



ANNUAL REPORT

— 2025–2026 —

CHAIR OF THE BOARD MESSAGE



Jeffrey Turner | Chair of the Board

As we reflect on the 2025–26 season, I am reminded that the strength of hockey within the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) extends far beyond the game itself. It is built on the dedication of volunteers, coaches, officials, administrators, parents, and community leaders who create opportunities for young people to learn, compete, and grow. On behalf of the OHF Board of Directors, I thank everyone whose commitment makes hockey a positive and meaningful experience across Ontario.

I also extend my appreciation to our Members—the Alliance, GTHL, NOHA, OHA, OHL, OMHA, and OWHA—for their continued partnership. While we may approach challenges from different perspectives, we remain united by a shared commitment to the best interests of hockey. I am equally grateful to the OHF Senior Leadership Team for their professionalism and to my fellow Board members for their thoughtful governance and dedication.

This season also marks the conclusion of the Board service of Cheryl Smith and Gayle Payette. Their leadership, integrity, and commitment to the game have left a lasting impact on the OHF, and we thank them for their years of dedicated service.

One of the Board's most important responsibilities is ensuring the game continues to evolve in ways that serve participants today and into the future. That often requires balancing tradition with thoughtful change. The first full season under the OHF's Freedom of Movement policy represented an important milestone, reflecting years of consultation and a commitment to respecting participant choice while recognizing the value of community-based hockey.

As expected, the first year provided valuable insights. The Board remains committed to listening to our Members, evaluating outcomes, and making evidence-based decisions as we undertake a comprehensive review of the policy following the 2027–28 season. Our focus remains on ensuring the policy continues to serve the best interests of participants.

Perhaps the most significant conversation this season centred on hockey culture. Through discussions with our Members, it became clear that culture is not simply another strategic priority—it is the foundation of every participant's experience. It shapes how we compete, lead, and treat one another, while influencing volunteer engagement, player development, and long-term participation.

Building a positive culture cannot be achieved through policy alone. It requires shared leadership, consistent expectations, and a collective commitment from players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents, and administrators. This work represents a long-term investment in the future of our game.

The OHF also continued to support important national initiatives that will shape hockey's future. Hockey Canada's Rise As One strategy for Women's and Girls' Hockey provides a national vision for growing participation while strengthening safe, inclusive, and rewarding experiences. As the province with the largest female hockey community in Canada, Ontario has an important role to play in helping expand opportunities for future generations.

We also participated in the Ontario Junior Hockey Task Force alongside Hockey Canada, Hockey Eastern Ontario, and Hockey Northwestern Ontario. This collaborative work reflects a shared commitment to strengthening governance, enhancing player development, and providing greater clarity across Ontario's junior hockey system.

Above all, the Board's responsibility is to safeguard the integrity of our game and the well-being of every participant. Creating environments where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued remains fundamental to hockey's future. We remain committed to addressing maltreatment, strengthening accountability, and continuously improving the systems that support participants. This work is closely connected to the broader conversation about hockey culture and reflects our belief that the values we promote are as important as the games we play.

The Ontario Hockey Federation has been built by generations of dedicated volunteers and leaders. As stewards of that legacy, we have a responsibility to preserve what makes our game special while embracing thoughtful change that keeps hockey welcoming, accessible, and relevant for future generations.

By working together, remaining focused on our shared purpose, and placing participants at the centre of every decision, we will continue building a stronger game and creating opportunities for every player to enjoy all that hockey has to offer.

Thank you for your continued support.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER MESSAGE



Phillip McKee | CEO

Each year, as I reflect on the achievements of the OHF, the Members and the hundreds of local Associations, I am reminded that the strength of the Ontario Hockey Federation is found in its people. Across our Federation, more than 40,000 volunteers give their time, energy, and commitment to make hockey possible in communities big and small. They are the coaches, trainers, officials, convenors, board members, administrators, fundraisers, timekeepers, and countless others who ensure that players and families experience the greatest sport in a meaningful, safe, and positive way.

Their impact cannot be overstated. Volunteers are the foundation of our game and the reason hockey continues to thrive at the local level. In many ways, they are the first and most important expression of our purpose: to enrich life and community through hockey. Their dedication creates the environment where young people learn teamwork, resilience, respect, leadership, and a lifelong connection to the sport.

This year also demonstrated the importance of strong leadership across the OHF and its Members. The commitment shown by our Board of Directors and Member leadership, to collaborate and commit to a new strategic direction for the next three years is exciting. That leadership has been thoughtful, collaborative, and focused on ensuring that the game of hockey creates a positive culture within the sport as well as when our athletes and coaches exit the rink and are the leaders in society. Sport and hockey in particular has the ability to transcend its boundaries and have an impact on society in general. It is the vision of these great leaders that our moral standards will be reflected in our actions and decisions setting the standard for society.

Equally important has been the exceptional execution and collaboration by OHF staff and Member staff. While leadership provides direction, it is the daily work of staff across the system that turns plans into action. From a vision to the intricate delivery of an operational plan focused on program delivery, events, registration, screening, communications, officiating, coaching, and risk management to a diverse geographic and demographic province. Staff at all levels have continued to deliver with professionalism, care, and a strong commitment to service with a focus on the player.

The progress achieved this year is a reflection of that collective effort. The OHF is strongest when volunteers, Member organizations, staff, and Directors are aligned around a shared purpose. Through collaboration, clear roles, and a continued focus on execution, we have strengthened our ability to support participants, respond to challenges, and advance the priorities that matter most.

As we look ahead, we do so with appreciation and confidence. Appreciation for the volunteers who carry the game forward in every rink and every community. Appreciation for the leaders who provide vision and direction. Appreciation for the OHF and Member staff who execute the work with consistency and dedication. And confidence that, together, we will continue to build a hockey system that is safe, fun, accessible, progressive, and rooted in integrity.

On behalf of the Ontario Hockey Federation, thank you to every volunteer, leader, staff member, Member organization, association, official, coach, parent, and participant who contributes to the success of our game. Your efforts make hockey more than a sport; they make it a community.

2025-2026

BOARD OF **DIRECTORS**

Jeffrey Turner

Chair of the Board



Rob Campbell

Director



Bob Hill

Director



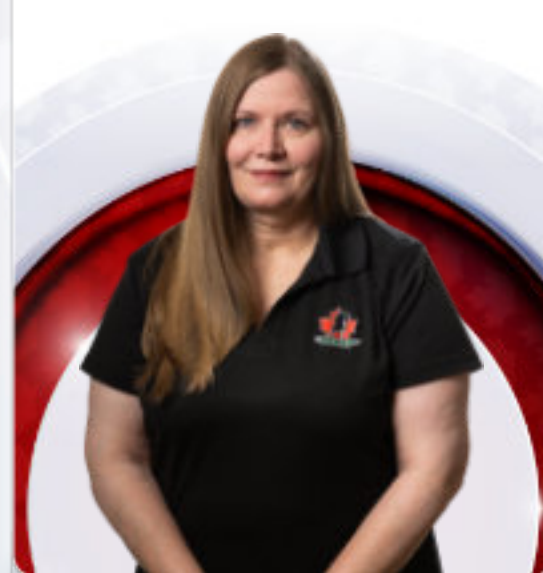
Hugh Riddle

Director



Cheryl Smith

Director



Adam Yahn

Director



Ray Kosumovic

Director



Gayle Payette

Director





OHA, OHL and OWSHA: Coverage throughout the province

WHO IS THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION



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



OHF MEMBERS

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



Alliance Hockey

Tyler Tolton,
Executive Director



Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL)

Scott Oakman,
Executive Director and CEO



Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA)

Jason Marchand,
Executive Director



Ontario Hockey Association (OHA)

Mark Tuck,
Executive Director



Ontario Hockey League (OHL)

Bryan Crawford,
Commissioner



Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA)

Ian Taylor,
Executive Director



Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA)

Fran Rider,
President/CEO



OUR PURPOSE

ENRICH LIFE & COMMUNITY THROUGH HOCKEY

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

SAFE

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

FUN

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

ACCESSIBLE

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

INTEGRITY

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

PROGRESSIVE

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



TEN YEAR STORY

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

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

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

Our purpose is to

ENRICH LIFE AND COMMUNITY THROUGH HOCKEY

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



COMMITMENT TO SAFE SPORT

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

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

Education

The OHF has begun to implement the Shift Forward program, an educational initiative designed by Hockey Canada to promote positive culture change and address unhealthy behaviours both on and off the ice. The program provides targeted education for Team Officials, On-Ice Officials, and Parents, reinforcing the important role each participant plays in creating safe, respectful, and welcoming hockey environments.

