



PART III ~ REGULATIONS

DEFINITIONS

AAA Waiver	Written permission by a AAA club to permit a player to try out and register with a AAA club, which is adjacent to the club for which the player is eligible by residence. (Only the signing officers of the AAA club can issue AAA waivers.)
AAA Zone	A geographic subdivision made up of several centres for the purpose of providing AAA category hockey.
Additional Entry (AE)	A category identifier of an additional representative team from a centre that already has a representative team entered in an age division.
Affiliation	The process allowing higher Division or category teams the opportunity to dress the maximum number of players allowable in accordance with Hockey Canada Playing Rules.
Affiliate Players (AP)	Refers to a player who participates with a team other than the team with whom they are registered, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Partner Affiliation Regulations.
Age Division	Age groups within the Branch for competition. Example: Senior, Junior, Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, PeeWee, Atom, Novice, and Pre Novice. See Regulation C4.
Age Sub Division	Age groups within divisions. Example: Minor Midget, Minor Bantam, Minor PeeWee, Minor Atom, and Minor Novice.
Automatic Suspension	The suspensions incurred from game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalties as per OHF Minimum Suspension List.
Association	A local Hockey Organization operated and controlled by a duly elected Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves the signing officers of that organization.
Branch	A geographic subdivision of Hockey Canada



empowered to conduct amateur hockey within its jurisdiction. Branches are full members of Hockey Canada. The OHF is the recognized Hockey Canada Branch within the geographic territory of the OHF as defined by Hockey Canada Article 4.8.

Branch Championship	An OHF sanctioned play-offs (in a series or tournament format) to declare champions of the OHF at the age divisions and categories as determined by the Board of Directors.
Category	A centre's level of competition e.g. AAA, AA, A, B, C, etc. An OHF Member Partner according to their Regulations, Policies and guidelines determines category of competition.
Centre	A recognized Hockey Organization or Association within the OHF (that is a city, town, village, municipality, geographic subdivision, which incorporates limits or boundaries as accepted by the Member Partner for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OHF).
Club	Same definition as Association.
Geographic Subdivision	Includes a city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or a zone as established by the OHF or a Member Partner.
HCR	Hockey Canada Registry.
Home Centre	For minor hockey, a program for which a player is eligible to participate in by residence or other Regulations.
House League	A community oriented minor hockey program structured to provide development and competition at a recreational level.
Import (Minor Hockey)	A player who is a non-resident of the geographic subdivision of the team/club with which he registers. Minor hockey imports are only allowed in the Lake Ontario Region. The number of imports allowed on a team is restricted.



Import (Junior and Senior Hockey)	Refers to the status given to a player who, under Hockey Canada Regulations, has obtained a proper transfer from another Hockey Canada Branch, USA Hockey or IIHF Federation to register in Hockey Canada. Also applies to a player resident in one geographic subdivision (or zone) as established by Junior Hockey within the OHF who elects to register in another geographic subdivision (or zone) other than the one in which he is resident for his first registration.
Inter Branch	Activity between two or more member Branches of Hockey Canada. E.g. OHF and Hockey Nova Scotia
Lake Ontario Region (LOR)	The Minor Hockey geographic sub division comprised of the GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan) and the OMHA centres of Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Markham, Pickering and Ajax.
Local League	A house league team, which competes regularly in a local league comprised of a number of centers which must affiliate with their Member Partner.
Member	Includes teams, associations, centres, clubs, and individuals that register with Hockey Canada, OHF or OHF Member Partner.
Member Partner	Organizations that are members of the OHF as per the OHF Constitution. Current Member Partners are Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (Alliance), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), and Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).
Minor Development (MD)	A category of minor hockey which defines programs that are not true select hockey (see Definition) and not competitive (i.e. AAA, B, D, etc.), but are required to be residency compliant.
Official Game Report	The Official report of the activity from a sanctioned game verified by team Officials from each competing team and signed at the completion of the game by the On-Ice Officials.

(a) On-Ice Officials: refers to the Referee and/



or Linesman.

(b) Minor or Off-Ice Officials: refers to Scorekeeper, Timekeeper and Goal Judges.

On-Ice Sanctioned Activity	Refers to training, practice or game competition involving members that are conducted within facilities used for ice hockey.
Postponed Game	A scheduled game that is not started due to reasons as determined by a Member Partner.
Player	Goaltender or skater registered as a member of a Member Partner.
Regional Championship	A Hockey Canada sanctioned play-off (in a series or tournament format) involving more than one Hockey Canada Branch to declare champions in a Hockey Canada defined region at age divisions and categories as determined by the Hockey Canada Board of Directors.
Release	The unconditional release of a player from a team authorized by the Official signing officers of that team/ association/club. The Branch or Member Partner has the right, at its discretion, to place conditions on a release as per Hockey Canada Regulations.
Sanctioned Activity	Activity approved by a Member Partner, Branch, Hockey Canada or IIHF.
Select Hockey	A category of minor hockey which in order to be eligible, a player must be registered with a recognized (sanctioned) house league organization and accordingly be an active participant in the corresponding age grouping (division) in a recognized (sanctioned) schedule of house league programming. Select hockey players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise indicated by the Member Partner.
Supplemental Discipline	Penalties imposed to members in addition to any minimum requirements in accordance with the powers vested in the OHF and its Member Partners, either through a separate investigation and/or hearing.
Suspension	The loss of an individual's right to participate in sanctioned activities of Hockey Canada, OHF or Member Partner.



Suspended Game	A scheduled game that is interrupted due to an act of God or other reasons as determined by a Member Partner.
Team	A group of team Officials, at least one of whom must be a coach, and at least one of whom must be a Hockey Trainers Certificate Program (HTCP) certified trainer and a group of registered players, at least two of whom must be a goaltenders (except in PeeWee AA and below) who are qualified in a division and category under the OHF or Member Partner Regulations up to the maximum number provided by Hockey Canada Regulations.
Team Officials	All or any of the following persons involved in the management of a team and includes coach, trainer, manager and any assistant coach, assistant trainer or assistant managers.
Tournament	A schedule of games played among three (3) or more teams that follows an interlocking schedule that leads to an eventual winner (play-offs leading to Branch or National Championships when played in a tournament format are not considered tournament games for affiliation).
Tryout	An official sanctioned activity of a team for the purpose of player evaluation and team selection.
Volunteer	An individual who provides services, on behalf of or at the discretion of a member in relation to the member's operations, without receiving monetary compensation for such services.





