

## PLAYING REGULATIONS ADAPTED FOR THE 2022-2023 SEASON

### REGULATION A: COMPETITION PLAYING RULES & GAME REGULATIONS

- A1 In all competition under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), the playing rules and regulations of Hockey Canada will be the governing authority for all hockey, except as otherwise approved by the Board.
- A2 The Board must approve playing rules of Members annually.
- A3 All games under the jurisdiction of the OHF shall be officiated by individuals who are Registered with a Member for the current season consistent with Member officiating requirements.
- A4 No Team shall take part in a sanctioned game in the OHF until a Team Official has provided to the game officials on a game report, a list of Registered Players certified by that Team Official to be eligible to take part in such a game.
- A5 All games in the OHF shall comply with the requirement in Hockey Canada Rule 2.2 for number of Players in uniform and Hockey Canada regulation D12 and L5 for number of Registered Players, subject to OHF Playing Regulations C8, C9 and C10.
- A6 Game Forfeiture
- (a)** A game is forfeited when:
- i. A Team does not appear for that game. When a game is declared forfeited due to the non-appearance of the Team (Hockey Canada Rule 10.14d), the Team in attendance shall be declared the winner and the score recorded as 5-0. The incident shall be reported to the League / Association President to take any further actions as may be authorized in the organization's by-laws and regulations.
  - ii. A Team refuses to start play (Hockey Canada Rule 10.14). When a game is declared forfeited in accordance with Hockey Canada Rule 10.14c, the non-offending Team shall be declared the winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending Team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending Team was not in the lead. The Players on both Teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member President or designate.
  - iii. A Team is unable to continue play due to having insufficient Players (as per Hockey Canada Rule 10.14). When a game is declared forfeited due to a Team having insufficient Players to continue play, either through injury and/or penalties, the non-offending Team shall be declared the winner and the score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending Team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending Team was not in the lead. The Players on both Teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member President or designate.
  - iv. Both Teams are unwilling or unable to continue the game. When a game is declared forfeited due to both Teams being unwilling or unable (insufficient Players) to continue the game, the score shall be recorded as 0-0 with no points awarded either Team. The Players on both Teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned up to the time the forfeit was declared. The incident shall be reported to the Member President or designate.

- v. A Team played a game with one (1) or more ineligible participants. When a game is declared forfeited due to a Team playing with one (1) or more ineligible participants, the non-offending Team shall be declared the winner and score shall be recorded as per the Official Game Report if the non-offending Team was in the lead at the time of the infraction or as 5-0 if the non-offending Team was not in the lead. The Players on both Teams shall be credited with all personal statistics earned. Should the game in question be part of a Tournament, the offending Team shall automatically be relegated to the final position in any preliminary round robin series (if applicable) or to the final position in the Tournament standings. The use of an ineligible Player shall be reported to the Member President or designate.
  - vi. In games played under the direct jurisdiction of the Member (e.g. League play or Playoffs), all reports will go to the Member President or designate. In games played under the direct jurisdiction of the OHF (e.g. OHF Championships or Playoffs), all reports will go to the OHF Chair of the Board.
- A7 For a game that is suspended, the following options shall be available:
- (a) The remainder of the game may be played at a later date. In this case, the game will resume with all conditions (penalties, score, etc.) as when the game was suspended. The referee shall note these conditions on the Game Report.
  - (b) The entire game may be replayed if it has a bearing on final standings within a league.
  - (c) The applications of either (a) or (b) shall be at the discretion of the Member who has sanctioned the game or in the case of OHF playoff competition, the OHF Chair of the Board.
  - (d) This Regulation will not be applicable in the case of a game suspended by curfew when the time of curfew was noted on the Game Report.
- A8 Only pucks that meet the rules of the Hockey Canada Rule 3.8 may be used in OHF sanctioned competition. For League and playoff competition, it is the responsibility of the home Team to supply pucks in proper condition for all games.
- A9 Protective Equipment
- (a) Players shall be required to comply with the provisions in Hockey Canada Rule 3.6 relating to required equipment to participate in sanctioned on-ice activities.
  - (b) Players participating as Affiliate Players must wear all required equipment for the Team for which they are Registered. For example, a Minor Hockey Player must wear full facial protection and a throat protector when participating in junior hockey as an Affiliate Player.
  - (c) It is recommended that in Minor Hockey, all Goaltenders, in addition to a BNQ certified throat protector, wear a plastic throat guard adjoined to the Goaltenders helmet/mask.
  - (d) It is recommended that all Players, including Goaltenders, wear a colored (non-clear) internal mouthpiece, which covers all the remaining teeth of one jaw, customarily the upper. For all classifications where full facial protection is required, the mouthpiece must be attached to the facemask or helmet. It is recommended, in all classifications, that the mouthpiece be form fitted by a Dentist or a Dental Professional.
  - (e) Any Player with a physical disability (e.g. vision, hearing, etc.) shall at the time of Registration provide a certificate from a medical doctor which states that the Player may safely engage in the level of hockey for which the Player is being Registered. Such medical certificate must accompany the Registration.

