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ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

HANDBOOK





JOHN KASTNER
CHAIR OF THE BOARD

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

After spending what has essentially been a lifetime in hockey administration as a volunteer I am absolutely humbled to become the board chair of the Ontario Hockey Federation. That comes at a time when the OHF, and all of its member partners, face unprecedented challenges.

For two years, hockey was impacted greatly by COVID and even when we did get on the ice it was certainly not “business as usual.” We have only begun to recover from COVID and its impacts and now we face new challenges that have damaged the reputation of this great game.

There are loud calls for a cultural change and those demands are warranted. We all need to realize that those changes will not come about as the result from a decree at hockey levels above us but it will only be fixed if there is a universal commitment at every level of the game.

The OHF board is fully committed to leading that change but real change will also require everyone involved in hockey to be all in. This includes the players, coaches, trainers, board members, volunteers and parents.

It is a huge ask, especially for all of those that are already very busy getting our players on the ice, but it is vital to the game.

Getting “kids on the ice” is our primary task but it has to be coupled with ensuring that we have a welcoming, safe, affordable, inclusive and accessible environment for every person involved with the game.

That seems like a lot but the good news is – we are at a point in our history where the vast majority of people in hockey know it’s time for a change and that’s a huge step. We all love the game, that’s why we are here, but we also want it to be better. It will not be accomplished overnight and it is not a task – it’s a lifestyle and it will take all of us. The OHF is proud to lead that change but we need help – from everyone – it’s never been more important than now and . . . let’s get started.

Please visit WWW.OHF.ON.CA and **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER & INSTAGRAM @OHFHOCKEY** for regular updates from the OHF. To all, good luck, play safe and hard and enjoy the game!



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ABOUT THE OHF – WWW.OHF.ON.CA

The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) is the largest member of Hockey Canada operating along side HEO and HNO as governing bodies for amateur hockey in Ontario. Recognized as the Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Hockey, the OHF operates within a structure that is comprised of seven member partners: the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (ALLIANCE), Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), and Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).

In 2020-2021, the OHF represented over 190,000 registered players. In addition to that playing membership, the OHF also involves in excess of 50,000 coaches and 7,000 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 Members. On an annual basis the OHF will coordinate approximately fifteen Branch, Regional and National Championship events. While rewarding 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 Morphey | 1996-2020 |
| Greg Kimmerly | 2020-Present |

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Tony Foresi | 2018-2022 |
| John Kastner | 2022-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 | 2011-2015 |
| Tony Foresi | 2015-2017 |



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.

| | | |
|------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1996 | Bill Richmond | Georgetown |
| 1997 | H. Spike McConnel | Aylmer |
| 1998 | Ivan Locke | Oshawa |
| 1999 | Pat Doherty | Kitchener |
| 2000 | Herb Ebisuzaki | Toronto |
| 2001 | Ken Miller | North Bay |
| 2002 | Dennis Brown | Barrie |
| 2003 | Vern Stenlund | Windsor |
| 2004 | Jim Grandy | Kitchener |
| 2005 | Rick Morphew | Whitby |
| 2006 | Bob Stevenson | Owen Sound |
| 2007 | Gary McFarlane | Hamilton |
| 2008 | Gary Fisch | Wyevale |
| 2009 | Darryl Bossence | Barrie |
| 2010 | Ron Noonan | Brampton |
| 2011 | Brian Stittle | Brampton |
| 2012 | John Murphy | Georgetown |
| 2013 | Thom Foster | Brantford |
| 2014 | Chuck Farkas | Fenwick |
| 2015 | John Mayne | Sault Ste. Marie |
| 2016 | Rick Barron | New Liskeard |
| 2017 | Tom Bly | Barrie |
| 2018 | John Zubyck | New Liskeard |
| 2019 | Rob Ring | Collingwood |
| 2020 | Jim Mercer | Bowmanville |
| 2021 | Stephen Surcon | Timmins |
| 2022 | Tim McWhirter | Parry Sound |

**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 |
| 96-20 | Rick Morphew | |

PAST PRESIDENT 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 |
| 92-97 | Justice David Watt | Newmarket |
| 97-01 | Dr. Allan Morris | Warton |
| 01-05 | Edward R. Pupich | Schumacher |
| 05-11 | Joe Drago | Sudbury |
| 11-15 | Bill Bowman | Kitchener |

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.

| | | |
|------|----------------|-------------|
| 2002 | William Stobbs | Chatham |
| 2003 | Bill Appleby | Waterloo |
| 2004 | Peter Brill | Waterloo |
| 2005 | Kevin Almond | Meaford |
| 2006 | Alf Johnston | Mississauga |
| 2007 | Peter Martin | Hamilton |
| 2008 | Dick Bennett | London |
| 2009 | Karen Phibbs | London |
| 2010 | John Gardner | Toronto |



| | | |
|------|------------------|------------------|
| 2011 | Frank Pindar | Peterborough |
| 2012 | Wayne Tod | Belleville |
| 2014 | Don Yeck | Belmont |
| 2015 | Dan Raycroft | Sault Ste. Marie |
| 2016 | Harry Blinkhorn | Wellesley |
| 2017 | Gaston Lescault | Hanmer |
| 2018 | John Jamieson | Walden |
| 2019 | Claude Denomme | New Liskeard |
| 2020 | Joe McColeman | Sudbury |
| 2021 | Ken Smith | Mississauga |
| 2022 | Albert Corradini | Sudbury |

CHAIR OF THE BOARD 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.

| | | |
|------|------------------|--------------|
| 2002 | Sam Ciccolini | Woodbridge |
| 2003 | Wayne Tod | Frankford |
| 2004 | William Church | Orangeville |
| 2005 | Tony Foresi | London |
| 2006 | Chris May | North Bay |
| 2007 | Pat Doherty | Kitchener |
| 2008 | Pat Langdon | Woodstock |
| 2009 | Fred Heimbecker | Waterloo |
| 2010 | Marg Ensoll | Ajax |
| 2011 | Henry White | Toronto |
| 2012 | Brent Ladds | Orangeville |
| 2013 | Michael Penman | Toronto |
| 2014 | Glenn Crichton | Cambridge |
| 2015 | Ruth Shepherdson | New Liskeard |
| 2016 | Rick Morphew | Whitby |
| 2017 | John Kastner | Stratford |
| 2018 | Robert Mazzuca | Sudbury |
| 2019 | John Neville | Montreal |
| 2020 | John McCutcheon | Kitchener |



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|------|-----------------------|---------|
| 2021 | Ted Baker | Toronto |
| 2022 | Dr. Tim Rindlisbacher | Toronto |

OHF SAM CICCOLINI 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.

| | | |
|------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 2002 | Jim Kinkley | Etobicoke |
| 2003 | William Stobbs | Chatham |
| 2004 | Fran King | London |
| 2005 | Ron Noonan | Brampton |
| 2006 | Al Reinhardt | Waterloo |
| 2007 | Jim Nicoletti | Etobicoke |
| 2008 | Bob Beaumont | Parry Sound |
| 2009 | Paul Carruthers | Duntroon |
| 2010 | Penny Brookshaw | Thorndale |
| 2011 | Gordon Murphy | Mississauga |
| 2012 | Colin McCallum | Simcoe |
| 2013 | Wendy Dufton | London |
| 2014 | Arnold Schwartzentruber | Tavistock |
| 2015 | Joe Bentolila | Aurora |
| 2016 | Larry Gould | Schomberg |
| 2017 | John Welsh | Peterborough |
| 2018 | Cheryll Barr | Coldwater |
| 2019 | Helen Ford | Oakville |
| 2020 | Claude Desjardins | Thronhill |
| 2021 | Angel Barbisan | Sault Saint Marie |
| 2022 | Donna Babcock | Chatham |



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.

| | | |
|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2002 | Ken MacKenzie | Sudbury |
| 2003 | Bill Billington | London |
| 2004 | Jack MacLellan | Chelmsford |
| 2005 | Gerry McCrory | Sudbury |
| 2006 | Art Shannon | Espanola |
| 2007 | Lou Battochio | Schumacher |
| 2008 | Gord Hughes | Mississauga |
| 2009 | Mike Hammond | Thornbury |
| 2010 | Randy Pascal | Val Caron |
| 2010 | Todd Guthrie | Sudbury |
| 2011 | Pat Parlette | Emsdale |
| 2012 | Dick Prescott | North Bay |
| 2013 | Sue Michalski | Komoka |
| 2014 | Bill Rowney | Milton |
| 2015 | Bill Leask | Paris |
| 2016 | Peter MacInnis | Toronto |
| 2017 | Keith Woods | London |
| 2018 | Ken Creasey | Copper Cliff |
| 2019 | Jim McLoughlin | Val Caron |
| 2020 | Richard MacDonald | Hailybury |
| 2021 | Neil Skriving | Stoney Creek |
| 2022 | Mark Zizek | Mississauga |

**OHF MINOR HOCKEY AWARD**

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Minor Hockey. Discontinued in 2014.

| | | |
|------|------------------------|-------------|
| 2002 | John Gardner | Toronto |
| 2003 | John Grignon | Garson |
| 2004 | Pat Parlette | Amhersberg |
| 2005 | Michael Penman | Toronto |
| 2006 | Ian Beverley | Toronto |
| 2007 | Garry Puchard | Scarborough |
| 2008 | William (Bill) Maxwell | Toronto |
| 2009 | Yosh Kitamura | Hamilton |
| 2010 | Helen Ford | Oakville |
| 2011 | Geraldine Hardcastle | Georgetown |
| 2012 | Harry Blinkhorn | New Hamburg |

OHF JUNIOR HOCKEY AWARD

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Junior Hockey. Discontinued in 2014.

| | | |
|------|------------------|----------------|
| 2002 | Bob Hooper | Georgetown |
| 2003 | Charlie Macoun | Newmarket |
| 2004 | Marty Williamson | Keswick |
| 2005 | John Kopinak | Dover Centre |
| 2006 | Steve Spott | Waterloo |
| 2007 | Guy Blanchard | North Bay |
| 2008 | Wayne Smith | Belmont |
| 2009 | Scott Marshall | Iroquois Falls |
| 2010 | Morris Hart | Napanee |
| 2011 | Brad Grant | Milton |
| 2012 | Hector Seguin | Verner |



OHF SENIOR HOCKEY AWARD

Presented to an administrator who has made a significant contribution to Senior Hockey. Discontinued in 2014.

| | | |
|------|----------------|-----------|
| 2002 | Jim Baird | Toronto |
| 2003 | Bob Habkirk | Aylmer |
| 2004 | Don Yeck | Belmont |
| 2005 | Don Robertson | Dundas |
| 2006 | Larry Hicks | Picton |
| 2007 | Peter Ham | Brantford |
| 2008 | Kent Helps | Camlachie |
| 2009 | Steve Cardwell | Whitby |
| 2010 | Tom Ruff | Orillia |
| 2011 | Mike Posavad | Millbrook |
| 2012 | Dave Stewart | Norwood |
| 2013 | Bill Stobbs | Chatham |

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.

| | | |
|------|---------------|--------------|
| 2002 | Rick Morphew | Whitby |
| 2003 | Glen Campbell | North Bay |
| 2004 | Gus Bambridge | Cobourg |
| 2005 | Dean Warren | Wronto |
| 2006 | Ken Miller | North Bay |
| 2007 | Brian Coles | Oshawa |
| 2008 | Chuck Farkas | Fenwick |
| 2009 | Dave Wedlake | Ajax |
| 2010 | Tim Cook | Beamsville |
| 2011 | Keith Grenke | Timmins |
| 2012 | Dave Burns | Waterloo |
| 2014 | Steve Wallace | Wasaga Beach |
| 2015 | Robert Gagnon | Kapuskasing |
| 2016 | Scott Oakman | Mount Albert |



| | | |
|------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2017 | Matt Davie | Copper Cliff |
| 2018 | Gord Morris | Mount Hope |
| 2019 | Chris Chapman | Stratford |
| 2020 | Brad Upton | Courtice |
| 2021 | Jeff Bulmer + Tim Foster | East Gwillimbury + North Bay |
| 2022 | Marshall Copp | London |

JOHN GARDNER STAFF AWARD

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

| | | |
|------|-------------------|-----------|
| 2009 | Jill White | Stratford |
| 2010 | Andrea Pariselli | Toronto |
| 2011 | Janet Laxton | North Bay |
| 2012 | Peter Kourtis | Toronto |
| 2013 | Cheryl Podger | Galt |
| 2014 | Vanda Slaney | Toronto |
| 2015 | Scott Stevens | Kitchener |
| 2016 | Jennifer Crawford | Toronto |
| 2018 | Sue Campbell | Kitchener |
| 2019 | Kiersten Maitland | North Bay |
| 2020 | Patty Micolino | Toronto |
| 2021 | Adam Morell | North Bay |
| 2022 | Chad Houben | Stratford |

LIFE PATRON AWARD

The OHF Life Patron Award 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.

| | | |
|------|--------------------|------------|
| 2003 | Bill Appleby | Waterloo |
| 2005 | Dr. Allan Morris | Warton |
| 2006 | Justice David Watt | Newmarket |
| 2007 | Sam Ciccolini | Woodbridge |
| 2009 | Ed Pupich | Schumacher |
| 2015 | Joe Drago | Sudbury |



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|------|--------------|---------|
| 2015 | Don Yeck | Belmont |
| 2018 | John Gardner | Toronto |

CHRISTINE PENMAN 'COMPANION' AWARD

The Christine Penman Award is given to an OHF companion, current or past, who has made a significant contribution to goodwill and cooperation among the OHF companions and within the Board of the OHF. It is to be given, when warranted, by the Officers at an OHF annual awards weekend.

The award is named in honour of the late Christine Penman, an OHF companion for over a dozen years and, notably, the organizer of the companions' program when the OHF hosted Hockey Canada's AGM in 2002.

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|------|------------------|-------------|
| 2013 | Christine Penman | Toronto |
| 2014 | Bonnie Hammond | Thornbury |
| 2015 | Sylvia Drago | Sudbury |
| 2016 | Karen Richardson | Caledonia |
| 2017 | Diane Riddle | Sudbury |
| 2018 | Sandra Smith | Mississauga |
| 2019 | Jill Marchand | North Bay |



Ontario Hockey Federation **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Each winner receives

**\$1000 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN
ACADEMICS, COMMUNITY, AND HOCKEY.**

LAUREN SMILLIE

is this year's top candidate and will receive the BFL Canada Honour

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Lauren Smillie | 16 | Graydon Hartley |
| 2 | Blake Aylesworth | 17 | Elizabeth Herd |
| 3 | Andrew De Rango | 18 | Ella Hertner |
| 4 | Caleb Podgers | 19 | Hailey Grant |
| 5 | Alexandra Elmslie | 20 | David Durbano |
| 6 | Camille Venn | 21 | Jackson Spraggon |
| 7 | Adam Dunn | 22 | Paige Jacklin |
| 8 | Bento DeGurse | 23 | Rachel Wilkinson |
| 9 | Leah Melindy | 24 | Rajan Laird |
| 10 | Liam Wadel | 25 | Rylee Crego |
| 11 | Mikayla Mistry | 26 | Sydney Melindy |
| 12 | Matthew Song | 27 | Rebecca Grant |
| 13 | Madison Marcoux | 28 | Noah Willis |
| 14 | Kara Mark | 29 | Karina Wallis |
| 15 | Cassidy Dobson | 30 | Caleigh Spencer |

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OHF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

For more information on the OHF Scholarship Program,
[visit www.ohf.on.ca/ohf-scholarship](http://www.ohf.on.ca/ohf-scholarship)



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| | |
|--|----------------|
| Audit Committee | TBD |
| Competitions Committee | Rob Mazzuca |
| Junior Committee | Susan Irving |
| LOR Review Committee | TBD |
| Minor Committee | Julie Stevens |
| Minor – Junior Committee | Rob Campbell |
| Risk Management Committee | Sarah Atkinson |
| Governance Nomination Committee | Rob Campbell |

OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Appeals Committee | TBD |
| Constitution Committee | Kevin Burkett |
| Officiating Development Committee | Greg Kimmerly |
| Registration Committee | Jeff Turner (Interim) |
| Scholarship Committee | Hugh Riddle |
| Personnel Committee | Hugh Riddle |
| Finance Committee | John McCutcheon |
| Technical Directors Committee | Jeff Stewart |



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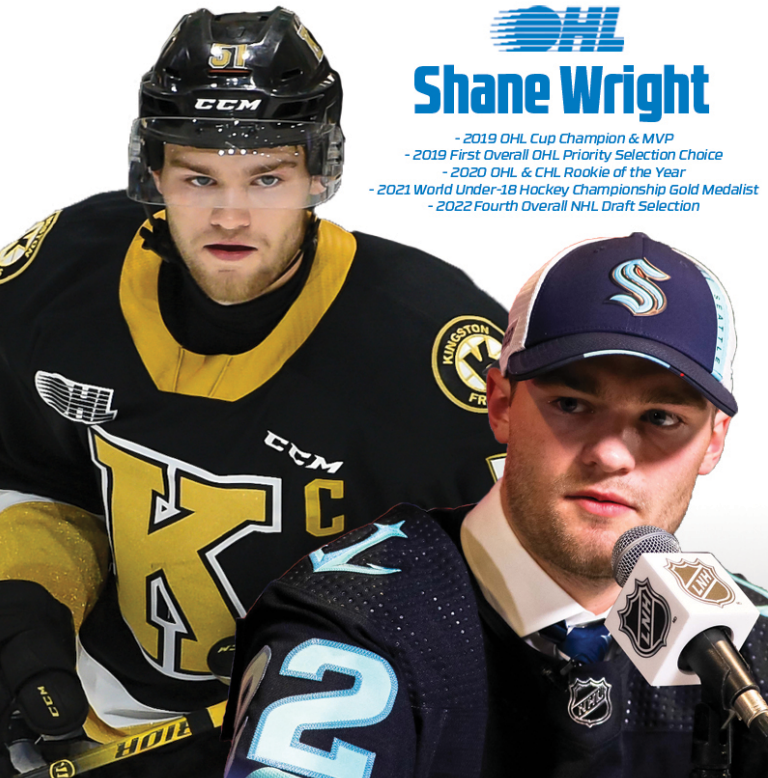
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- 1.3 To promote the orderly development of all categories of the sport of amateur hockey without favor of one category over another or others;
- 1.4 To emphasize and encourage the involvement of those volunteers who put the interests of the sport ahead of their personal interests;
- 1.5 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;
- 1.6 To ensure the enforcement of the rules of the sport as adopted by this organization;
- 1.7 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;
- 1.8 To assist members in their pursuit of excellence by providing accessible and effective programs and services through available resources;
- 1.9 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;
- 1.10 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;



- 1.11 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;
- 1.12 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;
- 1.13 To adjudicate disputes arising in the operation of, between or amongst any Member and/or members of Members 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, 1.14 To present a common voice on behalf of the Member in all discussions that could affect them at the national and international level
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BY-LAW I – OVERVIEW

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In the By-Laws and Regulations, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise specifies or requires:
- (a) "Alliance" means the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario;
 - (b) "Amateur Hockey" is hockey that is not organized professional hockey;
 - (c) "Annual General Meeting of Members" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 5.1;
 - (d) "Board" means the board of directors of the OHF;
 - (e) "By-Laws" means the by-laws of the OHF;
 - (f) "Committee" means a committee established pursuant to By-Law VI;
 - (g) "Delegate" means a person who represents a Member at a Members' Meeting;
 - (h) "Director" means a director on the Board;
 - (i) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the OHF;
 - (j) "GTHL" means the Greater Toronto Hockey League;
 - (k) "HEO" means Hockey Eastern Ontario;
 - (l) "HNO" means Hockey Northwestern Ontario;
 - (m) "Hockey Canada" means the self-governing body of Amateur Hockey in Canada;
 - (n) "IIHF" means International Ice Hockey Federation;
 - (o) "Members" means the members of the OHF as set out in Article 4.1 and "Member" means any one of them;
 - (p) "Members' Meeting" means an Annual General Meeting of Members, a Semi Annual Meeting of Members or a Special Members' Meeting, as applicable in the circumstances;
 - (q) "NOHA" means the Northern Ontario Hockey Association;
 - (r) "OHA" means the Ontario Hockey Association;



- (s) "OHF" means the Ontario Hockey Federation, an Ontario non-share capital, not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, chap. c. 38;
- (t) "OHF's Jurisdiction" is the jurisdiction of the OHF as set out in Article 3.1;
- (u) "OHL" means the Ontario Hockey League;
- (v) "OMHA" means the Ontario Minor Hockey Association;
- (w) "OWHA" means the Ontario Women's Hockey Association;
- (x) "Operations Committee" means a committee referred to in Article 24.2;
- (y) "Policy Committee" means a committee referred to in Article 24.1;
- (z) "Referee-in-Chief" has the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations;
- (aa) "Registered Participant" has the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations;
- (bb) "Regulations" means the regulations of the OHF, including the Playing Regulations;
- (cc) "Semi Annual Meeting of Members" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 6.1;
- (dd) "Special Members' Meeting" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 7; and
- (ee) "Technical Director" means the Technical Director of the OHF.

