c) with E32 c), the date of Personal delivery.

E35 Any AAA Club that makes an offer to a player pursuant



to E32 must, within 24 hours of making the offer, send its Regional Executive Member or Member Partner office a fax or e-mail containing details of the offer: player's name and address, and when and how the offer was made.

- E36** An unaccepted offer may be withdrawn by the Club only during the fourteen (14) day period set out in E34. If the offer is neither withdrawn nor accepted during that fourteen (14) day period, the player is not eligible to receive a Release and AAA Waiver from the Club. He is, however, eligible for a Release and AAA Waiver if granted by the Member Partner.
- E37** A player who has accepted an offer and is released by the Club is automatically entitled to a AAA Waiver.
- E38** If a Club declines to sign a player to whom it has made an offer, or releases a signed player, the Club will automatically forfeit one (1) of its registered certificates for each such player.
- E39** If a Club does not comply with Regulations E32 and E33, the player is entitled to a Release and AAA Waiver for that season. In the following season, a player who registered with a minor division team with an adjacent Club in the previous season will have the option of remaining with the Club the player registered with in that previous season, or the player may return to his residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full age division.
- E40** If a Club does not comply with Regulations E31 and E32, the player is entitled to a Release and AAA Waiver for that season. In the following season, a player who registered with a minor division team with an adjacent Club in the previous season will have the option of remaining with the Club the player registered with in that previous season, or the player may return to his residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full age division.
- E41** A player on a AAA Waiver may tryout with his residential home centre at AA or below and not forfeit the Major year(s) of his AAA Waiver pursuant to E42.
- E42** A player must provide a signed AAA Waiver to be permitted to attend a try-out with an adjacent AAA Club.
- E43** A player who has registered with a team for the season is



not eligible for a AAA Waiver unless the team he signed with provides permission to obtain a AAA Waiver.

E44 A player from one AAA residential area who wishes to attend a try-out with a AAA Club in a different area must first follow OHF Regulations E30 – E43. Having otherwise adhered to those Regulations, a player wishing to try-out with a nonadjacent AAA Club must receive a AAA Waiver from his residential AAA Club and all AAA Clubs/Zones adjacent to his residential AAA Club. Upon attending try-outs with permission through a AAA Waiver, the try-out process and offer/acceptance of registration by each such try-out attended will be as in Regulations E32 – E41.

E45 Any player who is not offered a player registration by, or has been released from, his AAA Zone/Centre team, must declare his availability in writing to his Home Centre, and the adjacent Zones/Centres, within seven (7) days. His Home Centre or any of the adjacent Zones/Centres shall then have fourteen (14) days from its receipt of his declaration to offer a player registration. If the player has made his declarations as above and no registration is offered, the Zone/Centre must provide him a AAA Waiver. If the Zone/Centre does not provide the AAA Waiver, the player may obtain it from his Member Partner.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) fall within the fourteen (14) day period, the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

E46 A player attending Junior hockey try-outs must follow OHF Regulation G3.

Lake Ontario Region (Regulation E47 – E92)

IMPORTS (“LAKE ONTARIO REGION” ONLY)

E47 The “Lake Ontario Region” is an area or geographic subdivision that is made up of the following: GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan), and the surrounding OMHA area including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, Ajax and Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation E80 – E82) which is the perimeter.



IMPORTS

- E48** The import quota system applies only to teams in an area known as the “Lake Ontario Region”. It does not apply to other minor hockey programs outside this area.
- E49** An import is a player that registers for a minor hockey program in the “Lake Ontario Region” for which, as per Hockey Canada and OHF regulations, he is deemed to be a non-resident (Hockey Canada Regulation F1–5 and OHF Regulation E18). That is, the player would not be eligible for that team in ordinary circumstances as he is not within the area from which that team may draw its players.
- E50** Any player resident in an OMHA centre/zone who is eligible by waiver or otherwise for the “Lake Ontario Region” is a non-import to any “Lake Ontario Region” OMHA centre/zone.
- E51** A player remains an import as long as he registers with a non-residential team. He does not lose his import status after one, two, three etc. years as an import with a team.
- E52** The final date to register players as imports is December 15 or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday or Sunday.
- E53** A team registering an import shall place on the submitted registration the word “IMPORT” and the player’s registration shall be further validated as such by the Member Partner and the OHF to be considered registered as defined in OHF Regulation E1.
- E54** If an import player has not been identified as an import by the team in accordance with OHF Regulation E53 and is registered by the Member Partner and the OHF as a non-import player and is subsequently designated an “import” by the Member Partner or OHF, such player shall be deemed to be registered on the date of designation.
- E55** If, as a result of such designation or a team has registered more than the allotted number of import players, the priority of registration as determined by the OHF Regulation E54 shall prevail and import players must be released in reverse order of registration. Example: the last player designated, as an import would be the first to be released. If two or more players are designated on the same day, then players shall be released in reverse order based on the date of their original registration. This release order would continue until the team has reached its proper import quota.



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- E56** Teams may only register a total allotment of imports under the following guidelines:
- (a) for AAA no more than five (5) imports;
 - (b) for AA and A teams, no more than three (3) imports.
- E57** Teams in the “Lake Ontario Region” may have registered at any one time, no more than the allowed import number for that team.
- E58** If a team registers too many imports, the players shall be released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member Partner until the team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last player whose registration was approved would be the first released.
- E59** AAA, AA, A clubs or teams in the “Lake Ontario Region” shall submit, through their Member Partner, a Current Team List to the OHF:
- (a) on October 15 of each playing season, all registered players for the current season with notation of Import players
 - (b) on January 15, clubs will submit, through their Member Partner, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their team list making its Current Team List final.

TRYOUTS (ALSO SEE OHF REGULATION G2)

- E60** A player who was registered with an OMHA team in the previous season MUST obtain an LOR Permission to Skate form in order to be able to tryout with a GTHL team for the next season. This form must come from the OMHA Centre / AAA Zone with whom the player was registered.
- E61** A player who was registered with a GTHL team in the previous season MUST obtain an LOR Permission to Skate form in order to be able to tryout with an OMHA team for the next season. This form must come from the club / organization with whom the player was registered.
- E62** An LOR Permission to Skate Form cannot be withheld for a player registered below Minor Bantam, except for extenuating circumstances such as outstanding equipment or fees from the previous season. Permission to skate cannot be



issued retroactively.

- E63** Players in the “Lake Ontario Region” who are registered at Minor Bantam and up are NOT granted an automatic LOR Permission to Skate Form. The club / organization that they are registered with can deny such permission, as the player remains a member of such team until he or she is released.
- E64** Players who were registered in the GTHL who wish to tryout with another GTHL Club for the following season must comply with GTHL regulations.
- E65** OMHA “Lake Ontario Region” resident players who were registered in the OMHA who wish to tryout with another OMHA team for the following season within the “Lake Ontario Region” must obtain the necessary LOR Permission to Skate Form to be able to do so.
- E66** If a player has difficulty obtaining the necessary LOR Permission to Skate Form from his or her Association/Club, it can be obtained from the Association/Club’s Member Partner (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.
- E67** Any player who resides outside the “Lake Ontario Region” is not eligible to tryout with any team in the “Lake Ontario Region”, as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the “Lake Ontario Region”. The only exceptions to this are:
- (a) players who have a AAA Waiver Form (in this case, when the player has complied with the LOR AAA Waiver Policy, a player is eligible in compliance with E43 to participate in try outs and does not require the LOR Permission to Skate Form, as long as the player presents the AAA Waiver Form(s) at tryouts); and
 - (b) those players who have continuously resided outside the “Lake Ontario Region” and have been continuously registered in the GTHL since and including the 1996-97 season.
- E68** Teams will be required to present to the Member Partner Registrar any required LOR Permission to Skate Form or AAA Waiver with the player registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so will be subject to the following penalties:
- (a) The Head Coach of the offending team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games: and



- (b) The offending Club/Association will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which fine is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid; and
- (c) Any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (d) The subject player will not be eligible to sign, (or affiliate) with any team in the (Club/Association) affiliated with the offending team.

RELEASES

E69 Players registered in the “Lake Ontario Region” at Minor Bantam and up will require a written release from their current club to be eligible to tryout and register with another club in the “Lake Ontario Region” for the upcoming season.

E70 For AAA hockey at Minor Bantam and above, in order to retain a player requiring a written release, the Association/Club with which the player is registered must offer the player an opportunity to an unused roster spot for the upcoming season which must be sent by:

- (a) Registered mail sent and postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts
- (b) Courier, with a receipt verifying date package was given to the courier, within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts, or
- (c) Personal service, verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery that the delivery was made to the player/parent within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts

Note: AAA tryouts commence the first Monday following the OHF Championships except in the NOHA where AAA tryouts must be completed by Labour Day.

Note: For Midget AAA Hockey the dates in E70 (a), (b), and (c) do not apply and an offer is to be made by September 30.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) fall within the fourteen (14) day period, the date to offer a card will be



extended by two days.

- E71** For AAA hockey at Minor Bantam and above, if a player decides not to attend for tryouts, the Association/Club with which he is registered still has an obligation to offer the player a card for the upcoming season. If the player is not offered a card within fourteen (14) days as outlined in E70, the player is automatically released. This is intended to protect both the player and the Association/Club. If there is a dispute between the player and Association/Club that cannot be resolved, the player may apply for a release.

Note: For Midget Hockey in E71 the fourteenth (14) day shall be replaced by September 30.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) falls within the fourteen (14) day period the date to offer a card will be extended by two days.

- E72** In order to retain a player requiring a written release. the Association/Club with which the player is registered must offer the player an opportunity to an unused roster spot for the upcoming season which must be sent by:

- (a) registered mail postmarked by May 31;
- (b) courier date stamped by May 31; or
- (c) personal service by May 31 to be verified by sworn affidavit(s) of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery.

Note: For Midget Hockey in E72 (a), (b), (c) the May 31 date shall be replaced by September 30.

- E73** If a player decides not to attend tryouts, the Association/Club with which he is registered still has an obligation to offer the player a card for the upcoming season. If the player is not offered a card by May 31, the player is automatically released. This is intended to protect both the player and the Association/Club. If there are a dispute between the player and Association/Club that cannot be resolved, the player may apply for a release.

Note: For Midget Hockey in E73 the May 31 date shall be replaced by September 30.

- E74** For PeeWee and below, players who reside within the "Lake Ontario Region" will not require a release at the end of the season to change clubs.



- E75** No Association/Club may release a player registered in the “Lake Ontario Region”, after November 15 of the current season, however LOR Member Partners (GTHL and OMHA) are able to release a player until January 10.
- E76** If a player’s residential program does not offer a team or teams at his age division (e.g. minor year) then that person can register elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” at his age division (in the above example, that same minor year) as a non-import without the requirement of a written release only if he has fully participated in at least a majority of that team’s tryout sessions. (Note: If a player has not so participated and the team is not formed, he will be eligible to register elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” but must do so as an import.). He returns to his residential program at the end of the season as a released player. The same principle applies to a player in his major year of an age division. This relief does not apply at the midget age division when the residential program offers either a minor or combined Midget program.
- E77** After the December 15 import signing deadline, if a team within the Lake Ontario Region folds, the Imports will be allowed to sign under the following circumstances.
- (a) The organization that the player is signed with has the first opportunity to provide him a position to play at the same level and category or higher.
 - (b) If they cannot provide an opportunity under (a) then if the player has resolved all financial obligations with the organization he may sign elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” as an import.
- E78** A player who is a resident of a home centre which is an extension of a “Lake Ontario Region” AAA Zone (i.e. Caledon, Nobleking and Stouffville), and registered for any division from Minor Bantam and up may return to his home centre at the end of any season without a release. Such player returning without a release is NOT allowed to affiliate to a Junior Hockey Team or to another AAA Zone.
- E79** Any player who plays in the LOR on a AAA Waiver at Minor Bantam or above, who returns to his home centre at the conclusion of a season and who subsequently returns to the LOR, in the immediate following season, must return to his last registered LOR team.



MARKHAM PROGRAMS

E80 Markham is unique in the “Lake Ontario Region”, as there are GTHL clubs (Markham Majors / Markham Islanders) and an OMHA club (Waxers) that operate in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey is noted as follows:

- (a) If a Markham resident, new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey, signs with the Markham Waxers and moves to the GTHL (except the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders), the player becomes an import. If the player subsequently moves to another GTHL team (except the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders), that player would be and, subject to point c) below, would remain an import to GTHL teams.
- (b) If a Markham resident, new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey, signs with the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders or any other GTHL team, he is a non-import within the GTHL and he would be and, subject to point ‘c’ below, would remain an import to OMHA centres in the “Lake Ontario Region”, except the Markham Waxers (the player’s home centre for OMHA purposes).
- (c) If such a player noted in point (a) or (b) above returns to a Markham team, he becomes for the future a non-import to that team’s Member Partner (e.g. Waxers – OMHA; Markham Majors / Markham Islanders - GTHL) and an import to the other Markham team’s Member Partner.