ACRONYMS:

ALLIANCE	Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario
BNQ	Bureau de Normalization de Quebec
CBET	Competency Based Educational Training
CCAA	Canadian College Athletic Association
CIS	Canadian Inter-University Sport
CSA	Canadian Standards Association
GTHL	Greater Toronto Hockey League
HC	Hockey Canada
HCIP	Hockey Canada Initiation Program
HCOP	Hockey Canada Officiating Program
HTCP	Hockey Trainer's Certification Program
IIHF	International Ice Hockey Federation
NCAA	National Collegiate Athletic Association
NCCP	National Coach Certification Program
NCMP	National Coach Mentorship Program
NOHA	Northern Ontario Hockey Association
OHF	Ontario Hockey Federation
OHA	Ontario Hockey Association
OHL	Ontario Hockey League
OMHA	Ontario Minor Hockey Association
OWHA	Ontario Women's Hockey Association



**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 of Directors.
- A2** The Board of Directors must approve Playing Rules of Member Partners annually.
- A3** Any amendments, changes or interpretations of Hockey Canada Playing Rules and Regulations shall automatically amend those of the OHF and its Member Partners.
- A4** All games under the jurisdiction of the OHF shall be officiated by individuals who are registered with a Member Partner for the current season consistent with Member Partner officiating requirements.
- A5** 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 Official to be eligible to take part in such game.
- A6** 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 E.1 for number of registered players, subject to OHF Regulation C7, C8 & C9.
- A7** 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 10.14 d), 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 Constitution, 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 10.14 c), 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 Partner 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 Partner 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 Partner 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 statis-



tics 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 Partner President or designate.

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

A8 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 application of either (a) or (b) shall be at the discretion of the Member Partner who has sanctioned the game or in the case of Branch playoff competition, the OHF President.
- (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.

A9 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.

A10 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 goalkeepers, 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 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 player's Hockey Canada 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.

A11 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 Partner President or designate.

**A12 Championships**

- (a) The Championships of each category shall be contested annually and decided by a series of games as approved by the Board of Directors in the following age divisions and categories:

MINOR HOCKEY

Atom A	Atom AA	Atom AAA
PeeWee A	PeeWee AA	
Bantam A	Bantam AA	
Midget A	Midget AA	
Juvenile 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 of Directors.
- (c) Hosting of Branch Championships will be determined through a rotation process approved by the Board of Directors. Member Partners scheduled to host a Branch Championship must confirm their intent to host by June 15, or earlier of the preceding year. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after this date may result in penalties against the offending Member Partner.
- (d) Any Member Partner failing to have declared its participant in a Branch Championship less than seven (7) days prior to the first date of a Championship (or other date as established by the Board of Directors) shall be fined the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) Member Partners shall advise the OHF in writing by October 1st of the current season of their intent to participate at approved Branch Championship(s). Withdrawal after this date will result in a fine of \$1,000 to the offending Member Partner.
- (f) Minor Hockey Branch Championships will be conducted the weekend of the second Saturday in April.
- (g) The Board of Directors, through the recommendations of the Championship Committee, will establish Rules and Regulations for all Branch 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 M and Member Partner tournament and sanctioning Regulations or Policies.
- B2** Tournaments approved by a Member Partner cannot be operated within the jurisdiction of another Member Partner without the written approval of that Member Partner.
- B3** A Member Partner 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 Partner 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 Partner.
- 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 Partner 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 Partner suspension Regulations. The Member Partner with whom the player is registered shall retain the authority to 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 D and applicable Member Partner Regulations and Policies. This information is available through Member Partner offices. Any competition by OHF teams that is conducted in violation of the above noted regulations may result in penalties against the member as deemed appropriate.

EXHIBITION GAMES

- B8** No team or player shall be permitted to play exhibition games or inter-branch games of any kind without the permission of the OHF through the appropriate Member Partner. Teams shall not compete in non-sanctioned games or tournaments or participate against non-OHF/Hockey Canada/IIHF teams. Violations may result in penalties against the offending team.

REGULATION C CLUBS AND TEAMS

- C1** The formation of clubs and teams will be governed by the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation E and Regulations and Policies of Member Partners.
- C2** No new club/association can be formed after October 1st of the current season.
- C3** Any team that may compete in a Branch, Regional or National Championship Competition must register all players on an approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director. All teams from which players affiliate to a team competing in Branch, Regional or National Championships also must register all players on an approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director.
- C4** Recognized Age Divisions & Categories.

** - Indicates that limits are in place for the number of players eligible to be registered in the last year of that age division.



Age Division	Recognized Categories (in order from highest category to lowest)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior **	Major, A, B, C, D	Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Juvenile **	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 21 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Midget	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 18 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Bantam	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
PeeWee	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Atom	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Novice	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, E, AE, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 9 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
Initiation	No categories	Under 8 years of age as of December 31st of the current season

** Please refer to Regulation E16 for Juvenile Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Partner Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

C5 Categorization of teams is within the sole jurisdiction of the Member Partner with whom the team is a member.

C6 All teams will be required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) players registered in order to be eligible for competition. Member Partners 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. Member Partners have the authority to permit a lower number of registration certificates than indicated at their discretion.

Senior Male not more than forty-five (45) player registrations

Senior Female not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Junior Male not more than forty-five (45) player registrations

Junior Female not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Juvenile Male not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Juvenile Female not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Midget Male not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Midget Female not more than twenty-five (25) player registrations

Bantam Male not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Bantam Female not more than twenty (20) player registrations

PeeWee Male not more than twenty (20) player registrations

PeeWee Female not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Atom Male not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Atom Female not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Novice Male not more than twenty (20) player registrations

Novice Female not more than twenty (20) player registrations

C8 Notwithstanding C7, 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 Juvenile Male teams;

(b) Nineteen (19) eligible players in the case of Minor Male (excluding Juvenile) and Minor Female teams.

(c) Twenty (20) in the case of the highest registered level of male and female Midget hockey.



- C9** Minor Hockey teams will be permitted to use up to (19) players for a sanctioned game, with the exception of Juvenile teams in games within the Branch and teams at the highest registered level of male and female Midget hockey, all of which will be permitted to use up to (20).
- C10** For the age divisions of Minor Bantam and above and the category of PeeWee AAA, a goaltender must be identified and registered as such on his Hockey Canada Registration. Players registered as goaltenders will not be permitted to play any other position.

REGULATION D AFFILIATION

- D1** Affiliation Regulations and procedures shall be in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation E.
- D2** Affiliation options are as indicated below for each category. Each Association/Club must declare its affiliation option no later than October 15 of the playing season. Such declaration shall be completed by the official signing Officers in writing and forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner and available to the OHF upon request.
- D3** Geographic subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation shall be determined by the appropriate Member Partner and filed with the OHF on an annual basis.
- D4** For tournaments and Branch Championship competition, teams must have a copy of the approved roster form verified by the Member Partner Executive Director for all players listed on the game report as affiliated players in order for the player to be eligible to participate.
- D5** In all cases of player affiliation, the team must receive permission from the team with whom the player is registered in order to use an eligible player as an affiliate for a sanctioned game or activity.

MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

- D6** Minor Hockey Teams have the following affiliation options:

(a) TEAM-TO-TEAM AFFILIATION

- i. This affiliation shall be governed by Hockey Canada



Regulation E9 a)

- ii. For the purposes of OHF, Provincial and Regional Championships the Affiliate team must be a team:
 - 1. from within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 - 2. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 3. from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Players on a Team-To-Team affiliation are ineligible to play as an affiliate player on any other minor hockey team, either through a Specially Affiliated Player List or a Club System.