ARTICLE 2: STATUS WITH HOCKEY CANADA, ETC.

- 2.1 The OHF is a member of Hockey Canada, the governing body of Amateur Hockey in Canada and, as an unalterable provision of these By-Laws, shall operate in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada.
- 2.2 In addition to Article 2.1 and as an unalterable provision of these By-Laws, each Member shall operate in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada, the OHF and its own organization.



ARTICLE 3: JURISDICTION

- 3.1 The operations of the OHF are to be carried on within the province of Ontario, other than within the jurisdictions of HEO and HNO.
- 3.2 The operations of the Members shall be carried on within the jurisdictions set out in Article 4.2.

BY-LAW II – MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The OHF shall have the following seven (7) voting Members, each of whom is, and shall remain an equal Member in the OHF subject to Articles 4.4 and 4.5:

- (a) the GTHL;
- (b) the NOHA;
- (c) the OHA;
- (d) the OHL;
- (e) the OWHA;
- (f) the OMHA; and
- (g) the Alliance.

- 4.2 The jurisdiction of the Members shall be as follows:

- (a) The GTHL shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey over that area of the OHF's Jurisdiction 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 GTHL shall, subject to the Lake Ontario Region Regulations (as defined in Regulation 1.23), also share jurisdiction over the City of Markham with the OMHA.

- (b) The NOHA shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey, Junior (except Major Junior) Hockey and Senior Hockey over that area of the OHF's Jurisdiction that includes 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 OHF's Jurisdiction.
- (c) The OHA shall have jurisdiction over Male Hockey, Junior (except Major Junior) Hockey, Senior Hockey and Adult Recreation Hockey programs within the whole of the OHF's Jurisdiction, except for that portion assigned to the NOHA as set out in paragraph (b) above.
- (d) The OHL shall have jurisdiction over Major Junior Hockey within the whole of the OHF's Jurisdiction and within such other areas of Ontario as granted by Hockey Canada.
- (e) The OWHA shall have jurisdiction over female hockey in the Province of Ontario, including that part of Ontario over which OHF has jurisdiction.
- (f) The OMHA shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey and the OHF registered Minor Hockey Associations as at June 25, 2005, other than the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations as listed in paragraph (g) below, within the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the GTHL and the NOHA set out, respectively, in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. Any addition or change to the jurisdiction of the OMHA must be approved by the



Members by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

(g) The Alliance shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey and the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations (as defined below) within the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the GTHL and the NOHA. The "Alliance Minor Hockey Associations" are: Brantford Church Hockey League, Brantford Minor Hockey Association, Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association, Burlington JR. Cougars, 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, St. Catharines CYO, Stratford Minor Hockey Association, Stratford Rotary 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 the jurisdiction of the Alliance or to the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations must be approved by the Members by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

4.3 Each Member shall be empowered to administer, foster and conduct its own affairs within its own jurisdiction in accordance with its own by-laws, regulations and rules and in a manner which is consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada and of the OHF and not contrary to the best interests of Amateur Hockey.

4.4 A Member may not transfer its membership in the OHF and a Member ceases to be a Member when:

- (a) the Member is dissolved or winding up or ceases to operate;
- (b) the Member becomes bankrupt or suspends payment of debts generally or compounds with creditors or makes an authorized assignment or is declared insolvent;
- (c) the Member submits a written resignation to the OHF which resignation shall be effective on the later of the date set out in the resignation or the date it is delivered to the OHF; or
- (d) the OHF is liquidated and dissolved under the Corporations Act.

4.5 A Member may be sanctioned up to and inclusive of suspen-



sion, expulsion or its jurisdiction awarded to or assumed by another Member or combination of Members as determined by the affirmative vote, at a meeting of the Board called for such purpose, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Directors for violations of the By-Laws, Regulations, Policies or Board decisions of Hockey Canada or the OHF.

- 4.6 A Member may be sanctioned as determined by the affirmative vote, at a meeting of the Board called for such purpose, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Directors for actions deemed by the Board to be contrary to the overall direction of the OHF, except that such sanction cannot be expulsion or its jurisdiction awarded to or assumed by another Member or combination of Members.
- 4.7 A Member that resigns, is suspended or is expelled shall remain liable for payment of any dues, fees, assessment or other sum levied or which became payable by the Member to the OHF prior to the effective date of its resignation, suspension or expulsion.
- 4.8 Full memberships of the Members shall be restricted to Teams, Leagues or Associations of recognized amateur standing.
- 4.9 Although membership in the Members is purely voluntary, all Registered Participants of the Members must accept the final and binding authority of all rules and decisions of the Board and the governing authorities of the OHF, including, without limitation, acceptance and subscription of such insurance coverages and participant fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board.

BY-LAW III – MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

ARTICLE 5: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held annually within ninety (90) days of OHF’s fiscal year end on such date and at such time and place designated by the Board.



ARTICLE 6: SEMI ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

- 6.1 A Semi Annual Meeting of Members shall be held annually on the last Saturday of February at such time and place designated by the Board.

ARTICLE 7: SPECIAL MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- 7.1 Special Members' Meetings shall be held when requested by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board in a written submission to the Chair of the Board.
- 7.2 Any Special Members' Meeting requested under Article 7.1 shall be held as soon as possible in compliance with the applicable notice periods required by Article 8.2.
- 7.3 The Chair of the Board shall prepare the agenda for the Special Members' Meeting, and shall limit that agenda to the items specified in the request for the Special Members' Meeting.
- 7.4 The agenda for a Special Members' Meeting may not be altered.

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERS' MEETINGS

- 8.1 At all Members' Meetings quorum shall consist of at least four (4) Members, provided that a Members' Meeting may not be held unless the Chair of the Board or the Chair of the Board's designate is present.
- 8.2 All Members' Meetings, except a Special Members' Meeting requested under Article 7.1, shall be called by the Chair of the Board. The Executive Director shall send notice of the time and place of each Members' Meeting to each Member and to each Director. Such notice shall be sent by mail, courier, personal delivery, telephonic, electronic or other communication facility not less than twenty-one (21) days before the meeting and shall be accompanied by a meeting agenda. Notice of any Members' Meeting where special business will be transacted must contain sufficient information to permit the Members to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken.
- 8.3 Each Member shall be entitled to send two (2) Delegates to each Members' Meeting and shall provide the OHF with



written notice of the names of its Delegates at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A Member's Delegate must be an employee, Director or Volunteer of the Member. A Member may send an alternate Delegate in substitution for a named Delegate who is unable to attend a Members' Meeting, provided that the Member provides the OHF with written notice of such substitution in advance of the Members' Meeting.

- 8.4 Speaking privileges at any Members' Meeting are reserved for the Delegates, the Directors, and such other persons as may be recognized by the chair of the meeting.

ARTICLE 9: VOTING

- 9.1 Each Member is entitled to cast one (1) vote on any matter on which Members are entitled to vote at a Members' Meeting, whether they send one (1) or two (2) Delegates to a Members' Meeting, and shall designate one (1) of its Delegates to vote on that Member's behalf at a Members' Meeting.
- 9.2 Decisions at Members' Meetings shall be by a majority of the votes cast unless the favourable vote of a larger proportion of the votes is required by the By-Laws.
- 9.3 The chair of a Members' Meeting shall not have a vote, including in the event of a tie.
- 9.4 At Members' Meetings voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by a Member entitled to vote at the meeting, or the By-Laws specifically require a secret ballot.

BY-LAW IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE 10: ROLE

- 10.1 The affairs of the OHF shall be managed by the Board which may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the OHF that are not by the By-Laws or by statute expressly directed or required to be done in some other manner.



ARTICLE 11: COMPOSITION

- 11.1 The Board shall consist of nine (9) Directors, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Board, and all of whom shall be elected in accordance with Article 15.
- 11.2 No person shall act for an absent Director at a meeting of Directors.

ARTICLE 12: CHAIR OF THE BOARD

- 12.1 Nominations for Chair of the Board are restricted to a current Director who has served at least one (1) full year as a Director.
- 12.2 An individual can hold the position of the Chair of the Board for a maximum of two (2), two (2) year terms, (excluding partial terms). The terms do not have to be consecutive.
- 12.3 A Chair of the Board is eligible to remain on the Board as a Director after the completion of the maximum terms as Chair of the Board as set out in Article 12.2.

ARTICLE 13: DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY

- 13.1 A Director cannot be an employee of Hockey Canada, an employee of the OHF or an employee of a Member or an employee of a member of a Member.
- 13.2 A Director can be a Life Member or an immediate Past President of a Member or of a member of a Member but cannot participate (i.e. vote, attend meetings or consult) with the Member or member of a Member.
- 13.3 A Director may not hold a current position with any Member or with a member of a Member.
- 13.4 To be eligible for election as a Director, an individual must not be active on the board of directors of a Member or of a member of a Member for the seasons in which they are seeking election.
- 13.5 Any Director elected that holds a current position in a Member or a member of a Member must resign that position within fifteen (15) days.
- 13.6 Any Director may not be elected if under suspension from



all Hockey Canada activities that would encroach their term.

13.7 In order to qualify to become or act as a Director, an individual must:

- (a) be a citizen of Canada or a permanent resident of Ontario;
- (b) reside in the jurisdiction of the OHF;
- (c) be an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (d) not be an undischarged bankrupt
- (e) not have been removed as a Director pursuant to paragraph (f) of Article 17.1;
- (f) have the capacity under law to contract; and
- (g) not have been declared incapable by a court in Canada.

ARTICLE 14: CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

14.1 A call for nominations will open ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Members.

14.2 All nominations for Chair of the Board or other Director must be submitted in writing to the Governance-Nominations Committee no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of Members.

14.3 Nominations submitted must be endorsed in writing by two (2) Members or by the Governance-Nominations Committee.

14.4 A nomination for Chair of the Board must indicate on their nomination if the candidate wishes to be considered for election as a Director if unsuccessful in the election for Chair of the Board.

14.5 A current Director who is part way through their term may be nominated for the Chair of the Board.

14.6 The Governance-Nominations Committee will provide the Members with a slate of all eligible candidates thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members.

ARTICLE 15: ELECTIONS

15.1 At each Annual General Meeting of Members held in even years, a separate ballot will first be held for the election of



the Chair of the Board. In order to be elected as the Chair of the Board a candidate must receive at least 50% plus one of the votes cast. Any candidate who is unsuccessful in the election for the Chair of the Board may stand for election as a Director if identified upon their nomination.

- 15.2 If a current Director who is part way through their term is a candidate in the election for Chair of the Board, they will continue their term as a Director if unsuccessful in the election for Chair of the Board.
- 15.3 At each Annual General Meeting of Members an election for four (4) Directors will be held.
- 15.4 Each Member in attendance at an Annual General Meeting of Members will have one ballot for each election. Any ballot containing votes for a number of nominees other than the number of available Director's positions, shall be considered spoiled and shall not count as a vote cast when calculating the number of votes. The candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected as Directors.
- 15.5 If there is a tie for the final Director's position or positions, the names of the tied candidates shall appear on a new ballot, and the voting procedure described in Article 15.4 shall continue until all of the Director positions have been filled. In the event of a deadlock, the final Director's position or positions shall be filled by a random draw conducted by the Chair of the Governance-Nominations Committee from among the deadlocked candidates.
- 15.6 Upon the completion of the elections only the names of the elected Directors shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting of Members by the chair of the Governance-Nominations Committee. All election ballots will be destroyed after those names are announced.
- 15.7 Notwithstanding Articles 12.1, 15.3 and 16.2, at the first Annual General Meeting of Members after the amendments to the By-Laws come into effect, the Members shall elect nine (9) Directors, including the Chair of the Board who may be any individual, as follows:
- (a) a separate ballot will first be held for the Chair of the Board in accordance with Article 15.1;
 - (b) if indicated upon their nomination, any candidate who is



unsuccessful in the election as the Chair of the Board may stand for election as a Director for a three (3) year term and if unsuccessful in the election for a three (3) year term may stand for election for a two (2) year term.

- (c) a second ballot will then be held for the election of four (4) Directors for a three (3) year term in accordance with Article 15.4; and
- (d) a third ballot will be held for the election of four (4) Directors for a two (2) year term in accordance with Article 15.4.

15.8 All Director's terms following the elections set out in paragraph (c) of Article 15.7 will be two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE 16: DIRECTORS TERMS

16.1 The Chair of the Board shall be elected for a two (2) year term at an Annual General Meeting of Members, in even numbered years.

16.2 Directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms at an Annual General Meeting of Members. There is no limit on the number of terms a Director may be elected for.

ARTICLE 17: DIRECTOR VACANCIES AND REMOVAL

17.1 A Director ceases to hold office and a vacancy is created:

- (a) if the Director ceases to meet the qualifications for being a Director as set out in Article 13;
- (b) if the Director sits on the board of directors of Hockey Canada;
- (c) if the Director is found to be a mentally incompetent person or becomes of unsound mind;
- (d) if the Director dies;
- (e) if the Director resigns (such resignation to be effective at the time a written resignation is sent to the OHF or at the time specified in the resignation, whichever is later);
- (f) if, at a Special Members' Meeting duly called for that purpose, the Members, by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes held by the Members, remove the Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office.



- 17.2 In the event that the Chair of the Board's position becomes vacant mid-term the remaining Directors shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the vacated position, provided that there is a quorum of Directors in office. Any appointment mid-term will not count against the maximum number of terms any one person can sit as Chair of the Board.
- 17.3 If a Director position becomes vacant and it there is a quorum of Directors in office and:
- (a) at least seven (7) Directors, the Directors may fill the vacant Director position for the remainder of the vacant term; or
 - (b) less than seven (7) Directors, the Directors must appoint a Director to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the vacant term to maintain at least seven (7) Directors.
- 17.4 If a Director position becomes vacant and if there is not a quorum of Directors, the remaining Directors shall immediately call a meeting of the Members to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant term, and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

ARTICLE 18: CHAIR OF THE BOARD DUTIES AND POWERS

- 18.1 The Chair of the Board, shall be the President of the OHF, shall preside at all meetings of the OHF, be an ex officio member of all OHF Committees and be an authorized signatory of the OHF.
- 18.2 The Chair of the Board shall generally perform the duties usual to the Chair of the Board and may, at their discretion, order the calling of meetings of the Members, the Directors and any OHF Committees.
- 18.3 The Chair of the Board shall have the authority to delegate those duties assigned to the Chair of the Board to any Director.
- 18.4 The Chair of the Board, or an alternate approved by the Board, shall be the official representative of the OHF at members' meetings of Hockey Canada at which such representative shall present objectively the views or position of the OHF.



- 18.5 In addition to the powers conferred upon the Chair of the Board by the By-Laws, Regulations and policies of the OHF, the Chair of the Board, in cases of emergency when it is impracticable to obtain a vote of the Board, may exercise all the duties and powers of the Board.
- 18.6 Any action taken by the Chair of the Board under Article 18.5 shall be referred to the Board for approval or rejection in whole or in part within fifteen (15) days next following the action taken.
- 18.7 The Chair of the Board shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or discipline, as deemed necessary, any player, Team Official or referee who is a Registered Participant, with respect to any act, omission or other conduct demonstrated to be contrary to the best interests of the OHF or Amateur Hockey. The Chair of the Board shall also have the power to levy fines authorized by Playing Regulation G1.
- 18.8 Notwithstanding provisions set forth in the Regulations, the Chair of the Board acting instead of the Board, may provide for special dispensation from the Regulations with the agreement of all parties, including the Members involved in the situation. Any decision as to what qualifies for special dispensation shall rest solely with the Chair of the Board in their absolute and unfettered discretion. Any decision of the Chair of the Board, 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 Regulation 7.9, is not subject to appeal. Each decision of special dispensation will be made on its individual merits.
- 18.9 A decision made by the Chair of the Board under Article 18.8 shall remain in effect until final disposition of any appeal taken therefrom under the Regulations.

ARTICLE 19: DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 19.1 Directors' meetings may be called by the Chair of the Board or any other six (6) Directors.
- 19.2 Meetings of the Directors may be held either at the place where the head office of the Corporation is located or at any place within or outside Ontario.
- 19.3 Notice of any Directors' meeting shall be given to each Director at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting



with a copy of the agenda containing the business to be discussed, provided that a meeting of the Directors may be held on shorter notice or without notice in the event of an emergency as determined in the sole discretion of the Chair of the Board.

