

# 2024/2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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# *Chair of the Board* **MESSAGE**

On behalf of the Ontario Hockey Federation,

As we look back at the previous fiscal year there were a number of initiatives that were designed to make it easier to play hockey where you want – residency rules changes and the move towards regional leagues as the prime examples.

And, changes to make the game safer – such as centralized criminal record checks.

And as we move forward into next season and next year the same overriding raison d'être should prevail for all of us – how do we make the delivery of the game simpler, better and safer.

So today, as we close the books on one year and season and turn the page to the next, think of the year ahead as blank page. A chance to write what we want, do what is best and to make sure the next chapter concludes with a fantastic ending for the players, families, volunteers, coaches, officials and everyone else involved in the game.

To our friends and allies, there has been a lot of discussion the last few years about changing the culture of hockey, and, where do we start?

The thing is, we don't start somewhere – we start everywhere! Leadership comes in many forms and keep that in mind when it comes to our interaction with parents, coaches, volunteers, officials, board members, friends and foes, and each other.

Finally, hockey is a great game, the greatest game, and we can look back with pride and applaud the last 12 months and then quickly gear up for next year with anticipation and new ideas as to how to make the game even better.

**John Kastner**  
Chair of the Board

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# *Executive Director* **MESSAGE**



**Phillip McKee**  
Executive Director

Collaboration is the cornerstone of success, locally and nationally. Our collective efforts have achieved milestones that serve as a beacon for future endeavors. Everyone plays a role, and when we are focused on executing our roles, the OHF and Members excel for over 220,000 participants.

I would be remiss if I did not take a moment to acknowledge the incredible individuals who make our organization what it is today. We are fortunate to have great staff whose dedication and expertise drive our daily operations and propel us toward our goals.

Equally important are our great Directors, whose vision and leadership provide the strategic direction we need to thrive. Their commitment to the growth and development of hockey in Ontario is unwavering, and their guidance continues to be invaluable as we navigate both opportunities and challenges.

Lastly, the success of the OHF is deeply rooted in the active involvement of its Members. The positive and constructive input, feedback, and solutions provided by the leadership within your offices and the dedicated efforts of Member volunteers are invaluable. They empower the OHF Staff and Directors to effectively deliver on numerous initiatives and responsibilities, driving our collective success.

As we move forward, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to collaboration, innovation, and growth. The road ahead will undoubtedly have its share of obstacles, but I am confident that together, we can overcome them and achieve greatness on behalf of our athletes, our communities, and our sport.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our shared mission. It is an honor to lead this organization and to work alongside such passionate and talented individuals. Let us continue to strive for excellence in everything we do, knowing that our collective efforts will shape the future of hockey for generations to come.



2024-2025

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Chair



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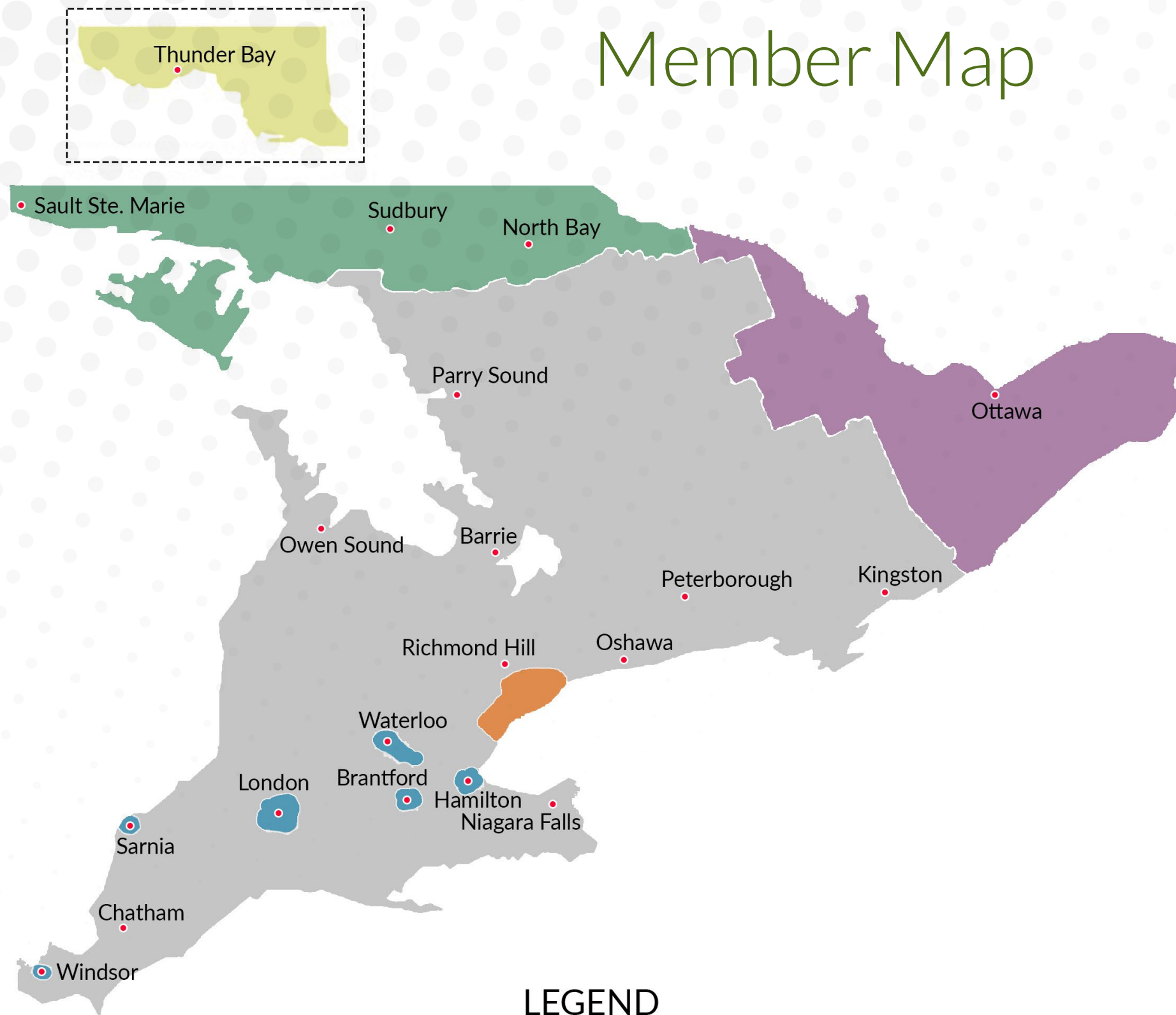
**Cheryl Smith**  
Director



**Jeffrey Turner**  
Director







### LEGEND

ALLIANCE	GTHL	HNO	NOHA	HEO	OMHA
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OHA, OHL and OWSHA: Coverage throughout the province

# Who is the ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION



The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) is the largest member of Hockey Canada, operating along side Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) as governing bodies for amateur hockey in Ontario.





# MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

Recognized as the Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Hockey, the OHF operates within a structure that is comprised of seven Members:



**Alliance Hockey**  
Tyler Tolton,  
Executive Director



**Greater Toronto Hockey  
League (GTHL)**  
Scott Oakman,  
Executive Director and CEO



**Northern Ontario Hockey  
Association (NOHA)**  
Jason Marchand,  
Executive Director



**Ontario Hockey Association  
(OHA)**  
Mark Tuck,  
Executive Director



**Ontario Hockey  
League (OHL)**  
Bryan Crawford,  
Commissioner



**Ontario Minor Hockey  
Association (OMHA)**  
Ian Taylor,  
Executive Director



**Ontario Women's Hockey  
Association (OWHA)**  
Fran Rider,  
President/CEO



# OUR PURPOSE

## ENRICH LIFE & COMMUNITY THROUGH HOCKEY

*Hockey as a positive catalyst for growth and shared experiences for all*

### SAFE

Commitment that all participants are comfortable participating in the game of hockey, whether that be from a mental or physical perspective all while focusing on the management and minimization of mental health issues, maltreatment and concussions.