(b) SPECIALLY AFFILIATED PLAYERS (UP TO 19 PLAYERS)

- i. Hockey Canada Regulation E9 b) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii. Players eligible to be part of a Specially Affiliated Players List must:
 - 1. reside within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 - 2. be from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 3. be from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Specially Affiliated Players may not be selected to participate as an affiliate player to another minor hockey association/club that has declared either a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Club System Affiliation for the current season. These players may not be on more than one Minor Hockey Specially Affiliated Player List.
- iv. The final list of players must be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner by January 15 or earlier of the playing season. All players used, as Specially Affiliated Players must have their registration endorsed as a Specially Affiliated Player. That endorsement cannot be completed before written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the appropriate Member Partner.
- v. A minor hockey team may have, as part of its Specially Affiliated Players, a player registered with a team in the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), provided that the player meets the residence, age requirements and other Regulations regardless of where the player plays in the OWHA program.



(c) CLUB SYSTEM

- i. Hockey Canada Regulation E9 c) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii. Within a Club System, Affiliate Players must be:
 1. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 2. from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii. Players and teams that are part of a declared Club System shall not be eligible to affiliate to another minor hockey team through a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Specially Affiliated Player list.
- iv. In addition to the club system, a junior team may have a Team-to-Team affiliation with a lower category junior team or a lower age division minor hockey team, provided that such team is not in a club system or Team-to-Team affiliation.

JUNIOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

D7 Junior teams have the following affiliation options:

(a) TEAM-TO-TEAM AFFILIATION

- i. This affiliation shall be governed by Hockey Canada Regulation E9 a)
- ii. The Affiliate team must be a team:
 1. from within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 2. from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 3. from the same age division and a lower category.
 4. who is not entered in another Team-to-Team or Club system Affiliation.
- iii. Players on a Team-to-Team affiliation are ineligible to play as an affiliate player on any other junior hockey team, either through a Specially Affiliated Player List or a Club System.



(b) SPECIALLY AFFILIATED PLAYERS (UP TO 19 PLAYERS)

- i.** Hockey Canada Regulation E9 b) shall govern this affiliation.
- ii.** Players eligible to be part of a Specially Affiliated Players List must:
 - 1.** reside within the same geographic subdivision as the team to whom they are affiliating, and;
 - 2.** from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 3.** from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii.** Specially Affiliated Players may not be selected to participate as an affiliate player from another minor hockey association/club that has declared either a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Club System affiliation for the current season.
- iv.** The final list of players must be forwarded to the appropriate Member Partner by January 15 or earlier of the playing season. All players used, as Specially Affiliated Players must have their registration endorsed as a Specially Affiliated Player. That endorsement cannot be completed before written consent from both teams involved in the affiliation is filed with the appropriate Member Partner.

(c) CLUB SYSTEM

- i.** Hockey Canada Regulation E9 c) shall govern a Club System.
- ii.** Within a Club System, affiliate players must be:
 - 1.** from a lower age division and the same or lower category, or;
 - 2.** from the same age division and a lower category.
- iii.** Players and teams that are part of a declared Club System shall not be eligible to affiliate to another junior hockey team through a Team-to-Team Affiliation or Specially Affiliated Player list.
- iv.** In addition to the club system, a junior team may have a team to team affiliation with a lower category junior team or a lower age division minor hockey team, provided that such team is not part of another Club System or Team-to-Team affiliation.
- v.** All Junior C and D teams may have in addition to their chosen affiliation option, one (1) Affiliate 'Player at Large'. This player must come from a community within a geographic



subdivision of that junior hockey team that does not have a junior hockey team. If the team chooses to exercise the Specially Affiliated Player affiliation option, then this player must be among their 19 allowable players. An Affiliate 'Player at Large' cannot be a 20 year-old player.

SENIOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

- D8** Men's Senior teams are permitted to affiliate with a junior team situated in the Branch or a lower category Senior team (where applicable).

REGULATION E PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY

GENERAL

- E1** "Registration" or "Registered" refers to the Official acceptance by, the relevant registrar, of an approved roster form, properly completed and signed by the player, parent or guardian where required.
- E2** A player must be a registered member of a Minor Hockey Member Partner in order to be eligible for competition.
- E3** Effective beginning of the 2010/11 season all real time electronic submissions to the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) must include:
- Last Name
 - First Name
 - Date of Birth
 - Address
 - Street Address or P.O. Box
 - City/Town
 - Postal Code
 - Name of Team or Club
 - Team Division (e.g. Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam, Midget, Junior, Juvenile, Senior and Adult Recreational)
 - Team Category (e.g. House League, A, AA, AAA, etc.)
 - Role on team/Association (e.g. Player, Goaltender, Coach, Bench Staff, Safety, or Official)
 - On-ice Official (and certification, season of qualification and



- criminal record check)
- Coach (level of coach certification, season of qualification and criminal record check)
- Safety Personnel (level, expiry date and criminal record check)
- Registration date
- Name of Hockey Association or Club name
- Active Season (e.g. 2010/11)
- Release status
- Release date (if applicable)
- Affiliate Status (if applicable)
- Import Status (if applicable)
- Tryout Status (if applicable)

Ontario Hockey Federation assures the Member Partners that any and all registration data gathered by the Ontario Hockey Federation for the purpose of the HCR will be kept in a protected and secure manner. The Member Partner shall at all times retain ownership and control of any and all of 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 Partner(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 Partner(s) for each use.

- E4** A player may not be rostered or registered with a second hockey team in the same season at the competitive level. Violation 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 Partner for which they are eligible.
- E6** A player when registering for the first time in minor hockey and junior hockey, must submit proof of his date of birth at registration, in a form that is acceptable to a Member Partner in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F18-19.
- E7** Every team shall be responsible for the eligibility of all players that are registered with that team or participating with that team.



- E8** The OHF shall immediately suspend any team that registers and/or plays a player without obtaining satisfactory proof to establish habitual residence of a player. All submitted complaints shall be reviewed. If a complaint is proven true, all league and/or play-off games in which such player has participated shall be forfeited and the player, team and club shall not be eligible to compete in Branch, Provincial or National play-downs.
- E9** Any player who is a registered member of the OHF and who has been proven guilty by his or her Member Partner, the OHF or Hockey Canada of having:
- (a) falsified a AAA waiver;
 - (b) falsified a birth certificate;
 - (c) falsified a Hockey Canada Registration;
 - (d) falsified any other registration document;
 - (e) forged any of the foregoing;
 - (f) played under other than his own birth certificate;
 - (g) played under an assumed name;
 - (h) knowledge and not reported that any of the above has occurred; shall be automatically suspended from registering for hockey with any team associated with Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one (1) year and not more than three (3) years from the date of his suspension. (Hockey Canada Regulation F22, with amendments).
- E10** Any team Official, executive member of a Team, Club or Association proven to the OHF or Hockey Canada of having been a party to, or having had any knowledge of any of the wrongdoings in OHF 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 F23).
- E11** The OHF Registration Committee deals with complaints under Regulation E9 when two (2) or more Member Partners are involved. To determine grounds for a complaint, see Hockey Canada By-Law TWELVE.
- E12** Special Assistance to teams shall be in compliance with Hockey Canada Regulation B45 and Member Partner Regulations.
- E13** Players competing with CCAA, CIS 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 Partner.

