

## PLAYING REGULATIONS

### 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 facemask 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) OHF Championship hosts will be determined through an open bid to the OHF. All bids must be endorsed by the proposed host Association and their affiliated Member. Final approval of hosts will be determined by the Board. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after approval may result in penalties against the offending Member and/or Association.
- (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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 third Saturday in April.
- (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.

#### 3 on 3 Programming

- B9 A Member may operate 3 on 3 hockey programming during the season including 3 on 3 Tournaments in its jurisdiction. The operation of 3 on 3 Tournaments during the season should not interfere with regular sanctioned programming. Members may also sanction 3 on 3 Tournaments 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 and all participants are registered or become registered with Hockey Canada. 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.

## 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 (in order from highest Category to lowest)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior**	Major, A, B, C	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U21**	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U18	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 18 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U17	AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 17 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U16	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 16 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U15	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U14	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 14 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U13	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U12	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 12 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U11	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U10	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, C, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 10 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U9***	<b>MD, Select, House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway</b>	Under 9 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U8***	<b>MD, Select, House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway</b>	Under 8 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U7 (Initiation)***	<b>MD, Select, House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway</b>	Under 8 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season

	<b>Streaming of Players in accordance with the U7 Player Pathway</b>	
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\*\*Please refer to Playing Regulation E16 for U21 Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

\*\*\* Any House League offering Select in these age groups must provide an equal opportunity for any player who wishes to participate, regardless of that Player's skill level.

- C5 Categorization of Teams is within the sole jurisdiction of the Member with whom the Team is a Registered Participant.
- C6 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.
- C7 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
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

- C8 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.
- C9 Minor and Female U18 and below Hockey Teams will be permitted to use up to twenty (20) Players for a sanctioned game.

C10 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.

**Sixteen (16) year old in Junior Hockey**

C12 Junior A and B Teams are eligible to Register a maximum of two (2) sixteen (16) year old players in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation D.18 c).

C13 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be registered after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

**Surrender Of Allotment**

**Playing Of Sixteen (16) year old Players**

C14 Playing of sixteen (16) year old Players in Junior must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) It is imperative that sixteen (16) year old Players registered with any junior Team regardless of category, play a regular shift with their team.
- (b) There is a recognition that sixteen (16) year old Players may not be in a position to play a regular shift within the first ten games of the season.
- (c) A regular shift is three shifts per period, based on 5 on 5 play.
- (d) Sixteen (16) year old Goaltenders must be playing at least 20% of regular season games. For clarity this is two (2) of every ten (10) games.
- (e) A sixteen (16) year old playing less than the above will be returned to U18.
- (f) A sixteen (16) year old cannot be a healthy scratch within a Junior Team's line up.
- (g) Educational, emergency, discipline, and medical reasons are the only considerations on why a sixteen (16) year old may not be included in a Team's game day line up and the above calculations.
- (h) Before, a sixteen (16) year old can be Released by a Team during the season in accordance with E54; it is incumbent upon the releasing Team to find a Team for which the Player can Register, commensurate with his abilities.

C15 Failure to comply with the policy will result in a team having access to one fewer sixteen (16) year old in the following season based on their CDM allotment.

**REGULATION D: AFFILIATION**

**General Affiliation Procedures for Senior, Junior and the Highest Category of U18**

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 either:

- (a) a lower Division and equal or lower Category Team(s); or
- (b) lower 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.

#### Affiliation at Minor Hockey at U18 AA and below

D18 Members may apply Regulation D1-D17 at Minor Hockey or D19 to D25.

D19 Teams may Affiliate Players that are registered at lower Categories in the same Division or lower Division and same or lower Category where teams are subdivided in single age Divisions (i.e. U11, U12, U13 etc.).

D20 Teams may Affiliate Players that are registered at lower Categories in the same Division where teams are operating mixed age Divisions (i.e. U11, U13, U15, etc.).

D21 A Player in the first birth year of a mixed Division (U15 inclusive of U14) may Affiliate to a lower subdivision as long as they are Affiliating up a Category.

*Example: U15 A Team has a U14 birth year Player on the Team. That Player is eligible to be an Affiliate to a U14 AAA or U14 AA Team.*

D22 In accordance with D19 and D20, Teams may affiliate Players from any Team that is registered within their Minor Hockey Association.