- (f) No Team or Player on a Team shall be permitted to wear vertical striped sweaters or 'tear-away' sweaters. Zippered pants that are unfastened are not permitted. During competition, any violation of this will result in the offending Team being assessed a two minute bench minor penalty and the offending Player or Players being prevented from further participation until such time as improper equipment is removed.

A10 Canadian Flag Requirement

- (a) All Players Registered on competitive Teams and all on-ice Officials within the Federation shall be required to wear or have embossed on their jerseys a standard Canadian Flag patch either on their left sleeve or on their upper right chest.
- (b) A Team's or Official's failure to comply shall be reported to the Member President or designate.

A11 OHF Championships

- (a) The OHF Championships of each Category shall be contested annually and decided by a series of games as approved by the Board in the following Divisions and Categories:

**MINOR HOCKEY**

**U13 A, U13 AA**

**U15 A, U15 AA**

**U18 A, U18 AA**

**U21 AAA**

**JUNIOR HOCKEY**

Junior A

**MEN'S SENIOR HOCKEY**

Senior AAA

- (b) Other Categories and Divisions may be added at the sole discretion of the Board.
- (c) Hosting of OHF Championships will be determined through a rotation process approved by the Board. Members scheduled to host an OHF Championship must confirm their intent to host by the OHF AGM, or earlier of the preceding year. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after this date may result in penalties against the offending Member.
- (d) Any Member failing to have declared its participant in an OHF Championship less than seven (7) days prior to the first date of an OHF Championship (or other date as established by the Board) shall be fined the amount of \$2,000.
- (e) Members shall advise the OHF in writing by October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season of their intent to participate at approved OHF Championship(s). Withdrawal after this date will result in a fine of \$1,000 to the offending Member.
- (f) Minor Hockey OHF Championships will be conducted the weekend of the fourth Saturday in April for the **2022-2023** season.
- (g) The Board, through the recommendations of Minor Committee, will establish Rules and Regulations for all OHF Championships.

**REGULATION B:TOURNAMENTS/INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION/EXHIBITION GAMES TOURNAMENTS**

- B1 All Tournaments in the OHF shall be governed in accordance with the provisions in Hockey Canada Regulation J and Member Tournament and sanctioning regulations or policies.

- B2 Tournaments approved by a Member cannot be operated within the jurisdiction of another Member without the written approval of that Member.
- B3 A Member may sanction a Tournament in its jurisdiction involving a non-member or private enterprise entity so long as the Association or Club obtaining the sanctioning maintains a material involvement in the planning, operation and financial oversight of the Tournament. Such non-member or private enterprise entity must have in place and file with the Member appropriate and adequate insurance coverage for the duration of the Tournament.
- B4 All OHF Official Game Reports and Suspension information must be reported and submitted to the sanctioning Member.
- B5 Any indefinite Suspension (as per the current OHF Minimum Suspension list for that Category of hockey) imposed at a sanctioned Tournament will result in expulsion of that individual from further participation at that Tournament pending appeal with the Member with whom the Player is Registered.
- B6 Tournaments only have the authority to impose Suspensions for the duration of their Tournament. Minimum Suspensions (as per current OHF Minimum Suspension list for that Category of hockey) that carryover to competition outside the Tournament duration must be reported as per OHF Regulation B4 and served in accordance with Member Suspension Regulations. The Member with whom the Player is Registered may not impose additional games above the approved minimum Suspension for the rule infraction.

#### International Competition (Excluding USA Hockey)

- B7 All international competition (outgoing tours to IIHF countries and incoming IIHF Teams) shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Hockey Canada regulation K and applicable Member regulations and policies. This information is available through Member offices. Any competition by OHF Teams that is conducted in violation of the above noted regulations may result in penalties against the Registered Participant as deemed appropriate.

#### Exhibition Games

- B8 No Team or Player shall be permitted to play exhibition games or Inter-Member games of any kind without the permission of the OHF through the appropriate Member. Teams shall not compete in non-sanctioned games or Tournaments or participate against non-OHF/Hockey Canada/IIHF Teams. Violations may result in penalties against the offending Team.

### **REGULATION C: CLUBS AND TEAMS**

- C1 The formation of Clubs and Teams will be governed by the provisions in Hockey Canada regulation D and regulations and policies of Members.
- C2 No new Club/Association can be formed after October 1st of the current season.
- C3 Any Team that may compete in an OHF, Regional or National Championship Competition must register all Players on an approved Roster form verified by the Member Executive Director. All Teams from which Players Affiliate to a Team competing in OHF, Regional or National Championships also must register all Players on an approved Roster form verified by the Member Executive Director.
- C4 Recognized Divisions & Categories:

Division	Recognized Categories (in order from highest Category to lowest)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior**	Major, A, B, C	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U21**	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 21 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U18	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 18 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U15	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 15 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U13	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 13 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U11	AAA, AA, A, BB, B, CC, C, DD, D, MD, Select, Local League, House League	Under 11 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U9	<b>House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway</b>	Under 9 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season
U7 (Initiation)	<b>House League, Local League - Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U7 Player Pathway</b>	Under 8 years of age as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> of the current season

\*\*Please refer to Playing Regulation E16 for U21 Hockey Restrictions and Junior Member Regulations for Junior Hockey Restrictions.