Policies and Procedures

The OHF continued to work collaboratively with Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) to establish greater consistency in Safe Sport policies across the province. Province-wide initiatives, including the Ontario Screening Policy and Ontario Dressing Room Policy, establish consistent standards, expectations, and procedures for participants across all three Ontario Branches.

Screening

Through the Ontario Screening Policy, the OHF's centralized screening process expanded to include Team Officials and On-Ice Officials within HEO and HNO, creating a more consistent approach to participant screening across Ontario. During the year,

the OHF approved screening for more than 66,000 participants, while 48 individuals were deemed ineligible to participate based on their screening submissions.

Safe Sport Procedures

Beginning in the 2025-26 season, the OHF implemented a new internal triage process for maltreatment complaints referred through the Hockey Canada Independent Third Party (ITP) that require management or action by the OHF and its Members. The process was introduced to support more timely, coordinated, and effective complaint management, and has demonstrated a positive impact, with the average overall complaint resolution timeline decreasing from 38 days to 29 days.

Reporting Mechanisms

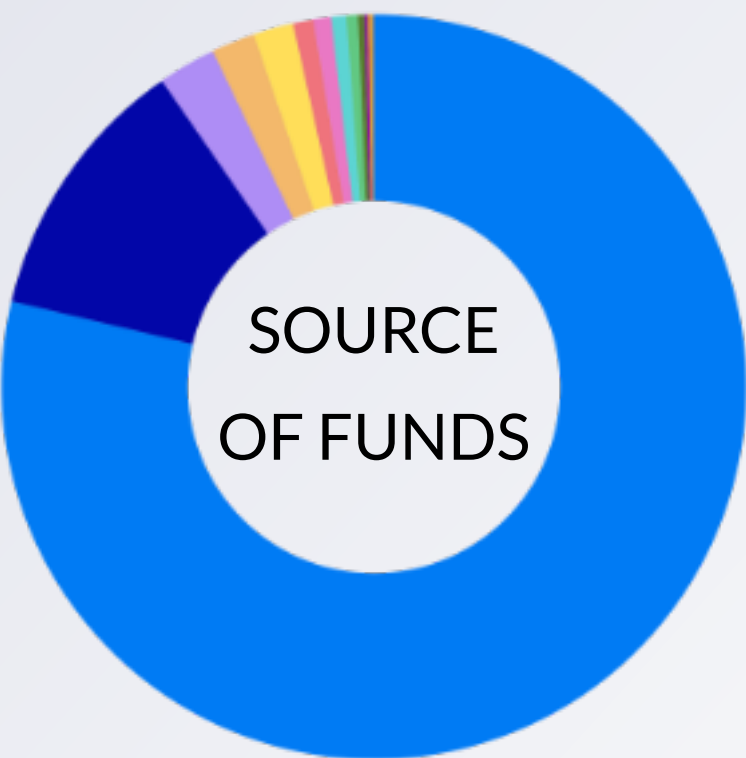
The OHF continues to direct maltreatment complaints through the Hockey Canada ITP, providing participants with an independent mechanism to report concerns related to maltreatment.

The OHF also established a Facility Reporting Mechanism, providing participants and arena users with a direct channel to report conduct and behavioural concerns within hockey facilities, including inappropriate warm-up activities, offensive or disruptive music, and other concerns affecting the facility environment. Reports involving potential maltreatment were directed or referred to the ITP, while non-maltreatment concerns were addressed by the OHF or the appropriate Member, helping ensure concerns were directed to the appropriate process and responded to effectively.

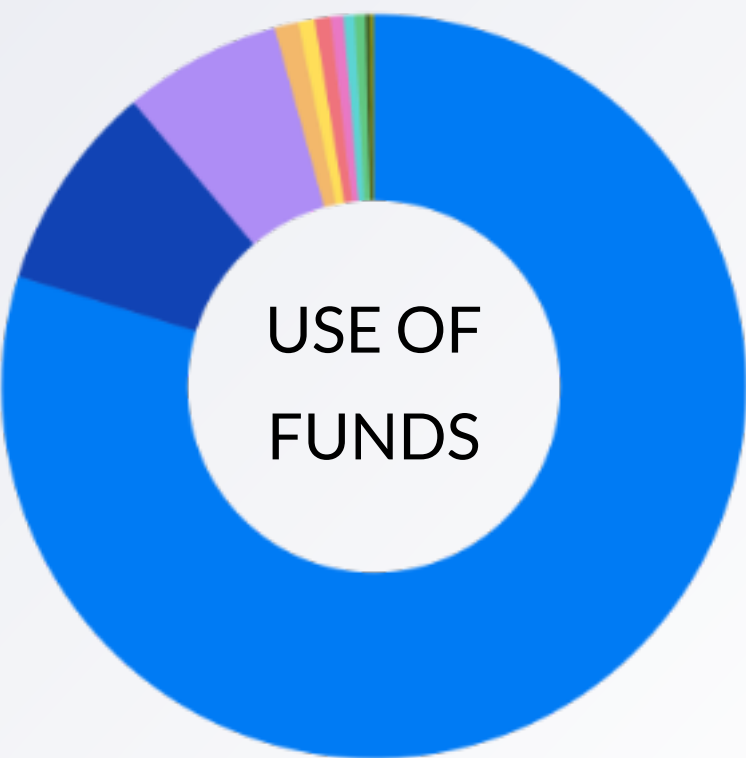
For more information about the OHF Safe Sport commitments, visit:
[OHF.ON.CA/SAFE-SPORT](https://ohf.on.ca/safe-sport)



FUNDING OVERVIEW



HC insurance and assessment	78.71%
Member Assessments & Fees	11.66%
HC restricted fund	2.52%
PSO Funding	1.89%
Registration fees	1.74%
LMS Revenue	0.88%
Fine revenue	0.77%
Interest Revenue	0.66%
Sponsorship	0.49%
Coach mentorship revenue	0.29%
Sports school	0.15%
Appeal revenue	0.15%
Other	0.05%
Risk management revenue	0.05%
	100%



HC Insurance & Assessment	79.85%
Administrative	9.05%
Operations	6.88%
HC restricted fund	1.03%
Office	0.72%
LMS Expense	0.68%
Coach Mentorship	0.56%
Technology	0.48%
PSO Funding	0.47%
Other	0.21%
Risk management	0.15%
	100%



OHF **AWARDS** PROGRAM

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

Bill Richmond Memorial Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Rahim Karmali, Ontario Minor Hockey Association**

Dr. Allan Morris Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Thom Foster, Alliance Hockey**

Officiating Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Joe Park, Ontario Minor Hockey Association & Ontario Hockey Association**

Order of Merit Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Liz Basinger, Ontario Hockey Association**

Staff Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Michelle Fata, Greater Toronto Hockey League**

Volunteer of the Year Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Gene Patterson, Ontario Minor Hockey Association**

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

2024-2025 Recipient: **Kirk Brooks, Greater Toronto Hockey League**

The Woman in Hockey Award:

2024-2025 Recipient: **Kiara Jeffries, Ontario Women's Hockey Association**



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Dominic Da Silva - OMHA** | 11 Maren Holt - OWHA | 21 Grace Harvey - OWHA |
| 2 Shayla Gorman - OWHA* | 12 Lauryn Main - OWHA | 22 Evelyn Cechetto - OMHA |
| 3 Kaleigh Gruchy - OWHA* | 13 Jenna Cacilhas - OWHA | 23 Agshayaa Suresh - OWHA |
| 4 Brianna Price - OWHA* | 14 Jaxon Kazakevicius - OMHA | 24 Ben O'Nahr - OMHA |
| 5 Owen Zenone - OMHA | 15 Jasper Petro - OWHA | 25 Bohdan Hunchak - OMHA |
| 6 William Sargeant - OMHA | 16 Jessie Coccimiglio - OWHA | 26 Caiden Benoit - OWHA |
| 7 Tyler Wedgewood - OMHA | 17 Jacob Jansen - GTHL | 27 Carson Moore - OMHA |
| 8 Reid Starr - ALLIANCE | 18 Emily Dafoe - OWHA | 28 Adia Molson - OWHA |
| 9 Savannah Hicks - OWHA | 19 Jack Bernardo - ALLIANCE | 29 Ainslie Vallentin - OWHA |
| 10 Maya Valeri - OWHA | 20 Erik Steinbachs - OMHA | 30 Owen Martini - OMHA |

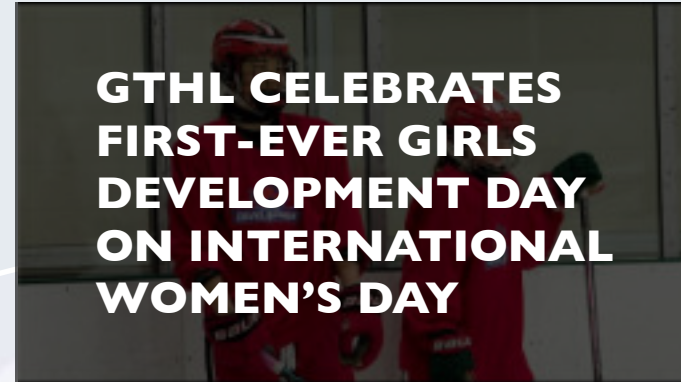
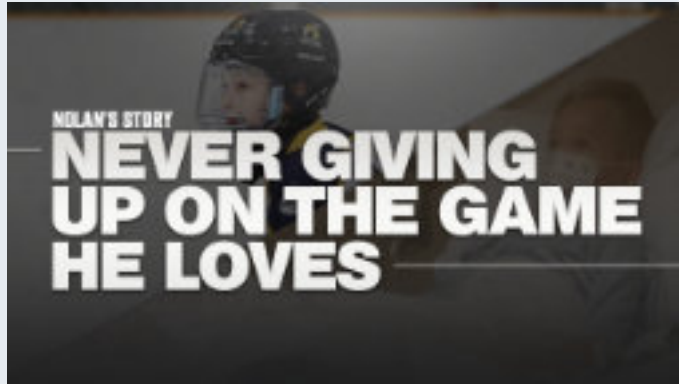
*****Dominic Da Silva has been recognized as this year's Top Recipient. He also receives the Jim Stirling Scholarship Award, donated by BFL Canada.***

****Shayla Gorman, Kaleigh Gruchy, Dominic Da Silva and Brianna Price have also been recognized as exceptional candidates, receiving additional funding, generously supported by Anmar Mechanical and Electrical Contractors Ltd.***

The OHF also received an additional \$5,000 in funding from Anmar Mechanical and Electrical Contractors Ltd. in support of the OHF Scholarship Program. This contribution helps expand opportunities for student-athletes pursuing post-secondary education, reinforcing a shared commitment to supporting the next generation both on and off the ice. B.F. Lorenzetti (BFL) is the insurance provider for Hockey Canada and its Branches. One of their objectives is to assist in the funding of young athletes and officials. In an effort to honor the contributions of long serving BFL colleague and friend Jim Stirling, BFL Canada has decided to change the name of the BFL Canada Risk and Insurance Scholarship program to the Jim Stirling Scholarship Program. Awarded to a participant in their graduating year of high school.



MEMBER COMMUNITY STORIES



OHF AFFILIATES



Little Native Hockey League (LNHL):

Little Native Hockey League (Little NHL) tournament was started by five very special people who wanted to start a tournament for our First Nation Youth. These people were Earl Abotossaway, former Chief Jim McGregor, the late James D. Debassige, the late Reverend Leonard Self and the late Norman Debassige. The first tournament had 17 teams and a modest 200 players in Little Current. By 2018, the tournament had grown to 209 teams and approximately 3000 players. In 2026 season, the tournament was held over March break in the city of Markham between with over 3,700 players across 273 teams.



Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA):

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

Canadian National Special Hockey (CNSH):

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



YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 2025:

- OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence**
- OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence in 4 Cities:
- May 2-4 in Kitchener, ON (Activa Sportsplex)
- May 9-11 in London, ON (Western Fair Sports Centre)
- May 9-11 in Oshawa, ON (Tribute Communities Centre)
- May 23-25 in Brampton, ON (CAA Centre)
- 2025 CHL Memorial Cup took place in Quebec (Rimouski)**
- (London Knights vs. Medicine Hat Tigers)
- London Knights Won the Memorial Cup (4-1)

June 2025:

- Board of Directors Nominated

July 2025:

- Scholarship Award/Bursary Winners Selected
- High Performance 1 Coaching Continues with In-Class Sessions featuring Planning, Teaching, Evaluating; Offensive and Defensive Team Play; and Power Plays and Penalty Kills
- Board of Directors Announced

August 2025:

- **2025 Hlinka Gretzky Cup takes place in Brno Czechia + Trencin, Slovakia**
- Aug 11 – 16th
- Canada Wins Bronze with a 3-0 Win over Finland
- Rosters Set for Women's Under-18 Team Selection Camp + National Women's Development Team Series vs. U.S.
- **Canada's National Women's Development Team | Series vs. USA**
- Canada wins 7-6 in Shootout
- **2027 Canada Winter Games Coaching Staff Announced**
- **OHF/OHL U15 Program Week 5 Took Place**
- August 8-10, North Bay (Memorial Gardens)

September 2025:

- National Para Hockey Team Evaluation Camp and Selection

November 2025:

- **2025 Para Hockey Cup Took Place in Dawson Creek, BC**
- Canada Falls 2-0 to USA in Gold Medal Game
- Three OHF Officials Selected to Represent Ontario at the World U17 Hockey Challenge
- Four Female OHF Officials selected to represent Ontario at the 2025 Women's U18 National Championship

December 2025:

- **2025 IIHF World Junior Championship**
- Saint Paul + Minneapolis, Minnesota
- December 26 – January 5
- Canada takes home Bronze, defeating Finland

January 2026:

- **Canada Womens IIHF U18 World Championship**
- January 10th – 18th, 2026
- Canada takes home silver in 2-0 loss to USA
- Hosted in Sydney and Memertou, Nova Scotia

February 2026:

- **Men's Olympic Hockey Takes Place**
- Milan, Italy
- February 11-22, 2026
- Canada loses in OT to USA, 2-1, to capture silver
- **Women's Olympic Hockey Takes Place**
- Milan, Italy
- February 5-19, 2026
- Canada loses in OT to USA

March 2026:

- **Special Hockey Internation (SHI) Tournament**
- March 5th – 7th, 2026
- Toronto, Ontario
- Hosted by Grandravine Special Hockey

- **Little Native Hockey League (LNHL) Tournament**
- March 16th – 20th, 2026
- Markham, Ontario
- **2026 Winter Paralympics – Para Ice Hockey**
- March 7-15th, 2026
- Milan, Italy
- Canada Falls to USA, 6-2, Capturing Silver
- **OHF Partners with DNODE and LiveBarn to Livestream all Championships**
- (8x OHF Championships, U13AAA, U18AAA)
- **U18AAA Central-Region Championships Takes Place**
- March 30th – April 5th
- Host: Markham Waxers, OMHA
- Waterloo Wolves U18AAA Win Gold