*Example: MHA has AAA, AA, A, BB, House League: a AA team could affiliate players from A, BB, House League in the same Division and AA, A, BB, House League in a lower division.*

D23 In accordance with D19 and D20, Standalone Associations at a specific Category and Associations that have a AAA Draw Area, may affiliate a Player from any team that is registered with their Association and a maximum of 10 players including a goalie from teams in the same Division and a lower Category:

- (a) Based on the boundaries of their Member in the case of the GTHL and NOHA; and
- (b) Based on the boundaries of the AAA Draw Area in the case of the Alliance and OMHA.

*Example: Where MHA is AA only in the GTHL or NOHA, they can affiliate with a lower Division team in MHA and pick up 10 affiliate players from within the GTHL that are from A and below in the same Division and/or AA and below from a lower Division.*

*Example: Where MHA is a AAA Association only, it can affiliate players from AAA in a lower Division and pick up 10 affiliate players from MHAs in the AAA Draw Area and are in the same Division or lower Division.*

D24 A Player may affiliate a maximum of 10 games with any specific team but must have the permission of their Registered Team.

D25 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.

#### **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) Player Evaluation Status
- (u) Release Status and Release Date
- (v) Active Season (i.e. 2017-2018, 2018-2019)

E3 Ontario Hockey Federation assures the Members that, with respect to, any and all registration data gathered by the Ontario Hockey Federation for the purpose of the HCR, the OHF will validate yearly that Hockey Canada will keep the data 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 their eligibility. 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, Team Official, or individual who is a Registered Participant of the OHF and who after a proper hearing has been found guilty by the Registered Participant's Member, the OHF or Hockey Canada of having:

- (a) falsified a birth certificate;
- (b) falsified a Registration;
- (c) falsified any other registration document;
- (d) forged any of the foregoing;
- (e) played under, other than their own birth certificate;
- (f) played under an assumed name;
- (g) 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 up to three (3) years from the date of the Registered Participant's Suspension. (Hockey Canada regulation O3, with amendments).

E10 Any Team Official, executive member of a Team, Club or Association who after a proper hearing has been found guilty of being a party to, or having had any knowledge of any of the wrongdoings in OHF Playing Regulation E9, shall be automatically suspended for a period of not less than three (3) years from playing or holding office with any Team, Club or Association affiliated with Hockey Canada. (Hockey Canada regulation O3)

E11 The Member in which the Registered Participant is Registered when the alleged violation of E9 or E10 occurred will conduct the hearing and any decision of that Member will be complied with by all Members of the OHF.

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 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

E16 Residential qualifications of the Hockey Canada regulations C1-6, shall be strictly enforced.

E17 Residency is where a Player and their parents habitually reside. In cases where the Player has more than one custodial Parent, each of whom lives in a separate residence, the usual residence of the Parent with whom the Player usually lives. If the Player lives equally with both Parents, their place of residence shall be determined by the OHF.

E18 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

E19 The onus of proof to establish habitual residence rests entirely with the Player.

E20 A Player resident to the OHF is required to attend Player Evaluations and play within the OHF or, if unable to attend Player Evaluations, make themselves available to the desired organization to be offered a Registration if the organization so wishes, except as provided herein.

E21 A Player shall complete such reasonable written information as required by a Team to permit attendance at Player Evaluations.

E22 A Player moving with parents and establishing a continuous habitual residence other than the primary residence on the HCR must, before participating, update their address with the OHF.

#### Eligibility – Junior Hockey

E23 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.

E24 Junior Teams are eligible to sign U18 aged hockey Players according to Hockey Canada regulation D18.

E25 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).

E26 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

E27 All Player movement within Minor Hockey shall be governed by residential requirements contained herein and Regulation G.

#### Player Movement

E28 Within Junior and Senior hockey, Player movement will be governed by Player Release requirements of Hockey Canada Regulation E and G, OHF Playing Regulations E45-E50, as well as Member Regulations relating to Player movement.

#### Player Releases

E29 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.

E30 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.