- C5 In Male Divisions of Minor hockey, a Member may subdivide a Division based on age, whereby the name of the first year of a Division is prefaced by the word "Minor". Each of these two sub-divisions shall be considered a Division.
- C6 Categorization of Teams is within the sole jurisdiction of the Member with whom the Team is a Registered Participant.
- C7 All Teams will be required to have a minimum of fifteen (15) Players Registered in order to be eligible for competition. Members have the authority to permit a lower number of Registered Players at their discretion.
- C8 Teams will be permitted the number of Player Registrations as indicated below. Members have the authority to permit a lower number of Registrations than indicated at their discretion:

Senior Male Junior Male	Maximum of forty-five (45) registrants
Senior Female Junior Female U21 U21 Female	Maximum of twenty-five (25) registrants

U18 U18 Female	
U15 U15 Female U13 U13 Female U11 U11 Female U9 U9 Female	Maximum of twenty (20) registrants
U7 (Initiation)	Unlimited

- C9 Notwithstanding C8, the following Teams may neither sign nor Register, at any one time, more than:
- (a) Twenty-five (25) eligible Players in the case of Junior Male Teams and U21 Male Teams;
  - (b) Twenty (20) in the case of the highest level of male and female U18 hockey.
  - (c) Nineteen (19) eligible Players in the case of Minor Male (excluding U21) and Minor Female Teams.

C10 Minor Hockey Teams will be permitted to use up to (19) Players for a sanctioned game, with the exception of U21 Teams in games within the OHF and Teams at the highest level of male and female U18 hockey, all of which will be permitted to use up to (20).

C11 For the following Divisions and Categories, a Goaltender must be identified and Registered as such on their Registration: all U21, U18, U16, U15, U14, for AAA, AA, A and for U13 AAA. Players Registered as Goaltenders will not be permitted to play any other position.

#### Sixteen (16) year old Averaging

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

C13 A Junior A and/or B League may implement averaging of sixteen (16) year old players across their League in accordance with the OHF Playing Regulations with the total number of sixteen (16) year old players not exceeding the number of Teams in the league multiplied by two (2).

C14 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be registered after June 1<sup>st</sup> of the current season.

#### Surrender Of Allotment

C15 Surrendering the allotment is done voluntarily. Teams do not have to surrender their allotment(s).

C16 Teams not wishing to use the original 2 allotments may advise the League and Member and surrender one or both at any time after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

C17 Once any allotment(s) is surrendered to the League and Member, those allotments become the averaging pool available for distribution to teams seeking a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> sixteen (16) year old

allotment. Teams that have surrendered allotments must then apply for a new allotment to Register Players.

#### Criteria To Obtain Additional Allotment(S)

- C18 Any Team seeking additional allotments (max 2) above the original two (2) must have sixteen (16) year old Players Registered and approved on HCR.
- C19 Once a Team has their original two (2) allotments filled and would like to obtain an allotment through averaging the Team and Player must complete the Sixteen (16) Year-Old Player Commitment Form and submit to the Junior League, Member and OHF Registrars.
- C20 The additional allotments will be distributed in the order that the Commitment forms are received. (*First come, First serve*)
- C21 A list based on date of submission will be used. No team will receive two consecutive allotments on the list. After June 1<sup>st</sup> allotments may be distributed should they be available.
- C22 Teams will not be permitted to trade their position on this list, or any Player named on a Commitment Form.

#### Signing a Sixteen (16) year old Player Once An Allotment Is Assigned To Team

- C23 Teams will have 48 hours to complete the Player Registration once the League and Member has assigned the allotment. Should the Player not be signed within the 48 hour time period the allotment will be returned to the League and Member and the Team will be required to re-apply through the process. The surrendered allotment would then go to the next Team on the commitment list.

#### Releasing Sixteen (16) year old Players

- C24 For any 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> sixteen (16) year old allotment Player Registered by date of Registration then that Player being subsequently released, the team retains the allotment.
- C25 Should a 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> allotment sixteen (16) year old player be released from a Roster, the allotment is returned to the League and Member.
- C26 An allotment is not transferable with the trade of a sixteen (16) year old player to another team within the League or Member.

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

- C27 Playing of sixteen (16) year old Players in Junior must comply with the following requirements:
  - (a) It is imperative that sixteen (16) year old Players registered with any junior Team regardless of category, play a regular shift with their team.
  - (b) There is a recognition that sixteen (16) year old Players may not be in a position to play a regular shift within the first ten games of the season.
  - (c) A regular shift is three shifts per period, based on 5 on 5 play.
  - (d) Sixteen (16) year old Goaltenders must be playing at least 20% of regular season games. For clarity this is two (2) of every ten (10) games.
  - (e) A sixteen (16) year old playing less than the above will be returned to U18.