ELIGIBILITY – MINOR HOCKEY

REGISTRATION

- E15** Before a minor hockey player returning from a junior hockey tryout can register with a team, he must declare his availability to the team with which he last registered, his residential centre, and his AAA zone club. The team of last registration shall have the first right of refusal on the player's services for a seven (7) day period in which the player must be registered to the team, failing that;
- (a)** the AAA zone club and his residential centre club shall have a further seven (7) days in which the player must be registered to a team, failing that;
 - (b)** the player, if he wishes, will be waived to play with an adjacent AAA team.
 - (c)** The above is not applicable to players who have received a written release from their previous club.
- E16** Juvenile age division teams in the OHF will be restricted to registering not more than six (6) players who are in the last year of eligibility for that age division. Players registered in excess of the six (6) players allowed will be released from the teams' roster based on the reverse date of his Hockey Canada Registration being validated. For example, if a team has seven (7) players in their last year of eligibility, the player whose Hockey Canada Registration was registered last will be rejected.

RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

- E17** Residential qualifications of the Hockey Canada Regulations F1 through F5, shall be strictly enforced. In addition Regulations of the Minor Hockey Member Partners shall also determine eligibility for those respective minor hockey programs.
- E18** Residency is where a player and his parents habitually reside and is presumed to be where the player was legitimately reg-



istered for hockey in the preceding season. In all other cases, unless established to the contrary, it is presumed to be with the parents of the player.

- E19** A player is required to tryout and play where he resides or if unable to tryout, make himself available to the organization to be offered a registration if the organization so wishes, except as provided herein.
- E20** A player shall complete such reasonable written information as required by a team to permit attendance at tryouts.
- E21** The onus of proof to establish habitual residence rests entirely with the player.
- E22** A player moving with parents and establishing a continuous habitual residence in another centre, is eligible to register when the appropriate residential questionnaire or transfer application is forwarded and approved, either by the Member Partner to whose jurisdiction the player is moving or by the OHF in the case where a player is moving with parents from one Member Partner's jurisdiction to another.
- E23** In the event that a player moves during the season and establishes a legitimate habitual residence in another centre after December 1 in any year, then such player may:
- (a) continue to play with his current team for that season only, if the travel distance is deemed as reasonable;
 - (b) play with a team for which he is eligible by reason of his new residence; or
 - (c) seek written permission from his new residential AAA club to tryout, for that season only, with an adjacent AAA club.

If a player changes habitual residence after registering for the current season prior to December 1, then such player shall be deemed to be eligible for the team or team(s) within the newly established habitual residence and the previous registration shall be void as the player does not meet residential eligibility requirements.

- E24** The eligibility of a player who moves without parents and establishes a continuous habitual residence with someone other than his parents as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F3, shall be determined by either the Member Partner involved or the OHF



based on factors such as but not limited to:

- (a) where the player's parent(s) reside;
- (b) where the player goes to school; and
- (c) the amount of time actually spent in alleged place of residence

ELIGIBILITY – JUNIOR HOCKEY

- E25** Eligibility of players for junior hockey programs is governed by Hockey Canada and Member Partner regulations where age, residence, import status and release requirement restrictions may exist.
- E26** Junior teams are eligible to sign Midget aged hockey players according to Hockey Canada Regulation F53.
- E27** In order to register players for junior hockey released by minor hockey organizations, the release must be authorized by the official signing officers of the player's home centre (or previous organization), his AAA zone (where applicable) and the junior hockey team in the community where the player resides (where applicable).
- E28** Once a player is registered with a junior team, a player remains a member of that team until he is properly released, as per OHF Regulations E91-E99.

PLAYER MOVEMENT – MINOR HOCKEY

- E29** All player movement within minor hockey shall be governed by residential requirements contained herein and regulations and policies adopted by Member Partners.

AAA WAIVERS

- E30** "AAA Waiver" refers to written permission by a AAA Club that allows a player not offered a AAA registration to try-out and register with another AAA Club which is adjacent to his residential Home Centre or Zone. Only the signing officers of the AAA Club can issue waivers.
- 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(s) falls within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

- E32** A team must intend to sign and play every player to whom it extends an offer. The maximum number of player registrations a AAA Club may offer is the lesser of the number of registration certificates allowed by Hockey Canada or the number allowed by the Member Partner.
- E33** A player who is offered a player registration in accordance with E31 has fourteen (14) days to accept the player registration, failing which the AAA Club may fill the player's position. The date at which the fourteen (14) day period begins is determined as follows:
- (a) with E31 a), seven (7) days following the postmark date on the Registered Mail
 - (b) with E31 b), three (3) days from the date stamp on the Courier package
 - (c) with E31 c), the date of Personal delivery.
- E34** Any AAA Club that makes an offer to a player pursuant



to E31 must, within 24 hours of making the offer, send its Regional Executive Member or Member Partner office a fax or e-mail containing details of the offer: player's name and address, and when and how the offer was made.

- E35** An unaccepted offer may be withdrawn by the Club only during the fourteen (14) day period set out in E33. If the offer is neither withdrawn nor accepted during that fourteen (14) day period, the player is not eligible to receive a Release and AAA Waiver from the Club. He is, however, eligible for a Release and AAA Waiver if granted by the Member Partner.
- E36** A player who has accepted an offer and is released by the Club is automatically entitled to a AAA Waiver.
- E37** If a Club declines to sign a player to whom it has made an offer, or releases a signed player, the Club will automatically forfeit one (1) of its registered certificates for each such player.
- E38** If a Club extends offers to more players than it is permitted to sign, it must give a Release and AAA Waiver to each such additional player within 24 hours and each such player's registration certificate and any unused registration certificates shall all be forfeited.
- E39** If a Club does not comply with Regulations E31 and E32, the player is entitled to a Release and AAA Waiver for that season. In the following season, a player who registered with a minor division team with an adjacent Club in the previous season will have the option of remaining with the Club the player registered with in that previous season, or the player may return to his residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full age division.
- E40** A player on a AAA Waiver may tryout with his residential home centre at AA or below and not forfeit the Major year(s) of his AAA Waiver pursuant to E41.
- E41** A player must provide a signed AAA Waiver to be permitted to attend a try-out with an adjacent AAA Club.
- E42** A player who has registered with a team for the season is not eligible for a AAA Waiver unless the team he signed with provides permission to obtain a AAA Waiver.
- E43** A player from one AAA residential area who wishes to attend



a try-out with a AAA Club in a different area must first follow OHF Regulations E29 – E42. Having otherwise adhered to those Regulations, a player wishing to try-out with a nonadjacent AAA Club must receive a AAA Waiver from his residential AAA Club and all AAA Clubs/Zones adjacent to his residential AAA Club. Upon attending try-outs with permission through a AAA Waiver, the try-out process and offer/acceptance of registration by each such try-out attended will be as in Regulations E31 – E40.

- E44** A player attending Junior hockey try-outs must follow OHF Regulation G3.

Lake Ontario Region (Regulation E45 – E88)

IMPORTS (“LAKE ONTARIO REGION” ONLY)

- E45** The “Lake Ontario Region” is an area or geographic subdivision that is made up of the following: GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan), and the surrounding OMHA area including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, Ajax and Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation **E 77 – E 79**) which is the perimeter.