E81 In terms of the import quota for these programs the following will apply:

- (a) Movement between the GTHL and Markham GTHL clubs shall not affect quotas. For example, a player from Mississauga would not be an import to the Markham GTHL club.
- (b) Markham resident players may choose to register with either Markham club, without an effect on their import quota.
- (c) Markham resident players registered with a non-



Markham GTHL club as non-imports will continue as such, if they sign with a GTHL club.

- (d) Markham resident players registered with the Markham OMHA club, shall be imports if they register with a non-Markham GTHL club.
- (e) Markham resident players registered in the GTHL who sign with any other club in the “Lake Ontario Region” Perimeter area, will be considered imports.
- (f) Markham residents are non-imports to both Markham GTHL and Markham OMHA, no matter where they were registered the previous year.

E82 The Markham Majors / Markham Islanders and Markham Waxers programs have entered into an agreement which is filed with OHF, GTHL and OMHA Offices.

VAUGHAN PROGRAMS

E83 All Vaughan resident players are members of the GTHL, whether they play on Vaughan teams or on non-Vaughan teams. Vaughan resident players are imports to any “Lake Ontario Region” Perimeter team.

MIDGET AAA QUOTAS

E84 The “Lake Ontario Region” Midget AAA team’s quota would be the higher of:

- (a) the normal quota number of five (5); and
- (b) the total of the returning import from Minor Midget and first year Midget. However, this higher number produced by (b) could be filled only by that organization’s returning/graduating imports.

Note: (For example, if a Midget team potentially has three (3) returning second year Midget imports and four (4) minor Midget imports graduating to the Midget team, it could sign all seven (7) as imports. However, if any of those players are released or go elsewhere (Midget/Juvenile/Junior/Major Junior), the number will decrease accordingly: if one (1) leaves, the quota number will be six (6); if two (2) leave the quota number will be five (5). Thus, the team cannot sign any new imports until its returning/graduating



imports, from both Minor Midget and Midget, fall below the basic quota number of five (5)). The result is that an organization won't have to cut a player loose simply because it has to "cut imports", but on the other hand, it won't be able to add any new imports unless it has fallen below the usual quota figure. While it does allow for some stability for some players, we are confident that, given the amount of movement at this level, it will have no significant impact on the overall picture.

THE EXTENDED BOUNDARIES OF THE "LAKE ONTARIO REGION" AAA ZONES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AND MARKHAM

E85 The "Lake Ontario Region" has extended boundaries from the normal association boundaries. This is due to the AAA zones of South Central and Markham, which are both "Lake Ontario Region" areas, but who, for AAA programs only, have players eligible in other centres as part of their AAA zone. The extended areas are as follows:

- (a) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the South Central AAA zone. Players from these areas as part of the South Central AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams and are nonimports to OMHA perimeter centres of the "Lake Ontario Region" at AAA only.
- (b) The area of Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is part of the OMHA Markham AAA Zone. Players from this area as part of the Markham OMHA AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams and are non-imports to OMHA perimeter centres of the "Lake Ontario Region" at AAA only.

COACHING MOVEMENT

E86 A person who is registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the Association / Club with which such person is registered as a Team Official, be registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher age division or sub-division (where applicable) of another Association / Club. Such written consent must be signed



by an Association / Club Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An Association / Club may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member Partner of the team that is withholding the consent. Reports of any team Officials who may be in violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the GTHL, OMHA or OHF office as soon as possible.

IMPORT PLAYERS USED AS AFFILIATED PLAYERS IN THE LOR

- E87** Subject to the following, a team may dress as Affiliated Players (AP's) both non-imports and imports, even if that means that the team is dressing more imports than its quota for any particular game.
- E88** An import can dress for no more than five games with his affiliated team after January 10. If the affiliate team has fewer registered imports than its quota an import may play a sixth game, upon dressing for his sixth game, that import, as with any other AP is not allowed to compete for the balance of the season with his registered team. HC Reg. E35 (a) and OHF Regulation D5.
- E89** If an import is dressed for more than five games as an AP after January 10 by a team whose quota is full (even if the number of imports dressed for any particular game is within the quota), that team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member Partner. Furthermore, the player is not allowed to compete for the balance of the season in the division or category for which he is registered. HC Reg. E35 (a) and (b) and OHF Regulation D5.
- E90** If a team legitimately loses an import (e.g. through a season ending injury or illness, or withdrawal), it can apply to the OHF for relief to replace that player with an affiliated import with the understanding that HC Regulation E35 (a) and (b) and OHF Regulation D5 applies.
- E91** The GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be, has the right to intervene, and, if necessary, discipline or penalize any of its teams which, on the basis of a formal complaint, is found to be using an import as an AP on a continual or regular basis so as to cause any player, either import or non-import, on the immediately higher category/division team to be inactive for



unreasonable periods of time.

- E92** To assist teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the “Lake Ontario Region”, an import player dressing for his affiliated team shall be designated as “AP (I)” on the game sheet. No designation is required on a game sheet for an import playing for his registered team.

PLAYER MOVEMENT

- E93** Within Junior and Senior hockey, player movement will be governed by player release requirements as noted in OHF Regulation E94 – E102, as well as Member Partner Regulations relating to player movement.
- E94** Junior and Senior teams in the OHF are required to provide active players lists as noted in E95. Teams may utilize unused player registrations as part of their maximum number of active players, however these unused registrations must be filled with eligible players by the final registration date or any unused roster spots will remain vacant for the remainder of the current season.
- E95** In Junior and Senior Hockey any player not included on either the December 1 or January 10 active player list are automatically released as of these dates and may register with any other team if otherwise eligible, subject to any further restrictions imposed by a Member Partner.

PLAYER RELEASES

- E96** A player owing money or other items (e.g. equipment) will not be given a release for any reason until the player has paid all outstanding obligations to the previous team or club.
- E97** All releases must be signed by the Official Signing Officer(s) of the team / club / centre / association with whom the player is registered in order to be valid.
- E98** Any player released after January 10 of the current season is ineligible to register with any other team in the current season.
- E99** A written release is not required when:

- (a) A player has not been registered with any team in



Hockey Canada or the IIHF during the entire previous playing season.

- (b) When a player of junior age or under who resides with his parents and the parents change their place of residence and the player continues to reside with his parents following the change of residence.
- (c) When a player has been a full-time employee since May 1 of the previous season and is moved by his employer and continues to be employed by the same employer (Hockey Canada Regulation H8 d)).
- (d) When a player becomes overage for the age division in which he was last registered and there is in the community in which he resides or last registered, no team in the same club in a higher age division in which he is qualified.
- (e) When a player is a member of a team that disbands (Hockey Canada Regulation G1).
- (f) In Junior and Senior hockey, when a player is not among the team's active player list on the required date that the lists are due (December 1 and January 10).
- (g) When a player's release has been granted by a decision of Hockey Canada or the OHF.

E100 Please refer to Hockey Canada Regulation H8 for further information and other allowable conditions.

MINOR HOCKEY

E101 While a release provided to a minor hockey player is unconditional, a player must meet residential requirements in order to register with another minor hockey team. Such permission to register with another minor hockey team in which the player does not meet residential or other eligibility requirements may only be granted by a Member Partner or by the OHF through appeal or other mechanisms available.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HOCKEY

E102 No player registered with a Junior hockey team that is of 2nd



year midget age or below will be permitted to be released to minor hockey after December 1 of the current season.

PLAYER TRANSFERS

E103 Minor Hockey Transfer (Residential Moves) within the OHF.

- (a)** The OHF Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form (For Residential Moves) ("Transfer Form") must be completed in full with all required supporting documentation as may be relevant including:
- i.** Official confirmation of school enrollment and the date the student started or will start attending that school.
 - ii.** A copy of a letter sent to the school authorizing the OHF to check on and confirm school enrollment during the year.
 - iii.** A copy of a fully executed rental agreement or registered transfer of ownership. If the purchase has yet to close, a fully executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale will be accepted, provided that a registered transfer of ownership is submitted by a date fixed by the OHF Executive Director. Such documents will not be accepted, and the player transfer will be rejected if the landlord or seller has any connection with the Club with whom the player intends to register.
 - iv.** Copies of the parent(s)' updated driver's license(s), and a utility or similar bill demonstrating the parent(s)' name and new address.
 - v.** A letter from the primary employers of each parent who is moving, confirming the individual's employment and home address on file in the employer's records.
 - vi.** Should any of the required documents not be available, an affidavit, sworn before a lawyer, Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths, may be offered in its place, attesting as to why the document is not available and providing the



information that would have been contained in such document.

- vii.** An executed copy of any relevant separation agreement, custody order or divorce decree. Any such document that purports to grant custody or guardianship to any person connected in any way (whether as a club official, team official, volunteer, parent etc. with the Club with which the player intends to register) will not be accepted and the residential move will not be approved. In the event that one parent is moving from the former habitual residence and there is no divorce or separation agreement, the player's habitual residence will be considered to be the original place of residence prior to the parent's move.
- (b)** The Transfer Form is not required when the player does not change residence but registers with a different minor hockey Member Partner (e.g. AAA Waiver).
- (c)** If the transfer is between two associations within one Member Partner's residential jurisdiction, then the Member Partner will deal with the transfer with the two associations involved, and no OHF involvement is required.
- (d)** If the transfer is between two associations from different minor hockey Member Partners (i.e. OMHA, GTHL, NOHA, Alliance), the Transfer Form shall be submitted to the registrar of the minor hockey Member Partner to which the player is moving from, signed by the registrar and forwarded by that registrar to the OHF office. The family involved in this move is solely responsible for providing the documentation directly to that Member Partner.

 - i.** That Member Partner upon receipt of the complete Transfer Form with all supporting documentation, may conditionally approve the player to participate in the OHF during the approval process. However, any false or misleading information contained in the Transfer Form may result in the same penalties as outlined in



Regulations E9 and E10 against the player and/or team Official and/or Executive Member of the team or club. Should the matter proceed to the Registration Committee pursuant to By-Law 6.4, the conditional approval shall not be binding on the Registration Committee in any way.

- (e) The player's previous minor hockey Member Partner shall, upon receipt, have seven (7) days to either approve or deny the transfer. In the case of denial, the reasons therefore must be stated in writing and be in accordance with the OHF Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations. Any denial without reasons shall be deemed to be an approval of the transfer.
- (f) The OHF Executive Director, upon written request for relief, may authorize an extension of the seven (7) day period in the preceding paragraph.
- (g) Should the OHF not receive a reply either approving or denying the request from the player's previous minor hockey Member Partner within seven (7) days, the request will be deemed to be approved. The appropriate Member Partners will be alerted by the OHF one (1) day prior to enforcing such approval and will be further notified once the approval has been authorized by the OHF.
- (h) In instances in which it is identified that a Club, Association, Team Official or anyone connected with any of the above has assisted the family in moving to the new residence or preparing and/or submitting the necessary documentation, the player will become ineligible to participate with that Team and/or Club regardless of the outcome of the Residential move application.
- (i) If the transfer is accepted and the request is approved, the player, parents, and club are required to report promptly to the OHF Office any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the transfer request. Failure to do so may result in the same penalties as set forth in Regulations E9 and E10.
- (j) If a player will be moving prior to the start of the



new hockey season, and as a result of the move will no longer be eligible to participate where he played hockey the previous season, the OHF President, on the recommendation of the OHF Executive Director and the Executive Directors of the two Member Partners in question, may grant temporary permission for the player to attend try-outs in the new residential centre provided that all information regarding the proposed move has been submitted to the OHF office by way of a Transfer Form. This temporary permission is not a determination of change of residency. Applicants are required to provide all finalized supporting documentation, as outlined in OHF Regulation E103 (a), to confirm that a residential move has taken place. These documents must be provided to the OHF by the date of occupancy of the new address or by September 1 of the new hockey season, whichever is earlier. Once these documents are received, and the Member Partners have approved the transfer, the process will be completed. If the applicant is not able to provide confirmation of residential move by the noted date, the applicant will be required to return to his previous residential centre.