- (f) A sixteen (16) year old cannot be a healthy scratch within a Junior Team's line up.
  - (g) Educational, emergency, discipline, and medical reasons are the only considerations on why a sixteen (16) year old may not be included in a Team's game day line up and the above calculations.
  - (h) Before, a sixteen (16) year old can be Released by a Team during the season in accordance with E54; it is incumbent upon the releasing Team to find a Team for which the Player can Register, commensurate with his abilities.
- C28 A Junior A or B League that implements averaging will implement an effective and active report system including random visits to monitor the use of sixteen (16) year old Players with member Teams. Priority on visits will be given to Teams who have Registered more than the allotment prescribed by the Canadian Development Model.
- C29 Failure to comply with the policy will result in a team having access to one fewer sixteen (16) year old in the following season based on their CDM allotment.

#### **REGULATION D: AFFILIATION**

**PURPOSE:** To provide an opportunity for higher Division or Category Teams to dress the maximum number of Players allowable for a game in accordance with Regulation C9.

##### General Affiliation Procedures

- D1 Teams wishing to dress Players other than those on their Roster may select:
- (a) in Male Senior AAA, ten (10) Affiliate Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliate Players, at least one (1) Affiliate Player must be a Goaltender; and
  - (b) in all other Categories, nineteen (19) Affiliate Players. If a Team has selected the maximum number of Affiliate Players, at least two (2) Affiliate Players must be Goaltenders.
- D2 Teams may only select Affiliate Players from a lower Division or Category Team(s) operating in the Geographic Subdivision in which the selecting Team operates, and all such Players and Team(s) must be properly Registered in the HCR with the Member.
- D3 An Affiliate Player shall not be permitted to play for the selecting Team until the Player's Registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliate Player. Such endorsement may not be granted by that Member Executive Director, before the written consent from both Teams involved in the affiliation is filed with that Member Executive Director.
- D4 Once a Player's Registration has been endorsed by the Member Executive Director as being an Affiliate Player, the Player's name becomes part of the selecting Team's list of Affiliate Players and may not be dropped from such list during the current Season and replaced, unless:
- (a) the Team with which the Player Registered Releases the Player on or before January 10; or
  - (b) the Team that holds the Player's playing rights in the higher Division or Category, transfers those rights to another Team in the same Division or Category.
- D5 No Player is permitted to be part of more than one (1) Affiliate Players' list in a particular Category at any given time during the Season.

- D6 A Player must have the approval of the Player's registered Team or Minor Hockey Association in order to:
- (a)** be selected as an Affiliate Player; and
  - (b)** participate in a game as an Affiliate Player.
- D7 Affiliate Players used by a higher Division/Category Team in a game, shall be designated on the Official Game Report by the use of the symbol "AP" after their name.
- D8 Teams from different Divisions and/or Categories competing within the same League are not permitted to Affiliate between themselves.
- D9 Notwithstanding Hockey Canada Regulation F8, in a Senior League which consists of Teams registered Senior AAA, Senior AA and/or Senior, a higher Category Team participating in that League may Affiliate Players from a lower Category Team participating in that League, but such higher Category Team may not dress such an Affiliate Player while such higher Category Team is still in League competition.
- D10 All affiliations shall terminate at the end of the current Season.
- D11 Geographic Subdivisions, for the purpose of this Regulation shall be determined by the appropriate Member and filed with the OHF on an annual basis.
- D12 For Tournaments and OHF Championship competition, Teams must have a copy of the approved Roster verified by the Member Executive Director for all Players listed on the game report as Affiliate Players in order for the Players to be eligible to participate.

#### Limitations On Affiliation

- D13 Refer to Hockey Canada Regulations F11-13.

#### Affiliation Between Minor To Junior And Junior To Junior

- D14 A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older may be selected as an Affiliate Player with two of the following in the same season:
- (a)** a Major Junior Team;
  - (b)** Junior A Team; and
  - (c)** Junior B Team.

#### Number Of Games A Player May Play In Higher Divisions Or Categories

- D15 Affiliate Players may participate in higher Divisions or Categories as follows:
- (a)** For Junior hockey and Regional and National Championship eligible Teams, a Player of a Team of a lower Division or Category may Affiliate to a Team or Teams of higher Divisions or Categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games per Team;
  - (b)** For all other Categories and Divisions of hockey, the Member shall establish the number of games that a Player may play as an Affiliate Player.
  - (c)** Exhibition and/or Tournament games, which are not part of regular League games or play-off games, are excluded from the number of games referred to in Regulation D15(a).
  - (d)** Any Player affiliation as a result of the National Junior / Under 17 / Canada Winter Games / World Junior A Challenge will not count against the limit of games per Team.

- D16 If an Affiliate Player's registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs before the Player's Affiliated Team or Teams, the Player may thereafter Affiliate an unlimited number of times on the following terms:
- (a) No new Registration is required or shall be issued for Affiliate Players, and such Players are not numbered among such higher Division/Category Teams Registered Players.
  - (b) Affiliate Players remain Registered Participants of their lower Division/Category Team.
- D17 Affiliation of first year eligible U16 Players (fifteen (15) year olds) to Major Junior and Junior A and Junior B hockey Teams shall be permitted with the following restrictions:
- (a) A Player may Affiliate to a Major Junior Team and a Junior A or B Team in the same Season and play a maximum of five (5) games with each Team. A Player may not Affiliate to both a Junior A and a Junior B Team.
  - (b) A Team may Affiliate no more than five (5) Players for up to a maximum of five (5) games each during the Season.
  - (c) A Player shall NOT participate as an Affiliate, except under emergency conditions, when the Player's registered Team is playing or when the Player has semester exams at school.
  - (d) When the Player's registered Team is finished its Season, the Player may Affiliate an unlimited number of games with his Affiliate Team or Teams for the balance of the Season.
  - (e) The Affiliate Team may only have one (1) fifteen (15) year old Affiliate Player in its line-up per game.
  - (f) Any Player affiliation occurring as a result of the National Junior/Under 17/Canada Winter Games/World Junior A Challenge will not count in the five (5) game total per Team.