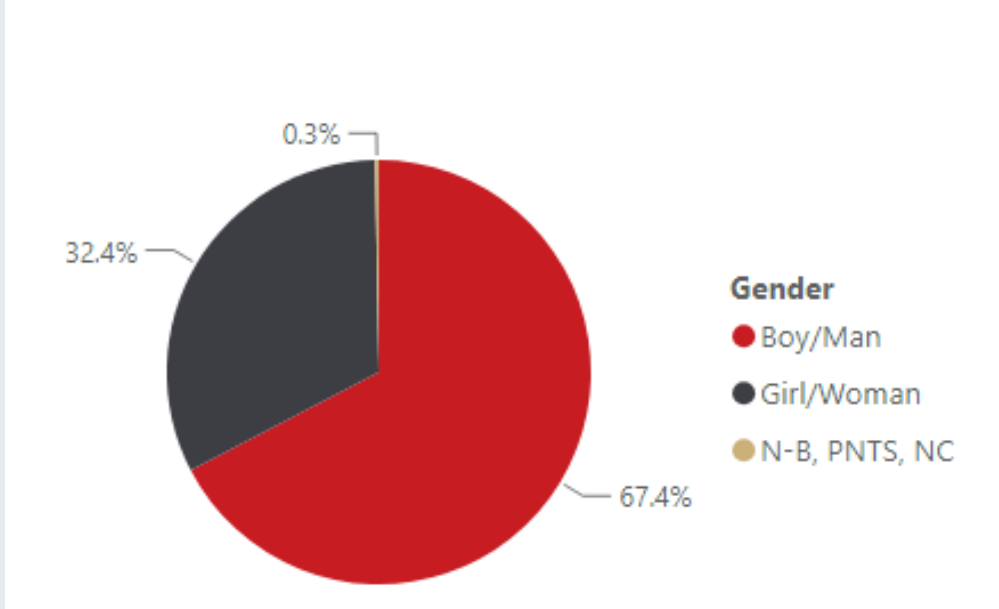
April 2026:

- Peterborough, ON host the 2026 TELUS Cup
- **TELUS Cup: Peterborough, ON**
- April 20 – April 26
- Waterloo Wolves U18AAA + Peterborough Petes U18AAA
- Waterloo finished 5th, Peterborough 6th
- **All-Ontario U13AAA Championships**
- Hosted By: Waterloo Wolves U13AAA
- Winner: Quinte Red Devils U13AAA (OMHA)
- **8x OHF Championships Hosted**
- April 17th – 19th
- U13A Winner: Southeast Surge (OMHA)
- U13AA Winner: TNT Tornados (OMHA)
- U15A Winner: Midwest 49ers (OMHA)
- U15AA Winner: Clarington Toros (OMHA)
- U15BB/A Winner: Lorne Park Clarkson Wild (GTHL)
- U18A Winner: Elmira Jr. Sugar Kings (OMHA)
- U18AA Winner: Ted Reeve Thunder (GTHL)
- U18BB/A Winner: West London Hawks Gold (ALLIANCE)