### FUN

Ensure that all individuals - regardless of level - find value and develop themselves as healthy people while staying in the game in any form.

### ACCESSIBLE

Ensure a broad ranging commitment to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion principles in all of our programming, as well as highlight and target ways to invite people of different economic backgrounds, race, disabilities and geographies into the game.

### INTEGRITY

Ensure there is always a commitment to fairness, equity, respect and honesty for all levels of the game. Make accountability a priority among our staff, board members, players parents, coaches, etc.

### PROGRESSIVE

Collaborative leadership and connection of the networked organization, empowerment, learning and challenging the status quo.





# TEN YEAR STORY

The Ontario Hockey Federation, the largest Member of Hockey Canada, is a collective of some of the best hockey organizations in the world that recognize that reliance on size alone does not guarantee success or ensure a great reputation. The power to work as a collective and maximize the benefits of a networked organization are the path to being a world class sports leader.

We are committed to quality experience for every person in our game regardless of ability. Every player, coach, official, staff and volunteer has a role and responsibility in ensuring the overall experience is fun.

With an athlete centered focus, hockey is the activity of choice, creating the desire in each athlete to play hockey and stay in hockey throughout their life. The rink reflects the faces and people of Ontario, enabled by an organization that is safe, engaging, and accessible, that drives continuous and meaningful change. We do that with a clear understanding of how that environment is achieved for the player lacing up for the first time, or the 10,000th time.

Our purpose is to

**ENRICH LIFE AND COMMUNITY  
THROUGH HOCKEY**

by being a highly effective, empowered and efficient network organization.







INDEPENDENT  
**SAFE SPORT**

## Commitment to **SAFE SPORT**

The OHF stays committed to fostering a culture of safety, respect, and inclusion within the hockey community, by working closely with our Members and Associations. The efforts aim to protect the well-being of athletes, coaches, officials, and other stakeholders involved in the sport.

As such, we continue to build on our Safe Sport initiatives to promote a safe and respectful environment within the hockey community.



**Education:** Utilization of multiple educational tools to increase knowledge of our lead volunteers, coaches, officials and parents.



**Policies and Procedures:** Development and implementation of policies and procedures outlining expectations, reporting procedures, ensuing appropriate conduct and interactions are made throughout the game.



**Screening:** Coaches, volunteers, and officials must undergo background checks through a new centralized validation process to ensure that these individuals meet certain standards and conduct themselves in a safe manner for all.



**Safe Sport Training:** Organization of training for coaches, officials, and administrators to raise awareness about abuse prevention, how to recognize signs of abuse, and learn how to respond appropriately to allegations or suspicions of abuse.

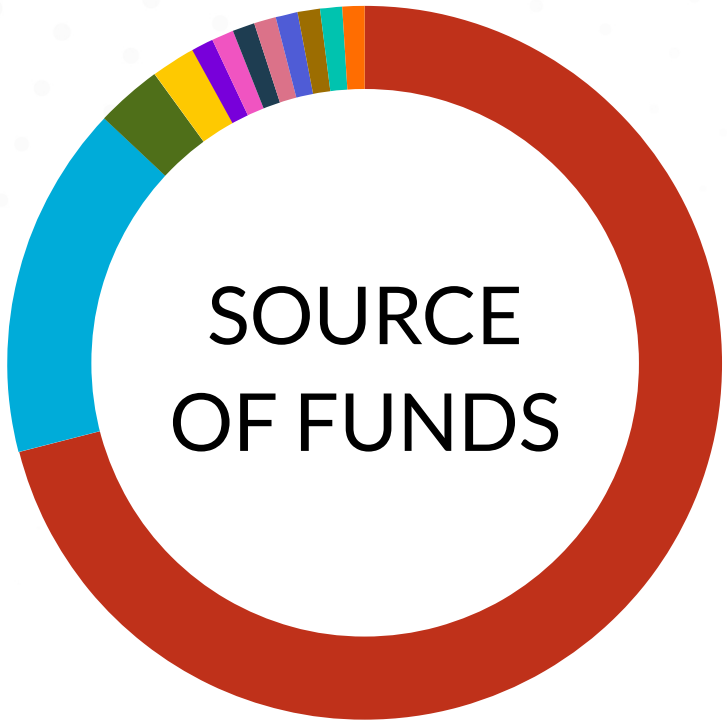


**Reporting Mechanisms:** Established reporting mechanisms to report instances of abuse, harassment, or misconduct anonymously to encourage individuals to come forward without fear of retaliation.

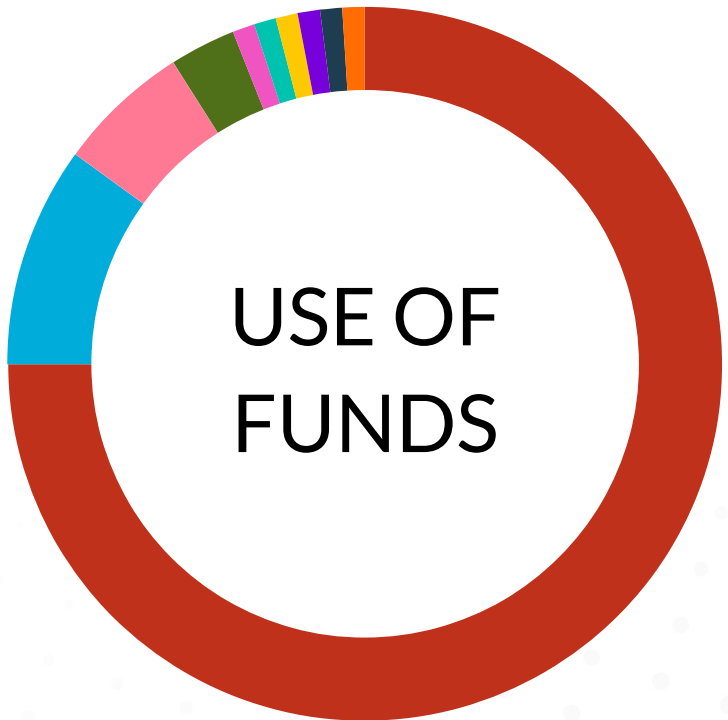
For more information about the OHF Safe Sport commitments, visit: [OHF.ON.CA/SAFE-SPORT](https://OHF.ON.CA/SAFE-SPORT)



# FUNDING OVERVIEW



HC insurance and assessment	75.40%
Member Assessments & Fees	15.56%
PSO Funding	2.51%
Registration fees	2.45%
HC restricted fund	1.27%
Interest Revenue	0.97%
Coach mentorship revenue	0.62%
Sponsorship	0.38%
Appeal revenue	0.26%
Other	0.26%
Sports school	0.22%
Risk management revenue	0.10%
Risk management contribution	-
	100%



HC Insurance & Assessment	75.06%
Administrative	10.97%
Operations	7.30%
Coach Mentorship	2.67%
HC restricted fund	0.98%
Office	0.88%
PSO Funding	0.85%
Technology	0.64%
Risk management	0.46%
Other	0.19%
	100%



# The OHF AWARDS PROGRAM

Recognizes the efforts and achievements of volunteers and administrators who have dedicated their time to furthering the great game of hockey.