APPEALS TO OHF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

- (k)** Transfer requests that are denied may be appealed to the OHF Registration Committee within seven (7) days of denial. Should the OHF Registration Committee not receive an appeal application within seven (7) days, the player's residence will be deemed as his former address and any conditional approval will be revoked.
- (l)** The appeal application ("Application") shall consist of a Statutory Declaration (in a form supplied by the OHF) to which will be attached, as exhibits, the Transfer Form and its supporting documents, as well as any new supporting documents.
- (m)** The Statutory Declaration shall contain particulars as to the background for the residential move, a



statement that the landlord or seller of the new place of residence is not connected in any way with the Club with whom the player intends to sign and, if the parents are informally separated, a statement attesting to the fact that the separation is true and legitimate.

- (n) Since the OHF Registration Committee's ability to monitor and confirm a residential move is in part dependent upon verifying school enrolment, and since its ability to do so in the circumstances of home schooling is severely limited, no residential move involving home schooling will be approved unless both parents move with the player or the player is moving with the parent who is granted custody in a formal divorce decree.
- (o) The Transfer Form, any documents supporting it, the Statutory Declaration, and any documents supporting it are together defined as the "Application". If any information contained in the Application is false or misleading the penalties called for in Regulations E9 and E10 will apply, in addition to any penalties that may apply at law for swearing an untrue Statutory Declaration.
- (p) In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, and the Registration Committee subsequently receives new pertinent information regarding the transfer, the OHF Registration Committee may reconsider its decision and may reverse, amend, or confirm its original decision. The player, parents and Club are required to report promptly to the OHF Office any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the Application. Failure to do so may result in the same penalties as set forth in Regulation E9 and E10.
- (q) Applications that are denied by the OHF Registration Committee may be appealed to the **National Appeals Committee** according to **Hockey Canada By-Law 1201**.

E104 All Regulations and Policies of the OHF and the minor



hockey Member Partners shall be deemed as rules governing such movement of players.

INTER-BRANCH PLAYER TRANSFERS

E105 Inter-Branch Player Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and another member Branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Canada Regulation K governs these transfers.

USA HOCKEY TRANSFERS

E106 USA Hockey Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and USA Hockey. Hockey Canada Regulation K and the Agreement between Hockey Canada and USA Hockey (included as Hockey Canada Regulation Appendix K2) govern these transfers.

INTERNATIONAL (IIHF) PLAYER TRANSFERS

E107 International (IIHF) Player Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and another member Federation of the IIHF. Hockey Canada Regulation K and IIHF Transfer Regulations (included as Hockey Canada Regulation Appendix K1) govern these transfers.

**E108 Player Development Fees**

New Org.	Previous Org. →	OHL	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Jr. D	Minor
OHL		x	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1000
Jr. A		\$1500	x	\$1500	\$500	\$400	\$750
Jr. B		\$1500	\$1250	x	\$500	\$400	\$500
Jr. C		\$1500	\$750	\$500	x	\$400	\$400
Jr. D		\$1500	\$500	\$500	\$300	x	\$300
Junior Home Community		x	x	x	x	x	\$100
		(Player in last year Midget Eligibility)					

(a) Development Fees and Releases Between Seasons

- i. The player release is automatically granted upon receipt of the maximum dollar figure paid by the new organization to the previous organization's Member Partner.

Note: For upwards player movement (I.e. C to B, Midget to A).

- ii. Teams can negotiate a lower development fee only for a player who has played with the same Minor Association from Minor Atom to his release year. A release is automatically granted upon receipt of the negotiated Development fee with signed approval by the previous organization to its Member Partner.
- iii. Any and all development fees from Junior to Minor that go to the last carded team will be divided proportionately according to years of participation with and between any and all OHF Member Partners. The Development fee will be divided between the Home Centre and other



Centre(s) or Zone(s) involved based on the number of seasons played for each.

- iv. A player 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season is released to Junior hockey with no development fees unless there is a competitive Juvenile program in the Minor Hockey Association/Club for him to play.
- v. Such local 16 year old players do not require a AAA waiver in order to sign with a Junior C or D team.
- vi. A player under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season who played AAA hockey outside his home centre is subject to the development fee schedule.
- vii. The Development Fee for a player in his last year of Midget eligibility moving from Minor to Junior in their home community is \$100.
- viii. If development fees are paid for a player going from Minor to Junior, no part of those fees can be requested or reimbursed if the player returns to Minor. If the player subsequently returns to Junior in the same or a following season, his new Junior team is responsible for compensating the original Junior team for the development fee it paid to the Minor Club/Association.

(b) Tryout Schedule and Procedures

- i. Players must follow the tryout process as outlined in Regulation G2 and G3. Permission to Skate is to be obtained from the last carded team.
- ii. Midget and Junior Associations and Clubs may run spring camps or spring tryouts beginning the first day after the OHF Championships.
- iii. Players may register with teams prior to the fall tryout period, if the player and team wish to make the commitment.
- iv. Junior C or D teams may only have local 16 year



- old players (as defined under the Canadian Development Model) in their tryouts.
- v. OHL Teams Training Camps will begin the Thursday prior to Labour Day Weekend.
 - vi. Junior Teams must release the 16 year old players from their camps by the following dates except for those they have signed:
 - (I) OHL Teams must release 16 year olds not signed within 48 hours of the start of training camp.
 - (II) Junior A and B teams must release 16 year olds not signed by midnight a week from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.
 - (III) Junior C and D teams must release local 16 year olds not signed by midnight two weeks from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.

REGULATION F TEAM OFFICIALS

- F1** All team Officials must be registered with the appropriate Member Partner to be able to participate in on-ice sanctioned activities and must be recorded on a Game Report to be eligible to be on a team bench. No Team Official shall be registered unless the Team Official provides proof of certification pursuant to Hockey Canada's Speak Out Program.
- F2** A registered team Official of any team before any game will verify by signature the eligible participants and other information as required on the Game Report for a game. The Head Coach will assume responsibility for the eligibility of all the players and team Officials of the team in that game and for the conduct of his/her team Officials and players during the game and while traveling to and from that game. Failure to verify by signature the Game Report will result in an automatic two (2) game suspension of the person(s) failing to do so.
- F3** When a team has only one team Official listed on the Game Report and that team Official leaves his position for any reason (e.g. sickness, ejection, player injury, other emergency, etc.), the



referee shall enlist the supervisory services of a registered team Official preferably from the same organization in attendance at the game. The new team Official shall sign the Game Report. If an appropriate person cannot be found, the game shall be suspended and completed in accordance with Regulation A8.

- F4** To be eligible as trainer or assistant trainer on any team registered with the OHF, a person must have successfully completed and remain certified HTCP Level I or higher for Minor Hockey or Level II or higher for Junior and Senior Hockey.

REGULATION G TAMPERING AND TRYOUTS

- G1** Except in the OWHA, effective immediately no fee or other payment may be requested or collected for any Permission to Skate or AAA Waiver and any such form will be promptly provided when requested by a player entitled to it. Any violation of G1 will result in a fine of \$2000.00 to be paid by the Home Centre / Club / AAA Zone to the OHF within 15 days of written demand. Failure to do so will result in an automatic suspension of the Home Centre /Club / AAA Zone until the fine is paid.

G2 Tryouts

- (a)** No tryouts or related on or off-ice activities directly or indirectly (including skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, etc.) may be conducted prior to the completion of the OHF Minor Hockey Championships.
- (b)** Except at Midget, tryouts for AA, A and lower levels may not begin until the day after completion of AAA tryouts within their centre/zone. Minor hockey tryouts at the AAA level must be completed by a date declared by the centre/zone, but no later than the Sunday that is fourteen (14) days following the OHF Championships.

Note: The NOHA is exempt from spring try-outs.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday fall(s) within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

- (c)** All players attending tryouts must have permission, in writing, from the team/association/club with whom



they are registered or remain a member. Players who do not have this permission are not eligible to participate.

- (d) Teams are responsible to keep track of these written permissions. Failure to do so may result in the team being found guilty of tampering, in accordance with the process outlined in OHF Regulation G3.
- (e) Any written permission to tryout is deemed invalid once a player signs a Hockey Canada registration for the current season.
- (f) Written permission to tryout does not, in any manner, constitute a player's release.

G3 Except as between teams within the same Member Partner which have complied with the Rules and Regulations of that Member Partner, no OHF team may invite to, or allow to participate in its training camp, practice or any scheduled or exhibition game, a registered member of another OHF team from the previous season or of the current season, in any division or category, without having first obtained permission in writing. Such written permission shall be in the form of a statement filed with the team for which the player is registered, signed by the designated signing officers of that team.

G4 For failure to comply with this Regulation G2 and/or G3, the following sanctions will apply:

- (a) the head coach of the offending team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games;
- (b) The offending Club/Association team will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00, which fine is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid;
- (c) any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (d) the subject player will not be eligible to sign, or to play as an affiliate, with any team in the Club/Association of the offending team.

G5 Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF By-Law 6, except that a cash deposit or payment will not be required. However, a \$50.00



administrative fee, plus payment of disbursements as documented by the committee conducting the hearing or appeal, will be assessed against the offending team or, if the charge is dismissed, against the parties filing such charge.

- G6** If a charge under Regulation G2 involves two members of the same Member Partner, then the charge shall first be heard in accordance with the hearing procedures of that Member Partner. Any appeal from the final decision of that Member Partner shall be brought to the OHF Appeal Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.
- G7** If a charge under this Regulation involves teams not from the same Member Partner, then the OHF Registration Committee shall first hear the charge. Any appeal from that decision of the Registration Committee shall be to the OHF Appeals Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.

REGULATION H

DISCIPLINE & SUSPENSIONS

- H1** Minimum suspensions for rule infractions in Minor, Junior and Senior hockey shall be created and approved annually by the Board of Directors.
- H2** Member Partners, the Board of Directors or the OHF President shall have the authority to impose supplemental discipline over and above the approved minimum suspension wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
- H3** Any supplemental discipline imposed by the Member Partner, Board of Directors or the OHF President may include suspensions for the individual up to and including all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities for the duration of his/her suspension.
- H4** Any suspension incurred by a player participating as an affiliated player must be reported to the appropriate Member Partner with whom the player is registered with a copy of the OHF Official Game Report within 48 hours of the game. In all cases where a player is suspended, the suspension shall be served with the team with whom the player is registered and



the player will not be permitted to participate in a sanctioned game until such time as the suspension has been served. For example, a player suspended for two games for an incident while participating, as an affiliated player shall serve the suspension with the team with whom the player is registered and the player is not eligible to participate with the affiliate team until the suspension has been served.

- H5** Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in try-outs the next season. The remaining portion of the suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the team with whom the suspended player registers.
- H6** Any team Official that has been ejected but is not identifiable by the game Officials shall be identified by the first team Official requested to do so by a game Official. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of all team Officials for not less than two games. This suspension shall be in addition to any suspensions incurred in the game.
- H7** Any application of Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 – Refusing to Start Play – shall be assessed against the Head Coach as identified on the OHF Official Game Report.
- H8** Any registered Minor Hockey player or team Official who participates in a game, tournament, training camp, prospect camp, selection camp or any other similar event (other than those organized and operated by recognized academic institutions or native people organizations) that is not sanctioned by the OHF or a Member Partner and that interferes with his OHF team's regular season or play-off schedule shall immediately be suspended for one year.

REGULATION I GAME OFFICIALS

- I1** All On-Ice Officials certified, as HCOP Level II must be 16 years of age. It is recommended that all On-Ice Officials must be at least two (2) years older than the age division for which they are officiating. Minimum HCOP level requirements to officiate sanctioned games will be at the discretion of the appropriate Member Partner. The Board of Directors will establish minimum HCOP level requirements for all Branch



Championship competitions.

- 12** On-Ice Officials shall not have a conflict of interest in the game they are officiating unless agreed upon in writing by a team Official from the teams competing.
- 13** It is recommended that all Off-Ice Officials shall be a minimum 16 years of age for timekeepers and 18 years of age for scorekeepers and goal judges. It is also recommended that these minor Officials be at least two (2) years older than the division of the game that they are working.





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Canadian Development Model (CDM) as we know it today is the result of over 4 ½ years of hard work by many dedicated volunteers and staff at both the Branch and National level. Delegates to the 2005 Hockey Canada AGM in Saint John, New Brunswick approved the CDM which included a series of recommendations affecting players aged fourteen (14) to seventeen (17) years of age. More importantly, they approved a philosophical direction for the development of players within the club system in Canada.

Since the 2005 Hockey Canada AGM, the CDM has received substantial exposure in the media as well as a complete and thorough review by parents, coaches and administrators which has resulted in a host of questions, comments and general observations on the CDM.

Since 2005 Hockey Canada has made modifications to the CDM in order for it to be implemented throughout the country in the best interests of the player. Three significant changes that emerged were affiliation procedures for players sixteen (16) years old and older, status quo for the sixteen (16) year old player limits and the removal of the grandfathering procedure.