IMPORTS

- E46** The import quota system applies only to teams in an area known as the “Lake Ontario Region”. It does not apply to other minor hockey programs outside this area.
- E47** An import is a player that registers for a minor hockey program in the “Lake Ontario Region” for which, as per Hockey Canada and OHF regulations, he is deemed to be a non-resident (Hockey Canada Regulation F1–5 and OHF Regulation E18). That is, the player would not be eligible for that team in ordinary circumstances as he is not within the area from which that team may draw its players.
- E48** Any player resident in an OMHA centre/zone who is eligible by waiver or otherwise for the “Lake Ontario Region” is a non-import to any “Lake Ontario Region” OMHA centre/zone.
- E49** A player remains an import as long as he registers with a non-residential team. He does not lose his import status after one, two, three etc. years as an import with a team.



- E50** The final date to register players as imports is December 15 or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday or Sunday.
- E51** A team registering an import shall place on the submitted registration the word “IMPORT” and the player’s registration shall be further validated as such by the Member Partner and the OHF to be considered registered as defined in OHF Regulation E1.
- E52** If an import player has not been identified as an import by the team in accordance with OHF Regulation E51 and is registered by the Member Partner and the OHF as a non-import player and is subsequently designated an “import” by the Member Partner or OHF, such player shall be deemed to be registered on the date of designation.
- E53** If, as a result of such designation or a team has registered more than the allotted number of import players, the priority of registration as determined by the OHF Regulation E52 shall prevail and import players must be released in reverse order of registration. Example: the last player designated, as an import would be the first to be released. If two or more players are designated on the same day, then players shall be released in reverse order based on the date of their original registration. This release order would continue until the team has reached its proper import quota.

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- E54** Teams may only register a total allotment of imports under the following guidelines:
- (a) for AAA no more than five (5) imports;
 - (b) for AA and A teams, no more than three (3) imports.
- E55** Teams in the “Lake Ontario Region” may have registered at any one time, no more than the allowed import number for that team.
- E56** If a team registers too many imports, the players shall be released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member Partner until the team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last player whose registration was approved would be the first released.
- E57** AAA, AA, A clubs or teams in the “Lake Ontario Region” shall submit, through their Member Partner, a Current Team List to



the OHF:

- (a) on October 15 of each playing season, all registered players for the current season with notation of Import players
- (b) on January 15, clubs will submit, through their Member Partner, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their team list making its Current Team List final.

TRYOUTS (ALSO SEE OHF REGULATION G2)

- E58** A player who was registered with an OMHA team in the previous season **MUST** obtain an LOR Permission to Skate form in order to be able to tryout with a GTHL team for the next season. This form must come from the OMHA Centre / AAA Zone with whom the player was registered.
- E59** A player who was registered with a GTHL team in the previous season **MUST** obtain an LOR Permission to Skate form in order to be able to tryout with an OMHA team for the next season. This form must come from the club / organization with whom the player was registered.
- E60** An LOR Permission to Skate Form cannot be withheld for a player registered below Minor Bantam, except for extenuating circumstances such as outstanding equipment or fees from the previous season. Permission to skate cannot be issued retroactively.
- E61** Players in the “Lake Ontario Region” who are registered at Minor Bantam and up are **NOT** granted an automatic LOR Permission to Skate Form. The club / organization that they are registered with can deny such permission, as the player remains a member of such team until he or she is released.
- E62** Players who were registered in the GTHL who wish to tryout with another GTHL Club for the following season must comply with GTHL regulations.
- E63** OMHA “Lake Ontario Region” resident players who were registered in the OMHA who wish to tryout with another OMHA team for the following season within the “Lake Ontario Region” must obtain the necessary LOR Permission to Skate Form to be able to do so.



- E64** If a player has difficulty obtaining the necessary LOR Permission to Skate Form from his or her Association/Club, it can be obtained from the Association/Club's Member Partner (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.
- E65** Any player who resides outside the "Lake Ontario Region" is not eligible to tryout with any team in the "Lake Ontario Region", as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the "Lake Ontario Region". The only exceptions to this are:
- (a) players who have a AAA Waiver Form (in this case, when the player has complied with the LOR AAA Waiver Policy, a player is eligible in compliance with E43 to participate in try outs and does not require the LOR Permission to Skate Form, as long as the player presents the AAA Waiver Form(s) at tryouts); and
 - (b) those players who have continuously resided outside the "Lake Ontario Region" and have been continuously registered in the GTHL since and including the 1996-97 season.
- E66** Teams will be required to present to the Member Partner Registrar any required LOR Permission to Skate Form or AAA Waiver with the player registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so will be subject to the following penalties:
- (a) The Head Coach of the offending team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games; and
 - (b) The offending Club/Association will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which fine is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid; and
 - (c) Any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
 - (d) The subject player will not be eligible to sign, (or affiliate) with any team in the (Club/Association) affiliated with the offending team..

RELEASES

- E67** Players registered in the "Lake Ontario Region" at Minor Bantam and up will require a written release from their cur-



rent club to be eligible to tryout and register with another club in the “Lake Ontario Region” for the upcoming season.

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

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(s) falls within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days

E69 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 postmarked by May 31;
- (b) courier date stamped by May 31; or
- (c) personal service by May 31 to be verified by sworn affidavit(s) of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery.

Note: For Midget Hockey in E68 (a), (b), (c) the May 31 date shall be replaced by September 30.

E70 If a player decides not to “show up” for tryouts, the team still has an obligation to offer the player a card for the year. If the player is not offered a card by May 31, the player is



automatically released. The purpose of this is to protect both the player and the club. If there are “differences” between the player and club that cannot be worked out, there is the right to appeal for a release.

Note: For Midget Hockey in E69 the May 31 date shall be replaced by September 30.

- E71** For PeeWee and below, players who reside within the “Lake Ontario Region” will not require a release at the end of the season to change clubs.
- E72** No Association/Club may release a player registered in the “Lake Ontario Region”, after November 15 of the current season, however LOR Member Partners (GTHL and OMHA) are able to release a player until January 10.
- E73** If a player’s residential program does not offer a team or teams at his age division (e.g. minor year) then that person can register elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” at his age division (in the above example, that same minor year) as a non-import without the requirement of a written release only if he has fully participated in at least a majority of that team’s tryout sessions. (Note: If a player has not so participated and the team is not formed, he will be eligible to register elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” but must do so as an import.). He returns to his residential program at the end of the season as a released player. The same principle applies to a player in his major year of an age division. This relief does not apply at the midget age division when the residential program offers either a minor or combined Midget program.
- E74** After the December 15 import signing deadline, if a team within the Lake Ontario Region folds, the Imports will be allowed to sign under the following circumstances.
- (a) The organization that the player is signed with has the first opportunity to provide him a position to play at the same level and category or higher.
 - (b) If they cannot provide an opportunity under (a) then if the player has resolved all financial obligations with the organization he may sign elsewhere in the “Lake Ontario Region” as an import.
- E75** A player who is a resident of a home centre which is an extension of a “Lake Ontario Region” AAA Zone (i.e.



Caledon, Nobleking and Stouffville), and registered for any division from Minor Bantam and up may return to his home centre at the end of any season without a release. Such player returning without a release is NOT allowed to affiliate to a Junior Hockey Team or to another AAA Zone.

- E76** Any player who plays in the LOR on a AAA Waiver at Minor Bantam or above, who returns to his home centre at the conclusion of a season and who subsequently returns to the LOR, in the immediate following season, must return to his last registered LOR team.