#### **REGULATION E: PLAYER REGISTRATION & ELIGIBILITY**

- E1 A Player must be a Registered Participant of a Member in order to be eligible for competition.
- E2 The specific mandatory fields of information required to be part of all real time electronic submissions made to the HCR are:
- (a) Last Name
  - (b) First Name
  - (c) Date of Birth
  - (d) Address
  - (e) Street address or PO Box
  - (f) City/town
  - (g) Postal Code
  - (h) E-mail address
  - (i) Team Name
  - (j) Team Division (U7, U9, U11, U13, U15, U18, Junior, U21, Senior, Adult Recreational)
  - (k) Team Category (AAA, AA, A, B, C, 1, 2, 3 etc.)
  - (l) Role on Team/MHA (Player, Goaltender, Coach, Bench Staff, Safety, or Official)
  - (m) Official (Referee, Linesmen and certification, Season of qualification and criminal record check)
  - (n) Coach (level of Coach certification, Season of qualification and criminal record check)
  - (o) Safety Personnel (level, expiry date and criminal record check)

- (p)** Registration Date
- (q)** Name of Association
- (r)** Affiliate Status
- (s)** Import Status
- (t)** Tryout Status
- (u)** Release Status and Release Date
- (v)** Active Season (i.e. 2017-2018, 2018-2019)

- E3 Ontario Hockey Federation assures the Members 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 shall at all times retain ownership and control of any and all its data in the HCR. There will be no commercial use of the data by the Ontario Hockey Federation or Hockey Canada in any way, shape, or form, unless expressly agreed to in writing by the respective Member(s). To clarify, no data in the HCR will be used directly or indirectly to market and/or contact those Registered within the HCR without the express written permission of the Member(s) for each use.
- E4 A Player may not be Registered with a second hockey Team in the same season except:
- (a)** where the Player is released from their first Registration in accordance with the Regulations; or
  - (b)** where permission is specifically provided in Regulation or Policy of the OHF or its Members. Any Regulation or Policy may not circumvent Hockey Canada regulation M3.

Violation for Registration with a second hockey Team where not provided for will result in the immediate Suspension of the Player.

- E5 A Player must abide by all rules, regulations and policies of Hockey Canada, the OHF and the Member for which they are eligible.
- E6 Every Player applying for the first time for Registration shall submit proof of age satisfactory to the Member.
- E7 Every Team shall be responsible for eligibility of all Players that are Registered with that Team or participating with that Team.
- E8 The OHF shall immediately suspend any Team that registers and/or plays a Player without obtaining satisfactory proof to establish 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 OHF Championships, Provincial or National play-downs.
- E9 Any Player who is a Registered Participant of the OHF and who has been proven guilty by the Player's Member, the OHF or Hockey Canada of having:
- (a)** falsified a AAA Waiver;
  - (b)** falsified a birth certificate;
  - (c)** falsified a Registration;
  - (d)** falsified any other registration document;
  - (e)** forged any of the foregoing;
  - (f)** played under, other than their 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 the Player's Suspension. (Hockey Canada regulation O3, 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 Playing Regulation E9, shall be automatically suspended for a period of not less than three (3) years from playing or holding office with any Team, Club or Association affiliated with Hockey Canada. (Hockey Canada regulation O3)
- E11 The Registration Committee deals with complaints under Playing Regulation E9 when two (2) or more Members are involved.
- E12 Special Assistance to Teams shall be in compliance with Hockey Canada regulation E25(b) and Member regulations.
- E13 Players competing with CCAA, U SPORTS or NCAA hockey programs after January 10 of the current season shall, as per Hockey Canada regulations, be ineligible to participate with any OHF Team.
- E14 The final date to register Players in the current season is February 10, or earlier if declared by a Member.

#### Eligibility – Minor Hockey

##### Registration

- E15 A Minor Hockey Player returning from a Junior Hockey Tryout at U18 AAA must Tryout within their Member unless already provided a Release in accordance with Playing Regulation K4 and K5. At all other levels the Player must return to their Home Centre.
- E16 U21 Division Teams, not including House Leagues, in the OHF will be restricted to registering not more than six (6) Players who are in the last year of eligibility for that Division. Players Registered in excess of the six (6) Players allowed will be Released from the Teams' Roster based on the reverse date of the Registration being validated. For example, if a Team has seven (7) Players in their last year of eligibility, the Player whose Registration was Registered last will be rejected.