This document serves two main purposes:

- This document will be the official reference document of the CDM. However, should an error or discrepancy arise from the reading of this document, the CDM Policy and official minutes of Hockey Canada's meetings will serve as the base for interpretation.
- The information contained here will hopefully answer the majority of questions that have been asked and will provide the administrators the direction and answers they need as the CDM continues to be implemented.

This document has been structured in such a way that information can be quickly located as well as updated as we move forward. Sections are divided along the themes of the CDM, affiliations, and the impact on specific age groups and the FAQ's attempt to answer most, if not all, of the questions. The regulations covering the CDM located in the Hockey Canada Regulation F.

It is important to understand that areas of the CDM are still incom-



plete and as such this is a working document. There will not be changes to the information contained in this document; however, there are other sections that still need to be formalized over the next two years.

Lastly, if as a reader of this document, you are confused or do not understand the information please contact the Executive Director of your respective provincial Branch for further clarification.

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CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL PHILOSOPHY: PUTTING CANADA AND THE CANADIAN SYSTEM FIRST

The Canadian Development Model was developed out of the desire to create a uniform system for the progression and development of Canadian hockey players within the club system in Canada.

Our objective is to develop a Canadian hockey model that provides Canadian players with a program that meets their entire hockey and education needs within Canada.

We have always believed that the current Canadian development system is the best in the world and our success on the world stage supports that statement, but there are a few things to keep in mind.

We cannot rely on past successes. We must always strive to improve what we do, not just to win gold medals, but rather that we continue to be world sports leaders and offer our participants the opportunities needed to be the best that they can be while always remembering to put the athlete first in making him or her a better person.

We must also do a much better job of telling people we have the best programs and the best options for the participants. That is why you will see a comprehensive communications strategy that will get the message out that we are the best and are striving to stay the best. We want our players to have all the information when they choose what path their hockey career should take. We firmly believe that when they have all the information they will choose Canada and the Canadian system.

Is there work to do? Of course. We need to expand education opportunities. We need more options for players graduating from Junior hockey. We need to keep examining everything from recreational to high performance hockey to ensure that what we are doing is the best it can be, regardless of the stream, and that it is in the participant's best interests.



GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS

- Affiliate:** A player from a lower category/division team that has been called up by a higher category/division team so that the higher category/division may dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the Playing Rules. This is to be done in emergency circumstances or for evaluation purposes and must be done in accordance with the direction set out in this document.
- CDM:** Abbreviated form for “Canadian Development Model”
- CHL:** Abbreviated form for the “Canadian Hockey League”
- Club Affiliation:** The practice of affiliating one team to another team within a club structure. For example: the Swift Current Midget AA Hurricanes are affiliated as a team to the Swift Current Midget AAA Legionnaires.
- FAQ:** Abbreviated form for “Frequently Asked Questions”
- Highest Level of Midget Hockey:** As determined by the Branch, this is the top level of Midget hockey available to the player. It may take the form of Midget AAA, Major Midget, etc. as per the respective Branch’s designation.
- Junior Hockey:** Open to players aged twenty (20) years and younger, up to and including players sixteen (16) years of age, where permissible, during the current playing season. In general the term “Junior” shall refer to all categories of Junior hockey. Where required, the specific categories shall be Major Junior, Junior A, Junior B, Junior C and Junior D and shall be identified accordingly.
- Local Player:** A player who resides and has resided in the same community as the team is based and has played his Minor hockey in the same community as the team is based.
- Major Junior:** Teams playing at the CHL level under the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), and Western Hockey League (WHL).



- Midget AAA:** For reference purposes, this shall be the designation for the highest level of Midget hockey played in any Branch.
- Permanent Affiliate:** A player who registers on a lower category team for the express purpose of affiliating on a full time basis to the higher category team (not permitted).
- Register:** To have completed and signed a Hockey Canada player's registration or equivalent (i.e. Branch form/roster) for the current playing season. To register means to be a member of a team which is a member of a Branch which is a member of Hockey Canada.
- Rural/Remote Provision:** A provision in the CDM to ensure that fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) year old players who live in a rural/remote area (as designated by the Branch) are allowed to play Junior C/D hockey where there is no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for fifteen (15) year olds and no access or reasonable access to Midget AAA for sixteen (16) year olds. Branches, at their discretion, are encouraged to use this provision in such a way that players are not forced from the game because of a lack of a Midget program in a rural area.
- Special Player Affiliation:** The practice of affiliating nineteen (19) named players (as opposed to naming a team) from a lower division or category from any number of teams within a geographic area designated by the Branch.



AFFILIATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

A fundamental principle that exists in our club structure is the ability to affiliate to a team of a higher age classification or category. The concept of affiliation and the reason for the ability to affiliate has become somewhat convoluted in recent years with the practice of using permanent affiliates and some teams not following proper protocols when affiliating or calling up a player. Hockey Canada, through regulation change, has tried to address and will continue to address the affiliation process. For example, the practice of using permanent affiliates has been stopped and Junior teams are being allowed two (2) more active registrations to reduce their dependence on affiliates in general and permanent affiliates in particular.

THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER

There will be no affiliation to Junior hockey for players fourteen (14) years of age and younger – no exceptions.

THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

There will be limited affiliation to Junior hockey for players fifteen (15) years of age. Affiliation will be completed under the following provisions (F.53):

Affiliation of first year eligible Midget players (fifteen (15) year olds) to Major Junior and Junior A and B hockey teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:

1. A team may affiliate no more than five (5) players for up to a maximum of five (5) games during the season.
2. The player must sign a special affiliation form with the permission of his regular team.
3. A player shall NOT be called up, except under emergency conditions, when the player's regular team is playing or when the player has semester exams at school.
4. When the player's regular team is finished its season, the player may join the Major Junior/Junior A or B team for the balance of its season.
5. In Junior hockey, the team would be restricted to calling up one (1) fifteen (15) year old per game.



6. A player may specially affiliate to a Major Junior team and a Junior A or B team in the same season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each team if he so chooses and his regular team agrees.
7. Should a Major Junior League choose not to utilize this provision, the player would NOT be eligible to affiliate to two (2) other Junior teams in that league or region.
8. This affiliation process is unique to Major Junior and Junior A & B hockey and the Branches are encouraged to keep this process consistent and not to have too many variations at the Branch level. Players have to be on an affiliation list in order to play and there can be no more than five (5) players (fifteen (15) years of age) per team. A team may add to the affiliation list to reach the five (5), but you cannot remove players and add another as a replacement. If a player is removed from a team, he cannot go to another team (unless it is a Major Junior team as per the above provisions). These players fall under the special affiliate classification. The final date to add names to this list is January 15.

THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER AND OLDER

A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be named as an affiliate player with both a Major Junior team and either a Junior A or a Junior B team in the same season.

A player sixteen (16) years of age or older may affiliate a total of ten (10) games during the regular season and playoffs with each of his affiliated teams as rostered in (i). However, if his registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before his affiliated team or teams, he may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times.

Any player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / CWG Events / World Junior A Challenge will not count in the ten (10) game total per team.

Affiliation of goaltenders will be governed by rule E. 36 (b).

E. 36 (b) Appearance of a registered player's name on the official game report of a game shall be considered participation in the game except in the case of an alternate goalkeeper, in which case actual participation only shall be considered as taking part in the game, and such participation shall be specifically noted on the official



game report.

Therefore, a goaltender must actually participate in a game for it to be considered an affiliate game played.

AFFILIATION FAQ

Is affiliation the same for Minor to Minor as Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior?

No. Minor to Minor affiliation will continue to affiliate according to Regulation E of the Hockey Canada Constitution. Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior affiliation will follow Regulation F.53 of the Hockey Canada Constitution also found in Appendix 1 of this document.

Am I still restricted in the number of games I can play as an affiliate after January 10?

Yes, specifically for Minor to Minor affiliation. A player is restricted to five (5) games after January 10. For Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior affiliation the players are restricted to ten (10) games with the affiliate team(s) from the beginning of the season to end. The January 10 date does not affect when the ten (10) games may be used.

Is there still a maximum number of sixteen (16) year old players that can dress for a game?

No. There is a maximum number of sixteen (16) year old players that can register with a Junior team; however, a Junior team may dress more than that maximum of sixteen year old players through affiliation.

What is a permanent affiliate?

A player who registers on a lower category team for the express purpose of affiliating on a full time basis to the higher category team (not permitted).

Can players sixteen (16) years of age and older affiliate to two (2) teams?

Yes, they may affiliate to two (2) teams of a different category, i.e.: Midget AAA to Junior A or B and Major Junior for a total of ten (10) games per affiliate team

If I use the special affiliation for fifteen (15) year olds to a Major Junior and Junior team, am I excluded from my regular



affiliated team?

No. The fifteen (15) year old limited affiliation process to Major Junior and Junior does not affect regular Minor to Minor affiliation. No other Minor to Junior affiliation is allowed for fifteen (15) year olds.

If I do not affiliate as a fifteen (15) year old to a Major Junior team, can I affiliate to two (2) Junior A teams and if so, for how many games?

You can play a maximum of five (5) games with a Major Junior team and a maximum of five (5) games with a Junior A or B team. It is Major Junior AND Junior A or B. If Major Junior does not use the fifteen (15) year old affiliation you are restricted to five (5) games with a Junior A or B team.

Can a fifteen (15) year old practice with a Major Junior or Junior A/B team?

Yes, provided that they are listed as a special affiliate and have approval from their Midget team.

PLAYER LIMITS

Guiding Principles

The CDM acknowledges that a limited number of sixteen (16) year olds possess the ability to play a level of hockey higher than Midget AAA, while still recognizing the position that the best place for the vast majority of sixteen (16) year olds to play is Midget. The first year of the CDM resulted in a large decrease in sixteen year olds participating in Junior hockey. Hockey Canada has adjusted the matrix below to allow for further collection of information in determining the most appropriate numbers of sixteen (16) year olds participating at the Junior level. In 2008 the numbers were determined to stay as status quo.

Player Matrix

Players sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed to register and participate in Junior hockey under the guidelines indicated in the following matrix:



Major Junior	4
Junior A	2
Junior B	2
Junior C / D	1 (local)

AVERAGING PROVISIONS

The number of sixteen (16) year olds in Major Junior, as per the regulation, may be an average per team as opposed to the maximum per team if the league chooses. For example, in the OHL there would be a league cap of eighty (80) or an average of four (4) per team (20×4) instead of a maximum of four (4) per team. The total number of sixteen (16) year olds does not change. The Major Junior Leagues agree to continue tracking the sixteen (16) year olds (number of games played, etc) and provide all relevant data to Hockey Canada for research purposes.

The same averaging provisions will apply to Junior A and B hockey, subject to the Junior league making application (with Branch support) to Hockey Canada. Similar tracking and research around sixteen (16) year olds is expected of any Junior leagues using the averaging provision.

Junior C/D may register one (1) sixteen (16) year old providing that he is a local player and there is not a top level of Midget hockey available for that player in the area or he is not capable of playing that top level of Midget Hockey.



PLAYER ALLOTMENT FAQ

Who would administer using a league average as opposed to a per team cap?

In Major Junior it would be up to each individual league should they choose to use this provision. In Junior A and B hockey, it would be up to the Branch and Junior league to decide if and how it would work should they choose to use this provision.

Is a CHL assigned player an exception to the current cap on sixteen (16) year olds proposed by the Model?

No.

RURAL/REMOTE DESIGNATIONS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The guiding principle is that there must be no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for players seeking an exception to the CDM. Branches, at their discretion, are encouraged to use this provision in such a way that players are not forced from the game because of a lack of a Midget program in a rural area.

The Fourteen (14) Year Old Player

This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger player.

The Fifteen (15) Year Old Player

Fifteen (15) year olds may be allowed to participate in Junior C & D hockey under this rural/remote provision if there is no reasonable access to a Midget program available (Branch discretion). Branches shall have the discretion needed to ensure players age fifteen (15) be allowed to play Junior C/D if they have no other options so these players are not displaced from the game. Permanent affiliations from Junior C/D to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Branches that have limited or no Junior C/D shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B. Affiliation to any level of Junior hockey except under the special limited fifteen (15) year old affiliation process is prohibited.



The Sixteen (16) Year Old Player

Sixteen (16) year olds may be allowed to participate in Junior C & D hockey under this rural/remote provision if there is no access or no reasonable access to Midget AAA hockey. Branches shall have the discretion needed to ensure players age sixteen (16) be allowed to play Junior C/D if they have no other options so these players are not displaced from the game. Permanent affiliations from Junior C/D to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Branches that have limited or no Junior C/D shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B.

