

New and Revised Regulations and By-Laws for 2011-2012 Season

By-Law 2.10

The president shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or discipline as he deems necessary, any player, **team official** or referee who is a member of the OHF, with respect to any act, omission or other conduct demonstrated to be contrary to the best interests of the OHF or the sport of amateur hockey. **The president shall also have the power to levy fines authorized by Regulation G1.**

By-Law 5.31 (b)

increase based on new evidence accepted by the hearing panel, decrease or leave unchanged any suspension or sanction against the appellant. Such decision must be in accordance with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and the relevant Member Partner. If the decision involves two Member Partners whose relevant Rules are inconsistent, the decision must be consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and Hockey Canada.

5.31 (b) in the 2010-2011 handbook will now be 5.31 (c) in the 2011-2012 handbook, 5.31(c) will become 5.31 (d) and 5.31 (d) will now become 5.31 (e).

By Law 5, paragraphs 3,4,5,16,17,18,26,33

DEFINITIONS

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

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

5.4 The Coordinator **and Vice-Coordinator** of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by an OHF Board member and appointed by a majority vote of the Board. They **shall have** had no membership, executive status or interest in any of the Member Partners, Associations or Leagues of the OHF for at **least three (3)** years immediately prior to their nomination. In the absence of the Coordinator, **or when directed by him, the Vice-Coordinator shall act as the Coordinator.** In the absence of **both** the Coordinator and **Vice-Coordinator**, the OHF Executive Director shall act as the temporary Coordinator.

- 5.5 The Coordinator **and Vice-Coordinator**, shall be appointed each year by the Board. If either or **both cannot complete a term, a successor(s) and shall be** appointed by the Board.
- 5.16 The Coordinator **or Vice-Coordinator** shall determine whether, on the basis of the material submitted to him, the grounds cited by the appellant qualify the proposed Appeal for a hearing pursuant to By-Law 5.9. The parties shall be notified of that determination forthwith.
- 5.17 Should the Coordinator **or Vice-Coordinator** determine that the proposed Appeal does not qualify for an appeal hearing, the Appeal Application Fee, less \$50.00 administration fee, will be returned to the appellant. This determination shall be final and binding subject only to such further rights of appeals as may be available under the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of Hockey Canada.
- 5.18 Should the Coordinator **or Vice-Coordinator** determine that the proposed appeal qualifies for an Appeal hearing he/she shall proceed in the following manner:
- (a) an Appeal hearing shall be set for a date no later than 15 days after the date that the Coordinator's determination is received by the OHF Office;
 - (b) if it is not practicable to schedule an Appeal hearing within 15 days, as set forth in By-Law 5.17 (a), a hearing date may be set beyond the 15 day period and such does not constitute grounds for an Appeal to Hockey Canada due to "improper procedures";
 - (c) the OHF office shall notify all parties to the Appeal not less than five (5) days before the scheduled date for the Appeal. The Notice of Appeal hearing shall include:
 - i) a statement of the issue(s) to be considered, the time and place of the Appeal hearing,
 - ii) a statement to advise each party that if a party does not attend, the Appeal hearing may proceed in the absence of that party without further notice, and
 - iii) a copy of material provided pursuant to By-Law 5.14.
- 5.26 If By-Law 5.24 applies, and at the conclusion of the Appeal hearing, the two (2) remaining members of the Panel do not agree on a decision then the issue shall be concluded as a 'no' decision. In this situation, the appellant has the right to a rehearing, which shall be heard by a new Panel. The request for rehearing shall be forwarded to the OHF office within five (5) days after the OHF Appeal hearing. Subject to approval by the Coordinator **or Vice-Coordinator**, the rehearing shall be scheduled within eight (8) days.
- 5.33 If the Coordinator **or Vice-Coordinator** concludes any decision of a Panel is not in adherence with By-Law 5.30, the Coordinator **or Vice Coordinator** in consultation with the OHF Officers shall return the matter to the Panel with appropriate directions, so that it can render a decision in adherence with By-Law 5.30.

By-Law 6.4 (a)

Note: Will replace the current By-Law 6.4 (a) in the 2010-2011 handbook. The 2010-2011 By-Law 6.4 (a) will become By-Law 6.4 (b) in the 2011-2012 handbook

Should the appellant wish to respond to the Member Partner's submission, he must do so by the end of the second full business day after it was e-mailed, faxed or couriered to him by the OHF. The applicant's response may rebut only specific points submitted by the Member Partner, without the addition of any new facts or arguments.

By-Law 6.4 (c)

Note: Will replace the current By-Law 6.4 (c) in the 2010-2011 handbook. The 2010-2011 By-Law 6.4 (c) will become By-Law 6.4 (d) in the 2011-2012 handbook

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Regulation E31

E31 A player requiring a written release to change Clubs who is in compliance with Residential qualifications and OHF Regulations **E17, E18, and E19** for AAA hockey only, must be offered, in writing, a player's registration for the current season, and a copy of that offer must be delivered by:

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

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

Note: For Midget AAA Hockey the dates in E30 (a), (b), and (c) do not apply and an offer is to be made by September 30.

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

Regulation E68

Note: Will replace the current Regulation E68 in the 2010-2011 handbook. The 2010-2011 Regulation E68 will become Regulation E69 in the 2011-2012 handbook

E68 For AAA hockey in order to retain a player requiring a written release, the Association/Club with which the player is registered must offer the player an opportunity to an unused roster spot for the upcoming season which must be sent by:

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

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Regulation E 99 a) v-vii

v. A letter from the primary employers of each parent who is moving, confirming the individual's employment and **home address on file in the employer's records.**

vi. Should any of the required documents not be available, an affidavit, sworn before a lawyer, Notary Public or Commissioner for Oaths, may be offered in its place, **attesting as to why the document is not available and providing the information that would have been contained in such document.**

vii. An executed copy of any relevant separation agreement, custody order or divorce decree. Any such document that purports to grant custody or guardianship to any person connected in any way (whether as a club official, team official, volunteer, parent etc. with the Club with which the player intends to register) will not be accepted and the residential move will not be approved. In the event that one parent is moving from the former habitual residence and there is no divorce or separation agreement, the player's habitual residence will be considered to be the original place of residence prior to the parent's move.

Regulation E99 (P)

In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, and the Registration Committee subsequently receives new pertinent information regarding the transfer, the OHF Registration Committee may reconsider its decision and may reverse, amend, or confirm its original decision. The player, parents and Club are required to report promptly to the OHF Office any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the Application. Failure to do so may result in the same penalties as set for the in Regulation E9 and E10.

Regulation E 104 (a) viii

This is a new regulation which will follow Regulation E 104 (a) vii in the 2011-2012 handbook

If development fees are paid for a player going from Minor to Junior, no part of those fees can be requested or reimbursed if the player returns to Minor. If the player subsequently returns to Junior in the same or a following season, his new Junior team is responsible for compensating the original Junior team for the development fee it paid to the Minor Club/Association.

Regulation G 2 (b)

Note: Will replace the current Regulation G 2 (b) in the 2010-2011 handbook. The 2010-2011 Regulation G 2 (b) will become Regulation G 2 (c) in the 2011-2012 handbook

Except at Midget, tryouts for AA, A and lower levels may not begin until the day after completion of AAA tryouts within their centre/zone. Minor hockey tryouts at the AAA level must be completed by a date declared by the centre/zone, but no later than the Sunday that is fourteen (14) days following the OHF Championships.

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

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