E31 Any Player Released after January 10 of the current season is ineligible to register with any other Team in the current season, except for matters under appeal to a Member or OHF for a Player in Divisions and/or Categories that do not participate in a Regional or National Championship.

E32 A written Release is not required in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation G9.

E33 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 November 15 of the current season.

#### Minor Hockey

E34 While a Release provided to a Minor Hockey Player is unconditional, a Player must meet residential requirements of Hockey Canada to participate outside of the OHF.

E35 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

E36 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

E37 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.

#### E38 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

- 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).
- 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) Player Evaluation Schedule and Procedures

- i. Players must follow the Player Evaluation process as outlined in Playing Regulation G3 and G4. 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 Player Evaluations beginning the first day after the OHF Championships.
- iii. Players may register with Teams prior to the fall Player Evaluation 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 Player Evaluations.
- 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.

E39 If a player previously signed with a Minor Hockey team, subsequently signs with a Junior Hockey team between seasons in accordance with E38 and is then released back to Minor Hockey, in the same season, the last Minor Hockey team the player was rostered with will have the first right of refusal to re-sign the player, contingent on an available roster spot without releasing a player.

#### **REGULATION F: TEAM OFFICIALS**

- F1 All Team Officials and Third-Party Instructors 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 Vulnerable Sector Check completed in compliance with the OHF Screening Policy.
- 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 registered with the OHF, a person must have successfully completed and remain certified HTCP Level I or higher for Minor Hockey or Level II or higher for Junior and Senior Hockey.

#### Restriction on Team Officials Changing Clubs

- F5 A person who is Registered as a Team Official in one Season in Minor Hockey may not, without the consent of the Association 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 that provides programming to Players of the same birth year as the current Season. In the case of U11, U13, U15, U17, U18 and U21, this restriction also applies to Teams in the same age division when they include the same birth year. The consent of an Association required by this Regulation F5 must be sought and granted by that previous Association prior to the new Association announcing, publicizing, and appointing an individual. The permission must be provided in writing, signed by a signing officer of the Association. An Association may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion, except that the Member may grant relief from this Regulation F5 in exceptional circumstances. The new Association may not advertise (either in writing or orally) that a person who requires consent under this regulation will be a Team Official for that Association nor is that individual permitted to participate in evaluations for the new Association unless written consent has been granted by either the former Association or the Member prior to the advertising and/or evaluations being conducted. Any new Association that violates this provision will be fined \$1,000 and the Team Official will not be permitted to register with that Association for that season.

- F6 Team Official's Commitment Form in Minor Hockey

- (a) Any individual committing to accept a Team Official position with an Association for the following season should sign a Team Official Commitment Form confirming such commitment.
- (b) Any action to negate such commitment by the signatory, unless by mutual consent, will result in the signatory being ineligible for registration with any other Association for the season for which the commitment has been made.
- (c) If the individual requires consent from their previous Association as outlined in Regulation F5, such consent must be granted in writing prior to the individual signing the Team Official Commitment Form.
- (d) For the commitment to be enforced, the form must be filed by the Association with the Member office. The Member offices will begin accepting these forms on February 15.
- (e) If a Team Official signs a Team Official's Commitment Form with two or more Associations in the same Division and Category, the Team Official's Commitment Form that is filed first with the Member office will be deemed to prevail. The consent of an Association required by this Regulation F6 must be provided in writing, signed by the signing officers of the Association or be provided by e-mail sent by signing officers of the Association to the e-mail address of the Member Office. An Association may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion, except that the Member may make a special ruling with reference to this Regulation F6.