The Seventeen (17) Year Old Player

This provision is not applicable to the seventeen (17) year old player.

Rural/Remote FAQ

Will the Branches be empowered to render decisions on questions on local issues arising from the implementation of the CDM?

Yes, and are encouraged to do so. Decisions should be made within the direction and philosophy of the CDM while being sensitive to Branch needs. Hockey Canada only asks to be copied on any decisions.

If there is no Midget AAA team in the community, will sixteen (16) year olds in that community be able to play at the Junior level?

As per the CDM, where no Midget program exists and where there is no reasonable access to Midget hockey, Branches are empowered to rule on the eligibility of fifteen (15) year olds to play Junior hockey and where there is no access or reasonable access to Midget AAA for sixteen (16) year olds to play Junior hockey.

What would constitute exceptions for aboriginal communities?

One example is granting exceptions to aboriginal players to allow them to play on teams on the reserve where they live. Players who reside in an aboriginal community, and have played their Minor hockey in that aboriginal community may be allowed to participate in Junior C/D at ages fifteen (15) and sixteen (16). In order to qualify under this provision, the Branch shall have the discretion to determine eligibility based on their respective Branch residency regulations.



What distances are considered in determining whether a suitable Midget AAA hockey opportunity is available for a player?

Branches, at their discretion, can determine what is best within the principles and philosophies of the CDM.

At what point does it become too inconvenient to play Midget AAA hockey versus Junior hockey?

Branches, at their discretion, can make that decision based on the principles and philosophies of the CDM. Hockey Canada only asks to be copied on any Branch decisions around the CDM.

LOCAL PLAYER DESIGNATION

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In order to ensure that players who are not likely to play hockey at the Junior A or Major Junior level are not displaced from the game, the local player provision was put in the CDM to assist communities where a Junior C/D program was offered as opposed to a Midget AAA program.

There are two (2) criteria which are critical in determining a local player. The first one is the geographic area that defines a local player. Branches have the discretion to designate this area as they feel is in their best interest, while using the CDM definition of local as a guideline. The second is the concept of the local Midget AAA team having “first right” to a local sixteen (16) year old. Earlier in this document it states that a sixteen (16) year old can only play as a local player if he resides in the community the team is located and he has no access or reasonable access to Midget AAA hockey or is incapable of playing Midget AAA hockey. To ensure as smooth a process as possible, the following is suggested:

Branches should put a process in place whereby a sixteen (16) year old player must secure a release or waiver from the local Midget AAA team prior to being allowed to register with the Junior C/D team. Remember, the player must not have access or reasonable access to a Midget AAA team or must be incapable of playing Midget AAA hockey prior to registering as a Junior player.



LOCAL PLAYER FAQ

Where did this waiver business come from?

Language in an earlier CDM document suggested that the only way you could be deemed a local player is if you live in the same community, etc. and there is no top level Midget hockey available in that community. Since Branches have been given the discretion to define what a local player is, a situation was created where it was improbable for any player to have local player status because all players would have had access to top level midget hockey and therefore, by definition, could not be deemed a local player. As that was never the intent, we need a process where a player could get a waiver or permission to skate or whatever you want to call it, so he could register as a local player with his Junior C/D team if he is waived by his local Midget AAA team.

I have asked my Midget team for a waiver so I can register with the Junior C team in my hometown and they have refused. Can they do this?

If a waiver is refused they must offer you registration. They cannot have it both ways.

EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS

Appeals for Exceptional Player Status will only be entertained for players fifteen (15) years of age attempting to register with any of the CHL leagues/teams.

THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER

This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger player.

THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

This provision is ONLY available to the fifteen (15) year old player that qualifies and ONLY at the Major Junior level.

THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER

This provision is NOT available to the sixteen (16) year old player.

THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

This provision is NOT available to the seventeen (17) year old player.

Please contact your Branch for an Exceptional Player application, if applicable.



INTER-BRANCH TRANSFERS FOR THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

Seventeen (17) year old players should be able to play at their desired level of hockey, whether that be Midget hockey or Junior hockey, provided that they play within the appropriate geographic area as defined by the respective Branch.

Please review the revision to Regulation K.6 (a), included in Appendix 1 of this document.

As per K.6 (a), Hockey Canada recognizes agreements between the following Branches:

The Branches within the Maritime Junior Hockey League: HPEI, HNS, and HNB.

The Branches within Ontario: OHF, ODHA, and HNO.

Any seventeen (17) year old player that finds himself in a situation where an appeal of this regulation is desired, please review the section on appeals contained in this document.

APPEALS

As the Branch has discretionary capabilities in certain areas, a Branch's decision will be final and binding on the applicant. An appeal pertaining to discretionary matters within the CDM will only be heard at the Hockey Canada level (National Appeals Committee) in instances where the Branch is perceived to have committed a procedural error. Please note By-Law TWELVE (1201) in Appendix 1 of this document.

In order to deal with questions and appeals surrounding the CDM, Branches are encouraged to use their current appeal process or to establish a separate CDM Committee structure that deals with only requests stemming from the CDM. For example, the OHF has developed such a Committee.

THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER

The Branch discretion provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger player and therefore, the appeal process is not open to that player.



THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

As the Branch discretion provision is open to the fifteen (15) year old player, the Branch may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. An appeal will only be heard at the National level in instances where the Branch made a procedural error in making their decision.

THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER

As the Branch discretion provision is open to the sixteen (16) year old player, the Branch may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. An appeal will only be heard at the National level in instances where the Branch made a procedural error in making their decision.

THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

Seventeen (17) year old players should be able to play at their desired level of hockey, whether that be Midget hockey or Junior hockey, provided that they play within the appropriate geographic area as defined by the respective Branch. Should a player wish to appeal for an Inter-Branch Transfer at the National level, he may do so by following the procedure set forth in By-Law TWELVE. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

PLAYERS SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER (USA HOCKEY TO HOCKEY CANADA)

Players wishing to obtain a transfer to Hockey Canada from USA Hockey, and who are NOT moving with their parent(s), are not permitted to do so under Regulation K6 (a). Should the player wish to challenge this regulation, the player is required to file an appeal with the Hockey Canada National Appeals Committee as per the procedure set forth in By-Law TWELVE. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

PLAYERS SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER (HOCKEY CANADA TO USA HOCKEY)

Players wishing to obtain a transfer to USA Hockey from Hockey



Canada, and who are NOT moving with their parent(s), are not permitted to do so under Regulation K.6 (b). Should the player wish to challenge this regulation, the player is required to file an appeal with the Hockey Canada National Appeals Committee as per the procedure set forth in By-Law TWELVE. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

Please note that appeals heard at the National level by the Hockey Canada National Appeals Committee are typically driven by the incoming team via the anticipated new Branch (registration appeals). Exceptions to this procedure occur when the appeal is classified as an “individual appeal” and in the instance where the player is looking to move from Hockey Canada to USA Hockey. In these types of appeals, the appellant may go directly to the Manager, Regulations of Hockey Canada to file the appeal. All appeals made to Hockey Canada are subject to a three-hundred dollar (\$300.00) appeal fee and the appeal fee is non-refundable, unless the National Appeals Committee determines that they do not have jurisdiction in the case. Each case is considered on a case by case basis.

ALL APPEALS MUST BE FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMELINES NOTED BELOW IN REGULATION K.6 (d).

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES BRANCH DISCRETION CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL IN THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

Clarifications

Rural / Remote

The rural remote application is for situations where there is no AAA Hockey in the area of the Junior C or D team. At the present time there does not appear to be any Rural/Remote cases in the OHF, but an example from another province is - Fort McMurray, Alberta has a Junior C team and the nearest AAA playing opportunity is Edmonton, Alberta approximately 250km away.

All Junior C or D teams that believe they have a rural remote player will have to apply to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations according to the process provided for below

Development / Release Fees

The CDM Committee will be reviewing Development / Release Fees as one of their items. At present though there is no National



guideline for Development / Release Fees for a player going from Minor to Junior. OHF Regulation E108 governs all Development / Release Fees within the OHF.

OHF Committee for CDM Situations

There are multiple places where decisions will be required to be made around the Canadian Development Model based on the interpretations by the Branch. To deal with situations for this season the Committee will consist of the four Members of the Canadian Development Model Committee (Bill Bowman, David Branch, Brent Ladds, and Harry Blinkhorn) and three members from the OHF Appeals Committee. A panel will be formed for each case from the seven committee members which will include two (2) members from the CDM Committee and one (1) member from the appeals committee members.

Application Process to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations

- All applications for relief from the CDM Model Documents provided, must be in writing accompanied by a cheque for the non-refundable fee of \$150.00 to the Ontario Hockey Federation.
- All applications will be dealt with by way of paper hearing.

15 Year Olds at Junior Camps

All 15 year old players as of September 1st are not allowed on the ice of a Junior team and must return to their Midget programs.

Affiliating More Than 10 Games to an Affiliate Team

A player that has affiliated his 10 games to his affiliate team is defined as an ineligible player to that affiliate team until his registered team's regular season and playoffs are complete. The Member Partners' current sanctions for playing an ineligible player will be followed.



Interpretations

The application of the local player in Ontario will operate under the following regulations:

- ‘Local Player’ only applies to a 16 year player.
- ‘Local Player’ “A player participating from the Junior C teams local Minor Hockey drawing area according to the OHA Drawing Zones Regulations below.”

JUNIOR C – CENTRAL

Clarington	Durham Region (2013-14 season)
Georgina	Beaverton MHA, York
Lakefield	Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria
Little Britain	Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria
Port Perry	Durham Region
Uxbridge	Durham Region, Stouffville MHA

JUNIOR C – EMPIRE ‘B’

Amherstview	Frontenac, Leeds, Lennox-Addington
Campbellford	Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough
Deseronto	City of Belleville, Hastings
Picton	Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward
Port Hope	Durham Region, Northumberland
Napanee	Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox-Addington

JUNIOR C – GEORGIAN BAY – MID ONTARIO

Alliston	Shelburne MHA, Simcoe County, Town of Caledon
Caledon	Peel Region; exclusive to Mayfield sideroad South, Highway #50 east, Highway #9 North, Highway #10 West, Mississauga
Erin	Grand Valley MHA, Orangeville MHA, Peel Region; exclusive to North of 401, Halton; exclusive to North of Britannia, Excludes Harriston and Guelph MHA, Wellington
Fergus	Wellington; excludes North of highway 89, Woolwich Twp.,
Huntsville	Muskoka, Parry Sound



Midland	Simcoe
Orillia	The City of Orillia, and those areas of Simcoe County laying within the boundaries of Severn Bridge to the north, the Simcoe-Victoria County line to the East, the Gamebridge-Trent Canal area to the South-East, Oro Station to the South-West, and Coldwater to the West.
Penetang	Simcoe, Halton; To Britannia Road
Schomberg	Beeton, Bradford MHA, Caledon MHA, Caledon MHA, Tottenham MHA, York
Stayner	Simcoe, Thornbury MHA

JUNIOR C – GREAT LAKES

Alvinston	Lambton, Middlesex
Amherstburg	Essex
Belle River	Essex
Blenheim	Chatham-Kent, Essex, West Lorne MHA
Dresden	Glencoe MHA, Kent, Lambton
Essex	Essex
Mooretown	Kent, Lambton
Wallaceburg	Kent, Lambton
Wheatley	Essex, Wheatley MHA

JUNIOR C – MID-WESTERN

Ayr	Ayr MHA, Brant; excludes Brantford MHA, Plattsville MHA, Waterloo
Burford	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford
Delhi	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford
New Hamburg	New Hamburg MHA, Perth, Waterloo
Norwich	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford
Paris	Brant, Waterloo
Tavistock	Oxford, Perth, Waterloo
Wellesley	Oxford, Perth, Waterloo, Wellesley MHA
Woodstock	Oxford, Perth

JUNIOR C – NIAGARA DISTRICT

Chippawa	Niagara Region
Dundas	City of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth



Dunnville	Brant, Haldimand, Niagara Region, Norfolk
Glanbrook	Hamilton-Wentworth
Grimsby	Niagara Region, Town of Stoney Creek
Hagersville	City of Hamilton, Haldimand, Hamilton-Wentworth, Norfolk; excludes town of Dunnville and City of Brantford, includes Six Nations Reserve
Port Dover	Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Norfolk, Oxford
Simcoe	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk

JUNIOR C – SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Aylmer	Elgin, Middlesex, Thames Centre
Dorchester	Middlesex, Oxford
Exeter	Huron, Middlesex, Perth
Lambeth	Elgin, Middlesex
Lucan	Middlesex/Perth
Mount Brydges	Elgin, Middlesex
North Middlesex	Lambton, Middlesex
Port Stanley	Elgin, Middlesex
Thamesford	Oxford/Perth/Middlesex

JUNIOR C – WESTERN

Goderich	Huron, Perth
Hanover	Bruce, Grey, Wellington; except City of Guelph
Kincardine	Bruce, Grey, Huron
Mitchell	Huron, Oxford, Perth
Mount Forest	Dufferin, Grey, Wellington
Walkerton	Bruce, Grey, Wellington; except City of Guelph
Wingham	Bruce, Huron, Perth

- A sixteen (16) year old player must have written Permission to Skate from his Midget AAA Zone/Centre (the key here is AAA Zone/Centre not just his Home Centre) before he can tryout with a Junior C team. (e.g. Player from Wellesley would need Permission to Skate from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA)
- Written Permission to skate does not, in any manner, constitute a player's release, as per OHF Regulation G2 e).
- Players attending a Junior C camp should also be on the ice of



their Midget AAA Zone/Centre (as long as they have not been released by the midget team) as a Junior C team only has one spot for a local player. This process will keep options open for players.