##### Residential Requirements

- E17 Residential qualifications of the Hockey Canada regulations C1-6, shall be strictly enforced. In addition, regulations of the Minor Hockey Members shall also determine eligibility for those respective Minor Hockey programs.
- E18 Residency is where a Player and their parents habitually reside and is presumed to be where the Player was legitimately Registered 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 they reside or if unable to Tryout, make themselves 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 to whose jurisdiction the Player is moving or by the OHF in the case where a Player is moving with parents from one Member'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 their current Team for that season only, if the travel distance is deemed as reasonable;
  - (b) play with a Team for which the Player is eligible by reason of their new residence; or
  - (c) seek written permission from their new residential AAA Club to Tryout, for that season only, with an adjacent AAA Club.
- E24 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.
- E25 The eligibility of a Player who moves without parents and establishes a continuous habitual residence with someone other than their parents as defined in Hockey Canada regulation C4, shall be determined by either the Member involved or the OHF based on factors such as but not limited to:
- (a) where the Player's parent(s) reside;
  - (b) where the Player goes to school; and
  - (c) the amount of time actually spent in alleged place of residence

#### Eligibility – Junior Hockey

- E26 Eligibility of Players for junior hockey programs is governed by Hockey Canada and Member regulations where age, residence, Import status and Release requirement restrictions may exist.
- E27 Junior Teams are eligible to sign U18 aged hockey Players according to Hockey Canada regulation D18.
- E28 In order to register Players for Junior Hockey Released by Minor Hockey Associations, the Release must be authorized by the official signing officers of the Player's Home Centre (or previous organization) and their AAA Zone (where applicable).
- E29 Once a Player is Registered with a Junior Team, a Player remains a member of that Team until they are properly Released, as per OHF Playing Regulations E48-52.

## Player Movement – Minor Hockey

E30 All Player movement within Minor Hockey shall be governed by residential requirements contained herein and regulations and policies adopted by Members.

AAA Waivers for U13, U15 and U16 (E31-E43)

E31 A Player requiring a written Release to change Clubs at U13, U15 and U16 who is in compliance with Residential qualifications and OHF Playing 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) Personal service made to Player/parent within seven (7) days after the commencement of AAA Tryouts, verified by email to the Member in twelve (12) hours. If required, verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery that the delivery was made to the Player/parent within seven (7) 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 U18 AAA Hockey Regulation K applies.*

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 Registrations allowed by Hockey Canada or the number allowed by the Member.

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), the date of personal delivery.

E34 Any AAA Club that makes an offer to a Player pursuant to E31 must, within twelve (12) hours of making the offer, send its regional executive member or Member 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. The Player is, however eligible for a Release and AAA Waiver if granted by the Member.

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 Registrations for each such Player.

E38 If a Club does not comply with Playing 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 their residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be Released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full Division, up to and including U13. Players trying out at the U14 level and above will

have the option to remain with their previously registered AAA Club/Zone or return to their home AAA Club/Zone to tryout.

- E39 A Player on a AAA Waiver may Tryout with their residential Home Centre at AA or below and not forfeit the Major year(s) of their AAA Waiver pursuant to E40.
- E40 A Player must provide a signed AAA Waiver to be permitted to attend a try-out with an adjacent AAA Club.
- E41 A Player who has Registered with a Team for the season is not eligible for a AAA Waiver unless the Team they signed with provides permission to obtain a AAA Waiver.
- E42 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 Playing Regulations E31 – E41. Having otherwise adhered to those Regulations, a Player wishing to try-out with a nonadjacent AAA Club must receive a AAA Waiver from their residential AAA Club and all AAA Clubs/Zones adjacent to their 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 Playing Regulations E31 – E39.
- E43 Any Player who is not offered a Player Registration by, or has been Released from, their AAA Zone/Centre, must declare their availability in writing to their Home Centre, and the adjacent Zones/Centres, within seven (7) days. Their Home Centre or any of the adjacent Zones/Centres shall then have fourteen (14) days from its receipt of their declaration to offer a Player Registration. If the Player has made their declarations as above and no Registration is offered the Zone/Centre must provide them a AAA Waiver. If the Zone/Centre does not provide the AAA Waiver, the Player may obtain it from their Member.
- E44 A Player attending Junior hockey try-outs must follow OHF Playing Regulation G5.

#### Player Movement

- E45 Within Junior and Senior hockey, Player movement will be governed by Player Release requirements as noted in OHF Playing Regulations E45-E52 and E54, as well as Member Regulations relating to Player movement.
- E46 Junior and Senior Teams in the OHF are required to provide active Players lists as noted in E47. 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.
- E47 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.

#### Player Releases

- E48 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.
- E49 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.
- E50 Any Player Released after January 10 of the current season is ineligible to register with any other Team in the current season.
- E51 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 their parents and the parents change their place of residence and the Player continues to reside with their 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 their employer and continues to be employed by the same employer (Hockey Canada Regulation G9 (e)).
- (d) When a Player becomes overage for the Division in which they were last Registered, and there is in the community in which they reside or last Registered, no Team in the same Club in a higher Division in which they are qualified.
- (e) When a Player is a member of a Team that disbands (Hockey Canada Regulation G9 (h)).
- (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.

E52 Please refer to Hockey Canada Regulation G9 for further information and other allowable conditions.

#### Minor Hockey

E53 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 or by the OHF through appeal or other mechanisms available.