MARKHAM PROGRAMS

- E77** Markham is unique in the “Lake Ontario Region”, as there are GTHL clubs (Markham Majors / Markham Islanders) and an OMHA club (Waxers) that operate in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey is noted as follows:

- (a) If a Markham resident, new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey, signs with the Markham Waxers and moves to the GTHL (except the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders), the player becomes an import. If the player subsequently moves to another GTHL team (except the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders), that player would be and, subject to point c) below, would remain an import to GTHL teams.
- (b) If a Markham resident, new to “Lake Ontario Region” Rep hockey, signs with the Markham Majors / Markham Islanders or any other GTHL team, he is a non-import within the GTHL and he would be and, subject to point ‘c’ below, would remain an import to OMHA centres in the “Lake Ontario Region”, except the Markham Waxers (the player’s home centre for OMHA purposes).
- (c) If such a player noted in point (a) or (b) above returns to a Markham team, he becomes for the future a non-import to that team’s Member Partner (e.g. Waxers – OMHA; Markham Majors / Markham Islanders - GTHL) and an import to the other Markham team’s Member Partner.



- E78** In terms of the import quota for these programs the following will apply:
- (a) Movement between the GTHL and Markham GTHL clubs shall not affect quotas. For example, a player from Mississauga would not be an import to the Markham GTHL club.
 - (b) Markham resident players may choose to register with either Markham club, without an effect on their import quota.
 - (c) Markham resident players registered with a non-Markham GTHL club as non-imports will continue as such, if they sign with a GTHL club.
 - (d) Markham resident players registered with the Markham OMHA club, shall be imports if they register with a non-Markham GTHL club.
 - (e) Markham resident players registered in the GTHL who sign with any other club in the “Lake Ontario Region” Perimeter area, will be considered imports.
 - (f) Markham residents are non-imports to both Markham GTHL and Markham OMHA, no matter where they were registered the previous year.
- E79** The Markham Majors / Markham Islanders and Markham Waxers programs have entered into an agreement which is filed with OHF, GTHL and OMHA Offices.

VAUGHAN PROGRAMS

- E80** All Vaughan resident players are members of the GTHL, whether they play on Vaughan teams or on non-Vaughan teams. Vaughan resident players are imports to any “Lake Ontario Region” Perimeter team.

MIDGET AAA QUOTAS

- E81** The “Lake Ontario Region” Midget AAA team’s quota would be the higher of:
- (a) the normal quota number of five (5); and
 - (b) the total of the returning import from Minor Midget



and first year Midget. However, this higher number produced by (b) could be filled only by that organization's returning/graduating imports.

Note: (For example, if a Midget team potentially has three (3) returning second year Midget imports and four (4) minor Midget imports graduating to the Midget team, it could sign all seven (7) as imports. However, if any of those players are released or go elsewhere (Midget/Juvenile/Junior/Major Junior), the number will decrease accordingly: if one (1) leaves, the quota number will be six (6); if two (2) leave the quota number will be five (5). Thus, the team cannot sign any new imports until its returning/graduating imports, from both Minor Midget and Midget, fall below the basic quota number of five (5)). The result is that an organization won't have to cut a player loose simply because it has to "cut imports", but on the other hand, it won't be able to add any new imports unless it has fallen below the usual quota figure. While it does allow for some stability for some players, we are confident that, given the amount of movement at this level, it will have no significant impact on the overall picture.

THE EXTENDED BOUNDARIES OF THE "LAKE ONTARIO REGION" AAA ZONES OF SOUTH CENTRAL AND MARKHAM

E82 The "Lake Ontario Region" has extended boundaries from the normal association boundaries. This is due to the AAA zones of South Central and Markham, which are both "Lake Ontario Region" areas, but who, for AAA programs only, have players eligible in other centres as part of their AAA zone. The extended areas are as follows:

- (a) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the South Central AAA zone. Players from these areas as part of the South Central AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams and are nonimports to OMHA perimeter centres of the "Lake Ontario Region" at AAA only.
- (b) The area of Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is part of the OMHA Markham AAA Zone. Players from this area as part of the Markham OMHA AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams



and are non-imports to OMHA perimeter centres of the “Lake Ontario Region” at AAA only.

COACHING MOVEMENT

E83 A person who is registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the Association / Club with which such person is registered as a Team Official, be registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher age division or sub-division (where applicable) of another Association / Club. Such written consent must be signed by an Association / Club Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An Association / Club may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member Partner of the team that is withholding the consent. Reports of any team Officials who may be in violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the GTHL, OMHA or OHF office as soon as possible.

IMPORT PLAYERS USED AS AFFILIATED PLAYERS IN THE LOR

E84 Subject to the following, a team may dress as Affiliated Players (AP's) both non-imports and imports, even if that means that the team is dressing more imports than its quota for any particular game.

E85 An import can dress for no more than five games with his affiliated team after January 10. If the affiliate team has fewer registered imports than its quota an import may play a sixth game, upon dressing for his sixth game, that import, as with any other AP is not allowed to compete for the balance of the season with his registered team. HC Reg. E35 (a) and OHF Regulation D5.

E86 If an import is dressed for more than five games as an AP after January 10 by a team whose quota is full (even if the number of imports dressed for any particular game is within the quota), that team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member Partner. Furthermore, the player is not allowed to compete for the balance of the season in the division or category for which he is registered. HC Reg. E35 (a) and (b) and OHF Regulation D5.



- E87** If a team legitimately loses an import (e.g. through a season ending injury or illness, or withdrawal), it can apply to the OHF for relief to replace that player with an affiliated import with the understanding that HC Regulation E35 (a) and (b) and OHF Regulation D5 applies.
- E88** The GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be, has the right to intervene, and, if necessary, discipline or penalize any of its teams which, on the basis of a formal complaint, is found to be using an import as an AP on a continual or regular basis so as to cause any player, either import or non-import, on the immediately higher category/division team to be inactive for unreasonable periods of time.
- E89** To assist teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the “Lake Ontario Region”, an import player dressing for his affiliated team shall be designated as “AP (I)” on the game sheet. No designation is required on a game sheet for an import playing for his registered team.

PLAYER MOVEMENT

- E90** Within Junior and Senior hockey, player movement will be governed by player release requirements as noted in OHF Regulation E91 – E99, as well as Member Partner Regulations relating to player movement.
- E91** Junior and Senior teams in the OHF are required to provide active players lists as noted in E92. Teams may utilize unused player registrations as part of their maximum number of active players, however these unused registrations must be filled with eligible players by the final registration date or any unused roster spots will remain vacant for the remainder of the current season.
- E92** In Junior and Senior Hockey any player not included on either the December 1 or January 10 active player list are automatically released as of these dates and may register with any other team if otherwise eligible, subject to any further restrictions imposed by a Member Partner.

PLAYER RELEASES

- E93** 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.

