

OHF/OHL U15 PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE RETURNS MAY 2022

The Program of Excellence camps take place in 5 locations across Ontario this Spring

CAMBRIDGE, ON (April 6, 2022) – The OHF and OHL are proud to announce the return of the U15 Program of Excellence in Spring 2022. The U15 Program of Excellence is a development experience designed to educate and inform players and parents. The goals of the program include: to introduce players, families and staff to high performance hockey, the Program of Excellence, and the Ontario Hockey League; to create a unique and special life and hockey experience for all players and staff involved; and to develop players and staff both on and off the ice.

"It's exciting to see the return of the OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence in light of the truly unique and special experience it offers to participating players and their families," said Kyle Pereira, OHL Director of Recruitment and Development.

"With a talented 2007-born age group of players in attendance, these camps will serve as a great evaluation opportunity on the road to assembling Team Ontario's roster for the 2023 Canada Winter Games."

Players will participate in intense, high performance on and off ice sessions and seminars. On-ice sessions will be run by Hockey Canada and OHL personnel and will include practices that focus on individual skill, team tactics, small area games, and position specific. The program is open to players who are born in 2007 and were registered to a team within the OHF for the 2021-22 season; priority will be given to players competing at the AAA level. Each program will consist of 84 players (48 forwards, 24 Def & 12 Goaltenders)

In addition, the U15 camps will allow our Team Ontario to staff to be involved. This will be the first evaluation opportunity for players looking to play for Team Ontario at the *2023 Canada Winter Games.* Team Ontario will consist of 20 of the top 2007 born players and will compete at the CWG in PEI, February 18th-25th, 2023.

OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence Camp Dates/Locations:

Kitchener - May 6-8, 2022 - Actival Sportsplex London - May 13-15, 2022 - Middlesex Centre - Komoka Toronto - May 27-29, 2022 - Scotiabank Pond Sudbury - May 27-29, 2022 - Countryside Arena Oshawa - June 3-5, 2022 - Tribute Communities Centre

For further information regarding OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence; click here

ABOUT THE OHF

The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) is the Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Hockey and is the largest member of Hockey Canada operating alongside Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) as governing bodies for amateur hockey in Ontario. The OHF operates within a structure that is comprised of seven member partners: 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). Each operating under specific programs to their area or jurisdiction, following Hockey Canada and OHF Regulations, Rules and Policies.

ABOUT THE CANADA WINTER GAMES

The Canada Winter Games, officially known as the XXVII Canada Games, is a Canadian multi- sport event that will be held in Prince Edward Island from February 18 to March 5. The event is expected to bring 3,600 participants to celebrate the very best in Canadian Sport. PEI previously hosted the Canada Winter Games in 1991.