#### Junior and Senior Hockey

E54 No Player Registered with a Junior Hockey Team that is of 2nd year U18 age or below will be permitted to be Released to Minor Hockey after December 1 of the current season.

#### Player Transfers

E55 Minor Hockey Transfer (Residential Moves) within the OHF.

- (a) OHF Players who have changed habitual residence, with their parents or guardian, and as a result of that move have changed Minor Members, are required to complete an OHF Residential Move Transfer.
- (b) Players are required to gain approval, through the Residential Move Transfer process, from their outgoing Minor Member prior to registering with a new association.
- (c) The OHF Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form (For Residential Moves) ("Transfer Form") must be completed in full and submitted with the following three mandatory supporting documents:
  - i. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement OR Lease Agreement for the new residence
  - ii. Proof of home OR tenant insurance for the new address
  - iii. A copy of the Player's student index card from their school. If their school does not provide a student index card, an official letter of attendance (from the school office or principal) or a report card may be accepted.

- (d) At the discretion of the Minor Member registrar, documents including, but not limited to the following, may also be requested as supporting documents:
  - i. A copy of the Purchase and Sale Agreement OR Lease Agreement for the former residence
  - ii. An utility bill or cable/internet bill, showing service address. (Note – cell phone bills or bank statements will not be accepted.)
  - iii. A copy of the parent(s)/guardian(s) driver’s licence
  - iv. A copy of vehicle insurance
  - v. A copy of vehicle registration
  - vi. As required, a copy of a separation agreement or divorce decree, which is used to establish ‘usual residence’ of the player as per Hockey Canada Regulation C3 (b).
- (e) The outgoing Minor Member shall, upon receipt of the completed outgoing application form and supporting documents, have seven (7) days to either approve or deny the transfer, or request further documents. In the case of denial, the reasons therefore must be stated in writing and be in accordance with the OHF Regulations and Playing 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) If approved, the outgoing Minor Member will notify the incoming Minor Member of the approval, by emailing the signed Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form to the incoming Member.
- (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 incoming Minor Member 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 Playing Regulations E9 and E10.
- (j) In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, and the outgoing or incoming Minor Member subsequently receives new pertinent information regarding the transfer, the outgoing Minor Member 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 incoming Minor Member 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 Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (k) 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 they played hockey the previous season, the outgoing Minor Member, 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 outgoing Minor Member by way of a Transfer Form and supporting documents. 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 E55 (a), to confirm that a residential move has taken place. These documents must be provided to the outgoing Minor Member by the date of occupancy of the new address. Once these documents are received, and the outgoing Minor Member approves the transfer, the process will be completed. If the applicant is not able to provide confirmation of residential move by the noted date of occupancy, the applicant will be required to return to their previous residential Centre.

#### Appeals to Registration Committee

- (l) Transfer requests that are denied may be appealed to the Registration Committee within seven (7) days of denial. Should the Registration Committee not receive an appeal application within seven (7) days, the Player's residence will be deemed as their former.
- (m) 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.
- (n) 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 Association/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.
- (o) Since the 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.
- (p) The Transfer Form, the original supporting documents, 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 Playing Regulations E9 and E10 will apply, in addition to any penalties that may apply at law for swearing an untrue Statutory Declaration.
- (q) 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 Registration Committee may reconsider its decision and may reverse, amend, or confirm its original decision. The Player, parents and Association/Club are required to report promptly to the incoming Member 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 Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (r) In any case where the Application is accepted and the request is approved, the OHF Registration Committee Chair, through the OHF office, may request updates or checks on residence, by way of up-to-date utility bill, student index card, or similar document. Failure to respond to these requests may result in the same penalties as set forth in Playing Regulation E9 and E10.
- (s) Applications that are denied by the Registration Committee may be appealed to the National Appeals Committee according to Hockey Canada By-Law 56.2.

E56 All Regulations and Policies of the OHF and the Minor Hockey Members shall be deemed as rules governing such movement of Players.

Inter-Member Player Transfers

E57 Inter-Member Player transfers involve the movement of Players between the OHF and another HC Member. Hockey Canada regulation H governs these transfers.

International (IIHF) Player Transfers

E58 International (IIHF) Player transfers involve the movement of Players between the OHF and another member Federation of the IIHF. Any Player wishing to transfer between Hockey Canada and another Federation, must follow the transfer procedures specified in Hockey Canada appendix H1 or H2, as applicable.