**Bill Richmond Memorial Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Francesco Bazzocchi, Greater Ontario Hockey League

**Dr. Allan Morris Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Nicole Cloutier, Northern Ontario Hockey Association

**Officiating Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Eric Ouellette, Northern Ontario Hockey Association

**Order of Merit Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Gordon McDonald, Greater Toronto Hockey League

**Staff Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Annette Stroyan, Ontario Hockey Association

**Volunteer of the Year Award:**

2023-2024 Recipient: Don Collison, Ontario Minor Hockey Association

**The Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Hockey Award (NEW):**

2023-2024 Recipient: Gayle Payette, Northern Ontario Hockey Association

**The Woman in Hockey Award (NEW):**

2023-2024 Recipient: Heather Richardson, Ontario Women's Hockey Association





# Scholarship PROGRAM



## 2024 OHF Scholarship Recipients

Thank you to all who applied for the OHF Scholarship and congratulations to those selected:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 Justin Barnes - OMHA                      | 16 Tyler McGrail - OMHA                    |
| 2 Olivia Bullock - OWHA                     | 17 Mariane Mignault - OWHA                 |
| 3 Hanna Coulson - OWHA                      | 18 Aidan Molenhuis - OMHA                  |
| 4 Adam Dawson - OMHA                        | 19 Danelle Morin - NOHA/OWHA               |
| 5 Ethan DeRango - OMHA                      | 20 Matthew Pang - OMHA                     |
| 6 Joseph Dutkewich - OMHA                   | 21 <a href="#">Cameron Robillard - OHA</a> |
| 7 Lucas Ecker - OHA                         | 22 Ryan Robillard - OHA                    |
| 8 Emma Gratton - NOHA                       | 23 Abby Scott - OMHA                       |
| 9 <a href="#">Jackson Hall - Alliance**</a> | 24 Kendra Shanks - OWHA                    |
| 10 Jack Harris - OMHA                       | 25 Hannah Smith - OWHA                     |
| 11 Brooke Hudson - OWHA                     | 26 <a href="#">Ally St. Louis - OWHA</a>   |
| 12 Ella Humphrey - OWHA                     | 27 <a href="#">Tanner St. Louis - NOHA</a> |
| 13 Katelynn Jacques - OWHA                  | 28 Kate Staley - OWHA                      |
| 14 William Jiang - OMHA                     | 29 Max Underhill - OMHA                    |
| 15 Nick Kang - OMHA                         | 30 Maeve Young - OWHA                      |

**\*\*Jackson Hall is recognized as this year's Top Recipient. He also receives the Jim Stirling Scholarship Award, donated by BFL Canada.**

B.F. Lorenzetti (BFL) is the insurance provider for Hockey Canada and its Branches. One of their objectives is to assist in the funding of young athletes and officials. In an effort to honor the contributions of long serving BFL colleague and friend Jim Stirling, BFL Canada has decided to change the name of the BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Scholarship program to the Jim Stirling Scholarship Program. Awarded to a participant in their graduating year of high school.





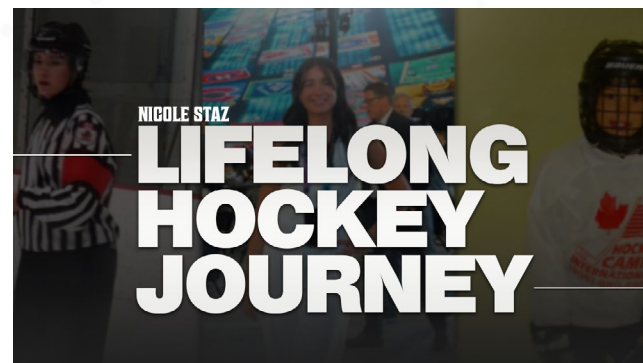
# Member Community STORIES



## James Kraft: The Journey of a Referee

May, 09, 2025

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## Nicole Staz: A Lifelong Journey in Hockey

May, 02, 2025

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## The True Cost of Minor Hockey: A Look at the Value of Your Registration Fee

Mar, 14, 2025

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## First Ever All-Female Officiating Crew -Historic Day!

Jan, 17, 2025

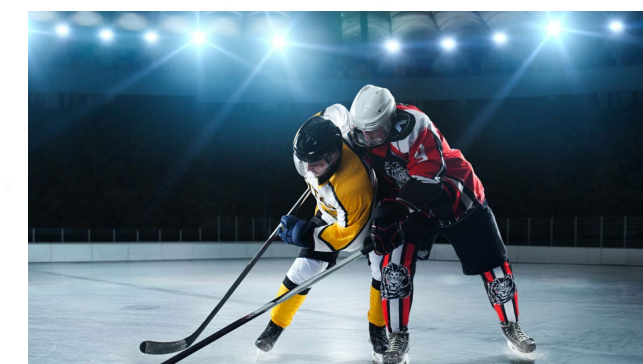
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## Key Changes to Player Movement Regulations

Dec, 17, 2024

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## OHF Centralizes Vulnerable Sector Check Process, Leading the Way in Youth Sport Safety

Nov, 15, 2024

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# OHF AFFILIATES



## Little Native Hockey League (LNHL):

Little Native Hockey League (Little NHL) tournament was started by five very special people who wanted to start a tournament for our First Nation Youth. These people were Earl Abotossaway, former Chief Jim McGregor, the late James D. Debassige, the late Reverend Leonard Self and the late Norman Debassige. The first tournament had 17 teams and a modest 200 players in Little Current. By 2018, the tournament had grown to 209 teams and approximately 3000 players. In 2024, the tournament will be held over March break in the city of Markham, with projections of over 3,500 players participating over the week.



## Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA):

The Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA) is the governing body for sledge hockey in Ontario, representing over 20 clubs and 400 plus players located across most of Ontario. It is a registered non-profit organization, an associate member of the Ontario Hockey Federation, and a member of Hockey Canada. OSHA runs three regular season leagues, Junior Sledge Development, Intermediate, and Elite; offering competitive and development opportunities to players at all levels of play from beginner to elite. OSHA, in its role as the organizing body for sledge hockey in Ontario under the OHF, coordinates sledge hockey participation in the Ontario Parasport Winter Games (OPWG), and the Ontario Winter Games (OWG).

### OSHA Champions Weekend Awards Titles Across Five Divisions in April

The season concluded with the Provincial Championship Weekend held from April 4-6, 2025, where champions were crowned across all five divisions: the Woolwich Thrashers took the Juniors title, the Elgin Imperials won the Open division, the London Blizzard claimed Intermediate C, the Kawartha Blazers secured Intermediate B, and the Durham Steelhawks emerged victorious in Intermediate A. The Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA) is the governing body for sledge hockey in Ontario, representing over 20 clubs and 400 plus players located across most of Ontario.

## Canadian National Special Hockey (CNSH)

### Canadian National Special Hockey (CNSH):

The CNSH provides the youth and the adjacent catchment's area with the opportunity to participate in the pursuit of excellence in hockey by developing, encouraging and maximizing inclusive assisted hockey programs for developmentally delayed individuals while protecting and supporting existing members.



# Year in REVIEW

## May 2024:

### OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence

- OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence in 4 Cities:
- May 3-5 in Kitchener, ON
- May 10-12 in London, ON
- May 10-12 in Oshawa, ON
- May 24-26 in Brampton, ON

### 2024 CHL Memorial Cup took place in Saginaw

- All OHL Final (London Knights vs. Saginaw Spirit)
- Saginaw Spirit Won the Memorial Cup

## June 2024:

### Board of Directors Elected & Re-Elected

## July 2024:

### Scholarship Award/Bursary Winners Announced

High Performance 1 Coaching Continues with In-Class Sessions featuring Planning, Teaching, Evaluating; Offensive and Defensive Team Play; and Power Plays and Penalty Kills

## August 2024:

### 2024 Hlinka Gretzky Cup takes place in Calgary, Alberta

- Aug 5 – 10th, Rogers Place in Edmonton
- 9 Members from the OHL made the team
- Canada Wins Gold with a 2-1 Victory over Czechia

### OHF/OHL U15 Program Week 5 Took Place

- August 9-11, North Bay

## September 2024:

### Canada's National Women's Team Camp Took Place

- 28 Women From Ontario were selected to participate

### Officials Licensed for IIHF Championship Events

- 8 OHF Members Were selected

### National Para Hockey Team Evaluation Camp and Selection

## October 2024:

### National Para Hockey Team Captures Silver

- Czechia, Ostravar Arena
- 9 players from Ontario made the team

### Officiating Green Armband Initiative Launches

- Promotes a positive and respectful hockey environment for treating young officials

## November 2024:

### National U17 World Challenge takes place in Sarnia, Ontario

- 21 Players from Ontario Selected for Canada Red & White teams

### OHF Member High Performance Camp takes place in Cambridge, Ontario

- 16 Officials from across the OHF attended

## December 2024:

### 2024 IIHF World Junior Championship

- Ottawa, Ontario – Canadian Tire Centre
- December 26 – January 5

### Player Movement Regulation Key Changes

- Remove Residency Regulations in Minor Hockey for the U10 Age group and above

## January 2025:

### Canada Womens U18 Win Gold at 2025 IIHF World Championship

### (OHA) OJHL has first-ever All-Female Officiating Crew

## March 2025:

### True Cost of Minor Hockey Study is Published

- Hockey is one of the most cost effective Minor Sports to play!