- 19.4 A majority of the Directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Directors provided that the Chair of the Board or their designate is present. Notwithstanding any vacancy among the Directors, a quorum of Directors may exercise all the powers of Directors.
- 19.5 The Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director shall be entitled to attend but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Directors.
- 19.6 Each Director present at a Directors' meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter properly placed before and considered by the Board.
- 19.7 If all the Directors present at or participating in the meeting consent and at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, a meeting of the Directors may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and a Director participating in such meeting by such means is deemed for the purpose of the Corporations Act to be present at that meeting.
- 19.8 Except where otherwise provided in the By-Laws, 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 at the meeting or at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.
- 19.9 The chair of a Directors' meeting shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 20: BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES & POWERS

- 20.1 The Board has the following responsibilities and authority;
- (a) To formulate a Strategic Plan in consultation with the Members;



- (b) To determine the direction of marketing in the OHF in consultation with the Members;
- (c) To oversee and be responsible for OHF staffing;
- (d) To determine the appointments to Hockey Canada for task teams and meetings;
- (e) To represent the OHF at Hockey Canada meetings
- (f) To be responsible for selection and running of inter-branch and regional championships in conjunction with HNO and HEO and with input from Minor, Junior and Senior hockey;
- (g) To administer and conduct the affairs of the OHF;
- (h) To act in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada;
- (i) To act in a manner consistent with the objects of the OHF, as prescribed in its Letters Patent;
- (j) To appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the OHF (who shall not be a Director);
- (k) To appoint an Executive Director to conduct the day-to-day operations of the OHF;
- (l) To call Special Members' Meetings when necessary;
- (m) To grant new applications for membership in the OHF, subject to approval of the Members to take effect;
- (n) To suspend, expel or take disciplinary action against a Registered Participant for any breach of the By-Laws or of any decision, policy or regulation of the Board;
- (o) To formulate, prescribe, alter or amend By-Laws for the governing of the OHF in accordance with Article 41;
- (p) To formulate, prescribe, alter or amend policy for the governing of the OHF, make rulings or decisions on any matter brought before it from any source;
- (q) To establish, amend or alter regulations pertaining to OHF Championship competitions;
- (r) To, at any time, overrule any decision which is inconsistent with any decision of the Board;
- (s) To oversee the collection and expenditure of funds to and from the OHF;



- (t) To authorize all major expenditures within approved budget limits;
- (u) To enter into agreements from time to time with organizations that will, at the discretion of the Board, be beneficial to the OHF and the Members;
- (v) To assist in the facilitation and implementation of development programs for players, coaches, game officials, team officials and volunteers;
- (w) To appoint Committees, sub-Committees or other individuals to deal with specific or specialized issues or matters;
- (x) To provide means to adjudicate disputes among individuals, Members and Registered Participants;
- (y) To ensure that all Directors comport themselves in a manner that avoids any conflict of interest;
- (z) To collectively represent the interests of the Members at all Hockey Canada meetings and functions; and
- (aa) To sanction or have a designate sanction all inter-branch competition (exhibition and league play) involving OHF teams;
- (bb) To sanction or have a designate sanction all inter-divisional competition (league play) among Members;
- (cc) To sanction or have a designate sanction all incoming IIHF team tours and competition with OHF teams;
- (dd) To sanction or have a designate sanction all outgoing OHF teams on IIHF tours and/or competitions; and
- (ee) When the Board 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.

ARTICLE 21: SECRETARY-TREASURER

- 21.1 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the Board immediately following an Annual General Meeting of Members, in even numbered years. An incumbent may be re-appointed.



21.2 In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

ARTICLE 22: SECRETARY-TREASURER DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

22.1 The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:

- (a) to chair the Finance Committee;
- (b) to be an authorized signatory of the OHF;
- (c) to ensure that the records and minutes of the OHF are a current and accurate report of the OHF's activities and operations;
- (d) to prepare the annual budget of the OHF and present it to the Board;
- (e) to authorize payments of accounts;
- (f) to ensure that the financial records of the OHF are a current and accurate report of its financial position;
- (g) to delegate any duties with approval of the Board; and
- (h) to attend but not vote at Directors' Meetings.

BY-LAW V – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARTICLE 23: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

23.1 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board and be answerable to the Board through the Chair of the Board.

23.2 The Executive Director shall not vote at any meeting of the OHF.

23.3 The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member on all Committees of the OHF, except the Personnel Committee and the Audit Committee.

23.4 The Executive Director will at all times act in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the OHF as set forth in the Letters Patent, By-Laws, Regulations and policies of the OHF.

23.5 The Executive Director shall:



- (a) keep accurate records of the By-Laws, Regulations, policies and proceedings of the OHF, including amendments to the By-Laws, Regulations and policies and minutes of meetings;
- (b) act as the holder of all OHF trophies in trust;
- (c) distribute and record (where required) all minutes of Members' Meetings and meetings of the Board;
- (d) issue notices of all meetings and required materials;
- (e) receive, in the name of the OHF, 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;
- (f) be responsible for the administration and operation of the OHF office and employees as per the policies and guidelines established by the Board;
- (g) interpret and serve as a resource for the By-Laws, Regulations, rules and policies of the OHF;
- (h) co-ordinate all OHF branch championship events;
- (i) distribute any information received from other organizations to the appropriate people;
- (j) act as an authorized signatory of the OHF;
- (k) act as the official branch signatory in all Releases, transfers and other Player movement with other Hockey Canada branches and IIHF federations;
- (l) pursuant to Regulation 6.4.2, in the absence of the coordinator, shall act as the temporary coordinator in assessing and determining all matters designated in Regulation 6.5.2 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to Regulation 6.5.5;
- (m) co-ordinate any special events as determined by the Board;
- (n) develop and present fundraising proposals to the Board for approval;
- (o) to attend but not vote at Directors' Meetings.
- (p) develop and present any promotional, marketing or communication proposals to the Board for approval; and
- (q) ensure any decision of a Member which is inconsistent with the By-Laws, Regulations, or policies of the OHF or Board



decisions are brought to the attention of the Board.

BY-LAW VI – COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 24: COMMITTEES

24.1 The standing Policy Committees of the OHF shall be:

- (a) the Minor Committee;
- (b) the Junior Committee;
- (c) the Minor-Junior Committee;
- (d) the Audit Committee;
- (e) the Governance-Nomination Committee;
- (f) the Competitions Committee;
- (g) the LOR Review Committee;
- (h) the Risk Management Committee; and
- (i) the Personnel Committee.

24.2 The standing Operations Committees of the OHF shall be:

- (a) the Appeals Committee (see OHF Regulation 6);
- (b) the Finance Committee;
- (c) the Registration Committee (see OHF Regulation 7);
- (d) the Officiating Development Committee;
- (e) the Executive Directors Committee;
- (f) the Scholarship Committee;
- (g) the Technical Directors Committee; and
- (h) the Constitution Committee.

24.3 A majority of members of each Committee shall constitute a quorum for meetings of the Committee.

24.4 The composition and duties of the Appeals Committee and the Registration Committee shall be as set out in the Regulations.

24.5 Appointed committee members from Members may only sit on a maximum of one (1) Policy Committee and one (1) Operation Committee per year.



- 24.6 The mandates and responsibilities of the Committees are set out in their respective terms of reference which have been approved by the Board.

ARTICLE 25: AD HOC COMMITTEES

- 25.1 Ad hoc Committees and their terms of reference and composition may be established from time to time by the Board as the need arises.
- 25.2 The chair of an ad hoc Committee shall be selected either by the Board or by the majority of the Committee, as determined by the Board.
- 25.3 The term of an ad hoc Committee shall be until its task is completed, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

ARTICLE 26: MINOR COMMITTEE

- 26.1 Each of the Alliance, GTHL, NOHA and OMHA will appoint two (2) members to sit on the Minor Committee.
- 26.2 The Chair of the Minor Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 27: JUNIOR COMMITTEE

- 27.1 Each of the NOHA, OHA and OHL will appoint two (2) members to sit on the Junior Committee.
- 27.2 The Chair of the Junior Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 28: MINOR-JUNIOR COMMITTEE

- 28.1 Each of the Alliance, GTHL, NOHA, OHA, OHL, and OMHA will appoint two (2) members to sit on the Minor-Junior Committee.
- 28.2 The Chair of the Minor-Junior Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.



ARTICLE 29: AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 29.1 The Audit Committee will be comprised of three (3) Directors appointed by the Chair of the Board.
- 29.2 The Chair of the Audit Committee will be appointed by the Chair of the Board from amongst the Audit Committee members and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 30: GOVERNANCE-NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- 30.1 The Governance-Nominations Committee will be comprised of five (5) members, who are appointed by the Chair of the Board with the approval of the Board and the Members.
- 30.2 The chair of the Governance-Nominations Committee will be appointed by the Chair of the Board from amongst the Governance-Nominations Committee members and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 31: COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

- 31.1 The Chair of the Board will appoint members to the Competitions Committee with direct and recent knowledge of the game of hockey and its playing rules, such as, but not limited to:
- (a) Administrators;
 - (b) Coaches;
 - (c) officials;
 - (d) parents; and
 - (e) players.
- 31.2 The Chair of the Competitions Committee will be appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.
- 31.3 All other members of the Competitions Committee will be appointed by the Chair of the Board.



ARTICLE 32: LOR REVIEW COMMITTEE

- 32.1 Each of the GTHL and OMHA will appoint three (3) members to the LOR Review Committee.
- 32.2 The Chair of the LOR Review Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 33: RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 33.1 Two (2) appointees with relevant expertise as appointed by the Chair of the Board.
- 33.2 The Chair of the Risk Management Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board and will only have a vote in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 34: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- 34.1 The Personnel Committee shall consist of three (3) voting members, namely, the Chair of the Board, and two (2) Directors, together with the Secretary Treasurer who will be an ex-officio non-voting member of the 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.
- 34.2 The Personnel Committee may at any time, in its discretion, seek the assistance on an ad hoc basis by appointing additional people from the Members to the Personnel Committee. Those additional people will be voting members of the Personnel 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.
- 34.3 The chair of the Personnel Committee shall be the Chair of the Board.
- 34.4 The Personnel Committee shall be responsible for making recommendations to the Board for the hiring and termination of the Executive Director; hiring and termination of OHF 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 with the Finance Committee, as to compensation reviews for each office staff position, including the Executive Director; conducting annual appraisals and compensation reviews of office staff; and developing, for presentation to the Board, job descriptions, including those for OHF staff, Directors and Committee chairs.

ARTICLE 35: FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 35.1 Each Member shall annually nominate and appoint one member to the Finance Committee.
- 35.2 The chair of the Finance Committee shall be the Secretary-Treasurer of the OHF.
- 35.3 The Finance Committee shall review the finances and expenditures of the OHF and recommend to the Board any course of action which the Committee may deem advisable.
- 35.4 The Finance Committee shall continually monitor the financial affairs of the OHF and report thereon to the Board.
- 35.5 The Finance Committee shall prepare and submit for approval by the Board a budget that discloses the proposed operations of the OHF for the year next following.
- 35.6 The Finance Committee shall present to the Board any matters involving the financial affairs of the OHF for which provision has not been made in the approved budget.
- 35.7 The Finance Committee is empowered to make and carry out any decisions that are within the approved budget of the OHF or are approved by the Board in accordance with Article 35.6.

ARTICLE 36: OFFICIATING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 36.1 Each Member will appoint one (1) representative to the Officiating Development Committee.
- 36.2 The Referee-in-Chief will be the chair of the Officiating Development Committee.
- 36.3 Sub-Committees for Technical and Supervision will report



to the Officiating Development Committee.

ARTICLE 37: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

37.1 The Board will appoint five (5) to nine (9) members to the Scholarship Committee.

37.2 The Chair of the Board will appoint a Director as chair of the Scholarship Committee who will not have voting privileges.

ARTICLE 38: TECHNICAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE

38.1 The Technical Directors Committee shall be composed of the Technical Director, who will act as Chair of the Committee, and the technical director or equivalent from each Member.

38.2 The Technical Directors Committee is responsible for:

- (a) formulating and recommending hockey development programs and policies to the Board;
- (b) implementing approved programs across the OHF and its Members;
- (c) working in concert with Hockey Canada to supervise and encourage the implementation of Hockey Canada programs within the OHF; and
- (d) continually monitoring, reviewing, and proposing revisions of, and amendments to, the playing rules of the OHF and of Hockey Canada for consideration and action at the appropriate meeting of Hockey Canada.

ARTICLE 39: CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

39.1 The Chair of the Board will select two (2) individuals that have expertise or skill in drafting wording for By-Laws and Regulations.

39.2 The Chair of the Constitution Committee will be a Director appointed annually by the Chair of the Board.

ARTICLE 40: OWHA

40.1 The OWHA shall appoint the representatives to Hockey



Canada for task teams or committees on female hockey.

BY-LAW VII – MEETINGS GENERALLY

ARTICLE 41: MEETINGS

- 41.1 Any procedural questions raised at any Members' Meetings or meetings of the Board, or Committees shall be governed by the rules and guidelines as prescribed in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised unless in conflict with the provisions of the Corporations Act, the Letters Patent, By-Laws, Regulations, rules or policies of the OHF.
- 41.2 (a) Any person may waive any notice, or the time for the notice, in whole or in part, required to be given under any provision of the By-Laws or otherwise and such waiver, whether given before or after the meeting or other event of which notice is required to be given, shall cure any default in giving such notice.
- (b) In particular, meetings of the Members or Directors may be held at any time without notice if all the persons entitled to notice of the meeting are present and waive notice or if all of the absent persons waive notice or otherwise consent.
- (c) A waiver of notice shall be given in writing or by facsimile or other means of recorded electronic communication addressed to the Executive Director.
- (d) Attendance of a person at a meeting of the Members or Directors shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting except where the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.
- 41.3 All actions taken at a meeting in respect of which a notice has been sent shall be valid even if:
- (a) by accident, notice was not sent to any person;
- (b) notice was not received by any person; or
- (c) there was an error in a notice that did not affect the substance of that notice.



BY-LAW VIII – AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 42: AMENDMENTS

- 42.1 Members and Directors may propose amendments to the By-Laws and the Regulations for consideration at the Semi Annual Meeting of Members by providing notice of the proposed amendments to the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days before the date fixed for the commencement of the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.
- 42.2 The Executive Director shall provide notice of all proposed amendments to the By-Laws and the Regulations to each Member and Director thirty (30) days prior to the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.
- 42.3 Proposed changes to the By-Laws and Regulations may also be considered at a Special Members' Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with Article 7.
- 42.4 Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, any proposed change to the By-Laws or Regulations must be approved by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Members on that resolution.
- 42.5 Articles 9.3, 11.1, 13, 19.4 and 19.9 may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total number of votes held by the Members, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.
- 42.6 Articles 1.1(b), 1.1(s), 2, 3, and 41 may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total number of votes held by the Members represented at the meeting at which the vote is taken, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.
- 42.7 Article 4 may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors only when a request is made in accordance with the OHF Changing Member Policy. In all other instance Article 4 may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total number of votes held by the Members represented at the meeting at which the vote is taken, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.
- 42.8 The Directors have the authority to approve Pilot Programs,



other than any pilot that violates Article 2.1, 4, 42.5 and 42.6. Pilot proposals may be submitted by a Member(s) or Director with reasonable time for the Board to have meaningful consultation with the Member(s) affected prior to consideration. Any Pilot Program must meet the requirements of the Pilot Program Policy and have a defined start date, end date and evaluation process.

- 42.9 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Article 42, the Directors may amend the By-Laws and Regulations upon receipt of at least thirty (30) days' notice of the proposed amendments, submitted by a Member or Director, and following appropriate consultation and consideration, provided that the Directors may waive the thirty (30) day notice period by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Any amendment of the By-Laws or Regulations under this Article 42.9 shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) of those Directors present affirmative vote at a properly constituted meeting of the Board. Any such changes shall take effect as determined by the Board but must be referred to the Members for approval, amendment or rejection at the next Members' Meeting.
- 42.10 Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-Laws, the Regulations will automatically be amended to comply with any changes to Hockey Canada's by-laws and regulations.
- 42.11 Any approved amendment of the Regulations shall take effect the day after the completion of the next OHF Championships, unless otherwise specified in the resolution approving the amendment.
- 42.12 Any approved amendment to the By-Laws shall take effect at the conclusion of the meeting at which the amendment is approved by the Members or Directors, as applicable, unless otherwise specified in the resolution approving the amendment.
- 42.13 Any amendments to the By-Laws and/or Regulations which have been approved in the manner set forth in this Article 42 shall not be negated by reason of any error or omission which may occur in the periodic printing of the By-Laws and/or Regulations.

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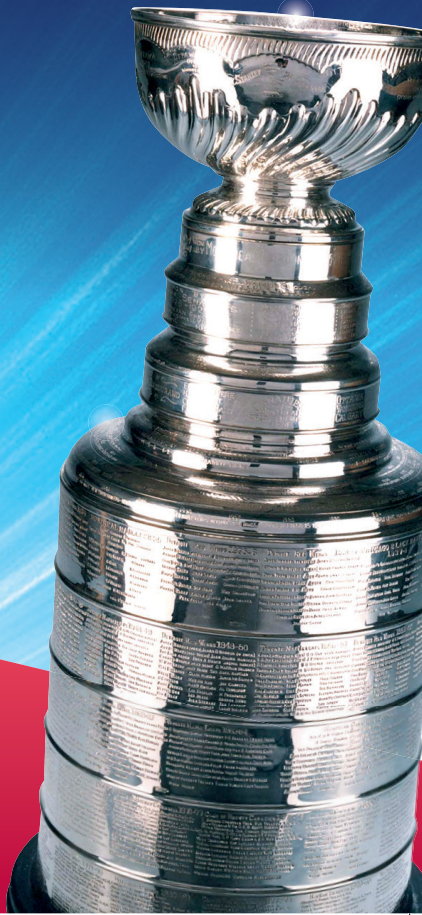
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REGULATIONS OF THE OHF

All revisions adopted by the Members on April 15, 2021 are indicated by bold text.

AUTOMATIC AMENDMENTS

Any amendments, changes or interpretations of Hockey Canada playing rules and regulations shall automatically amend those of the OHF and its Members.

REGULATION 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **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.)
- 1.2. **AAA Zone** – A Geographic Subdivision made up of several Centres for the purpose of providing AAA Category hockey.
- 1.3. **Additional Entry (AE) – An additional representative Team from a Minor Hockey Association that already has a representative Team entered in the same Division and Category.**
- 1.4. **Affiliate** – means to participate as an Affiliate Player or to be selected as an Affiliate Player.
- 1.5. **Affiliate Player (AP)** – refers to a Player who is eligible to participate with a higher Division/Category Team, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Affiliation Regulations.
- 1.6. **Affiliate Team** – refers to the Team to which a Player Affiliates.
- 1.7. **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.
- 1.8. **Automatic Suspension** – The Suspensions incurred from game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalties as per OHF Minimum Suspension List.
- 1.9. **Category** – A Centre's level of competition e.g. AAA, AA, A, B, C, etc. An OHF Member according to their Regulations, Policies and guidelines determines Category of competition.
- 1.10. **Centre** – A recognized Association within the OHF (that is a city,



town, village, municipality, Geographic Subdivision, which incorporates limits or boundaries as accepted by the Member for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of Players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OHF).