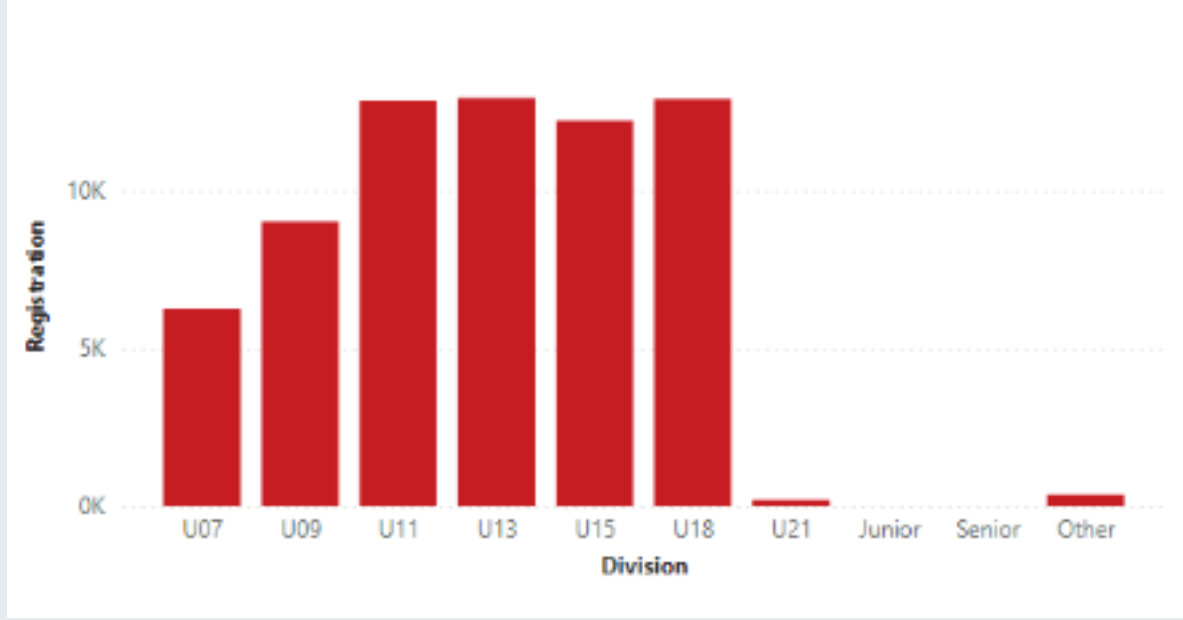


REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

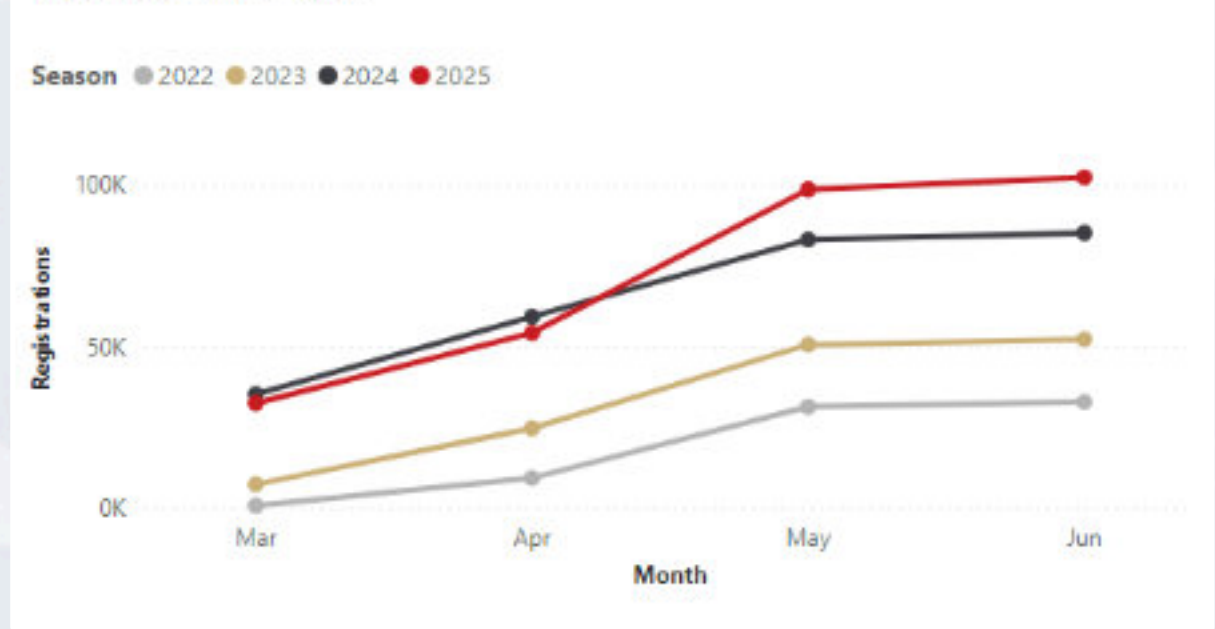
New Participants by Gender



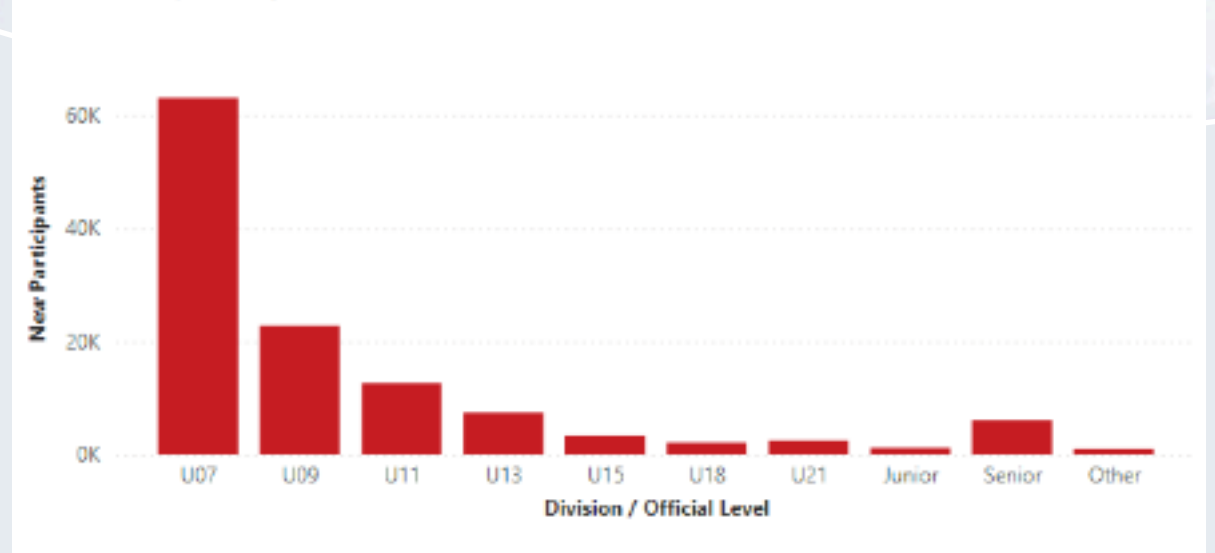
Registration by Division



Registration by Season

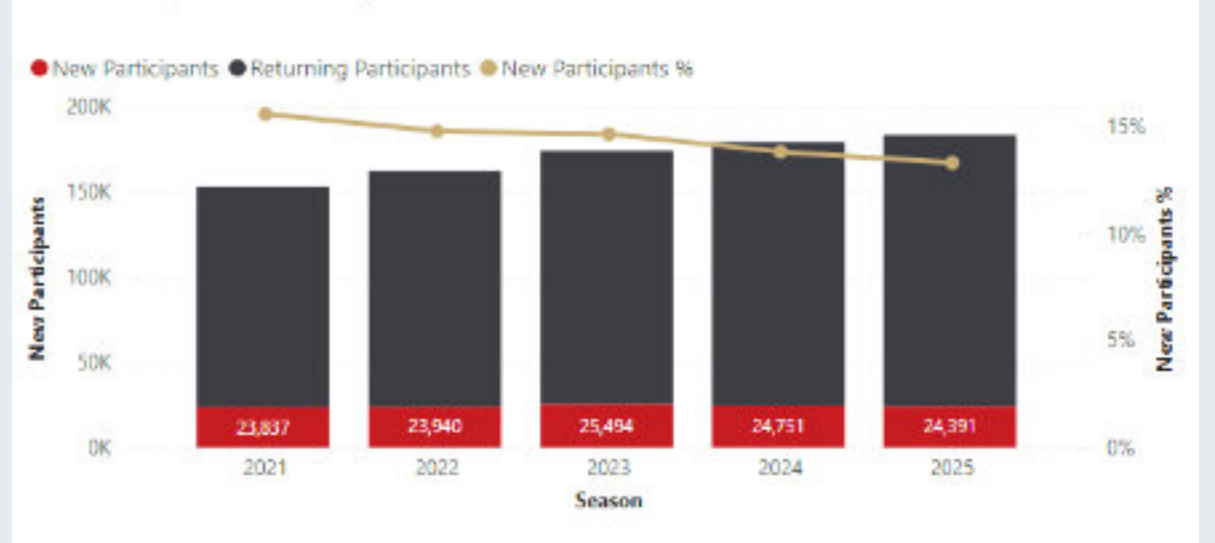


New Participants by Division / Official Level



Member	U07	U09	U11	U13	U15	U18	U21	Junior	Senior	Other	Total
ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION	24,875	25,085	29,530	28,047	26,429	29,835	4,362	21	5,408	2,649	176,241
ALLIANCE HOCKEY	2,403	2,436	2,748	2,771	2,341	2,560	307	0	17	728	16,311
CANADIAN NATIONAL SPECIAL HOCKEY										122	122
GREATER TORONTO HOCKEY LEAGUE	3,980	3,688	4,266	4,060	3,774	4,925	96		271	30	25,090
LEGACY OFFICES									0	121	121
NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2,003	1,650	1,781	1,847	1,660	1,539	1	6	0	0	10,487
ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	14,203	12,421	13,390	12,914	11,723	13,170	2,425		0	1,647	81,893
ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION	2,286	4,890	7,345	6,455	6,931	7,641	1,533	15	5,120	1	42,217
Total	24,875	25,085	29,530	28,047	26,429	29,835	4,362	21	5,408	2,649	176,241

New Participants & Rate by Season





The OHF Championships across all divisions and age categories took place

April 17-19, 2026

Division	Winner	Runner-up	Hosts
U13 A	Southeast Surge (OMHA)	Sarnia Jr. Sting (ALLIANCE)	Southeast Surge (OMHA)
U13 AA	TNT Tornados (OMHA)	London Jr. Knights Green (ALLIANCE)	Copper Cliff Reds (NOHA)
U15 A	Midwest 49'ers (OMHA)	London Jr. Mustangs Purple (ALLIANCE)	Mt. Brydges Cougars (OMHA)
U15 AA	Clarington Toros (OMHA)	Greater Toronto Capitals (GTHL)	Vaughan Rangers (GTHL)
U15 BB/A	Lorne Park Clarkson Wild (GTHL)	Newmarket Renegades (OMHA)	Newmarket Renegades (OMHA)
U18 A	Elmira Jr. Sugar Kings (OMHA)	South Oxford Storm (OMHA)	New Liskeard Lions (NOHA)
U18 AA	Ted Reeve Thunder (GTHL)	Burlington Eagles (OMHA)	Kitchener Jr. Rangers (ALLIANCE)
U18 BB/A	West London Hawks Gold (ALLIANCE)	Markham Waxers (OMHA)	Markham Waxers (OMHA)

All-Ontario/Central Region Championships

The Ontario Championships are the provincial Championship for U13 AAA and U15 AAA divisions that include teams from all 3 Hockey Canada Ontario Branches. The Central Region U18 AAA Championship includes teams from 2 Hockey Canada Ontario Branches (HEO and OHF).