## April 2025:

### OHF Partners with Entripy Custom Clothing

### Peterborough, ON is announced to host the 2026 TELUS Cup

### TELUS Cup: Chilliwack, BC

- Monday April 21 – Sunday April 27
- Elgin Middlesex Canucks participated
- Lost in the Semi-Final Game to secure 4th

### All-Ontario U15AAA Championships

- Winner: Toronto Jr. Canadiens (GTHL)

### All-Ontario U13AAA Championships

- Winner: Barrie Jr. Colts (OMHA)

### Central Regional U18AAA Championships

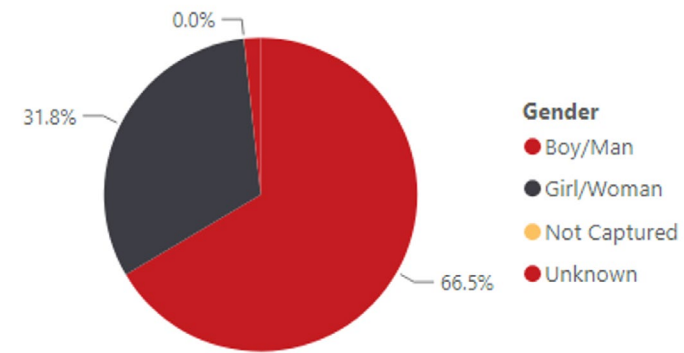
- Winner: Elgin Middlesex Canucks (ALLIANCE)





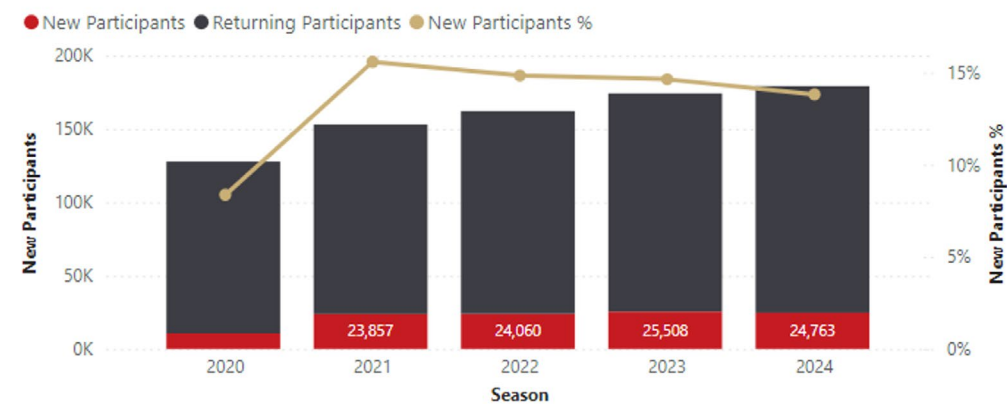
# Registered PARTICIPANTS

New Participants by Gender

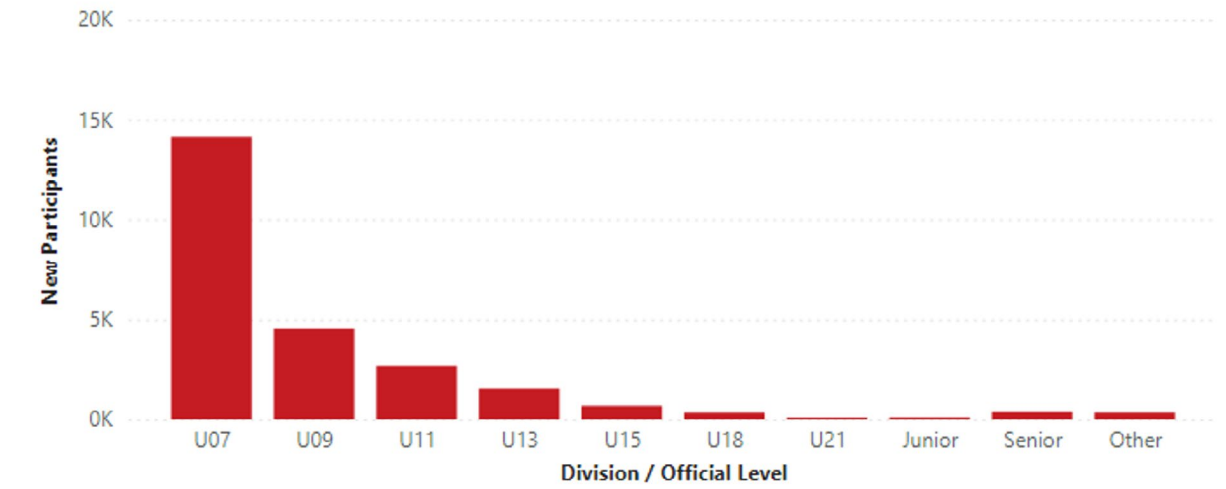


Member Branch	Coach	Official	Player	Staff	Total
ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	10,609	2,042	81,385	8,954	102,990
ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	6,078	310	39,563	5,159	51,110
GREATER TORONTO HOCKEY LEAGUE	3,198	497	25,090	1,729	30,514
ALLIANCE HOCKEY	2,634	446	17,317	1,341	21,738
NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	1,943	349	10,844	1,319	14,455
ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	437	400	3,271	454	4,562
TOURNAMENTS			744		744
CANADIAN NATIONAL SPECIAL HOCKEY	85		579	18	682
ONTARIO SLEDGE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	48		376	55	479
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<b>Total</b>	<b>25,033</b>	<b>4,045</b>	<b>179,169</b>	<b>19,029</b>	<b>227,276</b>