**REGULATION G:           PLAYER EVALUATIONS AND TIERING FOR MINOR HOCKEY**

**Note: Divisions are inclusive of Subdivisions (i.e. U15 includes U14, U11 includes U10 etc.)**

- G1 Any Player that has outstanding equipment or fees from the current season will be ineligible to attend Player Evaluations with another Association until those financial requirements have been settled.
  - (a) Prior to April 1 of the current season, Associations are required to provide written notice to any individual that is in a position of violation of G1. The written notice must indicate that their HCR profile will not be eligible for Registration until the financial requirements are settled and/or the equipment is returned. The email address used for this purpose would be the primary email address in the HCR.
  - (b) In addition to providing written notice, Associations must note the outstanding fee balance or non-returned equipment on the HCR profile of the individual by April 1.
  - (c) Where an individual continues to participate after April 1 and has not met their obligation to return equipment or settle outstanding fees, the Association must comply with the requirements of G1 (a) and (b) within seven (7) days of the completion of programming to restrict the Player (or individual) from participating in the following season until such obligations have been discharged in full.
  - (d) Where the Association has not complied with G1 (a) or (b) they will void their ability to restrict the Player from attending Player Evaluations and participating in programming the next season.
- G2 The non-Team Development Opportunities are eligible to begin March 2 and a minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association or a group of Minor Hockey Associations or Member to all Players. Players are not required to attend the preparation skates,

attendance does not impact eligibility to attend Player Evaluations. Requirements for the eligibility of preparation skates are as follows:

- (a) Only players no longer engaged in regular season, or playoffs, or playdowns, or similar (as determined by the Member) permitted to participate;
- (b) May not be utilized to conduct formal or informal player evaluations;
- (c) Team Personnel for the following season are not permitted to deliver preparation phase ice sessions or be in attendance to evaluate;
- (d) May not be implemented per Category (i.e. A, AA, AAA);
- (e) Recommend implementing ice sessions for multiple Divisions (ex. U13, U14, U15 grouped together);
- (f) Ice sessions must be focused on individual skill development;
- (g) and
- (h) Players registered with an Association in the current season, will be able to participate with their current Association or Member.

### G3 Player Evaluations for U11 and above

- (a) The OHF is considered one geographic zone for the purpose of residency. Players are eligible to attend Player Evaluations and register with any Association in the OHF, subject to eligibility restrictions established by the Association (i.e. Association requires 90% of participants to be resident within the municipality to maintain ice subsidy).
- (b) Players will have seven (7) days for AAA, seven (7) days for AA, and seven (7) days for A and below to participate in Player Evaluations in order to find a team. After the respective seven (7) day timeframe if the player registers with a lower Category the Player may not be released to a higher Category if an opportunity becomes available.
- (c) Players are eligible to attend Player Evaluations with more than one Association at a time. Players must be registered for Player Evaluations with every Association they attend Player Evaluations with.
- (d) For the U11 and U13 Divisions there are no Player Evaluations or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed directly or indirectly (including but not limited to skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, practices, scrimmages or skills sessions that are operated by individuals that are part of the next seasons Team or acting on behalf of the next seasons Team inclusive of parents of Players) during the previous season and inclusive of March until the Saturday of the OHF Championships. Players at U11 and U13 are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of the Friday of OHF Championships.
- (e) For the U15 and U18 Division there are no Player Evaluations or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed directly or indirectly (including but not limited to skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, practices, scrimmages or skills sessions that are operated by individuals, inclusive of parents of Players, that are part of the next season's Team or acting on behalf of the next seasons Team that are part of the next seasons Team or acting on behalf of the next seasons Team inclusive of parents of Players) during the previous season and inclusive of March until the Monday following the OHF Championships. Players at U15 and U18 are

Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of the OHF Championships.

- (f) In order to register a Player the team must have an Offer Acceptance from the Player and Parent and the Player must be on the HCR.
- (g) Teams must conduct Player Evaluations and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:

<b>MARCH TO OCTOBER U11-U13</b>						
Applies to G3 (d)						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
End of Season (At least March 2)				OHF Champs	Day 1	Day 2
Non-Team Development Opportunities Permitted to Start	Continues until the Friday of OHF Championships where every player must have been availed the opportunity to participate in accordance with G4(c). Non-Team Development Opportunities can continue for AA and below until their Player Evaluation start date in accordance with G4(c).					^AAA Player Evaluation Phase Starts
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
AAA - Day 3	AAA - Day 4	AAA - Day 5	AAA - Day 6	AAA – Day 7 AAA Player Evaluation Phase Ends	*AA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	AA - Day 2
Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16
AA - Day 3	AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA – Day 7 AA Player Evaluation Phase Ends	**A & Below Player Evaluation Phase Starts	A & Below – Day 2
Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23
A & Below – Day 3	A & Below – Day 4	A – Day 5	A – Day 6	A – Day 7 A Player Evaluation Phase Ends	Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams	
Day 24	Approximately 6-7 week period					End of June
Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams						
July						August
No Sanctioned Team based activities allowed						
August	3 Weeks					Labour Day Weekend
Associations and Members can provide sanctioned individual skills training or hockey schools that operate based on Regulation G4(b)					Team based team builders no exhibition games week prior to Labour Day	No programming