Division	Date	Winner	Runner-up	Hosts
U13 AAA	April 8-12, 2026	Quinte Red Devils (OMHA)	Toronto Marlboros (GTHL)	Waterloo Wolves (ALLIANCE)
U15 AAA	April 8-12, 2026	Vaughan Kings (GTHL)	Soo Jr. Greyhounds (NOHA)	Thunder Bay Kings (HNO)
U18 AAA	March 30-Apr.5, 2026	Waterloo Wolves (ALLIANCE)	North Shore Whitecaps (OMHA)	Markham Waxers (OMHA)



NON-BODY CHECKING ADDITIONS

A significant milestone during the 2025-26 season was the successful expansion of the OHF Championships to include Non-Body Checking divisions at both the U15 and U18 levels. This initiative responded to the growing participation and development opportunities within non-body checking hockey and provided athletes with a meaningful championship pathway aligned with the style of play.

The addition of these categories was met with strong support from Members, teams, and participants, resulting in highly competitive championship events. The successful implementation of these divisions reflects the OHF's commitment to providing inclusive, development-focused opportunities and ensuring that championship programming continues to evolve to meet the needs of all participants across the Federation.



2026 HIGH PERFORMANCE 1 SEMINAR

The HP1 program is being updated to better reflect the needs of modern high performance sport. Instead of focusing mainly on testing and completion, the new approach emphasizes continuous learning, real-world application, and athlete-centered coaching. It also creates more opportunity for coaches to spend less time on theory and more time actively doing the work during the in-person portion of the course. This change is driven by advances in sport science, a stronger focus on athlete well-being and ethical leadership, and feedback from coaches who want more practical and meaningful development. The modernized program creates a more consistent yet flexible national standard, encourages reflection and collaboration, and supports both coaches and coach developers in building skills over time rather than through one-time evaluations.

The OHF High Performance 1 Program will be delivered in different learning blocks.

National Virtual Weekend | May 24-26

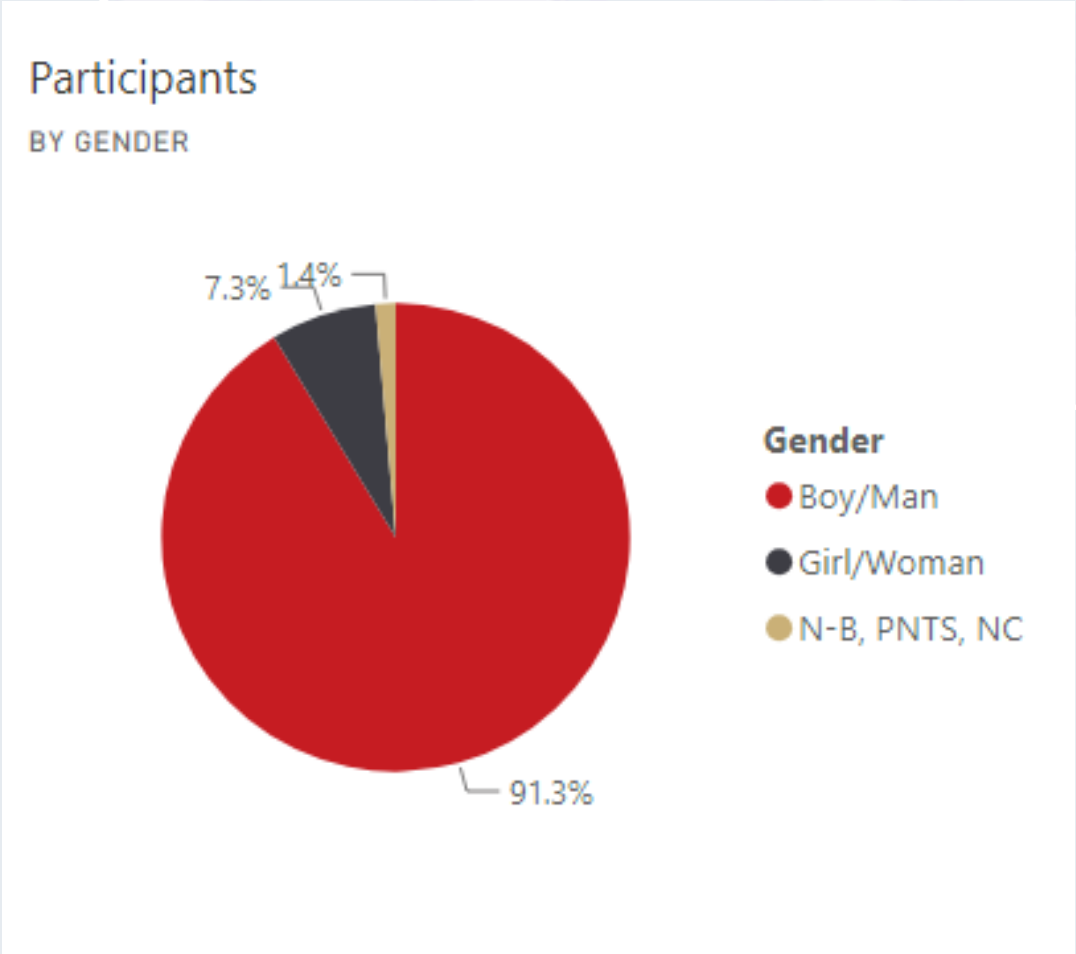
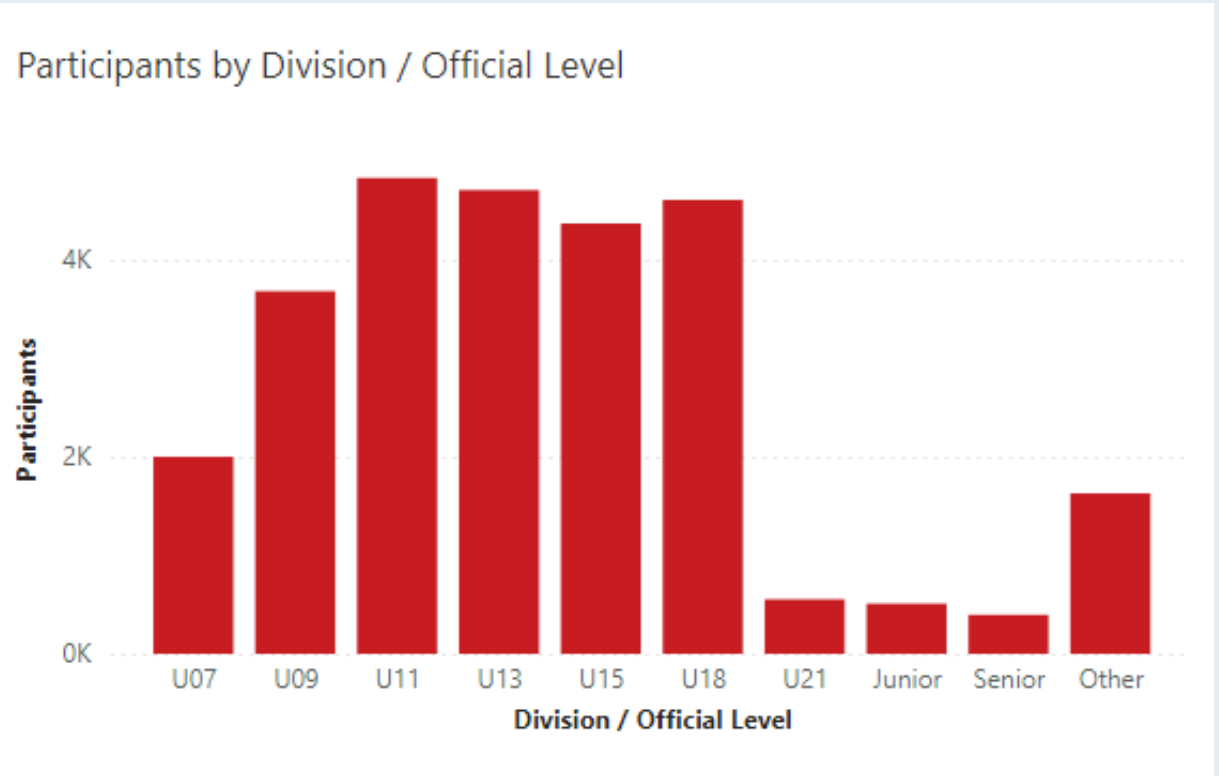
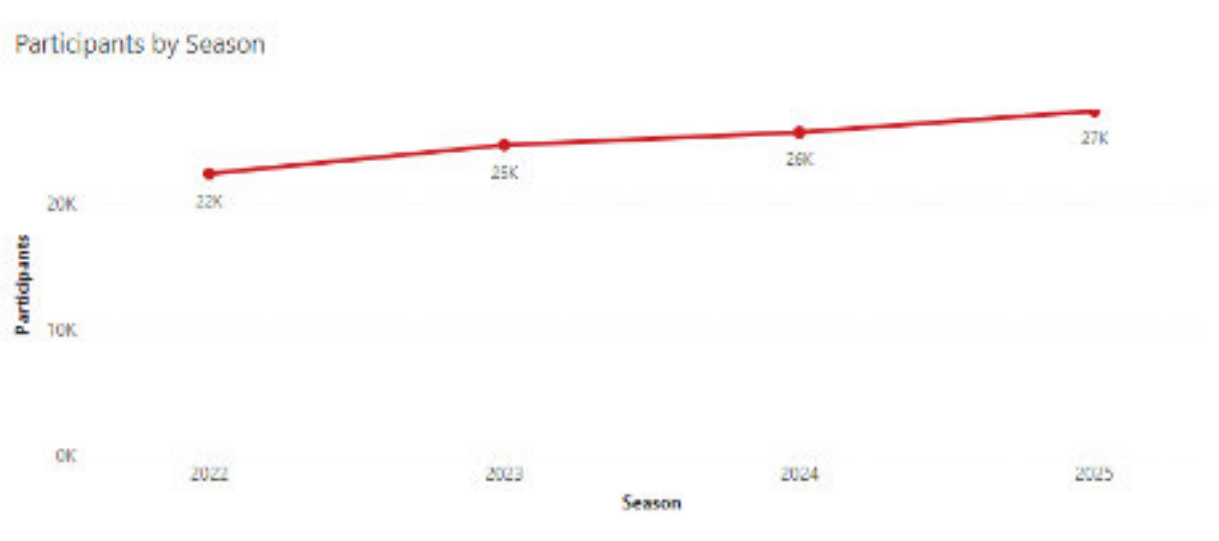
- Mental Preparation
- Team Building
- Physical Preparation
- Game and Bench Management
- Skill Assessment
- Leadership in Coaching