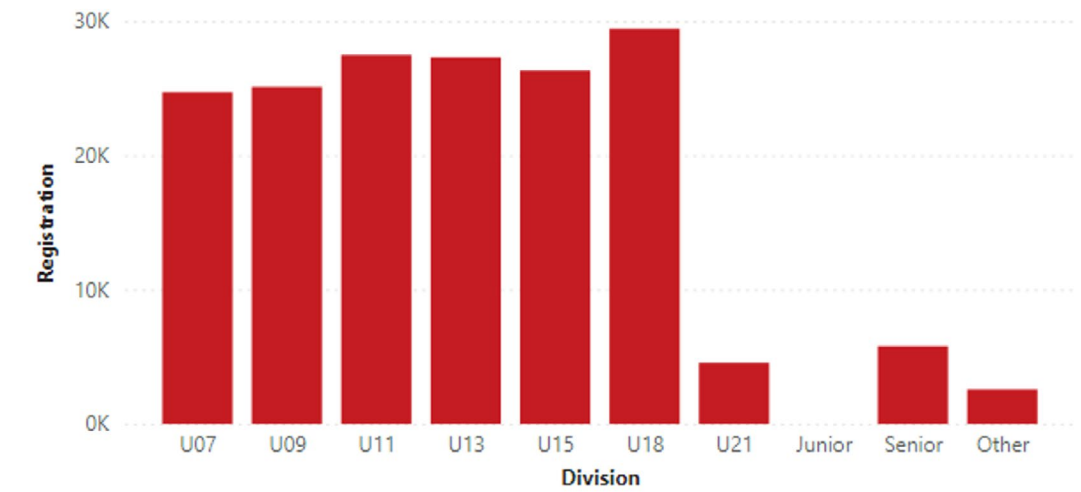
New Participants & Rate by Season



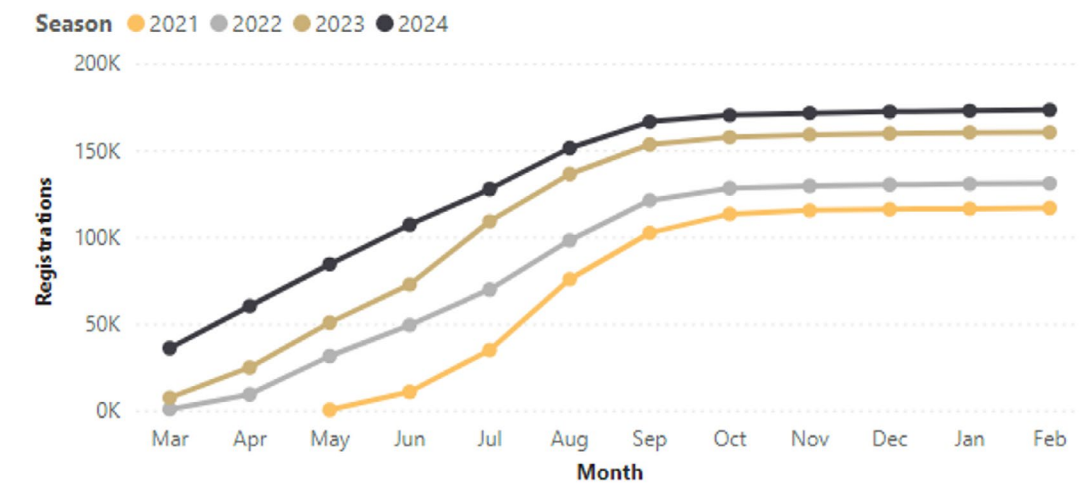
New Participants by Division / Official Level



Registration by Division



Registration by Season







The OHF Championships across all divisions and age categories took place  
**April 18-20, 2025.**

Division	Winner	Runner-up	Hosts
U13 A	Woodstock Jr. Navy Vets (ALLIANCE)	Burlington Eagles-Gold (OMHA)	Belle River District MHA (OMHA)
U13 AA	London Jr. Knights-Green (ALLIANCE)	Soo Jr. Greyhounds (NOHA)	Aurora MHA (OMHA)
U15 A	Talbot Trail Blazers (OMHA)	Sarnia Jr. Sting (ALLIANCE)	Collingwood MHA (OMHA)
U15 AA	London Jr. Knights-Green (ALLIANCE)	Nickel City Cubs (NOHA)	London Jr. Knights-Green (ALLIANCE)
U18 A	Stratford Warriors (ALLIANCE)	St. Thomas Jr. Stars (OMHA)	New Hamburg MHA (OMHA)
U18 AA	Mississauga North Stars (GTHL)	Oakville Rangers-Red (OMHA)	Milton MHA (OMHA)

## All-Ontario/Central Region Championships

The Ontario Championships are the provincial Championship for U13 AAA and U15 AAA divisions that include teams from all 3 Hockey Canada Ontario Branches.

The Central Region U18 AAA Championship includes teams from 2 Hockey Canada Ontario Branches (HEO and OHF).



Division	Date	Winner	Runner-up	Hosts
U13 AAA	April 9-13, 2025	Barrie Jr. Colts (OMHA)	North Bay Trappers (NOHA)	Sudbury MHA (NOHA)
U15 AAA	April 9-13, 2025	Toronto Jr. Canadiens (GTHL)	Markham Majors (GTHL)	Markham Majors (GTHL)
U18 AAA	March 31 – April 6, 2025	Elgin Middlesex Canucks (ALLIANCE)	Vaughan Kings (GTHL)	Upper Canada Cyclones (HEO)





# Ontario Hockey Federation **HIGH PERFORMANCE 1 SEMINAR 2025**

Delivered in different learning blocks: On-line virtual, Pre-Recorded and and in-class learning.

## **National Virtual Opening Weekend May 23-25:**

- Mental Preparation
- Team Building
- Physical Preparation
- Game and Bench Management
- Skills Assessment
- Leadership in Coaching

## **Recorded/On-Demand:**

- Pillars of Performance
- Maltreatment
- Emergency Action Planning
- Managing Conflict
- Making Ethical Decisions
- Player Evaluation / Selection

## **Virtual Multi-Sport Modules:**

- Leading Drug Free Sport

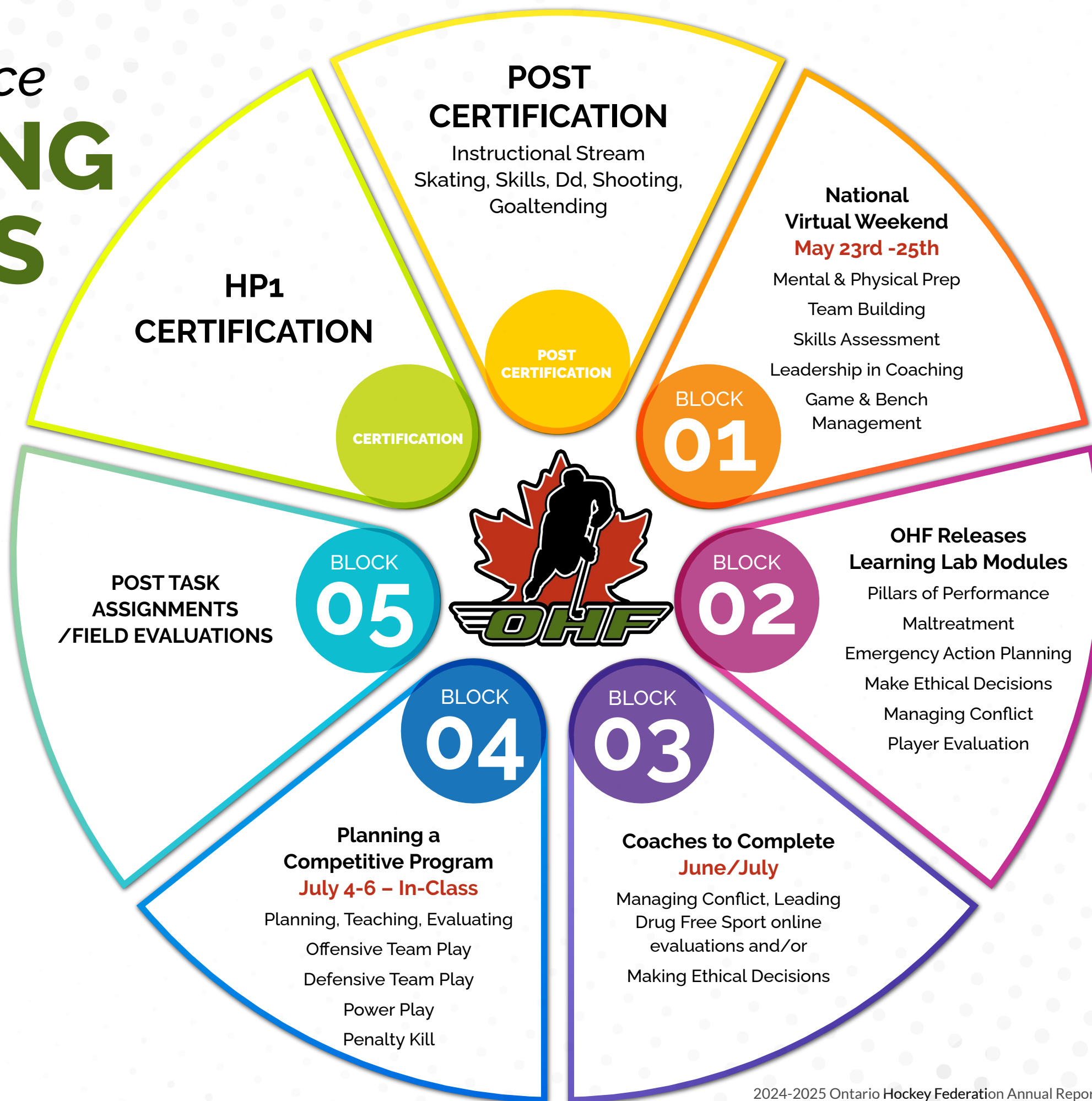
## **In-Class Weekend July 4-6 - Toronto:**