- A sixteen (16) year old player must follow OHF Regulation E108.

Example 1

Player from Wellesley wanting to tryout for the Wellesley Applejacks Junior D Team.

- Player would request written Permission to Skate for the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA team per current practice from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- Player would request written Permission to Skate for Wellesley Applejacks Junior D from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA.

Possible Outcomes:

- He makes the local Junior D Wellesley Applejacks team and signs as their one local player.
- Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA offers the player a card and he plays AAA with Waterloo.
- The local Junior D Wellesley Applejacks team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not sign the player, he would either return to his home centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access his adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.

Example 2

Player from Wellesley wanting to tryout for the Waterloo Siskins Junior B team.

- Player would request Permission to Skate for the Waterloo Siskins and the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA team from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- Player would tryout with the Waterloo Siskins Junior B team. If cut from the Junior B team and the player wishes to tryout with the Junior D Wellesley Applejacks he would return to the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team and request Permission to Skate to the Junior D Wellesley Applejacks.
- If the player then wishes to sign as the local player he would follow OHF Regulation E108.



Possible Outcomes:

- Waterloo Siskins Junior B team signs the player as one of their two sixteen (16) year olds.
- He makes the local Junior D Wellesley Applejacks team and signs as their one local player.
- Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team offers the player a card and he plays AAA with Waterloo.
- The local Junior D Wellesley Applejacks team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not sign the player, he would either return to his home centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access his adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.

AT ALL TIMES, BRANCHES ARE EXPECTED TO USE THEIR DISCRETION IN THE APPLICATION OF THESE PROVISIONS IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL ARE ADHERED TO, WITH THE PRIORITY BEING THE MIDGET PROGRAM.



2013-2014 OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST MINOR HOCKEY

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all OHF exhibition, league, and play-off games, during the current playing season for Minor Hockey. Note that these suspensions are over and above any imposed by Hockey Canada rules.

Notice re: Clarifications These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant.

It is the responsibility of each team manager and / or coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact the association office. If unable to contact the league office, sit player(s) in question out until clarification can be obtained. These suspensions are in addition to game incurred.

Match Penalty reports will be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner for further review.

M = Misconduct
MP = Match Penalty

GM = Game Misconduct
GRM = Gross Misconduct

MISCONDUCTS & GAME MISCONDUCTS		H.C. RULE	SUSPENSION
M10	Throwing Stick Over Boards	9.8 (d)	0 Games
M11	Refusing to Surrender Stick for Measurement	3.3 (f)	0 Games
M12	Player Interference/Distracton During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)	0 Games
M13	Goalkeeper Violation/Infraction During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)	0 Games
M14	Equipment/Facemask Worn Incorrectly	3.6 (d, f)	0 Games
M20	Disputing Call of Official	9.2 (a)	0 Games
M21	Harassment of Official/Unsportsmanlike Conduct	9.2 (b)	0 Games
M22	Inciting	9.2 (e)	0 Games
M23	Entering Referee's Crease	9.2 (g)	0 Games
M34	Failure to go to the Player's Bench or Neutral Area	6.7 (g)	0 Games
M35	Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench	9.2 (d)	0 Games
GM20	Disputing Call of Official	9.2 (a)	1 Game
GM21	Disputing Call with Official: Verbal Abuse of a Game Official	9.2 (b)	3 Games



GM26	Second Misconduct – Same Game	4.5 (c)	1 Game
GM28	Interference from the Bench	7.3 (c, d)	2 Games
GM30	Fighting		
	1st Offense	6.7	2 Games
	2nd Offense	6.7	4 Games
	3rd Offense	6.7	Indefinite
GM31	2nd Fight, Same stoppage of play (3rd, 4th, etc...)	6.7 (h)	3 Games
GM32	Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th Player into Fight	6.7 (h)	3 Games
GM33*	Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box	9.5 (a, b, c)	3 Games
GM33*	Coach identified as having the 1st Player leave the players bench or penalty bench and GM34	9.5 (a, b, c)	3 Games
GM34	Leaving the Penalty Box to start a fight	9.5 (a)	4 Games
GM36	Instigator (minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)	3 Games
GM37	Aggressor (minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)	3 Games
GM39	Hairpulling, Grab Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.1 (d)	2 Games
GM50	Checking from Behind (Minor + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)	1 Game
GM51	Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)	3 Games
GM53	High Sticking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.3 (a, b)	2 Games
GM54	Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (a, b, c, d)	2 Games
GM55	Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (a, b)	2 Games
GE56	Game Ejections	4.6	0 Games
GM57	Boarding/Body Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.2	2 Games
GM58	Elbowing/Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6	2 Games
GM59	Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.3	2 Games
GM64	Verbal Abuse/Gestures/Taunting of or by any Team Official or Player	9.2 (a, b)	2 Games
GM68	Kick Shot (with injury Major + Game Misconduct)	9.4	2 Games
GM71	Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)		
	1st Offense	6.5 (b, d)	3 Games
	2nd Offense	6.5 (b, d)	4 Games



	3rd Offence	6.5 (b, d)	Indefinite
GM73	Tripping (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (a, b)	2 Games
GM74	Interference (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (a, b, e)	2 Games
GM75	Holding (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.1 (a, b)	2 Games
GM76	Hooking (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.2 (a, b)	2 Games
GM77	Roughing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (k, i)	2 Games
GM78	Goaltender Drop Kick Puck (with injury – Major + Game Misconduct)	4.11 (f)	2 Games
GM79	Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game Misconduct)	10.14 (a)	Indefinite
GM80	Team Official Interference/Distraction during Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)	1 Game
GM81	Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)	9.5 (i)	2 Games

Gross Misconducts

GRM60	Travesty of the Game	4.7	3 Games
GRM61	Obscene Gesture	4.7	3 Games
GRM62	Removing Helmet and/or chinstrap	3.6 (c)	3 Games
GRM63	Discriminatory Slur	9.2 (f)	Indefinite
GRM66	Head Butt – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	6.1 (b)	3 Games
GRM67	Butt End – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.1	3 Games
GRM68	Spearing – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.5	3 Games
GRM69	Goaltender Refusing to remove mask for Identification	3.5 (d)	3 Games

Match Penalties

MP24	Threatening an Official	9.6 (a)	6 Games
MP25	Physical Abuse of an Official	9.6 (b, c)	7 Games
MP29	Spitting	9.7	4 Games
MP38	Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s)	6.7 (e)	3 Games
MP40	Attempt to Injure	6.1	4 Games
MP41	Deliberate Injury	6.1	4 Games
MP42	Butt Ending	8.1	4 Games



MP43	Grabbing Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP44	Hair Pulling	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP45	Kicking	6.1 (c)	4 Games
MP46	Spearing	8.5	4 Games
MP47	Head Butting	6.1 (b)	4 Games
MP52	Checking from Behind	6.4	4 Games
MP71	Head Contact		
	1st Offence	6.5 (d, e)	4 Games
	2nd Offence	6.5 (d, e)	Indefinite
MP72	Head Contact		
	1st Offence	6.5 (d, e)	4 Games
	2nd Offence	6.5 (d, e)	Indefinite

* GM33 – Coaches' penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Officials' copy only. Penalty to coach is automatic as a result of player receiving GM33, coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.

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2013–2014 OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST JUNIOR & SENIOR COMPETITIVE HOCKEY

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all OHF exhibition, league, and playoff games during the current playing season for Junior and Senior competitive hockey. Note that these suspensions are over and above any imposed by Hockey Canada rules.

- These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact the association office.
- If unable to contact the league office, sit player(s) in question out until clarification can be obtained.
- These suspensions are in addition to game incurred.

CODE	INFRACTION	HC RULE	MINIMUM SUSPENSION
COACHES & TEAM OFFICIALS			
*GM 33	Coach identified as having the first player leaving the players' or penalty bench during fight or for the purpose of starting a fight	9.5	Two (2) additional games Plus \$500.00 team fine
*GM 33	Coaches identified as having player(s) leaving players' bench or penalty bench at the same time during a fight or for the purpose of starting a fight	9.5	Two (2) additional games Plus \$500.00 team fine
*GM 33 Coach's penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Official's copy only. Penalty to Coach is automatic as a result of a player receiving a GM33. Coach is not to be ejected from the current game as a result of this penalty being assessed.			
	Team official making public derogatory remarks with respect to the Federation, any Director, Team Official or game official of the OHF or its Divisions		\$1000.00 fine minimum *(Plus the appropriate suspension)
GM 79	Refusing to Start Play (Major + Game)	10.14 (a)	Indefinite (Plus the appropriate team fine)

**PLAYERS & TEAM OFFICIALS****Minor Penalty For:**

INS36/ Instigator / Aggressor 6.7 (b)
 AGG37

First Offence	One (1) additional game
Second Offence	Two (2) additional games
Third Offence	Four (4) additional games
Fourth Offence	Indefinite

Game Misconducts Issued For:

GM 21	Coach, Manager, Bench Personnel Abusive and/or Profane Language and/or Disputing Call with an Official	9.2
	1st offence	\$500.00 fine plus one (1) game
	2nd offence	\$750.00 fine plus two (2) games
	3rd offence	\$1000.00 fine plus a review of coaching status
	Players Abusive and/or Profane Language and/or Disputing Call with an Official	9.2
	1st offence	\$150.00 fine plus two (2) games
	2nd offence	\$300.00 fine plus four (4) games



3rd Offence			\$450.00 fine plus six (6) games (interview required)
GM 31	Player(s) identified as being involved in the 2nd, 3rd, or subsequent fight during the same stoppage of play	6.7 (h)	Two (2) additional games
GM 32	Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. man into a fight	6.7 (h)	Two (2) additional games
GM 33	First player leaving player's bench or penalty bench during fight or for the purpose of starting a fight (see note above to coach)	9.5	Two (2) additional games
GM 39	Hair pulling, Grab Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap	6.1 (d)	One (1) additional game
GM 51	Checking from behind (Major)	6.4	Two (2) additional games
GM 65	Puck shot into the protective netting surrounding ice surface after whistle (Player ejected from game)		One (1) additional game
GM 71	Head Contact (major + game)	6.5 (c, d)	Two (2) additional games
GM 81	Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (assessed to Coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)	9.5 (i)	Two (2) additional games
Gross Misconducts			
GRM 60	Making a Travesty of the Game	4.7 (b)	Two (2) additional games
GRM 61	Making Obscene Gestures	4.7	Two (2) additional games



GRM 62	Removing Helmet and/or chinstrap	3.6 (c)	One (1) additional game
GRM 63	Discriminatory Slurs	9.2 (f)	Seven (7) additional games (may appear before a disciplinary committee)
GRM 64	Trash Talking		Two (2) additional games
GRM 65	Shooting puck over the boards after whistle into spectator areas without making contact to spectator or player		Two (2) additional games

Match Penalties

MP 24	Threatening an Official	9.6 (a)	Seven (7) additional games (may appear before a disciplinary committee)
MP 25	Physical abuse of an Official	9.6	Seven (7) additional games (must appear before a disciplinary committee)
MP 29	Spitting	9.7	Three (3) additional games
MP 38	Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s)	6.7 (e)	Four (4) additional games
MP 40	Deliberate attempt to injure not covered above	6.1	Four (4) additional games
MP 41	Deliberate Injury	6.1	Four (4) additional games