- 1.11. **Club** – Same definition as Association.
- 1.12. **Division** – Age groups within the OHF for competition. Example: Senior, Junior, U21, U18, U15 U13, U11, U9, and U7. See Playing Regulation C4.
- 1.13. **Geographic Subdivision** – Includes a city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or a zone as established by the OHF or a Member.
- 1.14. **Goaltender(s)** – a Player who is identified by the use of special and legal equipment and has privileges to prevent the puck from entering the net.
- 1.15. **HCR** – Hockey Canada Registry.
- 1.16. **HC Member** – A Geographic Subdivision of Hockey Canada empowered to conduct amateur hockey within its jurisdiction as defined by Hockey Canada By-Law 9.
- 1.17. **Home Centre** – For Minor Hockey, a program for which a Player is eligible to participate in by residence or other Regulations.
- 1.18. **House League** – A community oriented Minor Hockey program structured to provide development and competition at a recreational level.
- 1.19. **Import (Minor Hockey)** – A Player who is a non-resident of the Geographic Subdivision of the Team/Club with which the Player registers. Minor Hockey Imports are only allowed in the Lake Ontario Region. The number of Imports allowed on a Team is restricted.
- 1.20. **Import (Junior and Senior Hockey)** – Refers to the status given to a Player under Hockey Canada Regulations A20 and A27, that has obtained a proper transfer from another Hockey Canada member 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 the Player is resident for the Player's first Registration.
- 1.21. **Inter-Member** – Activity between two or more HC Members. (E.g. OHF and Hockey Nova Scotia)



- 1.22. **Local League** – A House League Team, which competes regularly in a league comprised of a number of Centres which must be Sanctioned by their Member.
- 1.23. **Lake Ontario Region (LOR)** – The Minor Hockey Geographic Subdivision comprised of the GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan) and the surrounding OMHA area including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, Ajax and Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation E63) which is the perimeter.
- 1.24. **LOR Organization** – an Association/Club in the case of the GTHL or LOR Centre/AAA Zone in the case of the OMHA.
- 1.25. **Maximum Number of Offers** – refers to the number of offers a Team in a Division and Category is eligible to make. The number is equal to the lesser of:
 - 1.25.1 maximum number of Registrations allowed by Hockey Canada for a Team in the particular Division or
 - 1.25.2 the maximum number allowed by the Member.
- 1.26. **Minor Development (MD)** – **A Category of Minor Hockey that is residency compliant with no body-checking that is not competitive (i.e. AAA, B, D, etc.) but is not House League.**
- 1.27. **Minor Hockey** – includes all Divisions except Junior and Senior.
- 1.28. **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.
 - 1.28.1 On-Ice Officials: refers to the Referee and/or Linesman.
 - 1.28.2 Minor or Off-Ice Officials: refers to Scorekeeper, Timekeeper and Goal Judges.
- 1.29. **OHF Championship** – An OHF sanctioned play-offs (in a series or Tournament format) to declare champions of the OHF at the Divisions and Categories as determined by the Board.
- 1.30. **On-Ice Sanctioned Activity** – Refers to training, practice or game competition involving Registered Participants that are conducted within facilities used for ice hockey.
- 1.31. **Postponed Game** – A scheduled game that is not started due to reasons as determined by a Member.
- 1.32. **Player** – the Registered Participants of a Team other than Team Officials. Except where special rules apply to them, the Goaltender



is to be considered a Player.

- 1.33. **Regional Championship** – A Hockey Canada sanctioned play-off (in a series or Tournament format) involving more than one HC Member to declare champions in a Hockey Canada defined region at Divisions and Categories as determined by the Hockey Canada board of directors.
- 1.34. **“Registration” or “Registered”** – refers to the Official acceptance by, the relevant registrar, of an approved Roster, properly completed and signed by the Player, parent or guardian where required. A Registration of a Player is in place for the purpose of G2 from the date of Registration until:
 - 1.34.1 11:59pm on the Sunday following Labour Day Monday in the case of Players at Divisions that have must have fall evaluations or tryouts. Players that due to residency regulations are required to tryout in their Home Centre, if they choose to participate in skills session, must do so in their Home Centre and this will not be considered tampering;
 - 1.34.2 11:59pm on the Sunday of the OHF Championships for Players in Divisions that have tryouts the first Monday following the OHF Championships; or
 - 1.34.3 the Player is properly released in accordance with OHF Regulations.
- 1.35. **Registered Participant** – has the meaning assigned in Regulation 2.1
- 1.36. **Release** – The unconditional Release of a Player from a Team authorized by the Official signing officers of that Team/Association/Club. The HC Member or Member has the right, at its discretion, to place conditions on a Release as per Hockey Canada regulations.
- 1.37. **Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club:** The AAA program that you are eligible to based on the place of the Player’s Home Centre.
- 1.38. **Roster** – means the list of active Players Registered by a Team on the HCR, excluding any Affiliate Players.
- 1.39. **Sanctioned Activity** – Activity approved by a Member, HC Member, Hockey Canada or IIHF.
- 1.40. **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 Division in a recognized (sanc-



tioned) schedule of House League programming. Select Hockey Players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise indicated by the Member.

- 1.41. **Spring Hockey** – Member Sanctioned non-traditional hockey programs (e.g. 3 on 3, 4 on 4, skills clinics etc.) operated by Minor Hockey Associations or the Member beginning any time after the conclusion of the OHF Championships and completing no later than June 30.
- 1.42. **Supplemental Discipline** – Penalties imposed to Registered Participants in addition to minimum requirements in accordance with the powers vested in the OHF and its Members, either through a separate investigation and/or hearing.
- 1.43. **Suspension** – The loss of an individual's right to participate in Sanctioned Activities of Hockey Canada, OHF or Member.
- 1.44. **Streaming – the process of providing inequitable opportunities in regard to skill development, frequency of participation, and level of participation based on individuals' skill levels rather than their desires.**
- 1.45. **Tiering – the process of placing like skilled players with like skilled players to provide meaningful competition.**
- 1.46. **Suspended Game** – A scheduled game that is interrupted due to an act of God or other reasons as determined by a Member.
- 1.47. **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 U13 AA and below) who are qualified in a Division and Category under the OHF or Member Regulations up to the maximum number provided by Hockey Canada Regulations.
- 1.48. **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.
- 1.49. **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 HC Member or National Championships when played in a Tournament format are not considered Tournament games for Affiliation).
- 1.50. **Tryout** – A Sanctioned Activity of a Team for the purpose of Player



evaluation and Team selection.

- 1.51. **Volunteer** – An individual who provides services, on behalf of or at the discretion of a Registered Participant in relation to the Registered Participant's operations, without receiving monetary compensation for such services.
- 1.52. **BNQ** – Bureau de Normalization de Quebec
- 1.53. **CBET** – Competency Based Educational Training
- 1.54. **CCAA** – Canadian College Athletic Association
- 1.55. **CIS** – Canadian Inter-University Sport
- 1.56. **CSA** – Canadian Standards Association
- 1.57. **HCIP** – Hockey Canada Initiation Program
- 1.58. **HCOP** – Hockey Canada Officiating Program
- 1.59. **HTCP** – Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
- 1.60. **NCAA** – National Collegiate Athletic Association
- 1.61. **NCCP** – National Coach Certification Program
- 1.62. **NCMP** – National Coach Mentorship Program

REGULATION 2: REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1. Any person, Club, Team, Association, league, Sports School, Residential School or similar entity Registered with the OHF or any of its Members, or any person affiliated with or associated with, in any capacity whatsoever, any Club, Team, league, Sports School, Residential School or similar entity participating in game or activities of any kind sponsored or organized by the OHF or any of its Members, including but not limited to the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged participant Registered in OHF programming, shall not have membership status within the OHF but, rather shall be referred to throughout these By-Laws as a "Registered Participant".
- 2.2. Participation in OHF programming is voluntary. Registration within programming offered by the OHF or one of its Members entails acceptance by the Registered Participant, including the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged registrant of the final and binding authority of rules and decisions of the Board, adherence to and observance of the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of Hockey Canada and the OHF and acceptance and subscription



to such insurance coverage and Registered Participant registration fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board.

REGULATION 3: RECOURSE TO THE COURTS

- 3.1. Any recourse to the Courts of any jurisdiction by any Registered Participant, before all rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the By-Laws of the OHF have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be a violation and breach of the By-Laws of the OHF. This violation and breach shall result in the automatic indefinite Suspension of such Registered Participant from OHF activities and games.
- 3.2. Any Registered Participant 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
- 3.3. Until full legal costs are paid by the Registered Participant under Regulation 3.2, at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, the right to participate in the OHF will be suspended.
- 3.4. Any Registered Participant 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 ability to participate with the OHF.

REGULATION 4: REGISTRATION FEES

- 4.1. Each Player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member in the OHF shall register with the OHF.
- 4.2. Each Team in the OHF which may be competing outside the jurisdiction of their Member (including Inter-Member competition, regional, OHF, 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 the list shall be submitted by November 1 of the current year).
- 4.3. Failure to comply with Regulation 4.2 may result in the Players on that Team automatically being deemed ineligible for further competition, pending further action by the Board.
- 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 OHF under Regulation 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 Members 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 of the OHF without having first registered with the OHF and paid the registration fee.

REGULATION 5: FINANCIAL

5.1. The OHF Shall Derive Its Income From:

- 5.1.1 annual registration fees from each Player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member in the OHF;
- 5.1.2 fees from any associate organizations which may be admitted to the OHF by the Board in accordance with Regulation 8;
- 5.1.3 fees payable for the hearing of appeals in accordance with Regulation 6; and,
- 5.1.4 funds received from any source approved by the Board of the OHF.

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

REGULATION 6: DISPUTE RESOLUTION APPEALS

6.1. Definitions For Regulation 6

- 6.1.1 "Chair or Chairperson" means the Chair of a Panel
- 6.1.2 "Coordinator" means the Coordinator of the Appeals Committee
- 6.1.3 "Vice-Coordinator" means a person appointed by the Board who shall carry out any or all of the Coordinator's duties in



the absence of the Coordinator or when requested by him.

6.1.4 "Panel" means a duly constituted Panel of the Appeals Committee

6.1.5 "Party" means the Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s) named in the application, and any Association directly affected by the issue in dispute

6.2. The Appeals Committee shall hear Appeals and make recommendations and decisions in strict accordance with the powers conferred on it in this Regulation 6 and in compliance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies adopted or passed by the Board.

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

6.3.1 advise the party that certain rights are available to them under Regulation 6;

6.3.2 provide the party with a copy of Regulation 6; and

6.3.3 upon request, provide the party with an OHF Appeal Application Form.

6.4. Composition

6.4.1 The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, and not more than thirty-five (35) other persons. The Board shall appoint people to hold positions as Appeal Committee members. The Board may request suggested names from Members. Appointments to the Appeals Committee will be ratified by the Board on an annual basis.

6.4.2 The Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by a Director and appointed by a majority vote of the Board. They shall have had no membership, executive status or interest in any of the Members, 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 the Coordinator, 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.

6.4.3 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.

6.4.4 Subject to Regulation 6.7.6 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.

6.4.5 Should a person appointed to the Appeals Committee have or have had any position or active role in a Member, 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 has an interest.

6.5. Appeal Jurisdiction

6.5.1 The Appeals Committee shall determine all matters designated in Regulation 6.9 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to Regulation 6.5.4.

6.5.2 A person, Team, league or Association who is aggrieved by a final decision of the OHF Chair of the Board (made under By-Law II – Article 18.7) or a Member 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, 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; or
- (c) the party making the decision did not have the authority or jurisdiction to make the decision.

6.5.3 The following decisions made by Member, 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 as to the outcome of any game or games;
- (b) any decision relating to the classification of Teams



within the jurisdiction of a Member;

- (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 Supplemental Discipline is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension, and the total Suspension is beyond six (6) games, the games in the Supplemental Discipline are appealable.

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

6.5.5 The Board 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 directs. 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 Members.

6.6. Application Procedure

6.6.1 An Appeal shall be submitted via personal service, courier or email from the Appellant to the OHF Office no later than seven (7) days, or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holiday, from the date the decision sought to be appealed was sent to the appellant by the Member.

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

- (a) Contain a completed application form;
- (b) be signed by the appellant. An application submitted on behalf of an Association/Club/Team must be signed by at least one of the signing officers of the relevant Association/Club/Team;
- (c) be specific, describe the decision being Appealed



and cite the specific paragraph under Regulation 6.5.2 that applies to the Appeal;

- (d) be concise and contain, in numbered paragraphs, the grounds for Appeal (including how the Appeal qualifies under the relevant paragraph under Regulation 6.5.2) and the facts supporting the Appeal. Pertinent documents, if any from the original Appeal, must be attached (see Regulation 6.8); and
- (e) be accompanied by an Appeal Application fee of \$300.00 in cash, money order or by cheque made payable to the Ontario Hockey Federation. If submission is by email it must have a copy of payment including courier tracking number with payment arriving no later than two business days following submission deadline.

6.6.3 Upon receipt of an OHF Appeal Application Form, the OHF shall forward a copy to the party which rendered the decision. That party must supply to the OHF Office within seven (7) days or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holiday:

- (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,
 - iii. a list of witnesses who gave evidence in the Appeal hearing/special meeting;
 - iv. a Fact Finder's Report, if one was considered; and
 - v. 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.
 - vi. all contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) must be provided to the OHF at the time of the appeal submission.

6.6.4 The timelines in Regulation 6.6.3 may be extended upon



request of the party to the OHF Executive Director between June 15 and August 15.

- 6.6.5 Failing a submission from the party in accordance with Regulation 6.6.3 and 6.6.4, the appellants submission will be reviewed by the OHF Appeals Coordinator on its own merits.
- 6.6.6 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.
- 6.6.7 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 Regulation 6.5.2. The parties shall be notified of that determination forthwith.
- 6.6.8 Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed Appeal does not qualify for an appeal hearing, the Appeal Application Fee will not 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.
- 6.6.9 Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed appeal qualifies for an Appeal hearing they 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 Regulation 6.6.9 (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 Regulation 6.6.3.

6.6.10 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.

6.7. Appeal Hearing Procedure

6.7.1 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 By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and relevant Member.

6.7.2 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.

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

6.7.4 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.

6.7.5 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.

6.7.6 Although, pursuant to Regulation 6.4.4, 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.

6.7.7 If Regulation 6.7.6 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.

6.7.8 The Chair may add any person or Association as a party to the Appeal hearing that they determine 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.



6.8. Evidence

6.8.1 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.

6.9. Enforcement

6.9.1 Each Member 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.

6.9.2 Where the Board concludes 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.

6.10. Decision

6.10.1 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. If the decision involves two



Members 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. If the decision involves two Members 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 their 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.

6.10.2 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.

6.10.3 If the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator concludes any decision of a Panel is not in adherence with Regulation 6.10.1, the Coordinator or Vice Coordinator in consultation with the Board shall return the matter to the Panel with appropriate directions, so that it can render a decision in adherence with Regulation 6.10.1.

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

6.10.5 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.

6.10.6 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 applied to the case;
- (d) reasons for the awarding or denial of costs pursuant to Regulation 6.9.2 (b).

6.10.7 Notwithstanding Regulation 6.10.4, 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.

6.10.8 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 6.10.7, 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.

6.10.9 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.

6.10.10 Notwithstanding Regulation 6.10.9, in extreme cases the Chair of the Board 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, 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 they participated in the Appeal, their place will be taken by the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Past President.

6.10.11 No person shall sit on a Panel who is the brother, broth-



er-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.

- 6.10.12 Where an issue that is not expressly covered by the provisions of Regulation 6 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 By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of a Member, OHF or of Hockey Canada.

REGULATION 7: DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGISTRATION

7.1. Purpose

- 7.1.1 The Registration Committee shall be the mechanism that shall deal specifically with all matters of Registration or eligibility involving two or more Members of the OHF.

7.2. Composition

- 7.2.1 The Registration Committee shall consist of a Chair, being an Officer appointed by the Chair of the Board, and four (4) other members, appointed from time to time by the Chair of the Board as follows. Each Member shall propose the names of two (2) of its Directors who will be eligible to sit on the Registration Committee from time to time. From those names the Chair of the Board 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 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.

- 7.2.2 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 Chair of the Board.

7.3. Application Procedures

7.3.1 Minor Hockey Player Transfers

- (a) A Player whose Minor Hockey Player transfer form has been denied by a Minor Hockey Member may



appeal that decision to the Registration Committee within seven (7) days, by submitting to the OHF Office a completed 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".

- (b) 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.
- (c) The application shall be forwarded by the OHF to the office of the Member who rejected the Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form. This Member will provide the documentation it considered, its original denial and a response on any new material within two (2) business days.
- (d) Failure to provide such response within the two (2) business 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. Failure to remit the fine within thirty (30) days shall result in removal of that Member's voting privileges at Members' Meetings, until the outstanding fine is paid.
- (e) The applicant will be provided two (2) business days after the Member response was e-mailed, faxed or couriered to them by the OHF to rebut any new material submitted by the Member, without the addition of any new facts or arguments.

7.3.2 Tampering

- (a) If tampering is alleged between Associations / Clubs in two Members, 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, refer to Regulation G6.
- (b) The filing shall include all necessary supporting documentation, including the Player's previous Registrations, information on residence (if applicable), information or evidence as to residence and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
 - (c) After obtaining the Association / Club contact information from the Members, the OHF shall forward the materials noted above to all parties.
 - (d) The Association / Club shall provide, within seven (7) working days, a response including the Player's Registration, documentation validating eligibility, and a statement responding to the tampering allegations.
 - (e) Failure to provide a response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in a finding of tampering (penalties outlined in Regulation G4).

7.3.3 Additional Registration / Eligibility Issues

- (a) A completed Registration Committee Application Form and fee shall be forwarded to the OHF office through the appropriate OHF Member. Any direct applications to the OHF Office will be referred to the appropriate Member.
- (b) The Application Form shall be accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation including the Player's previous Registration, information or evidence as to residence (if applicable), information on where the Player is allegedly registered and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
- (c) The Application Form and materials submitted to the OHF shall be forwarded to the applicable Member Office. This Member shall provide its response within seven (7) days, with such documentation considered by it plus any further supporting evidence.
- (d) 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. Failure to remit the fine within thirty (30) days shall result in removal of that Member's voting privileges at Members' Meetings, until the outstanding fine is paid.

7.4. Jurisdiction

- 7.4.1 The appointed Committee shall determine facts and make decisions and / or orders in accordance with the powers conferred on it in Regulation 7.1.1 of the OHF and in compliance with the By-Laws, Regulations and Policies adopted or duly passed by the Board.
- 7.4.2 The Committee will review and determine matters of Minor Hockey Player Transfers solely on paper submissions by both parties.
- 7.4.3 In matters involving tampering allegations, the Committee will conduct a hearing.
- 7.4.4 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.

7.5. Notice

- 7.5.1 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.