- Planning a Competitive Program
- Planning, Teaching, Evaluating
- Offensive Team Play
- Defensive Team Play
- Power Play
- Penalty Kill





# High Performance COACHING PROCESS

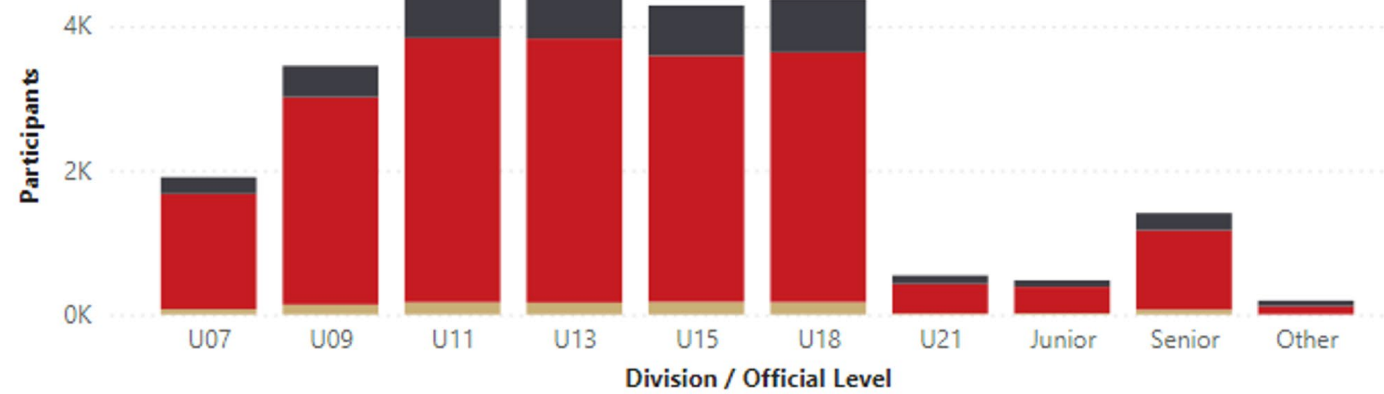




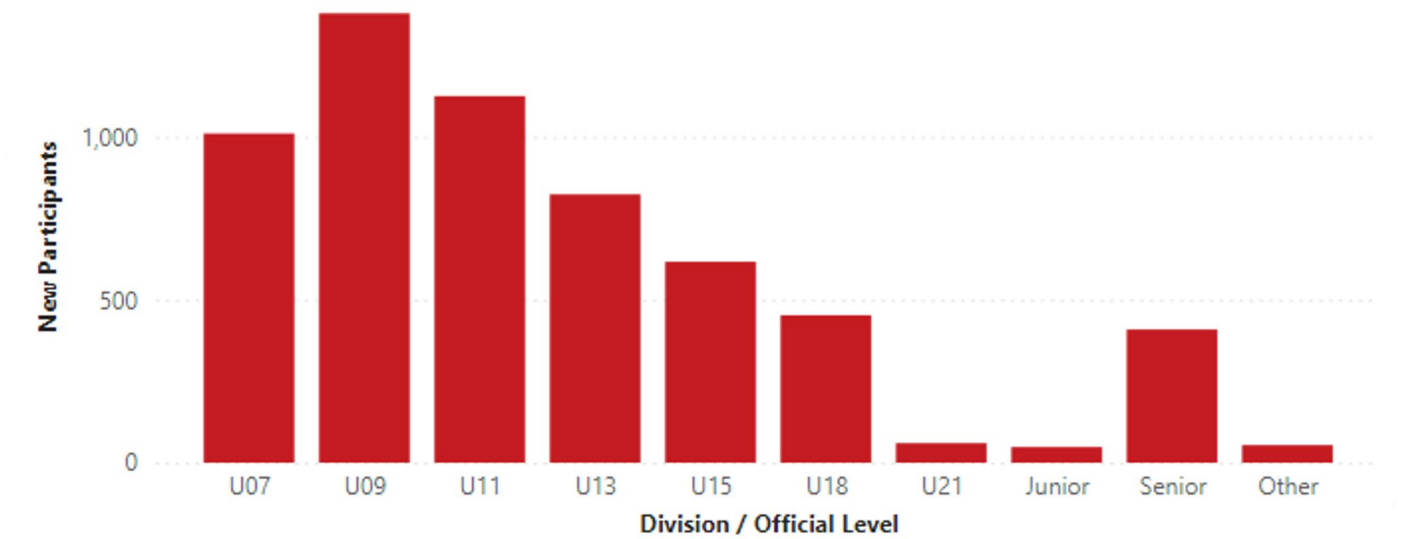
# Coaching by the NUMBERS

Participants by Division / Official Level

Ethnicity/Race Groups BIPOC Caucasian Other

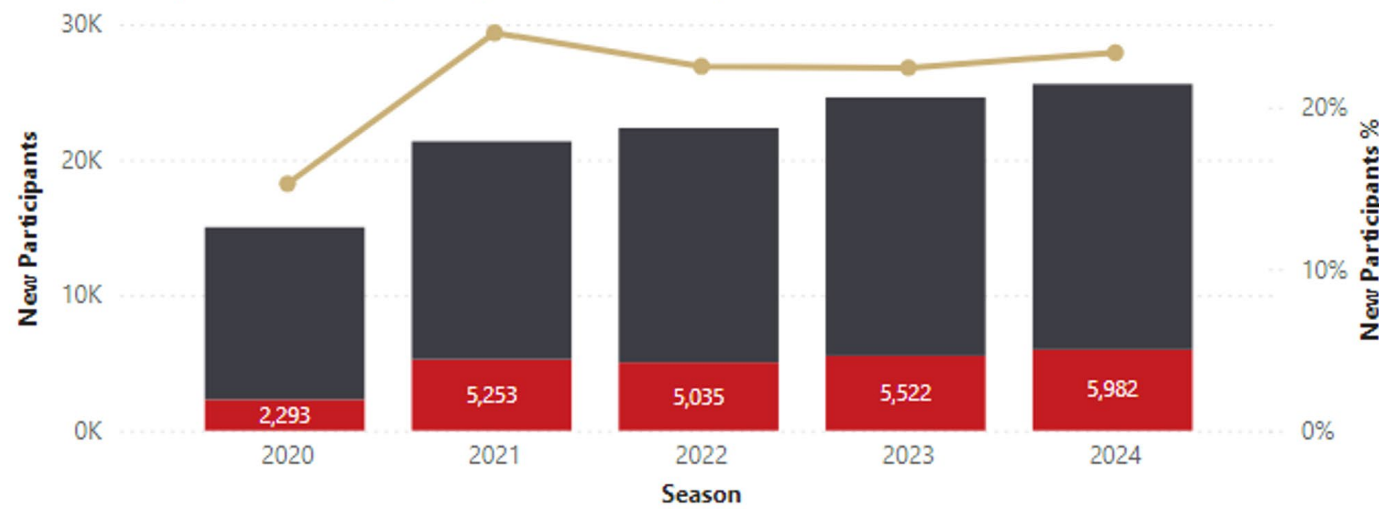


New Participants by Division / Official Level



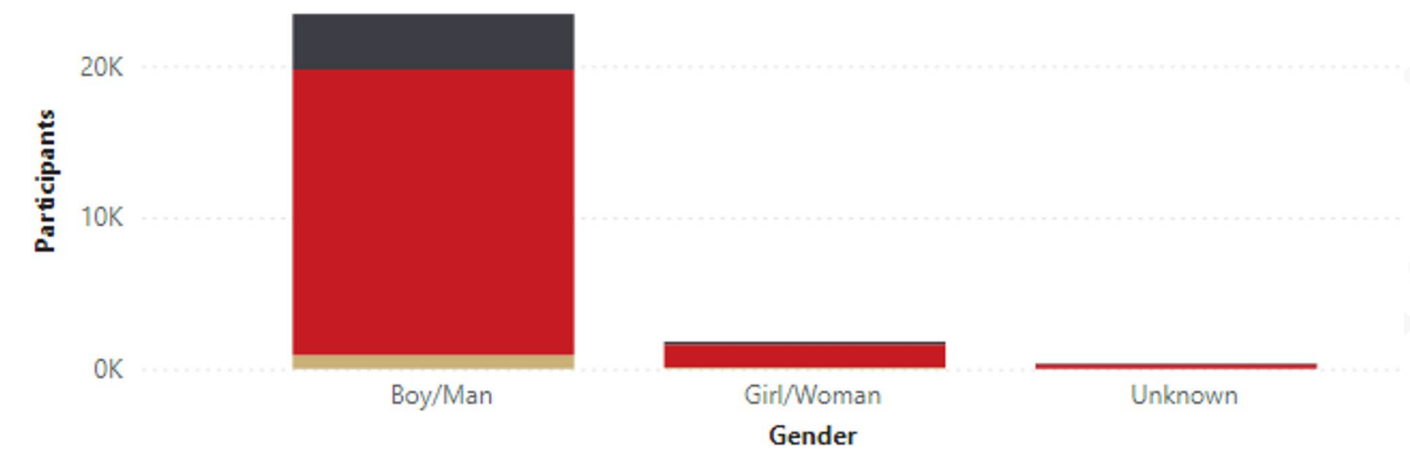
New Participants & Rate by Season

New Participants Returning Participants New Participants %



Participants by Gender

Ethnicity/Race Groups BIPOC Caucasian Other







# OHF/OHL U15 Program of **EXCELLENCE**

The OHF/OHL 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. 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.

[U15 Promotional Video](#)

## 2025 Program Dates & Locations

**May 2 – 4, 2025**

Kitchener, ON (Activa Sportsplex)

**May 9 – 11, 2025**

London, ON (Western Fair Sports Centre)

**May 9 – 11, 2025**

Oshawa, ON (Tribute Communities Centre)

**May 23 – 25, 2025**

Brampton, ON (CAA Centre)

**August 8 - 10, 2025**

North Bay, ON (Memorial Gardens)\*\*





# OHF Officiating HIGHLIGHTS

**A Pathway Built for Everyone:** The OHF follows Hockey Canada’s officiating pathway, which emphasizes inclusivity and gender neutrality at every stage—from Introduction and Recreational to Competitive and High Performance—ensuring fair access regardless of background .

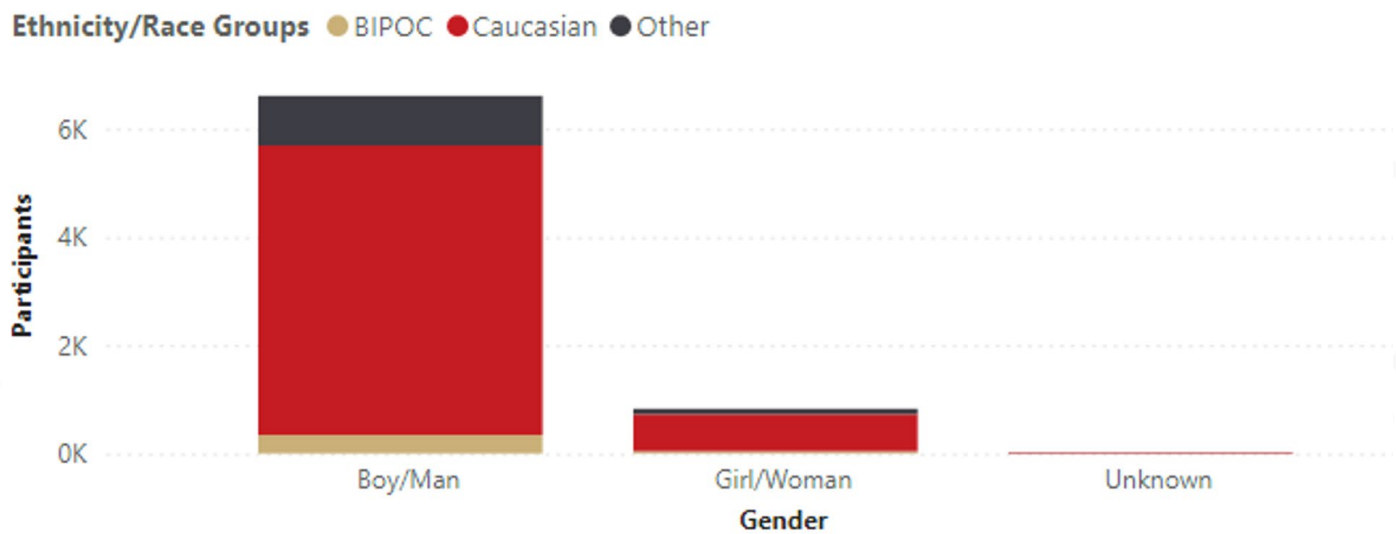