MP 42	Butt-ending	8.1	Four (4) additional games
MP 43	Grabbing Face Mask/Visor	6.1 (d)	Four (4) additional games
MP 44	Hair Pulling	6.1 (d)	Four (4) additional games
MP 45	Kicking	6.1 (c)	Four (4) additional games
MP 46	Spearing	8.5	Four (4) additional games
MP 47	Head Butting	6.1 (b)	Four (4) additional games
MP 52	Checking from Behind	6.4 (b)	Four (4) additional games
MP 65	Shooting puck over boards after whistle into spectator areas, making contact with spectator / player (player ejected from game)		Seven (7) Additional games
MP 72	Head Contact	6.5 (d, e)	Four (4) additional games

Non-Suspendable Offenses:

M 10	Throwing Stick Over Boards (Rule 9.8(d))
M 11	Refusing to Surrender Stick for Measurement (Rule 3.3(f))
M 12	Player Interference/Distracton during Penalty Shot (Rule 4.9(f))
M 13	Goalkeeper Violation/Infraction during Penalty Shot (Rule 4.9(f))
M 14	Equipment/Facemask Worn Incorrectly (Rule 3.6(d, f))
M 21	Disputing call with Official
M 22	Inciting an opponent (Rule 9.2(e))
M 23	Entering Officials Crease (Rule 9.2(g))
M 34	Failure to go to bench (Rule 6.7(g))
M 35	Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench (Rule (9.2(d))



M 71	Head Contact (Minor and 10 Minute Misconduct)
M 100	Warm-up Violation

Game Ejection/Game Misconduct Penalties: Any player or team official who is assessed a Game/Gross Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game. (Rule 4.6 (c), 4.7 (c))

GM 26	Two misconduct penalties (same game) (Rule 4.5(c), 4.6(c), 4.7(c) applies if cumulative penalties occur in the last 10 minutes)
GM 28	Interference from the bench (Rule 7.3(d))
GM 30	Five minute fighting major (Rule 6.7(a))
GM 50	Minor penalty checking from behind (Rule 6.4(a))
GM 53	High Sticking (Major) (Rule 8.3(b))
GM 54	Cross Checking (Major) (Rule 8.2)
GM 55	Slashing (Major) (Rule 8.4(b))
GE 56	Game Ejection (e.g. 3 minor penalties for stick infractions) (Rule 4.6(a), 4.6(c), 4.7(c) applies if cumulative penalties occur in the last 10 minutes)
GM 57	Boarding/Body Checking (Major)
GM 58	Elbowing/Kneeing (Major)
GM 59	Charging (Major)
GM 64	Trash Talking
GM 68	Kick Shot (with injury – Major + Game)
GM 73	Tripping (Major)
GM 74	Interference (Major)
GM 75	Holding (Major)
GM 76	Hooking (Major)
GM 77	Roughing (Major) (Rule 6.7(k))
GM 78	Goaltender Drop Kick Puck (with injury – Major + Game)
GM 80	Team Official Interference/Distracton During Penalty Shot
GRM 66	Head Butt – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)
GRM 67	Butt End – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)
GRM 68	Spearing – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)
GRM 69	Goaltender Refusing to Remove Mask for Identification



OHF POLICIES

The following policies are noted for the purpose of providing information to the members of the OHF. There may be other policies duly adopted by the Board of Directors that may not be included in this section. For a complete and up to date list of all OHF Policies please visit the OHF Website (www.ohf.on.ca). Clarification or interpretation of the following or inquiries on those not included should be directed to the OHF Executive Director.

OHF CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The OHF is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect.
2. During the course of all OHF activities, athletes, coaches, parents, directors, volunteers, staff, chaperones and others within each of the Member Partners:
 - a) Shall conduct themselves, at all times, in a fair and responsible manner and refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, the OHF will not tolerate behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse or bullying, and;
 - b) Shall avoid behaviour which brings the OHF and/or it's Member Partners, or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to the abusive use of alcohol and/or non-medical use of drugs, and;
 - c) Shall not use unlawful performance enhancing drugs or methods, nor shall they engage in activity or behaviour that endangers the safety of others, and;
 - d) Shall at all times adhere to Hockey Canada, OHF and it's Member Partner's operational policies, procedures and any rules governing any competition in which they participate on behalf of the OHF and/or Member Partner.
3. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the loss or suspension of certain or all privileges connected with the respective Member Partner and/or OHF including the opportunity to participate in OHF and it's Member Partner activities. Such discipline may include the removal or ban from an arena, games, practices and other team activities.



HARASSMENT, ABUSE & BULLYING SPEAK OUT!

It is the policy of the OHF that there be no harassment, abuse or bullying of any participant in any of its programs. In order to achieve this, the OHF expects every athlete, coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager Official, parent, director, officer, volunteer, employee and chaperone within the OHF and each of the OHF Member Partners to take reasonable steps to safeguard the participants against harassment, abuse and bullying. Specifically, the OHF Member Partners are responsible for adopting and implementing a policy similar to and consistent with the OHF Speak Out Policy.

The OHF Speak Out Policy document provides definitions, staff and volunteer screening procedures and requirements, complaint process, investigation process, discipline parameters and provisions for appeals.

The full OHF Speak Out Policy is available on the OHF website:

www.ohf.on.ca

ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK POLICY

All individuals holding the title of coach, assistant coach, trainer, assistant trainer, manager and anyone else determined by the Risk Assessment Tool which is contained in Appendix B of the OHF Speak Out Policy (available on the OHF website) shall be subject to Criminal Record Checks which include the Vulnerable Sector Screening and a search of the National Sex Offender Registry.

Individuals with outstanding Criminal Code convictions or who have been charged with such offences that have not yet gone to trial but which continue to be prosecuted, shall not be eligible to hold the above positions or those Association positions determined by the Risk Assessment Tool.

These offences include, but are not limited to, the following offences which deem the individual ineligible to participate in any capacity as determined by Appendix B in the Speak Out Policy:

- Assault with a Weapon
- Assault Cause Bodily Harm
- Aggravated Assault
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Interference



- Sexual Exploitation
- Invitation to Sexual Touching
- Making, distributing or possessing child pornography
- Current prohibitions or probation orders forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14
- Indictable criminal offences for child abuse
- Luring a Child
- Voyeurism
- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking
- Production of a Substance (as defined in the C.D.S.A.)
- Robbery
- Any other offences pertaining to violence, whether or not involving weapons

Offences for which disqualification from participation is to be determined by the Member Partner exclusion policy or as noted.

- Assault
- Threatening
- Possession of a Substance (as defined in the Controlled Drug and Substance Act [C.D.S.A.])
- Impaired Driving (while Driver's License is suspended)
- Theft, Fraud and Related Offence (while in a Position of Trust)
- Convictions pertaining to illegal substances, other than for manufacture and/or trafficking
- Firearm Related Offences (other than use of firearm in the commission of an offence)

An acceptable window of time for the exclusion of offences (minimum of 3 years) shall be determined by the Member Partner. The exclusion of time commences at the expiration of the penalty imposed by the Courts not the date of the charge or conviction.

It is the obligation of any person required to produce a Criminal Record Check by virtue of this Policy to advise his or her Association's Professional Designate responsible for criminal record checks of a charge or conviction under any offence listed in this Policy.

The Ontario Hockey Federation, its Member Partners and their members shall each appoint a Professional Designate to be responsible for the collection and retention of criminal record



checks, which must be under the designates control and secured in a safe storage area separate from Association files.

HOCKEY CANADA CO-ED DRESSING ROOM POLICY

The following is the policy of Hockey Canada with respect to coed dressing in which the OHF will adhere to:

Hockey Canada firmly believes in accommodating both genders in our great game. We further believe in balancing this goal with the safety, privacy, modesty and wishes of ALL our members without compromising the aspects of camaraderie, social integration and bonding inherent in a team sport. This policy attempts to meet all these goals while providing a safe and respectful environment for our participants.

1. Hockey Canada stresses the importance of coaches in ensuring both male and female players have equal access to pre and post team sessions and to all team related activities.
2. Hockey Canada recognizes the physical limitations of some facilities and encourages our members to work with local facility management to ensure that appropriate changing facilities are available to both genders.
3. Hockey Canada allows co-ed dressing room situations to exist at the Initiation Program, Novice and Atom levels, 5-10 years of age provided participants in a co-ed situation either arrive in full equipment or wear at a minimum gym shorts or long underwear as well as a full t-shirt (no tank tops) all of which must be in good condition and without holes/tears.
4. At the PeeWee (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:
 - Females and males will change in separate rooms
 - Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
 - The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
 - The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.



- When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.

It is the belief of Hockey Canada that these provisions adequately address issues of team unity/camaraderie and provide for the modesty/privacy of all participants.

POLICY ON DRESSING ROOM SUPERVISION

To provide a safe and comfortable dressing room environment with proper supervision for the player and team officials.

It will be the Policy of the Ontario Hockey Federation that, when any player under the age of 19 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, a minimum of two of the following shall be present in the dressing room(s) or immediately outside the dressing room(s) with the door ajar: two team or club/association officials, properly screened or one such official and an adult person associated with the team.

In the situation of Juvenile or U21 hockey the coach may use an adult player over the age of 19 to be the second adult associated with the team.

Sanctions

Any person found to be in violation of this policy will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.

AFFILIATION OF FEMALE PLAYERS TO MINOR HOCKEY & OWHA 'FEMALE DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS'

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has jurisdiction for all female hockey teams in the province of Ontario. The information below pertains to areas of Ontario where the Ontario Hockey Federation has jurisdiction for other Hockey Canada affiliated programs. This policy does not apply in areas of Ontario where the Ottawa District Hockey Association or the Hockey Northwestern Ontario have jurisdiction for non-OWHA programs.

The rationale of this policy is to maintain a positive working relationship among all Member Partners to maximize opportunities for participants.



Please be advised of the following information in regards to females who are playing within the OWHA and also within a Hockey Canada affiliated, predominantly male hockey program and vice versa:

For registration/affiliation of female players between the OWHA and one of the Ontario Hockey Federation Minor Hockey Divisions (Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Alliance Hockey (Alliance), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA)):

- 1) A female registering with the OWHA may affiliate to the minor program according to OHF Member Partner (GTHL, Alliance, NOHA and OMHA) rules.
- 2) A female registering with a minor Member Partner may affiliate according to that Member Partner's affiliation regulations, or with the OWHA.
- 3) The OWHA circulate the OHF Policy Paper in the OWHA registration packages.
- 4) The OWHA will term players who register with a minor hockey division and also play in the OWHA as Female Development Players (FDP's). They shall be so referenced on the OWHA Participant Form.
- 5) FDP's must provide proof of insurance and pay a \$15.00 eligibility fee to the OWHA.
- 6) FDP's are subject to the constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the OWHA.

CLARIFICATION

- 1) For a female player to affiliate within a minor hockey division (GTHL, Alliance, NOHA, and OMHA) she must meet the residency, age requirements, affiliation procedures, rules and regulations of the respective minor hockey association regardless of where she plays within the OWHA.
- 2) For a female player to affiliate with the OWHA, she must meet the requirements of an OWHA player. While participating within the OWHA, she is subject to the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of the OWHA
- 3) In all cases where a female player is interested in utilizing the above options, it is important the players, parents, coaching staff and/or volunteers check with the other team/association to fully understand options and/or restrictions.



OHF HELMET POLICY

All minor hockey team officials, volunteers, and NCCP instructors are required to wear CSA approved helmets during all on-ice activities. Trainers or any other team officials who enter the ice surface for the purpose of attending an injured player are exempt from this rule. Any person found to be in violation of this rule will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.

OUTLAW LEAGUES

LEAGUES OPERATING OUTSIDE THE AUSPICES OF HOCKEY CANADA

Calgary, AB: - Hockey Canada, its member Branches, Major Junior and registered Junior Hockey Leagues in Canada are concerned with the proliferation of leagues that operate outside the auspices of Hockey Canada.

Hockey Canada offers the best development programs worldwide. It has invested significant resources in the development of officials, coaches, administrators and players countrywide. We have a committed strategy toward a cohesive long term athlete development model.

These “outlaw” organizations do not support the development of these programs. Further, they operate in a vacuum, with no consideration to the impact of their programs on minor, junior, senior, adult recreational hockey, female hockey, officiating development, coaching development or administrator development in Canada. These “outlaw” leagues instead choose to utilize the resources already developed by Hockey Canada and its member Branches. The teams who make up these “leagues” operate in this fashion because they do not agree with the existing overall vision of Hockey Canada. They profess to have a better program yet often operate without a constitution, by-laws, create their own rule book and may not provide adequate insurance for their participants. Further, they offer the lure of “Rep” or “Junior” level competition when this is clearly not the case.

Hockey Canada, its member Branches, Major Junior Leagues as well as registered Junior Hockey Leagues wish to be exceedingly clear with our response to these programs.