7.6. Evidence/Examination

- 7.6.1 Any party to a Registration Committee hearing may:
 - (a) be represented by agent or counsel; and

7.6.2 tender evidence, documentation or oral testimony deemed by the Committee to be relevant, reliable and trustworthy.

7.7. 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.

7.8. Appeal Hearing Procedure

- 7.8.1 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 Chair of the Board.

7.8.2 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.

7.8.3 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.

7.8.4 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.

7.8.5 All written submissions and evidence will be distributed to all parties and the Committee prior to the meeting/hearing.

7.9. Decision/Scope Of Decision/Right Of Appeal

7.9.1 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.

7.9.2 All parties and all OHF Members 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.

7.9.3 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 56.2. 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.



7.9.4 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 Board. The Board shall have ultimate authority over such matters and take necessary action as they see fit.

REGULATION 8: ASSOCIATE GROUPS

8.1. The Board may, in its discretion and subject to such terms and conditions as it sees fit to apply, admit as an Associate any Team, league or organization:

8.1.1 that operates a recognized hockey program that furthers the same objectives as the OHF;

8.1.2 that operates pursuant to principles similar to those of the OHF,

8.1.3 that has in place policies and procedures to address concerns such as Suspensions, abuse/harassment and appeals; and

8.1.4 whose Associate relationship will not create undue risk to the OHF.

8.2. An applicant for Associate will complete and submit an Associate Application Form and supply any additional information or documentation required by the Board. The Board reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to deny Associate relationship to any applicant.

8.3. Except as may be otherwise determined by the Board in any particular case, an Associate is subject to review, and renewal in the discretion of the Board, on an annual basis on a date fixed by the Board.

8.4. The rights and privileges accorded to each Associate will be determined by the Board. Such rights and privileges, including if applicable the Hockey Canada/OHF insurance program, will not apply during any unsanctioned event or competition.

8.5. An Associate will not have voting privileges at any OHF meeting, will not use the OHF Logo without the written consent of the Board and will not enter into or purport to enter into any obligations on behalf of the OHF.

8.6. An Associate will designate one individual to be its Official liaison



with the OHF.

8.7. The fee, if any, to be paid by an Associate shall in each case be determined by the Board.

REGULATION 9: REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

9.1. The Referee-in-Chief will be appointed in even years at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Members for a two (year) term.

9.2. Procedure for Application:

9.2.1 A call for applications will open ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Members.

9.2.2 All applications for Referee-in-Chief must be submitted in writing to the Governance-Nominations Committee no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of Members and include:

- (a) Resume; and
- (b) Criminal Record Check.

9.2.3 The Governance-Nominations Committee will conduct a reference check of all eligible candidates with the Members they have participated with and submit up to three eligible candidates to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members.

9.2.4 The Board of Directors will conduct an interview with each candidate submitted to them by the Governance-Nominations Committee.

9.2.5 The Board of Directors will review all relevant information submitted to it by the Governance-Nominations Committee and relevant information from the interview to determine the individual that they will appoint. The appointment will require a majority vote of the Directors present subject to quorum.

9.2.6 If there are no applicants for the Referee in Chief, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members, the Board will approach an individual that has the requirements to be appointed.

9.3. Eligibility for the position of Referee-in-Chief:



- 9.3.1 Any individual that has the requirements outlined in the job description set by the Board from time to time is eligible to stand for appointment.
- 9.3.2 The Referee-In-Chief cannot be an employee or Director of the OHF or an employee or director of a Member or member of a Member.
- 9.3.3 The Referee-In-Chief can be a Life Member of a Member or a member of a Member but cannot participate (i.e. vote, attend meeting or consult) with the Member or member of a Member.
- 9.3.4 The Referee-In-Chief must not be the Referee-in-Chief or equivalent of a Member or member of a Member for the seasons in which they are seeking election.
- 9.3.5 The Referee-In-Chief appointed that holds a current position as set out in 9.3.2, 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 must resign that involvement within fifteen (15) days.

REGULATION 10: LIFE PATRON

10.1. Qualifications For Nominations

- 10.1.1 Life Patron may be granted to an individual who has served a minimum of ten (10) years on the Board(s) of the OHF and/or one or more of its Members, 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.

10.2. Nominations Of Candidates

- 10.2.1 In November of each year a Life Patron Bulletin will be sent to the Board advising them that nominations for election to the Life Patron are open until 60 (sixty) days prior to the next Semi-Annual Meeting of Members.
- 10.2.2 A nomination for Life Patron may be submitted only by a Director of the OHF.
- 10.2.3 Each candidate must be endorsed by three (3) Members.
- 10.2.4 Once a Member endorses a nomination, that same Member may not endorse any other nomination.



Accordingly a maximum of two (2) individuals may be nominated in any year.

10.2.5 A completed Life Patron Nomination Form together with endorsements must be filed with the Executive Director sixty (60) days prior to the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.

10.2.6 The file for each nomination shall not be retained for subsequent selections.

10.3. Election Of Life Patrons

10.3.1 The vote for Life Patron shall be conducted at the Semi Annual Meeting of Members by secret ballot. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with By-Law III – Article 9.1.

10.3.2 For Life Patron to be granted, a minimum 75% of the eligible votes cast and not spoiled must be in favour of the nomination.

10.3.3 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.



Playing Regulations



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INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENTS & CAMPS

YOUTH TOURNAMENTS

MONTREAL, QC

November 11 - 13
December 2 - 4
January 13 - 15
February 17 - 19
March 3 - 5

LAKE PLACID, NY

October 14 - 16
December 9 - 11
January 27 - 29
February 17 - 19

QUEBEC CITY, QC

January 20 - 22

BURLINGTON, VT

November 25 - 27

BANFF, AB

October 28 - 30
February 3 - 5
February 17 - 19

GATINEAU / OTTAWA

December 9 - 11

*Sanctioned Tournaments from U9 to U18 Teams
AAA, AA, A, B, Town & Select Teams*

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TOURNAMENTS

**Boys, Girls & Adult
Beginners to Advanced**

Peterborough, ON

- AAA/AA Programs
- Snipers Program
- Power Skating Program
- House League Program
- Just For Girls Program
- Goalie Program

Lake Placid, NY

- Adult Hockey Camp



**Recreational Men's &
Women's Tournaments
Separate Age & Skill
Divisions**

- Ottawa, ON
 - Niagara Falls, ON
 - Lake Placid, NY
 - Montreal, QC
 - Quebec City, QC
 - Mont Tremblant, QC
 - Phoenix, AZ
 - Nashville, TN
 - St. John's, NL
 - Las Vegas, NV
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**PLAYING REGULATIONS ADAPTED FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON****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.
- A2 The Board must approve playing rules of Members annually.
- A3 All games under the jurisdiction of the OHF shall be officiated by individuals who are Registered with a Member for the current season consistent with Member officiating requirements.
- A4 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 Team Official to be eligible to take part in such a game.
- A5 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 D12 and L5 for number of Registered Players, subject to OHF Playing Regulations C8, C9 and C10.
- A6 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 10.14d), 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 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 10.14c, 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 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 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 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 statistics 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 President or designate.

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

- A7 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 applications of either (a) or (b) shall be at the discretion of the Member who has sanctioned the game or in the case of OHF playoff competition, the OHF Chair of the Board.
 - (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.
- A8 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.
- A9 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 Goaltenders, 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 must be attached to the face-mask or helmet. It is recommended, in all classifications, that the mouthpiece be form 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 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.

A10 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 President or designate.

A11 OHF Championships

- (a) The OHF Championships of each Category shall be contested annually and decided by a series of games as approved by the Board in the following Divisions and Categories:



| MINOR HOCKEY | |
|---------------------|---------------|
| U13 A | U13 AA |
| U15 A | U15 AA |
| U18 A | U18 AA |
| U21 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.
- (c) Hosting of OHF Championships will be determined through a rotation process approved by the Board. Members scheduled to host an OHF Championship must confirm their intent to host by the OHF AGM, or earlier of the preceding year. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after this date may result in penalties against the offending Member.
- (d) Any Member failing to have declared its participant in an OHF Championship less than seven (7) days prior to the first date of an OHF Championship (or other date as established by the Board) shall be fined the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) Members shall advise the OHF in writing by October 1st of the current season of their intent to participate at approved OHF Championship(s). Withdrawal after this date will result in a fine of \$1,000 to the offending Member.
- (f) Minor Hockey OHF Championships will be conducted the weekend of the fourth Saturday in April for the 2022-2023 season.
- (g) The Board, through the recommendations of Minor Committee, will establish Rules and Regulations for all OHF 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 J and Member Tournament and sanctioning regulations or policies.

- B2 Tournaments approved by a Member cannot be operated within the jurisdiction of another Member without the written approval of that Member.
- B3 A Member 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 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.
- 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 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 Suspension Regulations. The Member with whom the Player is Registered may not 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 K and applicable Member regulations and policies. This information is available through Member offices. Any competition by OHF Teams that is conducted in violation of the above noted regulations may result in penalties against the Registered Participant as deemed appropriate.



Exhibition Games

- B8 No Team or Player shall be permitted to play exhibition games or Inter-Member games of any kind without the permission of the OHF through the appropriate Member. 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 D and regulations and policies of Members.
- C2 No new Club/Association can be formed after October 1st of the current season.
- C3 Any Team that may compete in an OHF, Regional or National Championship Competition must register all Players on an approved Roster form verified by the Member Executive Director. All Teams from which Players Affiliate to a Team competing in OHF, Regional or National Championships also must register all Players on an approved Roster form verified by the Member Executive Director.
- C4 Recognized Divisions & Categories:

| Division | Recognized Categories <i>(in order from highest Category to lowest)</i> | Age Limits |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Senior | AAA, AA, A | Open |
| Junior** | Major, A, B, C | Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U21** | AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League | Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U18 | AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League | Under 18 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |



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| U15 | AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League | Under 15 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U13 | AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League | Under 13 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U11 | AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League | Under 11 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U9 | House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway | Under 9 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |
| U7 (Initiation) | House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U7 Player Pathway | Under 8 years of age as of December 31st of the current season |

**Please refer to Playing Regulation E16 for U21 Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

- C5 In Male Divisions of Minor hockey, a Member may subdivide a Division based on age, whereby the name of the first year of a Division is prefaced by the word "Minor". Each of these two sub-divisions shall be considered a Division.
- C6 Categorization of Teams is within the sole jurisdiction of the Member with whom the Team is a Registered Participant.
- C7 All Teams will be required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) Players Registered in order to be eligible for competition. Members have the authority to permit a lower number of Registered Players at their discretion.
- C8 Teams will be permitted the number of Player Registrations as indicated below. Members have the authority to permit a lower number of Registrations than indicated at their discretion:



| Senior Male Junior Male | Maximum of forty-five (45) registrants |
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| Senior Female Junior Female U21 U21 Female U18 U18 Female | Maximum of twenty-five (25) registrants |
| U15 U15 Female U13 U13 Female U11 U11 Female U9 U9 Female | Maximum of twenty (20) registrants |
| U7 (Initiation) | Unlimited |

- C9 Notwithstanding C8, 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 U21 Male Teams;
 - (b) Twenty (20) in the case of the highest level of male and female U18 hockey.
 - (c) Nineteen (19) eligible Players in the case of Minor Male (excluding U21) and Minor Female Teams.
- C10 Minor Hockey Teams will be permitted to use up to (19) Players for a sanctioned game, with the exception of U21 Teams in games within the OHF and Teams at the highest level of male and female U18 hockey, all of which will be permitted to use up to (20).
- C11 For the following Divisions and Categories, a Goaltender must be identified and Registered as such on their Registration: all



U21, U18, U16, U15, U14, for AAA, AA, A and for U13 AAA. Players Registered as Goaltenders will not be permitted to play any other position.

REGULATION D: AFFILIATION

PURPOSE: To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with Regulation C9.

General Affiliation Procedures

- D1 Teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select:
- (a) in Male Senior AAA, ten (10) Affiliate Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliate Players, at least one (1) Affiliate Player must be a Goaltender; and
 - (b) in all other Categories, nineteen (19) Affiliate Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliate Players, at least two (2) Affiliate Players must be Goaltenders.
- D2 Teams may only select Affiliate Players from a lower Division or Category Team(s) operating in the Geographic Subdivision in which the selecting Team operates, and all such Players and Team(s) must be properly Registered in the HCR with the Member.
- D3 An Affiliate Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until the Player's Registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliate Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by that Member Executive Director, before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with that Member Executive Director.
- D4 Once a Player's Registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliate Player, the Player's name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliate Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
- (a) the Team with which the Player Registered Releases the Player on or before January 10; or



- (b) the Team that holds the Player's playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
- D5 No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliate Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.
- D6 A Player must have the approval of the Player's registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:
- (a) be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
 - (b) participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.
- D7 Affiliate Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the Official Game Report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name.
- D8 Teams from different Divisions and/or Categories competing within the same League are not permitted to Affiliate between themselves.
- D9 Notwithstanding Hockey Canada Regulation F8, in a Senior League which consists of Teams registered Senior AAA, Senior AA and/or Senior, a higher Category Team participating in that League may Affiliate Players from a lower Category Team participating in that League, but such higher Category Team may not dress such an Affiliate Player while such higher Category Team is still in League competition.
- D10 All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.
- D11 Geographic Subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation shall be determined by the appropriate Member and filed with the OHF on an annual basis.
- D12 For Tournaments and OHF Championship competition, Teams must have a copy of the approved Roster verified by the Member Executive Director for all Players listed on the game report as Affiliate Players in order for the Players to be eligible to participate.

Limitations On Affiliation

- D13 Refer to Hockey Canada Regulations F11-13.



Affiliation Between Minor To Junior And Junior To Junior

D14 A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be selected as an Affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season:

- (a) a Major Junior Team;
- (b) Junior A Team; and
- (c) Junior B Team.

Number Of Games A Player May Play In Higher Divisions Or Categories

D15 Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:

- (a) For Junior hockey and Regional and National Championship eligible Teams, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team;
- (b) For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play as an Affiliate Player.
- (c) Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in Regulation D15(a).
- (d) Any Player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / Canada Winter Games / World Junior A Challenge will not count against the limit of games per Team.

D16 If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team or Teams, the Player may thereafter Affiliate an unlimited number of times on the following terms:

- (a) No new Registration is required or shall be issued for Affiliate Players, and such Players are not numbered among such higher Division/Category Teams Registered Players.
- (b) Affiliate Players remain Registered Participants of their lower Division/Category Team.

D17 Affiliation of first year eligible U16 Players (fifteen (15) year olds)



to Major Junior and Junior A and Junior B hockey Teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:

- (a) A Player may 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. A Player may not Affiliate to both a Junior A and a Junior B Team.
- (b) A Team may Affiliate no more than five (5) Players for up to a maximum of five (5) games each during the Season.
- (c) A Player shall NOT participate as an Affiliate, except under emergency conditions, when the Player's registered Team is playing or when the Player has semester exams at school.
- (d) When the Player's registered Team is finished its Season, the Player may Affiliate an unlimited number of games with his Affiliate Team or Teams for the balance of the Season.
- (e) The Affiliate Team may only have one (1) fifteen (15) year old Affiliate Player in its line-up per game.
- (f) Any Player affiliation occurring as a result of the National Junior/Under 17/Canada Winter Games/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the five (5) game total per Team.

REGULATION E: PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

- E1 A Player must be a Registered Participant of a Member in order to be eligible for competition.
- E2 The specific mandatory fields of information required to be part of all real time electronic submissions made to the HCR are:
 - (a) Last Name
 - (b) First Name
 - (c) Date of Birth
 - (d) Address
 - (e) Street address or PO Box
 - (f) City/town
 - (g) Postal Code
 - (h) E-mail address
 - (i) Team Name



- (j) Team Division (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, Junior, U21, Senior, Adult Recreational)
 - (k) Team Category (AAA, AA, A, B, C, 1, 2, 3 etc.)
 - (l) Role on Team/MHA (Player, Goaltender, Coach, Bench Staff, Safety, or Official)
 - (m) Official (Referee, Linesmen and certification, Season of qualification and criminal record check)
 - (n) Coach (level of Coach certification, Season of qualification and criminal record check)
 - (o) Safety Personnel (level, expiry date and criminal record check)
 - (p) Registration Date
 - (q) Name of Association
 - (r) Affiliate Status
 - (s) Import Status
 - (t) Tryout Status
 - (u) Release Status and Release Date
 - (v) Active Season (i.e. 2017-2018, 2018-2019)
- E3 Ontario Hockey Federation assures the Members 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 shall at all times retain ownership and control of any and all 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(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(s) for each use.
- E4 A Player may not be Registered with a second hockey Team in the same season except:
- (a) where the Player is released from their first Registration in accordance with the Regulations; or
 - (b) where permission is specifically provided in Regulation or Policy of the OHF or its Members. Any Regulation or Policy may not circumvent Hockey Canada regulation M3.



Violation for Registration with a second hockey Team where not provided for 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 for which they are eligible.
- E6 Every Player applying for the first time for Registration shall submit proof of age satisfactory to the Member.
- E7 Every Team shall be responsible for 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 OHF Championships, Provincial or National play-downs.
- E9 Any Player who is a Registered Participant of the OHF and who has been proven guilty by the Player's Member, the OHF or Hockey Canada of having:
- (a) falsified a AAA Waiver;
 - (b) falsified a birth certificate;
 - (c) falsified a Registration;
 - (d) falsified any other registration document;
 - (e) forged any of the foregoing;
 - (f) played under, other than their 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 the Player's Suspension. (Hockey Canada regulation O3, 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 Playing Regulation E9, shall be automati-



- cally 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 O3)
- E11 The Registration Committee deals with complaints under Playing Regulation E9 when two (2) or more Members are involved.
- E12 Special Assistance to Teams shall be in compliance with Hockey Canada regulation E25(b) and Member regulations.
- E13 Players competing with CCAA, U SPORTS 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.

Eligibility – Minor Hockey

Registration

- E15 A Minor Hockey Player returning from a Junior Hockey Tryout at U18 AAA must Tryout within their Member unless already provided a Release in accordance with Playing Regulation K4 and K5. At all other levels the Player must return to their Home Centre.
- E16 U21 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 Division. Players Registered in excess of the six (6) Players allowed will be Released from the Teams' Roster based on the reverse date of the Registration being validated. For example, if a Team has seven (7) Players in their last year of eligibility, the Player whose Registration was Registered last will be rejected.