**Commitment to Ongoing Development:** Except for the entry-level (Level I), all officials must complete both classroom (clinical) and on-ice (practical) assessments. Recertification requires attending a clinic and passing a national exam every year, promoting consistent standards and quality.

**Age & Progression Standards:** Officials must be at least 16 years old to certify at Level II or above, and may only advance one level per season, ensuring steady development and readiness for more advanced roles.

**Focus on Respect & Safe Environments** Under Hockey Canada’s policies, all referees, linespersons, and off-ice officials must be treated with courtesy and respect, aligning with wider Safe Sport principles.

## Officials by the Numbers:

Participants by Gender





# Centralized RECORD CHECKS

**Centralized Record Checks for the 2024-25 Season:**  
Ensuring Safety and Streamlined Process

## What changed?

Besides screening On-Ice Officials, OHF began screening all Hockey Associations On-Ice Personnel and Volunteers.

## Centralization Benefits:

**Consistency:** Ensured all necessary screenings occurred the same way

**Efficiency:** Reduced duplicate screenings across Associations.

**Safety:** Protected players from exposure to vulnerable individuals.

**The Submission Portal:** A user-friendly portal facilitated Vulnerable Sector Check and OHF Screening Declaration Form submissions. Trained Inspectors review and update HCR profiles upon approval.