- E94** 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.
- E95** Any player released after January 10 of the current season is ineligible to register with any other team in the current season.
- E96** A written release is not required when:
- (a) A player has not been registered with any team in Hockey Canada or the IIHF during the entire previous playing season.
 - (b) When a player of junior age or under who resides with his parents and the parents change their place of residence and the player continues to reside with his parents following the change of residence.
 - (c) When a player has been a full-time employee since May 1 of the previous season and is moved by his employer and continues to be employed by the same employer (Hockey Canada Regulation H8 d)).
 - (d) When a player becomes overage for the age division in which he was last registered and there is in the community in which he resides or last registered, no team in the same club in a higher age division in which he is qualified.
 - (e) When a player is a member of a team that disbands (Hockey Canada Regulation G1).
 - (f) In Junior and Senior hockey, when a player is not among the team's active player list on the required date that the lists are due (December 1 and January 10).
 - (g) When a player's release has been granted by a decision of Hockey Canada or the OHF.
- E97** Please refer to Hockey Canada Regulation H8 for further information and other allowable conditions.



MINOR HOCKEY

E98 While a release provided to a minor hockey player is unconditional, a player must meet residential requirements in order to register with another minor hockey team. Such permission to register with another minor hockey team in which the player does not meet residential or other eligibility requirements may only be granted by a Member Partner or by the OHF through appeal or other mechanisms available.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HOCKEY

E99 No player registered with a Junior hockey team that is of 2nd year midget age or below will be permitted to be released to minor hockey after December 1 of the current season.

PLAYER TRANSFERS

E100 Minor Hockey Transfer (Residential Moves) within the OHF.

- (a) The OHF Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form (For Residential Moves) (“Transfer Form”) must be completed in full with all required supporting documentation as may be relevant including:
- i. Official confirmation of school enrolment.
 - ii. A copy of a letter sent to the school authorizing the OHF to check on and confirm school enrolment during the year.
 - iii. A copy of a fully executed rental agreement or registered transfer of ownership. If the purchase has yet to close, a fully executed Agreement of Purchase and Sale will be accepted, provided that a registered transfer of ownership is submitted by a date fixed by the OHF Executive Director. Such documents will not be accepted, and the player transfer will be rejected if the landlord or seller has any connection with the Club with whom the player intends to register.
 - iv. Copies of the parent(s)’ updated driver’s license(s), and a utility or similar bill demon-



- strating the parent(s)' name and new address.
- 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.
- (b) The Transfer Form is not required when the player does not change residence but registers with a different minor hockey Member Partner (e.g. AAA Waiver).
 - (c) If the transfer is between two associations within one Member Partner's residential jurisdiction, then the Member Partner will deal with the transfer with the two associations involved, and no OHF involvement is required.
 - (d) If the transfer is between two associations from different minor hockey Member Partners (i.e. OMHA, GTHL, NOHA, Alliance), the Transfer Form shall be submitted to the registrar of the minor hockey Member Partner to which the player is moving



from, signed by the registrar and forwarded by that registrar to the OHF office. The family involved in this move is solely responsible for providing the documentation directly to that Member Partner.

- i.** That Member Partner upon receipt of the complete Transfer Form with all supporting documentation, may conditionally approve the player to participate in the OHF during the approval process. However, any false or misleading information contained in the Transfer Form may result in the same penalties as outlined in Regulations E9 and E10 against the player and/or team Official and/or Executive Member of the team or club. Should the matter proceed to the Registration Committee pursuant to By-Law 6.4, the conditional approval shall not be binding on the Registration Committee in any way.
- (e)** The player's previous minor hockey Member Partner shall, upon receipt, have seven (7) days to either approve or deny the transfer. In the case of denial, the reasons therefore must be stated in writing and be in accordance with the OHF Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations. Any denial without reasons shall be deemed to be an approval of the transfer.
- (f)** The OHF Executive Director, upon written request for relief, may authorize an extension of the seven (7) day period in the preceding paragraph.
- (g)** Should the OHF not receive a reply either approving or denying the request from the player's previous minor hockey Member Partner within seven (7) days, the request will be deemed to be approved. The appropriate Member Partners will be alerted by the OHF one (1) day prior to enforcing such approval and will be further notified once the approval has been authorized by the OHF.
- (h)** In instances in which it is identified that a Club, Association, Team Official or anyone connected with any of the above has assisted the family in moving to the new residence or preparing and/or submitting the necessary documentation, the



player will become ineligible to participate with that Team and/or Club regardless of the outcome of the Residential move application.

- (i) If the transfer is accepted and the request is approved, the player, parents, and club are required to report promptly to the OHF Office any material change in any fact or document submitted as part of the transfer request. Failure to do so may result in the same penalties as set forth in Regulations E9 and E10.
- (j) If a player will be moving prior to the start of the new hockey season, and as a result of the move will no longer be eligible to participate where he played hockey the previous season, the OHF President, on the recommendation of the OHF Executive Director and the Executive Directors of the two Member Partners in question, may grant temporary permission for the player to attend try-outs in the new residential centre provided that all information regarding the proposed move has been submitted to the OHF office by way of a Transfer Form. This temporary permission is not a determination of change of residency. Applicants are required to provide all finalized supporting documentation, as outlined in OHF Regulation E99 (a), to confirm that a residential move has taken place. These documents must be provided to the OHF by the date of occupancy of the new address or by September 1 of the new hockey season, whichever is earlier. Once these documents are received, and the Member Partners have approved the transfer, the process will be completed. If the applicant is not able to provide confirmation of residential move by the noted date, the applicant will be required to return to his previous residential centre.

APPEALS TO OHF REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

- (k) Transfer requests that are denied may be appealed to the OHF Registration Committee within seven (7) days of denial. Should the OHF Registration Committee not receive an appeal application within



seven (7) days, the player's residence will be deemed as his former address and any conditional approval will be revoked.

- (l) The appeal application ("Application") shall consist of a Statutory Declaration (in a form supplied by the OHF) to which will be attached, as exhibits, the Transfer Form and its supporting documents, as well as any new supporting documents.
- (m) The Statutory Declaration shall contain particulars as to the background for the residential move, a statement that the landlord or seller of the new place of residence is not connected in any way with the Club with whom the player intends to sign and, if the parents are informally separated, a statement attesting to the fact that the separation is true and legitimate.
- (n) Since the OHF Registration Committee's ability to monitor and confirm a residential move is in part dependent upon verifying school enrolment, and since its ability to do so in the circumstances of home schooling is severely limited, no residential move involving home schooling will be approved unless both parents move with the player or the player is moving with the parent who is granted custody in a formal divorce decree.
- (o) The Transfer Form, any documents supporting it, the Statutory Declaration, and any documents supporting it are together defined as the "Application". If any information contained in the Application is false or misleading the penalties called for in Regulations E9 and E10 will apply, in addition to any penalties that may apply at law for swearing an untrue Statutory Declaration.
- (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 forth in Regulation E9 and E10.

(q) Applications that are denied by the OHF Registration Committee may be appealed to the OHF Appeals Committee according to By-Law 5.

E101 All Regulations and Policies of the OHF and the minor hockey Member Partners shall be deemed as rules governing such movement of players.

INTER-BRANCH PLAYER TRANSFERS

E102 Inter-Branch Player Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and another member Branch of Hockey Canada. Hockey Canada Regulation K governs these transfers.

USA HOCKEY TRANSFERS

E103 USA Hockey Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and USA Hockey. Hockey Canada Regulation K and the Agreement between Hockey Canada and USA Hockey (included as Hockey Canada Regulation Appendix K2) govern these transfers.