Residential Requirements

- E17 Residential qualifications of the Hockey Canada regulations C1-6, shall be strictly enforced. In addition, regulations of the Minor Hockey Members shall also determine eligibility for those respective Minor Hockey programs.
- E18 Residency is where a Player and their parents habitually reside and is presumed to be where the Player was legitimately



Registered 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 they reside or if unable to Tryout, make themselves 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 to whose jurisdiction the Player is moving or by the OHF in the case where a Player is moving with parents from one Member'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 their current Team for that season only, if the travel distance is deemed as reasonable;
 - (b) play with a Team for which the Player is eligible by reason of their new residence; or
 - (c) seek written permission from their 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 their parents as defined in Hockey Canada regulation C4, shall be determined by either the Member 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 regulations where age, residence, Import status and Release requirement restrictions may exist.
- E27 Junior Teams are eligible to sign U18 aged hockey Players according to Hockey Canada regulation D18.
- E28 In order to register Players for Junior Hockey Released by Minor Hockey Associations, the Release must be authorized by the official signing officers of the Player's Home Centre (or previous organization) and their AAA Zone (where applicable).
- E29 Once a Player is Registered with a Junior Team, a Player remains a member of that Team until they are properly Released, as per OHF Playing Regulations E48-52.

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 Members.

AAA Waivers for U13, U15 and U16 (E31-E43)

- E31 A Player requiring a written Release to change Clubs at U13, U15 and U16 who is in compliance with Residential qualifications and OHF Playing 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) Personal service made to Player/parent within seven (7) days after the commencement of AAA Tryouts, verified by email to the Member in twelve (12) hours. If required, verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery that the delivery was made to the Player/



parent within seven (7) 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 U18 AAA Hockey Regulation K applies.

E32 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 Registrations allowed by Hockey Canada or the number allowed by the Member.

E33 A Player who is offered a Player Registration in accordance with E31 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 E31 a), the date of personal delivery.

E34 Any AAA Club that makes an offer to a Player pursuant to E31 must, within twelve (12) hours of making the offer, send its regional executive member or Member office a fax or e-mail containing details of the offer: Player's name and address, and when and how the offer was made.

E35 An unaccepted offer may be withdrawn by the Club only during the fourteen (14) day period set out in E33. 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. The Player is, however eligible for a Release and AAA Waiver if granted by the Member.

E36 A Player who has accepted an offer and is Released by the Club is automatically entitled to a AAA Waiver.

E37 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 Registrations for each such Player.

E38 If a Club does not comply with Playing 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 their residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be Released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full Division, up to and including U13. Players trying out at the U14 level and above will have the option to remain with their previously registered AAA Club/Zone or return to their home AAA Club/Zone to tryout.

- E39 A Player on a AAA Waiver may Tryout with their residential Home Centre at AA or below and not forfeit the Major year(s) of their AAA Waiver pursuant to E40.
- E40 A Player must provide a signed AAA Waiver to be permitted to attend a try-out with an adjacent AAA Club.
- E41 A Player who has Registered with a Team for the season is not eligible for a AAA Waiver unless the Team they signed with provides permission to obtain a AAA Waiver.
- E42 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 Playing Regulations E31 – E41. Having otherwise adhered to those Regulations, a Player wishing to try-out with a nonadjacent AAA Club must receive a AAA Waiver from their residential AAA Club and all AAA Clubs/Zones adjacent to their 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 Playing Regulations E31 – E39.
- E43 Any Player who is not offered a Player Registration by, or has been Released from, their AAA Zone/Centre, must declare their availability in writing to their Home Centre, and the adjacent Zones/Centres, within seven (7) days. Their Home Centre or any of the adjacent Zones/Centres shall then have fourteen (14) days from its receipt of their declaration to offer a Player Registration. If the Player has made their declarations as above and no Registration is offered the Zone/Centre must provide them a AAA Waiver. If the Zone/Centre does not provide the AAA Waiver, the Player may obtain it from their Member.
- E44 A Player attending Junior hockey try-outs must follow OHF Playing Regulation G5.



Player Movement

- E45 Within Junior and Senior hockey, Player movement will be governed by Player Release requirements as noted in OHF Playing Regulations E45-E52 and E54, as well as Member Regulations relating to Player movement.
- E46 Junior and Senior Teams in the OHF are required to provide active Players lists as noted in E47. 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.
- E47 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.

Player Releases

- E48 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.
- E49 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.
- E50 Any Player Released after January 10 of the current season is ineligible to register with any other Team in the current season.
- E51 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 their parents and the parents change their place of residence and the Player continues to reside with their 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 their employer and continues to be employed by the same employer (Hockey



Canada Regulation G9 (e).

- (d) When a Player becomes overage for the Division in which they were last Registered, and there is in the community in which they reside or last Registered, no Team in the same Club in a higher Division in which they are qualified.
- (e) When a Player is a member of a Team that disbands (Hockey Canada Regulation G9 (h)).
- (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.

E52 Please refer to Hockey Canada Regulation G9 for further information and other allowable conditions.

Minor Hockey

E53 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 or by the OHF through appeal or other mechanisms available.

Junior and Senior Hockey

E54 No Player Registered with a Junior Hockey Team that is of 2nd year U18 age or below will be permitted to be Released to Minor Hockey after December 1 of the current season.

Player Transfers

E55 Minor Hockey Transfer (Residential Moves) within the OHF.

- (a) OHF Players who have changed habitual residence, with their parents or guardian, and as a result of that move have changed Minor Members, are required to complete an OHF Residential Move Transfer.
- (b) Players are required to gain approval, through the



- Residential Move Transfer process, from their outgoing Minor Member prior to registering with a new association.
- (c) The OHF Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form (For Residential Moves) (“Transfer Form”) must be completed in full and submitted with the following three mandatory supporting documents:
- i. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement OR Lease Agreement for the new residence
 - ii. Proof of home OR tenant insurance for the new address
 - iii. A copy of the Player’s student index card from their school. If their school does not provide a student index card, an official letter of attendance (from the school office or principal) or a report card may be accepted.
- (d) At the discretion of the Minor Member registrar, documents including, but not limited to the following, may also be requested as supporting documents:
- i. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement OR Lease Agreement for the former residence
 - ii. An utility bill or cable/internet bill, showing service address. (Note – cell phone bills or bank statements will not be accepted.)
 - iii. A copy of the parent(s)/guardian(s) driver’s licence
 - iv. A copy of vehicle insurance
 - v. A copy of vehicle registration
 - vi. As required, a copy of a separation agreement or divorce decree, which is used to establish ‘usual residence’ of the player as per Hockey Canada Regulation C3 (b).
- (e) The outgoing Minor Member shall, upon receipt of the completed outgoing application form and supporting documents, have seven (7) days to either approve or deny the transfer, or request further documents. In the case of denial, the reasons therefore must be stated in writing and be in accordance with the OHF Regulations and Playing 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) If approved, the outgoing Minor Member will notify the incoming Minor Member of the approval, by emailing the signed Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form to the incoming Member.
- (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 incoming Minor Member 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 Playing Regulations E9 and E10.
- (j) In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, and the outgoing or incoming Minor Member subsequently receives new pertinent information regarding the transfer, the outgoing Minor Member 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 incoming Minor Member 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 Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (k) 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 they played hockey the previous season, the outgoing Minor Member, 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 outgoing Minor Member by way of a Transfer Form and



supporting documents. 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 E55 (a), to confirm that a residential move has taken place. These documents must be provided to the outgoing Minor Member by the date of occupancy of the new address. Once these documents are received, and the outgoing Minor Member approves the transfer, the process will be completed. If the applicant is not able to provide confirmation of residential move by the noted date of occupancy, the applicant will be required to return to their previous residential Centre.

Appeals to Registration Committee

- (l) Transfer requests that are denied may be appealed to the Registration Committee within seven (7) days of denial. Should the Registration Committee not receive an appeal application within seven (7) days, the Player's residence will be deemed as their former.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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 Association/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.
- (o) Since the 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.



- (p) The Transfer Form, the original supporting documents, 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 Playing Regulations E9 and E10 will apply, in addition to any penalties that may apply at law for swearing an untrue Statutory Declaration.
- (q) 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 Registration Committee may reconsider its decision and may reverse, amend, or confirm its original decision. The Player, parents and Association/Club are required to report promptly to the incoming Member 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 Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (r) In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, the OHF Registration Committee Chair, through the OHF office, may request updates or checks on residence, by way of up-to-date utility bill, student index card, or similar document. Failure to respond to these requests may result in the same penalties as set forth in Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (s) Applications that are denied by the Registration Committee may be appealed to the National Appeals Committee according to Hockey Canada By-Law 56.2.

E56 All Regulations and Policies of the OHF and the Minor Hockey Members shall be deemed as rules governing such movement of Players.

Inter-Member Player Transfers

E57 Inter-Member Player transfers involve the movement of Players between the OHF and another HC Member. Hockey Canada regulation H governs these transfers.

International (IIHF) Player Transfers

E58 International (IIHF) Player transfers involve the movement of



Players between the OHF and another member Federation of the IIHF. Any Player wishing to transfer between Hockey Canada and another Federation, must follow the transfer procedures specified in Hockey Canada appendix H1 or H2, as applicable.

E59 Player Development Fees:

| New Org. | Previous Org. → | OHL | Jr. A | Jr. B | Jr. C | Minor |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| OHL | | X | \$1500 | \$1500 | \$1500 | \$1000 |
| Jr. A | | \$1500 | X | \$1500 | \$500 | \$750 |
| Jr. B | | \$1500 | \$1250 | X | \$500 | \$500 |
| Jr. C | | \$1500 | \$750 | \$500 | X | \$400 |
| Junior Home Community | | X | X | X | X | \$100 |
| | | (Player in last year U18 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 for upwards Player movement prior to the first regular season game of the Team the Player is Registered with or registering with (i.e. C to B, U18 to A).
- ii. Teams can negotiate a lower development fee only for a Player who has played with the same Minor Association from U10 to their Release year. A Release is automatically granted upon receipt of the negotiated Development fee with signed approval by the previous organization to its Member.
- 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 Members 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 U21 program in the Minor Association/Club for them to play.

- v. Such local sixteen (16) year old Players do not require a AAA Waiver in order to sign with a Junior C Team.
- vi. A Player under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season who played AAA hockey outside their Home Centre is subject to the development fee schedule.
- vii. The Development Fee for a Player in their last year of U18 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, their 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 Playing Regulation G2 and G5. Permission to Skate is to be obtained from the last carded Team.
- ii. U18 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 Teams may only have local sixteen (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 sixteen (16) year old Players from their camps by the following dates



except for those they have signed:

1. OHL Teams must Release sixteen (16) year olds not signed within 48 hours of the start of training camp.
2. Junior A and B Teams must Release sixteen (16) year olds not signed by midnight a week from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.
3. Junior C Teams must Release local sixteen (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 to be eligible to participate in On-Ice Sanctioned Activities and must be recorded on an Official Game Report to be eligible to be on a Team bench. No Team Official shall be Registered unless the individual provides proof of certification pursuant to Hockey Canada's speak out program, Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program and a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Screening.
- F2 A Registered Team Official of any Team before any game will verify by signature the eligible Players and Team Officials and other information as required on the Official Game Report. 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 their Team Officials and Players during the game and while traveling to and from that game. Failure to verify by signature the Official 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 their 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 Playing Regulation A7.
- F4 To be eligible as trainer or assistant trainer on any Team regis-



tered 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: EVALUATION, TIERING, TRYOUTS AND TAMPERING

Note: Divisions are inclusive of Subdivisions (i.e. U15 includes U14)

- 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 for **U15** Division and above
- (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 Championships for Minor Hockey Divisions of **U15** and U18.
 - (b) Except at U18, 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 seven (7) days following the OHF Championships.

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

- (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 Playing Regulation G5.
- (e) Any written permission to Tryout is deemed invalid once a Player is Registered for the current season.



- (f) Written permission to Tryout does not, in any manner, constitute a Player's Release.

G3 Evaluation and Tiering for U7 and U9

- (a) For the Divisions of U7 and U9 there is no evaluation or tiering or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the previous season and inclusive of March until the Monday following Labour Day Monday.
- (b) All Players must have the availability to, a minimum of four (4) skill sessions provided by a Minor Hockey Association or Associations or Member that are not mandatory or for the purpose of evaluation prior to the first tiering opportunity which will occur during the Prep Phase.
- (c) All Players must have at least three (3) evaluation sessions (one skills, one small area games, and one game) prior to tiering of Players.
- (d) The following calendar provides the earliest times for Player evaluations for U7 (Initiation) and U9:



SEPTEMBER – U7 (INITIATION) AND U9

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--|
| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
| Labour Day | Prep Phase May Start | | | | | Prep Phase can Complete |
| Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 | Day 11 | Day 12 | Day 13 |
| Player Evaluation Phase May Start | | | | | | Player Evaluation Phase May End |
| Day 14 | Day 15 | Day 16 | Day 17 | Day 18 | Day 19 | Day 20 |
| Development Phase May Start | | | | | | |
| Day 21 | Day 22 | Day 23 | Day 24 | Day 25 | Day 26 | Day 27 |
| | | | | | | |

G4 Tryouts for U11 and U13 Division

- For the **U11 and U13 Division** there are no tryouts or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the previous season and inclusive of March until the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday. **Players at U12 and below are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of Labour Day for the upcoming season.**
- During the Prep Phase a minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association or Associations or Member to all Players, that are not mandatory and not for the purpose of evaluation prior to the first tryout.
- All Players must have the at least three (3) tryouts (one



skills, one small area games, and one formal game inter-squad or exhibition) prior to any cuts being made. Minor Hockey Associations do not get to retain Players after Day 4 of the tryout process if they do not complete their three (3) tryouts.

- (d) In order to retain a Player requiring a written Release, the Residential Centre/AAA Zone with which the Player is Registered must offer the Player an opportunity to an unused Roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the Player and parent in accordance with Playing Regulation G4(f). A Player who is provided a Registration offer from aTeam and does not accept will not be provided a Release for that Category. A Team at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every Player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws an offer previously made, the Player is Released and the Team will forfeit one (1) Player Registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C8, for each such Player.
- (e) For AA and below hockey outside of the Lake Ontario Region **Regulation D4(d) does not apply.**
- (f) Teams must conduct Tryouts and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:



SEPTEMBER – U11 and U13

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------------|---|---------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
| Labour Day | ^Prep Phase Start | | | AAA Prep Phase Ends | ^*AAA Tryout Phase Start | *AAA - Day 2 |
| Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 | Day 11 | Day 12 | Day 13 |
| *AAA - Day 3 | *AAA - Day 4 **In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day. | ‡AAA - Day 5 | ‡AAA - Day 6 | ‡AAA – Day 7 Tryout Phase Ends | AAA – Development Phase Start | |
| | | | | ^AA & Below Prep Phase End | ***AA Tryout Phase Start | ***AA - Day 2 |
| Day 14 | Day 15 | Day 16 | Day 17 | Day 18 | Day 19 | Day 20 |
| | | | | | | |
| ***AA - Day 3 | ***AA - Day 4 ****In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day. | ‡‡AA - Day 5 | ‡‡AA - Day 6 | ‡‡AA – Day 7 | *****AA Development Phase Start | |
| | | | | | ¥ A & Below Tryout Phase | ¥ A & Below – Day 2 |
| Day 21 | Day 22 | Day 23 | Day 24 | Day 25 | Day 26 | Day 27 |
| | | | | U11 and U13 AAA Tournaments may begin | | |
| | | | | | | |
| ¥ A & Below – Day 3 | ¥ A & Below – Day 4 -In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day. | ¥¥¥ A – Day 5 | ¥¥¥ A – Day 6 | ¥¥¥ A – Day 7 | ¥¥¥¥ - A Development Phase Starts | |
| Day 28 | Day 29 | Day 30 | Day 31 | Day 32 | Day 33 | Day 34 |
| | | | | U11 and U13 AA and below Tournaments may begin | | |



(g) At U11 **and** U13 the following legend applies:

- i. ^ AAA Programs must complete the Prep Phase requirements prior to the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday. Minor Hockey Associations or Clubs at other Categories may start their Prep Phases the Tuesday following Labour Day Monday but will extend until the beginning of their **Player Evaluation** Phase.
- ii. ^ All U11 **and** U13 AAA **player evaluation** must begin on the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday.
- iii. ^ All representative programming in the NOHA may begin their **player evaluations** the Monday following Labour Day Monday.
- iv. * **Player evaluations** open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team, or, Players that have been Released by their residential Team in that Category, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
- v. ** All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulations G4(d) are provided a AAA Waiver or Release (LOR).
- vi. **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
- vii. ^^ The AA and below Prep Phase ends for the programs in the Lake Ontario Region. Other AA and below programs are eligible to extend out Prep Phases depending on their ice availability and start of **Player Evaluation** and Development Phases. Lake Ontario Region AA **player evaluations** begin and A **player evaluations** in the Lake Ontario Region Perimeter.
- viii. *** **Player evaluations** open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team or Players who have been Released by their residential Team in that Category.



- ix. **** All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
- x. †† **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released (LOR only).
- xi. ¥ A and below **Player Evaluations** Phase begins.
- xii. ¥¥ All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
- xiii. ¥¥¥ **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released (LOR only).
- xiv. ¥¥¥¥ A and below Development Phase begins.
- xv. U11 **and** U13 House League hockey will follow the schedule in G3 for U7 (Initiation) and U9.

G5 Development Phase and Tournaments for U15 and above

- (a) **For the Divisions of U15 and above following Labour Day Monday there is a twenty-four (24) day Development Phase where teams may only practice and play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games.**
- (b) **For the Divisions of U15 and above following the twenty-fourth (24th) day Tournaments may begin.**

SEPTEMBER – U15 and above

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|------------|--|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 |
| Labour Day | U15 and above Development Phase Begins | | | | | |
| Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 | Day 11 | Day 12 | Day 13 |



| | | | | | | |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | | |
| Day 14 | Day 15 | Day 16 | Day 17 | Day 18 | Day 19 | Day 20 |
| | | | | | | |
| Day 21 | Day 22 | Day 23 | Day 24 | Day 25 | Day 26 | Day 27 |
| | | | | U15 and above Tournaments may begin. | | |

- G6** Except as between Teams within the same Member which have complied with the Rules and Regulations of that Member, 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.
- G7** For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G2, G3, G4, **G5** and/or **G6**, 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 Player, with any Team in the Club/ Association of the offending Team.
- G8** Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF Regulation 7, 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.

- G9 If a charge under Regulation G2, G3, and/or G4 involves two Registered Participants of the same Member, then the charge shall first be heard in accordance with the hearing procedures of that Member. Any appeal from the final decision of that Member shall be brought to the OHF Appeal Committee, in accordance with OHF Regulation 6.
- G10 If a charge under this regulation involves Teams not from the same Member, then the Registration Committee shall first hear the charge. Any appeal from that decision of the Registration Committee shall be directed to the National Appeals Committee of Hockey Canada in accordance with Hockey Canada by-law 56.2. 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.

REGULATION H: LAKE ONTARIO REGION

- H1 The Lake Ontario Region (LOR) is a Geographic Subdivision, for A and AA hockey from U10 to U18 and for AAA hockey from U10 to U16, that is made up of the following:
- (a) GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan); and
 - (b) the surrounding OMHA Centres including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, and Ajax (each hereinafter referred to as an "OMHA LOR Centre" and these Centres' AAA Zones); and
 - (c) Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation H20).