HP1 In-Class Workshop | July 3-5

- Planning a Competitive Program
- Teaching & Evaluating
- Offensive / Defensive Team Play
- Special Teams
- Building Your Mental Toolbox



COACHING BY THE NUMBERS



Ethnicity/Race	Participants	%
Caucasian	22,109	81.02%
Prefer not to say	3,442	12.61%
Indigenous	663	2.43%
Prefer to self-describe	279	1.02%
Chinese	195	0.71%
South Asian	112	0.41%
Multiple Races / Ethnicities	110	0.40%
Black	105	0.38%
Unknown	56	0.21%
Filipino	45	0.16%
Korean	43	0.16%
Latin American	39	0.14%
Japanese	32	0.12%
Southeast Asian	32	0.12%
W Asian, N African or Arab	28	0.10%

Member	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION	21,340	22,331	24,605	25,601	27,290	121,167
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OHF/OHL U15 PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE

The OHF/OHL U15 Program of Excellence is a development experience designed to educate and inform players and parents. The goals of the program include: to introduce players, families and staff to high performance hockey, the Program of Excellence and the Ontario Hockey League; to create a unique and special life and hockey experience for all players and staff involved; and to develop players and staff both on and off the ice. Players will participate in intense, high performance on and off ice sessions and seminars. On-ice sessions will be run by Hockey Canada and OHL personnel and will include practices that focus on individual skill, team tactics, small area games, and position specific.

[U15 Promotional Video](#)

2026 Program Dates & Locations

May 1 – 3, 2026

Kitchener, ON (Activa Sportsplex)

May 1 – 3, 2026

New Liskeard/Temiskaming Shores
(Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena)

May 8 – 10, 2026

Oshawa, ON (Tribute Communities
Centre)

May 8 – 10, 2026

London, ON (Western Fair Sports Centre)

May 22 – 24, 2026

Brampton, ON (CAA Centre)



VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECKS & CENTRALIZED SCREENING

OHF Centralized Screening Program

The 2025-26 season marked the second full season in which the Ontario Hockey Federation completed centralized screening for all on-ice officials, team officials, third-party instructors, and on-ice volunteers.

The centralized screening process continued to provide a consistent, efficient, and participant-focused approach to ensuring that individuals in positions of trust within minor hockey completed the required Vulnerable Sector Check and Screening Declaration process before participating in sanctioned hockey activities.

Expansion of the Centralized Screening Model

A significant development for the 2025-26 season was the expansion of the OHF centralized screening process through the creation and implementation of the Ontario Screening Policy. This policy extended centralized screening to include Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) and Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO), establishing a consistent screening framework for all participants across Ontario.

This expanded approach supported greater alignment between Ontario’s hockey organizations and helped ensure that screening requirements were applied consistently for individuals in similar roles across the province.

Benefits of Centralization

The centralized screening model continued to provide several important benefits:

Consistency: Screening requirements were applied in a standardized manner, helping ensure that participants completed the appropriate screening based on their role.

Efficiency: The process reduced duplicate screening requirements across Associations and helped streamline administration for participants across Ontario.

Safety: Centralized screening supported the OHF’s ongoing commitment to creating safe hockey environments by helping ensure that individuals in positions of trust were appropriately screened before working with participants.

Submission Portal Improvements

For the 2025-26 season, the OHF implemented improvements to the online screening submission portal to create a more user-friendly experience for participants.

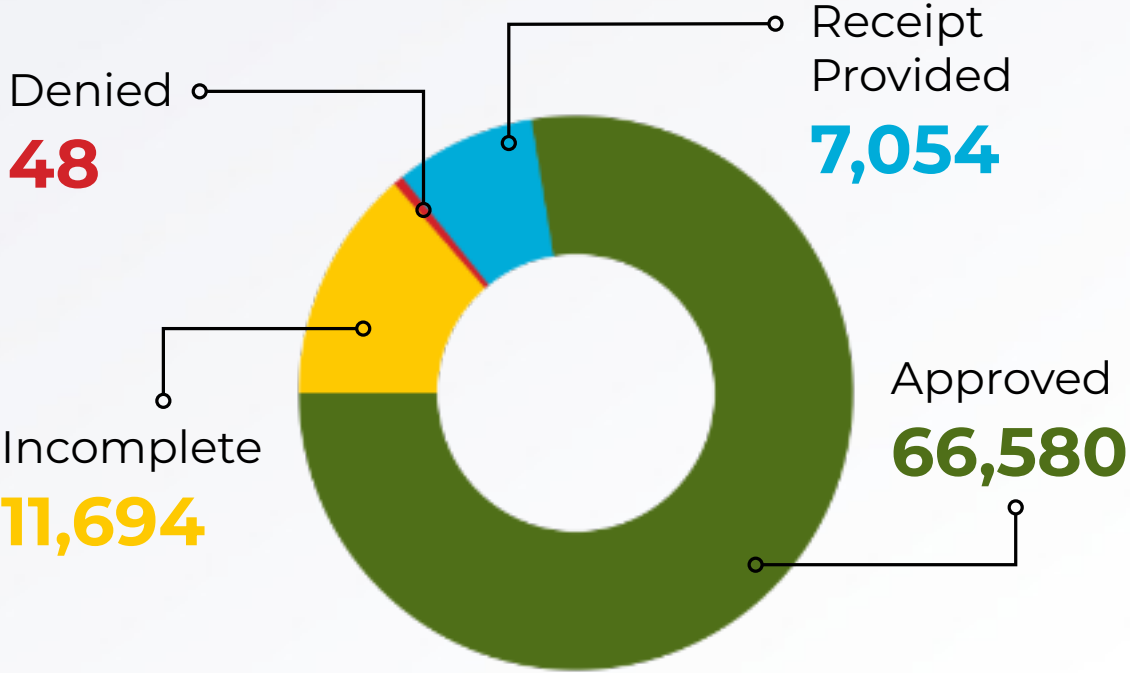
One Step vs. Two Step Process

One of the key improvements was the move from a two-step process to a single direct submission link. Participants were able to upload their required documents and/or complete the OHF Screening Declaration Form through one centralized portal, making the process easier to access and complete.