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	U11 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
				U11 and above Tournaments may begin.		
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27

MARCH TO OCTOBER U15-U18						
Applies to G3 (e)						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
End of Season (At least March 2)				OHF Champs	OHF Champs	OHF Champs
Non-Team Development Opportunities Permitted to Start	Continues until end of OHF Championships where every player must have been availed the opportunity to participate in accordance with G4(c). Non-Team Development Opportunities can continue for AA and below until their Player Evaluation start date in accordance with G4(c).					
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
^AAA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	AAA - Day 2	AAA - Day 3	AAA - Day 4	AAA - Day 5	AAA - Day 6	AAA - Day 7 AAA Player Evaluation Phase Ends
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
*AA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	AA - Day 2	AA - Day 3	AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA - Day 7 AA Player Evaluation Phase Ends
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
**A & Below Player	A & Below - Day 2	A & Below - Day 3	¥ A & Below - Day 4	A - Day 5	A - Day 6	A - Day 7 A Player Evaluation Phase Ends

Evaluation Phase Starts						
<b>Day 22</b>	<b>Approximately 6-7 week period</b>			<b>End of June</b>		
Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams						
<b>July</b>						<b>August</b>
No Sanctioned Team based activities allowed						
<b>August</b>	3 Weeks				<b>Labour Day Weekend</b>	
Associations and Members can provide sanctioned individual skills training or hockey schools that operate based on Regulation G4(b)					Team based team builders no exhibition games week prior to Labour Day	No programming
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<b>Day 1</b>	<b>Day 2</b>	<b>Day 3</b>	<b>Day 4</b>	<b>Day 5</b>	<b>Day 6</b>
Labour Day	U11 and above Development Phase Begins					
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Day 13</b>
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Day 17</b>	<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Day 19</b>	<b>Day 20</b>
				U11 and above Tournaments may begin.		
<b>Day 21</b>	<b>Day 22</b>	<b>Day 23</b>	<b>Day 24</b>	<b>Day 25</b>	<b>Day 26</b>	<b>Day 27</b>

(h) At U11 and above the following legend applies:

- i. ^ The non-Team Development Opportunities must be complete prior to the Saturday of the OHF Championships for U11 and U13 and the Monday following the OHF Championships for U15 and U18.
- ii. ^ All U11 and U13 AAA Player Evaluations must begin on the Saturday of the OHF Championships and for U15 and U18 the Monday following the OHF Championships.

- iii. \*AA Player Evaluations begin seven (7) days following the AAA Player Evaluations for the respective age.
- iv. \*\*A and below Player Evaluations begin seven (7) days after the AA Player Evaluations for the respective age.
- v. U11 and above House League hockey will follow the schedule in G5 for U7 (Initiation) and U9.

(i) Development Phase and Tournaments for U11 and above

- i. For the Divisions of U11 and above following Labour Day Monday there is a twenty-seven (27) day Development Phase where teams may only practice and play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games or two (2) exhibition games and one Tournament in accordance with G3(i) ii, and two (2) practices for every one (1) game.
- ii. For the Divisions of U11 and above beginning the eighteenth (18) day after Labour Day Monday Tournaments may begin.

G4 U11 and above Player Evaluations for AA and below that did not operate spring Player Evaluations will conduct Player Evaluations based on the below calendar:

U11 AND ABOVE FALL PLAYER EVALUATIONS						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
<b>Labour Day</b>	Non-Team Development Opportunities					AA Player Evaluation Phase Starts
						AA - Day 2
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
AA - Day 3	AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA - Day 7	A & Below Player Evaluation Phase Starts	A & Below - Day 2
					AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
A & Below - Day 3	A & Below - Day 4	A & Below - Day 5	A & Below - Day 6	A & Below - Day 7	A & Below - Development Phase	A & Below Development Phase
AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase					
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
A & Below - Development Phase	A & Below - Development Phase					
AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase	AA Development Phase or Regular Season Phase	AA Development Phase or Regular Season Phase	AA Development Phase or Regular Season Phase
Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34
A & Below - Development Phase	A & Below - Development Phase Regular Season Phase	A & Below - Development Phase Regular Season Phase				
AA Development Phase or Regular Season Phase	AA Development Phase or Regular Season Phase					