General Rules For LOR

- H2 Associations/Clubs that wish to add Teams in the LOR at A, AA and AAA above the base of one Team per Category and Division/Sub-Division must apply to their Member by January 31, of the current season for the following season. Approval of all applications will be done by Minor Committee.
- H3 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre from U10 to U13



must Tryout in their Centre/AAA Zone of residence.

- H4 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from U10 to U13 requires a Release from their LOR Centre/AAA Zone of residence at AAA to Tryout at AAA, at AA to Tryout at AA, and at A to Tryout at A with other Teams in the LOR.
- H5 At the conclusion of each season, an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone resident Player from U10 to U13 who has received a Release and has participated with a Team in the LOR outside of their LOR Centre/AAA Zone must return to their LOR Centre/AAA Zone to Tryout.
- H6 A Player in the LOR on a AAA Waiver must comply with the AAA Waiver Playing Regulations E31-E44 for U14 to U16 and G4 for U10 to U13.
- H7 At U14 through to U18 (with the exception of U18 AAA) the LOR is an open Geographic Subdivision. All Players having graduated the U13 Division and above are Released at the conclusion of the OHF Championships.

Tryouts/Registration (Also See OHF Playing Regulation G2, G3 and G4)

- H8 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from U10 to U13 must have a Release from their Centre/AAA Zone to be eligible to Tryout with another Team in the LOR.
- H9 A Player at U10 to U13 must comply with the tryout timelines contained in Regulation G4.**
- H10 At **U14 to U18**, Teams must conduct Tryouts and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:



APRIL – U14-U18

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | OHF Championships | | |
| Day 1 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 |
| AAA - Day 1 | AAA - Day 2 | AAA - Day 3 | AAA - Day 4 | AAA - Day 5 | AAA - Day 6 | AAA - Day 7 |
| Day 8 | Day 9 | Day 10 | Day 11 | Day 12 | Day 13 | Day 14 |
| AA - Day 1 | AA - Day 2 | AA - Day 3 | AA - Day 4 | AA - Day 5 | AA - Day 6 | AA - Day 7 |
| Day 15 | Day 16 | Day 17 | Day 18 | Day 19 | Day 20 | Day 21 |
| A - Day 1 | A - Day 2 | A - Day 3 | A - Day 4 | A - Day 5 | A - Day 6 | A - Day 7 |

- H11 A Player from U14 to U18 (except U18 AAA) will require a Permission to Skate if changing Members. A Permission to Skate can only be withheld for outstanding fees or equipment.
- H12 If a Player has difficulty obtaining the necessary Permission to Skate from their LOR Organization, it can be obtained from the LOR Organization's Member (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.
- H13 Any Player who resides outside the LOR is not eligible to Tryout with any Team in the LOR, as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the LOR. The only exception to this is a Player who has a AAA Waiver Form (in this case, when the Player has complied with the AAA Waiver Regulations for U14, U15 and U16, 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). U10, **U11**, **U12** and **U13** Players must provide a AAA Waiver in accordance with Regulation G4.
- H14 Teams will be required to present to the Member Registrar any required forms for the Player to be eligible with the Player Registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so or provide documentation that contradict the regulations 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 LOR Organization will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which 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 LOR Organization affiliated with the offending Team.

Releases

- H15 For **U10, U11**, U12 and U13, in order to retain a Player requiring a written Release, the OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone with which the Player is Registered must offer the Player an opportunity to an unused Roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the Player and parent in accordance with Playing Regulation **G4**. A Player at **U10, U11**, U12 and U13 who is provided a Registration offer from a Team and does not accept will not be provided a Release for that Category. An LOR Organization at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every Player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws an offer previously made, the Player is Released and the Team will forfeit one (1) Player Registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C8, for each such Player.
- H16 An LOR Organization that has made a Maximum Number of Offers may extend further offers to additional Players if any of the Maximum Number of Offers are declined. Any OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player who is in compliance with H18, to whom an offer above the Maximum Number of Offers is thereafter made, and who declines such offer, will be entitled to an immediate Release upon request.
- H17 An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player at U10 to U13 who does not attend the majority of Tryouts and/or does not make themselves available to be offered a Roster spot with their Centre/AAA Zone will not automatically be provided a Release for that Category.



- H18 No Team/LOR Organization may Release a Player Registered in the LOR, after November 15 of the current season, however Members (GTHL and OMHA) are able to Release a Player until January 10.
- H19 For U10 to U13 if a Player's OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone does not provide a Team in a specific Division and Category then a Player having fully participated in a majority of the Team's Tryout sessions is automatically Released for that Division and Category. If the Centre/AAA Zone does not provide Tryouts for a Team in a specific Division and Category then the Player is automatically Released for that Division and Category.

Markham Programs

- H20 Markham is unique in the LOR, as there are GTHL Clubs and an OMHA Association operating in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents is as follows:
- (a) Markham residents are always non-Imports to Markham Teams.
 - (b) A Markham resident Player who has not previously participated at the AAA, AA, A level from U10 to U13 may play with either Markham Minor Hockey Association.
 - (c) Markham resident Players, U10 to U13, having Registered with either the Markham OMHA or Markham GTHL in any given season, will require a Release from that Team in order to register with the other Markham Member in the following season.
 - (d) Markham resident Players without an identified Import status (all U10 Players and any Player who has not previously participated in the LOR at the AAA, AA or A Category) must be Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders in order to register with an LOR Team outside of Markham. Having been Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders, the Player's Import status will be defined based on the first LOR Team the Player registers with at the AAA, AA or A Category, U10 to U13.
 - i. If the Player registers first with any Team within the OMHA the Player is an Import to the GTHL.



- ii. If the Player registers first with any Team within the GTHL the Player is an Import to the OMHA.
- (e) Markham resident Players, having established their Import status to either the OMHA or the GTHL may have their Import status reversed by playing one full season on a Team with the Markham organization where they would be defined as an Import if playing on a Team outside of Markham.
- (f) Markham resident Players, U11 to U13, wishing to play in the LOR outside of Markham require the following Release each season based on their Import status.
 - i. Import status to the GTHL:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for either Member in the LOR outside of Markham.
 - ii. Import status to the OMHA:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for an OMHA LOR Team outside of Markham.

The Extended Boundaries of the LOR AAA Zones Of Richmond Hill And Markham

- H21 The LOR has extended boundaries from the normal Association boundaries. This is due to the AAA Zones of Richmond Hill and Markham, which are both LOR areas, but which, for AAA programs only, have Players eligible in other Centres as part of their AAA Zone. The extended areas are as follows:
- (g) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone. Players from these areas as part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone are Imports to AAA GTHL Teams and are non-Imports to OMHA perimeter Centres of the LOR at AAA only.
 - (h) 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 LOR at AAA only.



Coaching Movement

H22 A person who is Registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the LOR Organization 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 Division or Sub-Division (where applicable) of another LOR Organization. Such written consent must be signed by an LOR Organization Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An LOR Organization may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member 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.

Imports

H23 The Import quota system applies only to Teams in an area known as the LOR. It does not apply to other Associations/Clubs outside this area.

H24 An Import is defined as a Player who:

- (i) resides in the LOR and plays for a Team in the Member (i.e. GTHL or OMHA) in which the Player is not a resident.
- (j) resides in the AAA Zones of Burlington, Halton Hills, Grey-Bruce, York Simcoe, Central Ontario and Whitby who plays in the GTHL on the Waivers.

H25 A Player remains an Import as long as they register with a non-residential Team. They do not lose their Import status after one, two, three etc. years as an Import with a Team.

H26 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 and the OHF to be considered Registered as defined in Regulation 1.34.

H27 If an Import Player has not been identified as an Import by the Team in accordance with OHF Playing Regulation H26 and is Registered by the Member and the OHF as a non-Import Player and is subsequently designated an "Import" by the Member or OHF, such Player shall be deemed to be Registered on the date of designation.



H28 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 Playing Regulation H27 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.

Import Quotas (LOR Only)

H29 Teams may only register a total allotment of Imports under the following guidelines:

- (k) for AAA no more than four (4) Imports;
- (l) for AA and A Teams, no more than three (3) Imports.

H30 Teams in the LOR may have Registered at any one time, no more than the allowed Import number for that Team.

H31 If a Team registers too many Imports, the Players shall be Released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member until the Team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last Player whose Registration was approved would be the first Released.

H32 AAA, AA, A Clubs or Teams in the LOR shall submit, through their Member, a current Team List to the OHF:

- (m) on October 15 of each playing season, all Registered Players for the current season with notation of Import Players
- (n) on January 15, Clubs will submit, through their Member, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their Team list making its current Team List final.

Import Players Used As Affiliate Players in the LOR

H33 Subject to the following, a Team may dress as Affiliate 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.



- H34 An Import can dress for a maximum of ten (10) games. If the Affiliate Team has fewer Registered Imports than its quota, an Import may play an unlimited number of games after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs. Hockey Canada Regulation F16.
- H35 If an Import after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs is dressed by a Team whose quota is full (even if the number of Imports dressed for any particular game within the quota), that Team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member.
- H36 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 Hockey Canada Regulation F16 and F15(c) and OHF Regulation D6 apply.
- H37 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.
- H38 To assist Teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the LOR, an Import Player dressing for their 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 their registered Team.

REGULATION I: DISCIPLINE & SUSPENSIONS

- I1 Minimum Suspensions for rule infractions in Minor, Junior and Senior hockey shall be created and approved annually by the Board.
- I2 Members, the Board or the OHF Chair of the Board shall have the authority to impose Supplemental Discipline over and above the approved minimum Suspension wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.



- 13 Any Supplemental Discipline imposed by the Member, Board or the OHF Chair of the Board may include Suspensions for the individual up to and including all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities for the duration of their Suspension.
- 14 Any Suspension incurred by a Player participating as an Affiliate Player must be reported to the appropriate Member with whom the Player is Registered with a copy of the 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.
- 15 Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in Tryouts 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 Any application of Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 – Refusing to Start Play – shall be assessed against the Head Coach as identified on the Official Game Report.
- 18 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 and that interferes with their OHF Team's regular season or play-off schedule shall immediately be suspended for one year.



REGULATION J: GAME OFFICIALS

- J1 All On-Ice Officials certified, as HCOP Level II must be sixteen (16) years of age. It is recommended that all On-Ice Officials must be at least two (2) years older than the Division for which they are officiating. Minimum HCOP level requirements to officiate sanctioned games will be at the discretion of the appropriate Member. The Board will establish minimum HCOP level requirements for all OHF Championship competitions.
- J2 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.
- J3 It is recommended that all Off-Ice Officials shall be a minimum sixteen (16) years of age for timekeepers and eighteen (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.

REGULATION K: U18 AAA

- K1 This regulation is for sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) year old Players at the U18 AAA level. Fifteen (15) year old Players in U18 AAA are not eligible and must follow the existing OHF Playing Regulation E.
- K2 Tampering is defined for U18 AAA if you:
- (a) communicate directly or indirectly with a Player or a representative of a Player (agent, parent etc.) about playing opportunities while the Player is not eligible to register with your Team.

Player Movement

- K3 Players are eligible to Tryout and participate for any U18 AAA Team in the Member to which their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club belongs.
- (a) Players in Centre Wellington, Woolwich, Markham and Almaguin if they choose to play outside of their eligible Member, they must obtain their Release from the Member which they were Registered with the previous season in accordance with Playing Regulation J3.



- K4 In order to play for a U18 AAA Team outside of the Player's residential Member the Player requires a Release from:
- (a) their residential home AAA Centre/Zone/Club; or
 - (b) their residential home AAA Centre/Zone/Club Member.

The method of Release will be determined by the Player's Member Partner.

- K5 Once a Release is obtained the Player may Tryout for any Team in the OHF at the U18 AAA level.
- K6 At the end of each season all Players that were sixteen years old prior to December 31 of the season just completed may remain with the U18 AAA Team they played for or are Released to join another U18 AAA Team in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.

Non-Residential Players

- K7 There is no OHF restriction on the number of non-residential Players that a U18 AAA Team may carry in a given season.
- K8 AAA Centre/Zone/Club may however be restricted on the number of non-residential Players they are eligible to register by municipal regulations. To which the OHF has no control over.

Transition From U16 To U18.

- K9 Players that played in an adjacent Centre on a AAA Waiver during their U16 year have the option to remain with the AAA Centre/Zone/Club they participated with during their U16 or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.
- K10 Players that played in the GTHL that are residents of the LOR Perimeter Centre during their U16 year have the option to continue to play in the GTHL during their U18 year(s) or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.
- K11 Players that played in the OMHA LOR Perimeter Centres/Zones that are residents of the GTHL during their U16 year have the option to continue to play in the OMHA LOR Perimeter Centres/Zones during their U18 year(s) or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.



Tryouts

- K12 Tryouts or related on or off-ice activities may only be conducted prior to August 23, for Players that were Registered on a Team the previous season that is residentially compliant to the AAA Centre/Zone/Club's residential jurisdiction. Lake Ontario Region as one residential zone is not applicable.
- (a) Player's that played the previous season outside of their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club (either via AAA Waiver or LOR Regulations) have the option to return to their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club and Tryout prior to August 23 of the upcoming season. In the event a Player chooses to return to their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club the Player must follow Playing Regulations K3-K5 to Tryout for any Team including their registered Team from the previous season.
- K13 Teams may offer and a Player may sign letter of commitments to Players that are eligible under Playing Regulation K12 prior to August 23 of the upcoming season, but Players eligible under said regulation cannot be cut/Released before this date.
- K14 Players may Tryout with any Team within their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club Member beginning August 23.
- K15 Players are not obligated to a U18 AAA Team until they have signed the OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment.
- K16 Players have five days to accept an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment before the Team can issue another offer in its place.
- K17 Teams may offer an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment to a maximum of 20 Players at any one time.
- K18 Teams must make all OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitments by personal service with a witness.
- K19 A signed OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment restricts the Player from signing with another Team at Minor Hockey without a Release.
- K20 A Player that has signed an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment may sign with a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C Team in accordance with Playing Regulation E59 prior to the first regular season game of the U18 Team. In the event a Player does sign with a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C Team the U18 Team would have



that Player's Registration replaced.

Tampering

- K21 Recruiting and tampering of Players not eligible to your program is strictly prohibited. All allegations of tampering will be made to the Registration Committee in accordance with OHF Regulation 7.
- K22 If a Player not Registered and eligible in accordance with Playing Regulation K12 is on the ice prior to August 23 with a AAA Centre/Zone/Club not within their Member the Player would not be eligible to any Team in that Member, the Team in violation would be fined \$2000 and the Head Coach of the Team suspended for 15 league games.
- K23 If a Player not Registered and eligible in accordance with Playing Regulation K12 is on the ice prior to August 23 with a AAA Centre/Zone/Club within their Member the Player would not be eligible to that Team, the Team in violation would be fined \$2000 and the Head Coach of the Team suspended for 15 league games.
- K24 In season Player Releases will follow the OHF U18 AAA Playing Regulation K25 and K26. Teams are not obligated to provide a Release in season if requested by the Player.

In Season Release

- K25 Teams may grant two types of Releases during the season:
- (a) Uncontested Release:
 - i. Where both the Player and Team which they are Registered with agree to the Release or;
 - (b) Contested Release (per incident):
 - i. Where the Team of the Registered Player suspects tampering from the Club the Player wishes to play on, the Team may issue a "contested release". In this case the Player must sit out the first five (5) League games upon signing and all games involving the two Teams for the remainder of the year (regular season and playoff). The head coach of the Team to which the Player moves must also sit out the first five (5)



League games upon signing. The Team that acquires the Player through a “contested release” must pay a \$750.00 development fee to the OHF.

- K26 A Player that is Released in season will be subject to the Playing Regulations K3-K5 unless the Player has already received their Release from their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club or Member, in which case they can go to any U18 AAA program in the OHF.



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

- 1.1 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 also so 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.

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. Hockey Canada wants our Players to have all the information when they choose what path their hockey career should take. Hockey Canada firmly believes 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.

2. GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 All definitions contained in the OHF Regulations will also apply to the OHF Canadian Development Model Policy unless specifically defined differently below within these definitions.
- 2.2 Affiliate – Means to participate as an Affiliate Player or to be



selected as an Affiliate Player.

- 2.3 Affiliate Player – Refers to a Player who is eligible to participate with a higher Division/Category Team, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Affiliation Regulations. 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.
- 2.4 Category – means the various levels of Junior Hockey, including Major Junior, Junior A, Junior B and Junior C.
- 2.5 CDM: - Abbreviated form for “Canadian Development Model”.
- 2.6 CHL - Abbreviated form for the “Canadian Hockey League”.
- 2.7 Division – means the classes of Hockey operated within Hockey Canada including, without limitation, Midget and Junior Hockey.
- 2.8 FAQ - Abbreviated form for “Frequently Asked Questions”.
- 2.9 Highest Level of Midget Hockey - As determined by the Hockey Canada Member, this is the top level of Midget hockey available to the Player.
- 2.10 Junior Hockey - Open to Players aged twenty (20) years and younger, including Players as young as 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.
- 2.11 Local Player – A Player who resides and has resided in the same community as the Team is based and has played their Minor hockey in the same community as the Team is based.
- 2.12 Major Junior - Teams playing at the CHL level within the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), or Western Hockey League (WHL).
- 2.13 Midget AAA - For reference purposes, this shall be the designation for the highest level of Midget hockey played in any Hockey Canada Member.
- 2.14 Permanent Affiliate - A Player who Registers on a lower Category Team or a lower Division Team for the express purpose of Affiliating on a fulltime basis to a higher Category Team or higher Division Team.
- 2.15 Register - To have completed and signed a Hockey Canada Player’s Registration or equivalent (i.e. electronic registration) for the current playing season. To Register means to be a mem-



ber of a Team whose roster is registered with a Hockey Canada Member.

- 2.16 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 Hockey Canada Member) are allowed to play Junior C hockey where there is no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for fifteen (15) year old Players and no access or reasonable access to Midget AAA for sixteen (16) year old Players. Hockey Canada Members, 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.

3. AFFILIATION

3.1 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER

- 3.1.1 There will be no Affiliation to Junior Hockey for Players fourteen (14) years of age and younger – no exceptions.

3.2 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

- 3.2.1 There will be limited Affiliation to Junior Hockey for Players fifteen (15) years of age in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F and specifically Regulation F.17.

3.3 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER AND OLDER

- 3.3.1 A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older will Affiliate in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F and specifically Regulations F.14-16.

3.4 AFFILIATION FAQ

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

No. Hockey Canada Members have the autonomy to adjust the number of games for Minor to Minor Affiliation at levels that do not compete for Regional and National Championships in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F.15(b). Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior affiliation will follow Hockey Canada Regulation F.

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 there may be a restriction based on the Hockey Canada Members application of F15b). 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 of their registered Teams season.

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 (16) year old Players through Affiliation.

Can I make a Player a Permanent Affiliate?

Permanent Affiliates are not permitted.