Better Communication

The OHF also enhanced communication through automatic decision notifications. Participants received instant updates once their submission was reviewed, reducing the need for individuals, Associations, or staff to follow up with the OHF regarding the status of a submission.

Where a submission was marked as incomplete, the automatic notification included specific details outlining the error or missing information. This allowed participants to better understand what was required and how to properly resubmit their screening documentation.



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

Continued Commitment

The OHF remains committed to maintaining a centralized screening process that is consistent, efficient, and focused on participant safety. The OHF has plans to expand and implement screening to include Association and Member Board and Staff members for the 2027-28 season.



TAMPERING ANNUAL REPORT

Tampering Annual Report

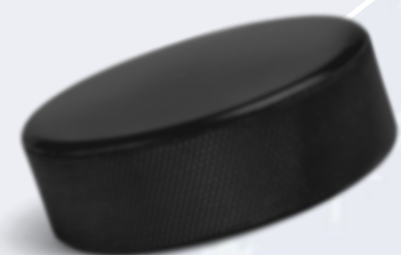
Following the introduction of Open Player Movement for the 2025-26 season, the Ontario Hockey Federation placed a renewed emphasis on ensuring that all participants, including players, bench staff, team officials, and Minor Hockey Associations, operate within a clear framework of honesty, transparency, and accountability.

The OHF's tampering regulations were reinforced to strengthen the organization's ability to address conduct that undermines the integrity of player movement, team formation, and fair competition. These regulations are intended to protect the fairness of the player movement process and ensure that all teams and Associations operate within the established rules.

During the 2025-26 season, the OHF received a total of 52 tampering allegations. Of those allegations, 19 were substantiated, resulting in sanctions being imposed.

In all substantiated cases, the guilty parties were suspended for a minimum of 15 regular season games each, and the offending Minor Hockey Association was fined \$5,000.

The OHF remains committed to maintaining a culture of integrity, respect, and transparency for the 2026-27 season. Individuals with knowledge or credible information regarding potential tampering violations are strongly encouraged to submit allegations to the OHF for review. Allegations may be sent to tampering@ohf.on.ca.



OFFICIATING PROGRAM

The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) Officiating Program continues to provide a structured development pathway for officials across all Members. The 2025–26 season focused on strengthening high-performance development, expanding education opportunities, and improving consistency in evaluation and advancement processes.

Member High Performance (MHP) Officiating Camp

The OHF Member High Performance (MHP) Officiating Camp remains the premier identification and development event for elite officials in Ontario. Participants gained game exposure through assignments in junior and elite minor hockey. Their performance was assessed using a combination of on-ice observation, video review, and classroom-based learning sessions. The program was led by senior evaluators aligned with both the Ontario Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada.

The camp continues to serve as a key stepping-stone for officials advancing toward high-performance opportunities.

Development & Education

Online Re-certification

The Online Official Re-Certification Program offers returning on-ice officials a consistent annual learning experience focused on strengthening rule knowledge, officiating techniques, and game management abilities. Through specific online modules, officials can complete required educational components at their own pace prior to participating in any mandatory in-person sessions. This flexible approach helps maintain consistency, keeps officials informed of the latest Hockey Canada rule updates and officiating standards, and supports the ongoing development of confident, knowledgeable, and effective officials.

Officiating Development Series

The OHF Officiating Development Series was delivered in a virtual format throughout the 2025–26 season, ensuring consistent access for officials across all regions.

Key Focus Areas:

- Game management and conflict resolution
- Advanced rule interpretation and application
- Positioning, skating efficiency, and decision-making
- Communication and on-ice presence
- Mental performance and consistency under pressure

This approach ensured standardized education delivery and accessibility at all officiating levels.

High Performance Pathway Impact

The OHF officiating system continues to effectively identify and develop officials capable of progressing to elite levels of competition.

There is an ongoing opportunity to further align officiating development systems throughout the branch, supported by the increased use of video review, evaluation, and feedback to enhance learning and promote consistency. Officials continue to progress to higher levels of competition, including Junior, OHL, and Hockey Canada assignments, demonstrating the strength and effectiveness of the development pathway. Across all levels, there remains a strong focus on professionalism, communication, decision-making, and effective game control.

The OHF Officiating Program remains a vital component of hockey development in Ontario. Through the MHP Camp and year-round education initiatives, the program continues to develop confident, capable, and adaptable officials prepared to perform at the highest levels of the game.



FIRST SHIFT 2025-26 SEASON

Number of programs:
124

COED:
87

All Girls:
36

Para:
1

of Participants: 4,437

95.30%
Fill rate

54.8%
Boys: 2,432 participants

42.92%
Girls: 1,993 participants

0.27%
Prefer not to Say/Non-Binary: 12 participants

Retention: From 2014-15 to 2024-25

A total of 9,249 OHF First Shift participants have registered with a Local Hockey Association at some point, resulting in a conversion rate of 46.08%.

This is above the overall program average conversion rate of **43.92%**.



MARKETING BY THE NUMBERS



31.5K

Social media fans

6,042

Facebook

14,842

Instagram

3,112

LinkedIn

11K

X

1,491

YouTube



STRATEGIC PLAN

More Than Hockey: Our Roadmap for the Future

The Ontario Hockey Federation's 2026–2029 Strategic Plan serves as our blueprint for strengthening hockey across Ontario while remaining focused on what matters most: the people and communities we serve. Developed collaboratively with our seven Member Partners, the Plan reflects a shared commitment to creating positive experiences that extend far beyond the game itself.

At the heart of the Strategic Plan is our vision to Enrich Life and Community Through Hockey. While hockey remains our foundation, we recognize the game's power to develop character, build relationships, strengthen communities, and create lifelong opportunities for participants, families, volunteers, officials, coaches, and administrators. This commitment is captured through our guiding philosophy: More Than Hockey.

Over the next four years, the OHF will focus its efforts on six interconnected strategic pillars that will guide decision-making, investment, and program delivery across the organization.

Stakeholder Support focuses on providing exceptional resources, technology, and collaboration opportunities to the volunteers, Associations, and Member Partners who deliver hockey experiences across Ontario.

Policy and Organizational Alignment aims to create a more consistent and transparent experience for participants by aligning governance, processes, education, and strategic priorities throughout the hockey system.

Events will continue to prioritize participant experience, ensuring that championships, development opportunities, and special events create meaningful memories while strengthening engagement with host communities and partners.

Growth and Retention is dedicated to ensuring the long-term sustainability of hockey by improving access to facilities, leveraging data-informed decision-making, stabilizing participation, and building partnerships that support the future of the game.

Business Development and Communication will strengthen financial sustainability while enhancing how information is shared across the hockey community, ensuring participants and stakeholders receive clear, timely, and accessible communication.

Culture of Hockey, introduced as a standalone strategic pillar, reflects our commitment to creating a safe, respectful, and accountable environment for everyone involved in the game. Through education, leadership, integrity, and positive behaviour standards, we will work to strengthen trust and elevate the overall hockey experience across Ontario.

Together, these six pillars reinforce our commitment to delivering more than programs and competitions. They represent a long-term investment in people, relationships, and communities, ensuring hockey in Ontario remains safe, fun, accessible, and impactful for generations to come.



OUR PARTNERS

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