G5 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

### **REGULATION H: TAMPERING AND PROHIBITIVE ADVERTISING**

H1 No representative of a Team within the OHF, may contact, encourage or invite directly or indirectly a Registered Participant of another team in accordance with G3 (d) and (e) to participate in activities including but not limited to skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, practices, scrimmages or skills sessions that are operated by individuals that are part of the next season's Team or acting on behalf of the next season's Team, inclusive of parents of current or prospective

Players, prior to the first day of Player Evaluations for the respective Division. Whereby a representative of a Team within the OHF wishes to contact a Registered Participant after Player Evaluations, they may only do so with having first obtained permission in writing from the Registered Participant's Team. 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's Association.

H2 Any determination of a violation of H1 will be based on the balance of probabilities, meaning an assessment that the case before the panel there is a greater than 50% chance the allegation is substantiated.

H3 For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G3, G4 and/or H1, the following sanctions will apply for a first offence:

- (a) the head coach of the offending Team will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of five (5) regular season games if they are not involved and a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to one (1) calendar year if they are involved and any other Team Official or individual involved will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to one (1) calendar year;
- (b) The offending Association Team will be fined a sum of \$5,000.00, 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 Association of the offending Team.

H4 For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G3, G4 and/or H1, the following sanctions will apply for a second offence:

- (e) the head coach of the offending Team will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of ten (10) regular season games if they are not involved and up to three (3) calendar years if they are involved and any other Team Official or individual involved will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to three (3) calendar years;
- (a) The offending Association Team will be fined a sum of \$5,000.00, 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;
- (b) any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (c) the subject Player will not be eligible to sign, or to play as an Affiliate Player, with any Team in the Association of the offending Team.

H5 The offending Association that has a finding of Tampering may be additionally subject to sanctions from the OHF that may include but are not limited to, loss of participation in OHF Championships, loss of participation in tournaments, and / or loss of permission to operate tournaments, for the offending Team and/or the entire Association.

- H6 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.
- H7 If through submission of documents, staff of a Member or the OHF identify information that may suggest tampering occurred the staff are obligated to turn it over to the OHF CEO's designate for a determination if a tampering allegation will be placed in front of the Registration Committee.
- H8 Prohibited Advertising
  - (a) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not announce publicly or privately to any individual other than the Team Officials themselves, Board of Directors and/or staff, prior to February 15, the names and contact information of Team Officials for the following season. Publication includes any form of print (digital inclusive), whether public or private, and external verbal communication. If a Team Official that is named prior to February 15 publicizes in any manner their selection or role for the following season, this will be construed as tampering in accordance with H1.
  - (b) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not advertise the time, date or location of evaluations for the following Season before February 15. For this purpose, any form of printed, whether public or private, solicitation (including promotional articles about existing Teams) that contains this information shall be considered as a form of advertising.
  - (c) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not advertise "Players Wanted" anywhere until after the 21-day evaluation period has concluded. No "Players Wanted" advertisement shall specify a specific evaluation time. U21 Teams shall be exempted from this provision.
  - (d) Any allegation relating to actions by a Minor Hockey Association or Team Official will be subject to H3, H4 and H5 with the exception that H3(d) and H4(d) may be applied.
  - (e) Any Association representative, employee or director found responsible by the Board or a Registration Committee Panel for the publication of such prohibited advertising in addition to the sanctions of H8(d) shall be suspended for a period of not less than 60 days or such further period of time as determined by the panel.
  - (f) Two or more individuals may be found responsible for the same publication.

Tampering allegations involving Registered Participants in Junior Hockey, Senior Hockey, and OWHA will be governed by Hockey Canada Regulations.

#### **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.
- I3 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.

- I4 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.
- I5 Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in Player Evaluations 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.
- I6 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.
- I7 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.
- I8 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.
- J4