Can Players sixteen (16) years of age and older Affiliate to two (2) Junior 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 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 you do not Affiliate with a Major Junior Team as a fifteen (15) year old, you are restricted to five (5) games with either a Junior A or B Team (but not both).

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

Yes, provided that they are listed as an Affiliate and have approval from their Midget Team.

4. PLAYER LIMITS

- 4.1 The CDM recognizes the best place for the vast majority of sixteen (16) year old Players to play is Midget, but also acknowledges that a limited number of sixteen (16) year old Players possess



the ability to play a level of hockey higher than Midget AAA.

- 4.2 Players sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed to Register and participate in Junior Hockey under the guidelines indicated in the following Player matrix:

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| Major Junior | 4 Players per Team |
| Junior A | 2 Players Per Team |
| Junior B | 2 Players Per Team |
| Junior C | 1 (local) |

5. RURAL/REMOTE DESIGNATIONS

- 5.1 The guiding principle for the Rural / Remote designation is that there must be no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for Players seeking an exception to the CDM. Hockey Canada Members, 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.
- 5.2 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 5.2.1 This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player.
- 5.3 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 5.3.1 Fifteen (15) year old Players may be allowed to participate in Junior C hockey under this rural/remote provision if there is no reasonable access to a Midget program available (as determined at the Hockey Canada Member's discretion). Hockey Canada Members shall have the discretion needed to ensure Players age fifteen (15) can play Junior C hockey if they have no other options so these Players are not displaced from the game. Permanent Affiliations from Junior C to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Hockey Canada Members that have limited or no Junior C hockey shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B.
- 5.3.2 Any Affiliation to any level of Junior Hockey by any fifteen (15) year old Player may only occur as described in Hockey Canada Regulation F.17.



5.4 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER

5.4.1 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be allowed to participate in Junior C hockey under this rural/remote provision if the Player has no reasonable access to Midget AAA hockey. Hockey Canada Members shall have the discretion needed to ensure Players age sixteen (16) can play Junior C if they have no other options so these Players are not displaced from the game. Permanent Affiliations from Junior C to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Hockey Canada Members that have limited or no Junior C hockey shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B.

5.5 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

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

5.6 RURAL/REMOTE FAQ

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

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

Are there exceptions for aboriginal communities?

Yes, there are certain exceptions that apply specifically to aboriginal communities. One example is granting exceptions to aboriginal Players to allow them to play on Junior 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 at ages fifteen (15) and sixteen (16). In order to qualify under this provision, the Hockey Canada Member shall have the discretion to determine eligibility based on their respective residency regulations.

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

Hockey Canada Members, 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?

Hockey Canada Members, 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 decisions around the CDM.

6. LOCAL PLAYER DESIGNATION

- 6.1 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 CDM includes a Local Player provision to assist communities where a Junior C program is offered as opposed to a Midget AAA program.
- 6.2 There are two (2) criteria which are critical in determining a Local Player.
 - 6.2.1 The first one is the geographic area that defines a Local Player. Hockey Canada Members 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.
 - 6.2.2 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 they resides in the community where the Team is located and they has no 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:
 - 6.2.2.1. Hockey Canada Members 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 Team. Remember, the Player must not have reasonable access to a Midget AAA Team or must be incapable of playing Midget AAA hockey prior to Registering as a Junior Player.
- 6.3 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. Given that Midget AAA hockey boundaries within a Hockey Canada Member collectively encompass all of that Member's geographic region, 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 developed a process where a Player could get a waiver or permission to skate or whatever you want to call it, so they could Register as a Local Player with his Junior C Team if their is waived by their 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 a Registration. They cannot have it both ways.

What age of Player may seek Local Player status?

Please refer to Section 11 below.

7. EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS

- 7.1 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. Please contact your Hockey Canada Member for an Exceptional Player application, if applicable.
- 7.2 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER
 - 7.2.1 This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player.
- 7.3 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER
 - 7.3.1 This provision is ONLY available to the fifteen (15) year old Player that qualifies and ONLY at the Major Junior level.
- 7.4 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER
 - 7.4.1 This provision is NOT available to the sixteen (16) year old Player.



7.5 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

- 7.5.1 This provision is NOT available to the seventeen (17) year old Player.

8. INTER-MEMBER TRANSFERS FOR THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

- 8.1 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 Hockey Canada Member.
- 8.2 Please review Hockey Canada Regulation H.1(b). As per H.1(b), Hockey Canada recognizes agreements between the following Hockey Canada Members:
- 8.2.1 The Hockey Canada Members within the Maritime Junior Hockey League: HPEI, HNS, and HNB.
- 8.2.2 The Hockey Canada Members within Ontario: OHF, HEO, and HNO.
- 8.2.3 Hockey North and Hockey Alberta.
- 8.2.4 Hockey North and BC Hockey.
- 8.3 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.

9. APPEALS

- 9.1 As the Hockey Canada Member has discretionary capabilities in certain areas, a Hockey Canada Member'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 Hockey Canada Member is perceived to have committed a procedural error.
- 9.2 In order to deal with questions and appeals surrounding the CDM, Hockey Canada Members are encouraged to use their current appeal process or to establish a separate CDM Committee structure that deals only with requests stemming from the CDM.
- 9.3 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER



9.3.1 The CDM does not grant the Hockey Canada Member any discretion regarding the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player and therefore, the appeal process is not open to that Player.

9.4 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

9.4.1 As the CDM grants the Hockey Canada Member certain discretion regarding the fifteen (15) year old Player, the Hockey Canada Member may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. an appeal will only be heard at the national level in instances where the Hockey Canada Member made a procedural error in making their decision.

9.5 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER

9.5.1 As the CDM grants the Hockey Canada Member certain discretion regarding the sixteen (16) year old Player, the Hockey Canada Member may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. an appeal will only be heard at the national level in instances where the Hockey Canada Member made a procedural error in making their decision.

9.6 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

9.6.1 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 Hockey Canada Member. Should a Player wish to appeal for an Inter-Member Transfer at the national level, they may do so by following the procedure set forth in Hockey Canada By-Law 52. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

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

9.7.1 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 H.1(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 Hockey Canada By-Law 52 and the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

- 9.8 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 Hockey Canada Member (registration appeals). Exceptions to this procedure occur when the appeal is classified as an "individual appeal". In these types of appeals, the appellant may go directly to Hockey Canada to file the appeal. All appeals made to Hockey Canada must follow the procedure set forth in Hockey Canada By-Law 52 and the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada.
- 9.9 All appeals must be filed in accordance with the timelines in the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada.

10. IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES HOCKEY CANADA MEMBER DISCRETION CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL IN THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

10.1 CLARIFICATIONS RURAL / REMOTE

- 10.1.1 The Rural/Remote Provision applies to situations where there is no Midget AAA Hockey in the area of the Junior C 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 Midget AAA playing opportunity is Edmonton, Alberta approximately 250km away.
- 10.1.2 All Junior C Teams that believe they have a Player who is eligible to seek relief under the Rural/Remote Provision will have to apply to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations according to the process provided for below.

10.2 DEVELOPMENT / RELEASE FEES

- 10.2.1 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 E96 governs all Development / Release Fees within the OHF.



10.3 OHF COMMITTEE FOR CDM SITUATIONS

10.3.1 There are multiple places where decisions may be required to be made around the Canadian Development Model based on the interpretations of the Hockey Canada Member. To deal with situations for this season the OHF Committee for CDM Situations will include the OHF Directors and members from the OHF Appeals Committee. A panel will be formed for each case from the committee members, and will consist of three members including at least one (1) member from the OHF Directors and one (1) member from the Appeals Committee.

10.3.2 Application Process to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations

10.3.2.1 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.

10.3.2.2 All applications will be dealt with by way of a paper hearing.

10.4 15 YEAR OLDS AT JUNIOR CAMPS

10.4.1 All 15 year old Players are not allowed to participate in a Junior Team's training camp on or after September 1, and must return to their Midget programs.

10.5 AFFILIATING MORE THAN 10 GAMES TO AN AFFILIATE TEAM

10.5.1 A Player that has affiliated 10 games with their Affiliate Team will be ineligible to Affiliate with that Affiliate Team after that 10th game, until their Registered Team's regular season and playoffs are complete. The Member's current sanctions for playing an ineligible Player will be followed.

11. OHF INTERPRETATIONS

11.1 The application of the Local Player in Ontario will operate under the following regulations:

11.1.1 Local Player only applies to a 16 year Player.

11.1.2 The determination of whether a Player could qualify



as a Local Player will be based on the Junior C Team's local Minor Hockey drawing area according to the OHA Drawing Zones below.

11.2 Team Drawing Areas:

11.2.1 Western Junior C

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Goderich | Huron/Middlesex (excludes London MHA) |
| Hanover | Grey/Bruce/Wellington except city of Guelph |
| Kincardine | Grey/Bruce/Huron |
| Mitchell | Oxford/Perth/Huron |
| Mount Forest | Grey/Bruce |
| Walkerton | Grey/Bruce/Wellington except city of Guelph |
| Warton | Grey/Bruce |
| Wingham | Huron/Perth/Bruce |

11.2.2 Great Lakes Junior C

| | |
|-------------|------------------------------|
| Alvinston | Middlesex/Lambton |
| Belle River | Essex |
| Blenheim | Kent/Lambton, West Lorne MHA |
| Dresden | Kent/Lambton, Glencoe Minor |
| Essex | Essex |
| Kingsville | Essex |
| Mooretown | Kent/Lambton |
| Wallaceburg | Kent/Lambton |
| South Point | Essex, Wheatley MHA |



11.2.3 Georgian Bay – Mid Ontario Junior C

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Alliston | Simcoe County, Shelborne MHA, Town of Caledon |
| Bradford | York |
| Erin | Wellington (excludes Guelph MHA, includes Orange-ville MHA) Peel County North of the Hwy 401 |
| Fergus | Wellington |
| Midland | Simcoe |
| Penetang | Simcoe, Halton County South to Britannia Road |
| Schomberg | York County, Beeton, Tottenham & Caledon MHA |
| Stayner | Simcoe County, Thornbury MHA |

11.2.4 Central Ontario Junior C

| | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Goergina | York, Bearverton MHA |
| Lakefield | Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough |
| Little Britain | Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough |
| Port Perry | Durham |
| Uxbridge | Durham, Stouffville MHA |



11.2.5 Niagara District Junior C – East

| | |
|-----------|--|
| Caledonia | Six Nations Indian Reserve, Haldimand/Hamilton, Wentworth /Norfolk |
| Chippawa | Niagara Region |
| Dundas | Hamilton Wentworth |
| Dunnville | Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant/ Niagara Region |
| Glanbrook | Hamilton Wentworth |
| Grimsby | Niagara Region, Town of Stony Creek |

11.2.6 Niagara District Junior C – West

| | |
|-------------|---|
| Aylmer | Elgin/Thames Centre (Dorches- ter/Thorndale/Nilestown) |
| New Hamburg | Waterloo & New Hamburg MHA/Perth |
| Norwich | Brant/Oxford/Norfolk/Haldimand |
| Paris | Brant/Oxford/Waterloo |
| Simcoe | Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant |
| Woodstock | Oxford/Perth |



11.2.7 Empire Hockey League

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Amherstview | Frontenac/Lennox-Addington/Leeds |
| Campbellford | Prince Edward/ Northumberland/Hastings |
| Colborne | Northumberland/Durham |
| Napenee | Frontenac/Hastings/ Lennox-Addington |
| North Frontenac | Frontenac/Leeds |
| Picton | Prince Edward/ Northumberland/Hastings |

11.2.8 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League Yeck Conference

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Exeter | Perth/Huron/Middlesex |
| Lambeth | Middlesex/Elgin |
| Lucan | Middlesex/Perth |
| Mt. Brydges | Middlesex/Elgin |
| North Middlesex | Middlesex/Lambton |

11.2.9 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League Bauer Conference

| | |
|------------|--|
| Ayr | Waterloo/Brant/Ayr MHA and Plattsville and District MH(excludes Brantford MHA) |
| Tavistock | Oxford/Perth/Waterloo |
| Thamesford | Oxford/Perth/Middlesex |
| Wellesley | Oxford/Perth/Wellesley MHA/Waterloo |



11.3 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League McConnell Conference

| | |
|------------|--|
| Burford | Haldimand-Norfolk/Brant/Oxford |
| Delhi | Brant/Oxford, Hagersville, Hamilton-Wentworth/Haldimand-Norfolk (excludes towns of Dunnville, City of Brantford and Six Nations Reserve), City of Hamilton |
| Port Dover | Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant |
| St. George | Hamilton-Wentworth/Brant (excludes Hamilton MHA and includes Cambridge MHA) |

- 11.4 A sixteen (16) year old Player must have written Permission to Skate from their Midget AAA Zone/Centre (the key here is AAA Zone/Centre not just their Home Centre) before they can tryout with a Junior C Team. (e.g. Player from Wellesley would need Permission to Skate from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA)
- 11.5 Written Permission to skate does not, in any manner, constitute a Player's Release, as per OHF Regulation G2).
- 11.6 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.
- 11.7 A sixteen (16) year old Player must follow OHF Regulation E96.
- 11.8 EXAMPLE 1
- 11.8.1 Player from Wellesley wanting to tryout for the Wellesley Applejacks Junior C Team.
- 11.8.2 Player would request written Permission to Skate from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team per current practice from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- 11.8.3 Player would request written Permission to Skate for Wellesley Applejacks Junior C from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA.
- 11.8.4 Possible Outcomes:



- 11.8.4.1 He makes the local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Registers as their one Local Player.
- 11.8.4.2 Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA offers the Player a Registration and they plays AAA with Waterloo.
- 11.8.4.3 The Local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not Register the Player, they would either return to their Home Centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access their adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.

11.9 EXAMPLE 2

- 11.9.1 Player from Wellesley wanting to tryout for the Waterloo Siskins Junior B Team.
- 11.9.2 Player would request Permission to Skate for the Waterloo Siskins and the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- 11.9.3 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 C Wellesley Applejacks they would return to the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team and request Permission to Skate to the Junior C Wellesley Applejacks.
- 11.9.4 If the Player then wishes to sign as the Local Player they would follow OHF Regulation E96.
- 11.9.5 Possible Outcomes:
 - 11.9.5.1 Waterloo Siskins Junior B Team Registers the Player as one of their two sixteen (16) year olds.
 - 11.9.5.2 He makes the local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Registers as their one Local Player.
 - 11.9.5.3 Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team offers the Player a Registration and they plays AAA with Waterloo.
 - 11.9.5.4 The local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not Register the Player, they would either return to their Home Centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access their adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.



- 11.10 At all times, Hockey Canada Members are expected to use their discretion in the application of these provisions in a manner that ensures that the goals and objectives of the Canadian Development Model are adhered to, with the priority being the Midget program.





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Appendix A





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**APPENDIX A:****Provincial Junior Hockey League Zones**

| BLOOMFIELD DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|----------------------------|--|
| Niagara | 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 |
| Hespeler | Waterloo Region Now in Doherty Division |
| Port Dover | Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Norfolk, Oxford |

| CARRUTHERS DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|----------------------------|---|
| Alliston | Shelburne MHA, Simcoe, Town of Caledon |
| Caledon | Peel Region; exclusive to Mayfield Sideroad Highway #50 east, Highway #9 North, Highway #10 West, Mississauga |
| Huntsville | Astorville, Callendar, Muskoka, North Bay, Parry Sound, Powasson, Trout Creek |
| Midland | Simcoe |
| Orillia | Simcoe |
| Penetang | Simcoe |
| Schomberg | York, Beeton, Bradford MHA, Caledon MHA, Tottenham MHA |
| Stayner | Simcoe, Honeywood MHA, Thornbury MHA |



| DOHERTY DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|-------------------------|--|
| Burford | Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford |
| Delhi | Brant, Elgin, 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 |

| ORR DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|---------------------|--|
| Clarington | Durham Region |
| Georgina | Beaverton MHA, York |
| Lakefield | Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria |
| Little Britain | Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria |
| North Kawartha | Haliburton, Hastings, Peterborough |
| Port Perry | Durham Region |
| Uxbridge | Durham Region, Stouffville MHA |



| POLLOCK DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Goderich | Bruce, 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 |

| STOBBS DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|----------------------------|--|
| Amherstburg | Essex |
| Lakeshore | Essex |
| Blenheim | Chatham-Kent, Essex, West Lorne MHA |
| Dresden | Glencoe MHA, Kent, Lambton |
| Essex | Essex |
| Mooretown | Kent, Lambton |
| Petrolia | Lambton, Middlesex Now in Yeck Division |
| Wallaceburg | Kent, Lambton |
| Wheatley | Essex, Wheatley MHA, Tilbury MHA |



| TOD DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds) |
|---------------------|--|
| Amherstview | Frontenac, Leeds, Lennox-Addington |
| Campbellford | Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough |
| Gananoque | Frontenac, Leeds |
| Napanee | Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox-Addington |
| Picton | Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward |
| Port Hope | Durham Region, Northumberland |

| YECK DIVISION | Traditional Draw Area / (16 yr olds) |
|----------------------|---|
| Aylmer | Elgin, Middlesex, Thames Centre |
| Dorchester | Middlesex, Oxford |
| Exeter | Huron, Middlesex, Perth |
| Lucan | Middlesex, Perth, Huron |
| Mount Brydges | Elgin, Middlesex |
| North Middlesex | Lambton, Middlesex |
| Port Stanley | Elgin, Middlesex |
| Thamesford | Oxford, Perth, Middlesex |

| New Additions | |
|----------------------|---|
| Innisfil | Simcoe County In Carruthers Division |
| Fergus | Wellington, Waterloo Region In Pollock Division as of Sept 2023 |
| Frankford | Quinte West in Tod Division |

**Delhi and Burford franchises for sale and relocation.
Should be located by 2023 season.**



Championships Summary

On an annual basis, the OHF Championships crown Branch Champions in the U13 A, U13 AA, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A and U18 AA. In 2023, all six OHF Championship events take place on the fourth weekend in April (21st- 23rd).

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; 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 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.

Please visit www.ohfchampionships.pointstreaksites.com for more information on the OHF Championships.

The following chart outlines host rotation for the 2023 OHF Championships

| HOST | CHAMPIONSHIPS | HOST | CHAMPIONSHIPS |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| ALLIANCE | U15 A U18 AA | GTHL | U13 A |
| NOHA | U15 AA U18 A | OMHA | U13 AA |

In 2023 The OHF will host the All-Ontario U15 AAA Championship and Central Region U18 AAA Championship.

The U13 AAA All-Ontario Championships will be hosted by Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO)

| HOST | CHAMPIONSHIP DATES |
|---|-------------------------------|
| U18 AAA Regional Championship | April 3rd - April 9th, 2023 |
| U15 AAA All-Ontario Championship | April 12th - April 16th, 2023 |
| U13 AAA All-Ontario Championship | April 12th - April 16th, 2023 |





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