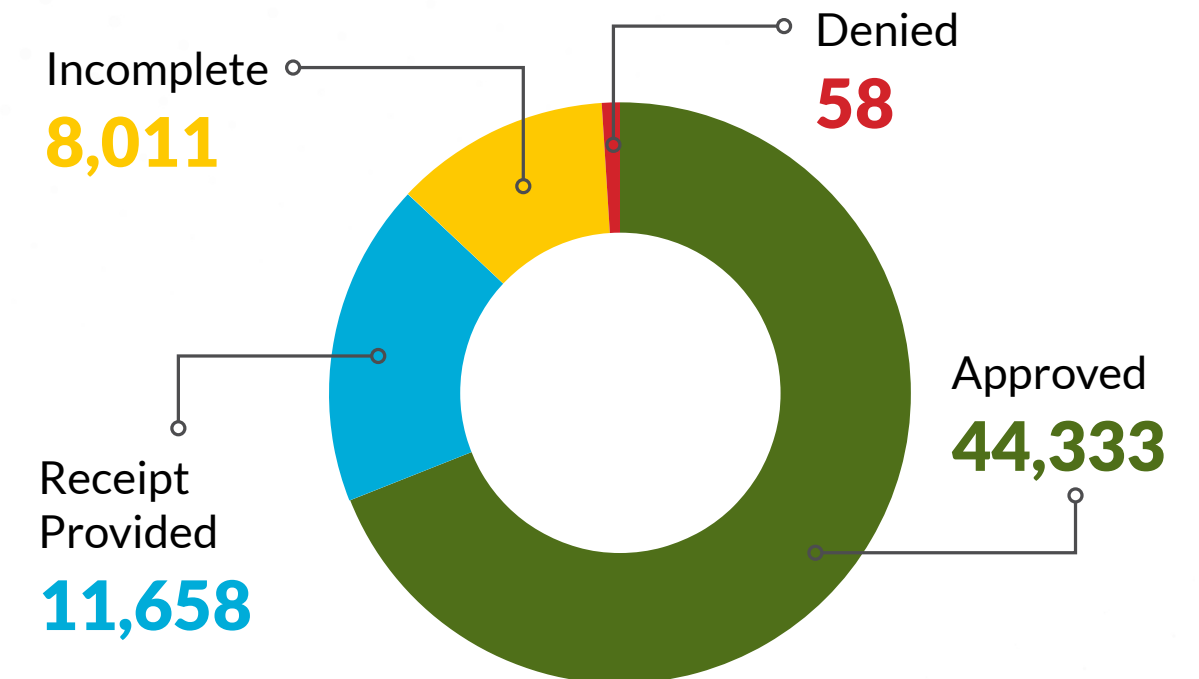
The OHF has implemented some changes to the online screening submission portal in the effort of creating a more user friendly process.

## One Step vs. Two Step Process

- OHF has created one direct link to submission portal to upload documents and/or complete online declaration.

## Need for Better Communication

- OHF will provide automatic instant notifications of all decisions so that there is no need for them to follow up with the OHF on their submission.
- Automatic notifications will be provided by Record Check Inspectors on Incomplete decisions with a note containing specific details on their error or issue. The individual would have better information on how to resubmit their screening so that it can be completed.



Decisions	Explanation
Approved	The individual's screening has been approved and they are eligible to participate
Receipt Provided	The individual has provided a receipt for a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) to prove that they are in the process of completing their screening. They are eligible to participate while awaiting their results
Incomplete	The individual had either an error in their submission and/or did not provide the correct documents and is required to resubmit
Denied	The individual is ineligible to participate based on specific offence(s) on their Vulnerable Sector Check or declaration that is in violation of the OHF Screening Policy





# Officiating PROGRAM

## **OHF Member High Performance Clinic**

The OHF once again held its Member High Performance Camp November 1-3 in Cambridge. Officials were given the opportunity to officiate OHL, Junior B, and World Under-17 Pre-Competition games while receiving feedback from Officiating Coaches such as Al Kimmel, Kevin Pollock, Greg Devorski, Lance Roberts, Ken Cox, and Chris Ferreira. Throughout the weekend, Officials listened to presentations from the above Officiating Coaches, Emile Studham of EDS Education, and Dr. Marcus Gatto and Adam Martin from Pursuit Athletics Centre. Classroom sessions were focused on teamwork, fitness, nutrition, communication, conflict resolution, and attitude. The Camp serves as a stepping stone to Hockey Canada's National High Performance Camp and provides the Officials with Hockey Canada's Member High Performance qualification.

## **OHF Online Recertification Program**

As Hockey Canada launched the Learning Lab this past season, the OHF was given the opportunity to move its current online recertification program to the new platform. After gathering feedback from all Officials and Members, it was a great success that offered Officials a new strengthened platform that provided Officials with an interactive experience while maintaining their Hockey Canada Officiating Program certification. As we move into the 2025-2026 season, we look forward to utilizing the Hockey Canada National Online Recertification Program that will be offered countrywide to all Officials.

## **International/National Officiating Assignments**

The OHF continued to strengthen its appearance on the international stage during the 2024-2025 season, as we saw nine Officials from the OHF receive assignments at 13 IIHF events while 30 Officials received 26 Hockey Canada assignments. Multiple Officials were selected to officiate Gold Medal Games at their events including Pat Myers World Para Championship, Brian Birkhoff, Men's World Under-18 Championship, and Justine Todd Women's World Championship. The OHF was also fortunate enough to send 18 Officials to Hockey Canada Camps throughout the season where Officials were able to showcase their abilities and further their development.

- **OHF by the Numbers**
- **IIHF Licensed officials – eight officials**
- **IIHF Good to Great Program – five officials**
- **9 officials received 13 IIHF Assignments**
- **30 officials received 26 Hockey Canada Assignments**
- **18 officials attended Hockey Canada camps**
- **2 officials received World Para Assignments**



# Officiating PROGRAM

## IIHF Assignments

### Women's Asia Cup

Tara Benard-Rae

### IIHF Good to Great Program

Gillian Allan  
Tara Benard-Rae  
Adam Burnett  
Chad Ingalls  
Luke Pye

### Women's Final Olympic Qualification Group I

Jennifer Berezowski  
Laura Gutauskas  
Erin Zach

### Women's Final Olympic Qualification Group I

Justine Todd

### Men's World U18 Championship

Brian Birkhoff

### Women's World Championship

Laura Gutauskas  
Justine Todd  
Erin Zach

### Women's World Championship Division 1 Group A

Brandy Beecroft  
Jennifer Berezowski

### Women's World Championship Division 2 Group A

Ali Beres

### World University Games

Danny Emerson

## World Para

### World Para Ice Hockey Championships

Matt Fergenbaum  
Pat Myers

## Hockey Canada Assignments

### Hlinka Gretzky Cup

Adam Burnett  
Chad Ingalls  
Luke Pye

### Esso Cup

Carley Jewel  
Tori Pirruccio  
Coby Sullivan

### Centennial Cup

Chris Ferreira  
Devon Gale

### National Para Hockey Championship

Theresa Llorente  
Matthew Sgromo  
Eric Taylor

### National Women's U18 Championship

Gillian Allan  
Tara Benard-Rae  
Maggie Hotte  
Darby Hucaluk  
Madison Pendleton

### Para Cup

Matthew Sgromo

### World U17 Hockey Challenge

David Elford  
Damian Figuiera  
Devon Gale

### World Junior A Hockey Challenge

Adam Burnett  
Ryan Jenkins  
Chad Ingalls

### Men's USPORT U Cup

Brendan Kane  
Spencer Knox

### Women's USPORT U Cup

Brandy Beecroft  
Ali Beres  
Laura Gutauskas  
Justine Todd  
Erin Zach

## Hockey Canada Camp Selections

### Men's OPOE Summer Camp

Matt Boulby  
Damian Figuiera  
Devon Gale

### Men's Regional OPOE Camps

David Elford  
Mason Hardy  
Mitchell Hardy  
Dalton Kipp  
Connor Mallon  
Ian Rush

### Women's Elite Development Camp

Ali Beres

### Women's OPOE Summer Camp

Francesca Pedula  
Marlowe Schott

### Women's OPOE Regional Camps

Lisa Beaulieu  
Sydney Jacobs  
Carley Jewell  
Bailey Kennedy  
Tori Pirruccio  
Coby Sullivan





# First Shift 2024-25 SEASON

Number of programs:

92

COED:

66

All Girls:

25

Para:

1

# of Participants: 3,541

95.99% 56.96%

Fill rate

Boys: 2,017

42.84%

Girls: 1,517

5-0.14%

Prefer not to Say

2-0.06%

Non-Binary

Retention: From 2014-15 to 2023-24

A total of **8,875** OHF First Shift participants have registered with a Local Hockey Association at some point, resulting in a conversion rate of **44.82%**.

This is above the overall program average conversion rate of **42.20%**.





# Marketing by the **NUMBERS**

**31.5K**  
Social media fans

**5K**  
Facebook

**11K**  
Instagram

**2739**  
LinkedIn

**11.5K**  
X

**223**  
YouTube

## **OHF Website:**

**333K**  
Visitors

**328K**  
New Visitors

**1.20 Mins**  
Average engagement time

Views: 1.1M | Event Count: 3.1M



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