INTERNATIONAL (IIHF) PLAYER TRANSFERS

E104 International (IIHF) Player Transfers involve the movement of players between the OHF and another member Federation of the IIHF. Hockey Canada Regulation K and IIHF Transfer Regulations (included as Hockey Canada Regulation Appendix K1) govern these transfers.



E105 Player Development Fees

New Org.	Previous Org. →	OHL	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Jr. D	Minor
OHL		x	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1000
Jr. A		\$1500	x	\$1500	\$500	\$400	\$750
Jr. B		\$1500	\$1250	x	\$500	\$400	\$500
Jr. C		\$1500	\$750	\$500	x	\$400	\$400
Jr. D		\$1500	\$500	\$500	\$300	x	\$300
Junior Home Community		x	x	x	x	x	\$100
	(Player in last year Midget Eligibility)						

(a) Development Fees and Releases Between Seasons

- i. The player release is automatically granted upon receipt of the maximum dollar figure paid by the new organization to the previous organization's Member Partner.

Note: For upwards player movement (i.e. C to B, Midget to A).

- ii. Teams can negotiate a lower development fee only for a player who has played with the same Minor Association from Minor Atom to his release year. A release is automatically granted upon receipt of the negotiated Development fee with signed approval by the previous organization to its Member Partner.
- 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 OHL Member 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 Juvenile program in the Minor Hockey Association/Club for him to play.
- v. Such local 16 year old players do not require a AAA waiver in order to sign with a Junior C or D team.
- vi. A player under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season who played AAA hockey outside his home centre is subject to the development fee schedule.
- vii. The Development Fee for a player in his last year of Midget 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, his new Junior team is responsible for compensating the original Junior team for the development fee it paid to the Minor Club/Association.**

(b) Tryout Schedule and Procedures

- i. Players must follow the tryout process as outlined in Regulation G2 and G3. Permission to Skate is to be obtained from the last carded team.
- ii. Midget and Junior Associations and Clubs may run spring camps or spring tryouts beginning the first day after the OHF Championships.
- iii. Players may register with teams prior to the fall tryout period, if the player and team wish to make the commitment.
- iv. Junior C or D teams may only have local 16 year



- old players (as defined under the Canadian Development Model) in their tryouts.
- v. OHL Teams Training Camps will begin the Thursday prior to Labour Day Weekend.
 - vi. Junior Teams must release the 16 year old players from their camps by the following dates except for those they have signed:
 - (I) OHL Teams must release 16 year olds not signed within 48 hours of the start of training camp.
 - (II) Junior A and B teams must release 16 year olds not signed by midnight a week from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.
 - (III) Junior C and D teams must release local 16 year olds not signed by midnight two weeks from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.

REGULATION F TEAM OFFICIALS

- F1** All team Officials must be registered with the appropriate Member Partner to be able to participate in on-ice sanctioned activities and must be recorded on a Game Report to be eligible to be on a team bench. No Team Official shall be registered unless the Team Official provides proof of certification pursuant to Hockey Canada's Speak Out Program.
- F2** A registered team Official of any team before any game will verify by signature the eligible participants and other information as required on the Game Report for a game. 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 his/her team Officials and players during the game and while traveling to and from that game. Failure to verify by signature the 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 his 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 Regulation A8.

- 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.

REGULATION G TAMPERING AND TRYOUTS

- G1** Except in the OWHA, effective immediately no fee or other payment may be requested or collected for any Permission to Skate or AAA Waiver and any such form will be promptly provided when requested by a player entitled to it. Any violation of G1 will result in a fine of \$2000.00 to be paid by the Home Centre / Club / AAA Zone to the OHF within 15 days of written demand. Failure to do so will result in an automatic suspension of the Home Centre /Club / AAA Zone until the fine is paid.

G2 Tryouts

- (a)** No tryouts or related on or off-ice activities directly or indirectly (including skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, etc.) may be conducted prior to the completion of the OHF Minor Hockey Championships.
- (b)** **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.

- (c)** All players attending tryouts must have permission, in writing, from the team/association/club with whom



- they are registered or remain a member. Players who do not have this permission are not eligible to participate.
- (d) Teams are responsible to keep track of these written permissions. Failure to do so may result in the team being found guilty of tampering, in accordance with the process outlined in OHF Regulation G3.
 - (e) Any written permission to tryout is deemed invalid once a player signs a Hockey Canada registration for the current season.
 - (f) Written permission to tryout does not, in any manner, constitute a player's release.
- G3** Except as between teams within the same Member Partner which have complied with the Rules and Regulations of that Member Partner, no OHF team may invite to, or allow to participate in its training camp, practice or any scheduled or exhibition game, a registered member of another OHF team from the previous season or of the current season, in any division or category, without having first obtained permission in writing. Such written permission shall be in the form of a statement filed with the team for which the player is registered, signed by the designated signing officers of that team.
- G4** For failure to comply with this Regulation G2 and/or G3, the following sanctions will apply:
- (a) the head coach of the offending team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games;
 - (b) The offending Club/Association team will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00, which fine is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid;
 - (c) any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
 - (d) the subject player will not be eligible to sign, or to play as an affiliate, with any team in the Club/Association of the offending team.
- G5** Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF By-Law 6, 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.

- G6** If a charge under Regulation G2 involves two members of the same Member Partner, then the charge shall first be heard in accordance with the hearing procedures of that Member Partner. Any appeal from the final decision of that Member Partner shall be brought to the OHF Appeal Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.
- G7** If a charge under this Regulation involves teams not from the same Member Partner, then the OHF Registration Committee shall first hear the charge. Any appeal from that decision of the Registration Committee shall be to the OHF Appeals Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.

REGULATION H DISCIPLINE & SUSPENSIONS

- H1** Minimum suspensions for rule infractions in Minor, Junior and Senior hockey shall be created and approved annually by the Board of Directors.
- H2** Member Partners, the Board of Directors or the OHF President shall have the authority to impose supplemental discipline over and above the approved minimum suspension wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
- H3** Any supplemental discipline imposed by the Member Partner, Board of Directors or the OHF President may include suspensions for the individual up to and including all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities for the duration of his/her suspension.
- H4** Any suspension incurred by a player participating as an affiliated player must be reported to the appropriate Member Partner with whom the player is registered with a copy of the OHF 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.

- H5** Players who have a suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in try-outs 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.
- H6** 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.
- H7** Any application of Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 – Refusing to Start Play – shall be assessed against the Head Coach as identified on the OHF Official Game Report.
- H8** 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 Partner and that interferes with his OHF team’s regular season or play-off schedule shall immediately be suspended for one year.

REGULATION I GAME OFFICIALS

- I1** All On-Ice Officials certified, as HCOP Level II must be 16 years of age. It is recommended that all On-Ice Officials must be at least two (2) years older than the age division for which they are officiating. Minimum HCOP level requirements to officiate sanctioned games will be at the discretion of the appropriate Member Partner. The Board of Directors will establish minimum HCOP level requirements for all Branch Championship competitions.
- I2** 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.

- 13** It is recommended that all Off-Ice Officials shall be a minimum 16 years of age for timekeepers and 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.