Definition:

Hockey Canada and its member Branches view all leagues that operate outside the auspices/sanctioning of Hockey Canada programs to be classified as “outlaw” leagues. This currently does not include summer hockey leagues/teams, adult recreational hockey



leagues/teams, high school hockey, and/or hockey schools.

Sanctions:

- 1) Any individual who participates [knowingly or otherwise] in “outlaw” programs after September 30 of the season in question [“the Cut-Off Date”] will lose all member ship privileges with Hockey Canada for the remainder of that season, and may only reapply for membership with Hockey Canada after the end of that season. “Participation” in an “outlaw” program will be considered to have occurred if the individual takes part in one game [including an exhibition, tournament, league or playoff game] after the Cut-Off Date. If a participant makes the choice to participate in these “outlaw” programs, they must understand the ramifications of that choice and that the sanctions described in this paragraph will remain in effect even if the league or team folds, or the individual is released, suspended or fired.
- 2) Hockey Canada and its member Branches across the country will make every effort to ensure that local minor hockey and female hockey associations in areas where “outlaw” leagues exist are not supporting these leagues in any manner whatsoever. For greater certainty, “supporting” includes, but is not limited to, assisting an “outlaw” league directly or indirectly through advertisement, promotion, ticket sales, volunteer activities, assigning Officials, sharing resources or enabling such a league to participate in Hockey Canada sanctioned activities. We will withhold tournament sanctions and will preclude such associations from benefitting from any Hockey Canada/ Branch/CHL sanctioned event by whatever means necessary, including the withdrawal of any such event from any community within the geographic boundaries of that association if need be to stress this point.

This policy is aimed at those leagues that choose to operate outside the hockey structure established by Hockey Canada, its member Branches and the Canadian Hockey League.

BODY CHECKING IN TOURNAMENTS WITHIN THE OHF

The OHF Minor Council passed a motion in April that states “Body checking be removed from House League (and House League Select) hockey effective the 2011 – 2012 season.” With regards to the discussion in June on how OHF House League and House



League Select non-body checking teams would participate in body checking tournaments as well as teams from USA Hockey and Hockey Quebec which introduce body checking at Minor Bantam, Minor Council came to the conclusion that:

OHF teams hosting a tournament at PeeWee Hockey that accept non body checking teams, (with the exception of representative teams from USA Hockey entering representative tournaments) must make the division of the tournament those teams are participating in non-body checking. The organizers have the option to accept or refuse a non-body checking team.

In the contrary any non-body checking teams within the OHF shall not be allowed to participate in body checking tournaments. If a non-checking team does participate in a checking tournament they would be subject to disciplinary action by their Member Partner.





Championships Summary

On an annual basis, the OHF Championships crown Branch Champions in the Atom A, AA, AAA, PeeWee A, AA, Bantam A, AA, Midget A, AA, and Juvenile divisions. All ten OHF Championship events take place on the second weekend in April. In that weekend, 50 teams will compete in round robin action to capture the gold medal to be crowned Branch Champions.

In each age division, five contending teams include the division champions from the four OHF minor hockey Member Partners; ALLIANCE, GTHL, NOHA and OMHA and the Host Centre team. The OHF Championships showcase a high caliber of play from top quality hockey players.

The Championship Host Centres are chosen based on a bid selection process. Each year a new Member Partner is designated to host a specific Championship event. The OHF Championships offer hosting communities the opportunity to promote the game of hockey and their local team/association.

The following chart outlines hosting Member Partner for the 2014 OHF Championships

HOST	CHAMPIONSHIP	HOST	CHAMPIONSHIP
ALLIANCE	PeeWee AA Bantam A	NOHA	Atom AA Midget A
GTHL	Atom A Midget AA Juvenile	OMHA	Atom AAA Bantam AA Peewee A

The OHF Branch will host the All-Ontario Bantam AAA Championship and Central Region Midget AAA

HOST	CHAMPIONSHIP	DATE
ODMHA	All-Ontario PeeWee AAA	April 7 – 11, 2014
ALLIANCE	All-Ontario Bantam AAA	March 31 – April 5, 2014
OMHA	Central Region Midget AAA	March 31 – April 6, 2014



2012-13 HOCKEY CANADA REGIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

EVENT	DATE / LOCATION	EVENT CHAMPION
OHF Senior Finals	March 8 – 22, 2013	Brantford Blast
All-Ontario Bantam AAA	April 1 – 6, 2013 Richmond Hill, ON	Toronto Marlboros (GTHL)
Central Midget Regional AAA	March 30 – April 5, 2013 Brockville, ON	Ottawa Jr. 67's (ODMHA)
All-Ontario PeeWee AAA	April 8 – 12, 2013 Thunder Bay, ON	Mississauga Rebels (GTHL)
Renwick Cup	March 29 – 31, 2013	Kenora Thistles
Allan Cup	April 15 – 20, 2013 Red Deer, AB	Bentley Generals
TELUS Midget Championship	April 22 – 28, 2013 Sault Ste. Marie, ON	Red Deer Rebels
Dudley Hewitt Cup	April 30 – May 4, 2013 North Bay, ON	Minnesota Wilderness
RBC Royal Bank Cup	May 11 – 19, 2013 Summerside, PEI	Brooks Bandits

2012-13 OHF CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

EVENT	LOCATION	EVENT CHAMPION
Atom A	Burlington, ON	Cobourg Cougars (OMHA)
Atom AA	Scarborough, ON	London Jr. Knights (ALLIANCE)
Atom AAA	Chatham-Kent, ON	Toronto Jr. Canadiens (GTHL)
PeeWee A	Temiskaming Shores, ON	Oakville Rangers (OMHA)
PeeWee AA	Oakville, ON	Clarington Toros (OMHA)
Bantam A	Niagara Falls, ON	Port Credit Storm (GTHL)
Bantam AA	Sault Ste. Marie, ON	Mississauga Jets (GTHL)
Midget A	Mississauga, ON	Quinte West Hawks (OMHA)
Midget AA	Hearst, ON	Brampton 45's (OMHA)
Juvenile	Scarborough, ON	West Mall Lightning (GTHL)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2013

8-11	NOHA Development Weekend	Sudbury, ON
9-11	OMHA Development Seminar Weekend	Mississauga, ON
14-18	Team Ontario Under 17 Provincial Camp	Oshawa, ON
23-25	NOHA Instructors Seminar	North Bay, ON
24-25	OHF High Performance 1 Coaching Program	Milton, ON

SEPTEMBER 2013

7-8	OHF High Performance 1 Coaching Program	Milton, ON
13-15	NOHA PeeWee AAA Showcase	Sault Ste. Marie, ON
13-15	NOHA Bantam AAA Showcase	Sudbury, ON
20-22	ProHockey Life GTHL Puck Drop Weekend	Toronto, ON
20-22	OHF Board of Directors Meetings	Toronto, ON
21	HDCO Annual General Meeting	Toronto, ON
27-29	ALLIANCE Bantam AAA Face-Off	Waterloo, ON
27-29	ALLIANCE Minor Midget Face-Off	Stratford, ON
28-29	OJHL Showcase	Oakville, ON

OCTOBER 2013

12	GOJHL Showcase	St. Catharines, ON
17-19	Hockey Canada Fall Council Meetings	Montreal, QC

NOVEMBER 2013

8-10	OHF Board of Directors Meetings	Toronto, ON
14-16	Hockey Canada Semi-Annual Meetings	Toronto, ON
21	Subway Super Series Canada/Russia Challenge	Oshawa, ON
25	Subway Super Series Canada/Russia Challenge	Sudbury, ON

DECEMBER 2013

6-8	ALLIANCE Minor Midget AAA All-Star Weekend	Komoka, ON
7-8	OMHA Minor Midget AAA Showcase	Barrie, ON
26-Jan 5	IIHF World Junior Championship	Malmö, Sweden
27-30	GTHL Bauer Challenge Cup PeeWee AAA Tournament	Toronto, ON

JANUARY 2014

7	Scotiabank GTHL Top Prospect Game	Toronto, ON
10-12	OHF Board of Directors Meetings	Toronto, ON
15	2014 Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game	Calgary, AB
18	GTHL Midget AAA, AA and A All-Star Festival	Toronto, ON
25	ALLIANCE Semi-Annual Meetings	London, ON
25-26	OMHA Minor Midget AAA Showcase	St. Catharines, ON

**FEBRUARY 2014**

27-Mar 2 Ontario Winter Games Muskoka, ON

MARCH 2014

6-9 OHA Cup Cambridge, ON
7-9 OHF Board of Directors Meetings Toronto, ON
8-30 OMHA AAA Championships ON
11-16 OHL Showcase Tournament Hosted by GTHL Toronto, ON
31-Apr 5 All-Ontario Bantam AAA Championship Stratford, ON
31-Apr 6 Central Region Midget AAA Championship OMHA

APRIL 2014

4-6 ALLIANCE Hockey Tyke Festival Brantford, ON
4-6 GTHL Canadian Tire Cup House League Tournament Toronto, ON
4-6 OMHA Hockey Festival Whitby, ON
5-6 ALLIANCE Tyke Festival Brantford, ON
7-11 All-Ontario PeeWee AAA Championship ODMHA
10-12 OHF Minor Hockey Championships ON
11-13 Pro Hockey Life – King Clancy Tournament Finals Toronto, ON
11-13 Founders Cup Tournament Finals Toronto, ON
15-19 Allan Cup Dundas, ON
21-27 TELUS Cup National Midget Championship Moose Jaw, SK

MAY 2014

3 NOHA Annual General Meeting Sudbury, ON
7-11 U16 OHL Gold Cup Kitchener, ON
16-25 2014 Mastercard Memorial Cup London, ON
23-25 OHF Board of Directors Meetings Toronto, ON
29-31 Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting Calgary, AB

JUNE 2014

2-4 OHL Congress Meetings/Trade Show/Awards Ceremony Toronto, ON
5-7 ALLIANCE Annual General Meeting Grand Bend, ON
13-14 OMHA Annual General Meeting Richmond Hill, ON
14 GTHL Annual General Meeting Toronto, ON
20-21 OHA Annual General Meeting Niagara Falls, ON
20-22 OHF Annual General Meeting Toronto, ON

AUGUST 2014



Important Dates July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

September 6	16 year olds not signed by Junior A & B teams must be released from camps by midnight. (Regulations E108 (b) vi) II)
September 13	16 year olds not signed by Junior C & D teams must be released from camps by midnight. (Regulations E108 (b) vi) III)
September 30	Final date whereby a team must offer a player a roster spot in order to retain the player at Midget AAA (applies to all levels of midget in the LOR). (Regulation E31 a), b), c), E70 a), b), c), E72)
October 1	Written intent to participate in OHF Branch Championships from Member Partners. (Regulation A12 (e))
October 1	Final date to register a club/association for the current season. (Regulation C2)
October 15	Final date to submit declaration of Affiliation option to the appropriate Member Partner. (Regulation D2)
October 15	Submission of team lists due for Lake Ontario Region teams. (Regulation E58 (a))
November 15	Final Date to release players in the Lake Ontario Region. (Regulation E72)
December 1	Initial list of active players due to Member Partners for Junior and Senior Hockey. (Regulation E94-95)
December 1	Final date that players of 2nd year midget age or below can be released from Junior hockey teams. (Regulation E102)
December 1	Minor Hockey players who move after this date can elect to remain with the team that they were previously registered with for the remainder of the current season. (Regulation E23)
December 15	Final date to register players as Imports in the Lake Ontario Region. (Regulation E52)
January 10	Players who participate with a CCAA, CIS, or NCAA program after this date are ineligible to participate with an OHF team. (Regulation E13)



January 10	Final release date for players in order to be able to register with another team for the current season. Final date to submit Junior and Senior team final list of active players. (Regulation E94-95)
January 15	Final date whereby final list of Specially Affiliated Players must be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner. (Regulation D6 (b) (iv))
January 15	Final changes to team lists of Lake Ontario Region teams due. (Regulation E59 (b))
February 10	Final date to register players for the current season, as per Hockey Canada Regulations.
April 3	Deadline to declare participating team for Minor Hockey Branch Championships (other dates may be imposed). (Regulation A12 (d))
April 14	First date of spring tryout session for upcoming season. NOTE: First date is day following completion of OHF Championships.
April 30	Final date whereby a AAA team must offer a roster spot to a player requiring a written release/waiver in order to obtain the player (except in Midget hockey). (Regulation E32, E70)
May 31	Final date whereby a team within the Lake Ontario Region 6 (LOR) below AAA must offer a roster to a player requiring a written release in order to retain the player (except midget hockey). (Regulation E72)
June 21	Member Partner confirmation date for intent to host OHF Branch Championships as per rotation. (Regulation A12 (c))



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