E59 Player Development Fees:

New Org.	Previous Org. →	OHL	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Minor
OHL		X	\$1500	\$1500	\$1500	\$1000
Jr. A		\$1500	X	\$1500	\$500	\$750
Jr. B		\$1500	\$1250	X	\$500	\$500
Jr. C		\$1500	\$750	\$500	X	\$400
Junior Home Community		X	X	X	X	\$100
(Player in last year U18 Eligibility)						

(a) Development Fees and Releases Between Seasons

- 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 for upwards Player movement prior to the first regular season game of the Team the Player is Registered with or registering with (I.e. C to B, U18 to A).
- ii. Teams can negotiate a lower development fee only for a Player who has played with the same Minor Association from U10 to their Release year. A Release is automatically granted upon receipt of the negotiated Development fee with signed approval by the previous organization to its Member.
- iii. Any and all development fees from Junior to Minor that go to the last carded Team will be divided proportionately according to years of participation with and between any and all OHF Members Partners. The Development fee will be divided between the Home Centre and other Centre(s) or Zone(s) involved based on the number of seasons played for each.
- iv. A Player 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season is Released to Junior hockey with no development fees unless there is a competitive U21 program in the Minor Association/Club for them to play.
- v. Such local sixteen (16) year old Players do not require a AAA Waiver in order to sign with a Junior C Team.
- vi. A Player under 18 years of age as of December 31 of the current season who played AAA hockey outside their Home Centre is subject to the development fee schedule.
- vii. The Development Fee for a Player in their last year of U18 eligibility moving from Minor to Junior in their home community is \$100.

- viii. If development fees are paid for a Player going from Minor to Junior, no part of those fees can be requested or reimbursed if the Player returns to Minor. If the Player subsequently returns to Junior in the same or a following season, their new Junior Team is responsible for compensating the original Junior Team for the development fee it paid to the Minor Club/ Association.
- (b) Tryout Schedule and Procedures
- i. Players must follow the Tryout process as outlined in Playing Regulation G2 and G5. Permission to Skate is to be obtained from the last carded Team.
  - ii. U18 and Junior Associations and Clubs may run spring camps or spring 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 Teams may only have local sixteen (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 sixteen (16) year old Players from their camps by the following dates except for those they have signed:
    1. OHL Teams must Release sixteen (16) year olds not signed within 48 hours of the start of training camp.
    2. Junior A and B Teams must Release sixteen (16) year olds not signed by midnight a week from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.
    3. Junior C Teams must Release local sixteen (16) year olds not signed by midnight two weeks from the Friday of Labour Day Weekend.

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

- F1 All Team Officials must be Registered with the appropriate Member to be eligible to participate in On-Ice Sanctioned Activities and must be recorded on an Official Game Report to be eligible to be on a Team bench. No Team Official shall be Registered unless the individual provides proof of certification pursuant to Hockey Canada's speak out program, Respect in Sport Activity Leader Program and a Criminal Record Check/ Vulnerable Sector Screening.
- F2 A Registered Team Official of any Team before any game will verify by signature the eligible Players and Team Officials and other information as required on the Official Game Report. The Head Coach will assume responsibility for the eligibility of all the Players and Team Officials of the Team in that game and for the conduct of their Team Officials and Players during the game and while traveling to and from that game. Failure to verify by signature the Official Game Report will result in an automatic two (2) game Suspension of the person(s) failing to do so.
- F3 When a Team has only one Team Official listed on the Game Report and that Team Official leaves their position for any reason (e.g. sickness, ejection, Player injury, other emergency, etc.), the referee shall enlist the supervisory services of a Registered Team Official preferably from the same organization in attendance at the game. The new Team Official shall sign the Game Report. If an appropriate person cannot be found, the game shall be suspended and completed in accordance with Playing Regulation A7.

- F4 To be eligible as trainer or assistant trainer on any Team registered with the OHF, a person must have successfully completed and remain certified HTCP Level I or higher for Minor Hockey or Level II or higher for Junior and Senior Hockey.

#### **REGULATION G: EVALUATION, TIERING, TRYOUTS AND TAMPERING**

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

- 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 for **U15** Division and above
- (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 Championships for Minor Hockey Divisions of **U15** and U18.
  - (b) Except at U18, 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 seven (7) days following the OHF Championships.

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

- (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 Playing Regulation G5.
  - (e) Any written permission to Tryout is deemed invalid once a Player is Registered for the current season.
  - (f) Written permission to Tryout does not, in any manner, constitute a Player's Release.
- G3 Evaluation and Tiering for U7 and U9
- (a) For the Divisions of U7 and U9 there is no evaluation or tiering or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the previous season and inclusive of March until the Monday following Labour Day Monday.
  - (b) All Players must have the availability to, a minimum of four (4) skill sessions provided by a Minor Hockey Association or Associations or Member that are not mandatory or for the purpose of evaluation prior to the first tiering opportunity which will occur during the Prep Phase.
  - (c) All Players must have at least three (3) evaluation sessions (one skills, one small area games, and one game) prior to tiering of Players.
  - (d) The following calendar provides the earliest times for Player evaluations for U7 (Initiation) and U9:

## SEPTEMBER – U7 (INITIATION) AND U9

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	Prep Phase May Start					Prep Phase can Complete
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
Player Evaluation Phase May Start						Player Evaluation Phase May End
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Development Phase May Start						
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27

#### G4 Tryouts for U11 and U13 Division

- (a) For the **U11 and U13 Division** there are no tryouts or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the previous season and inclusive of March until the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday. **Players at U12 and below are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of Labour Day for the upcoming season.**
- (b) During the Prep Phase a minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association or Associations or Member to all Players, that are not mandatory and not for the purpose of evaluation prior to the first tryout.
- (c) All Players must have the at least three (3) tryouts (one skills, one small area games, and one formal game intersquad or exhibition) prior to any cuts being made. Minor Hockey Associations do not get to retain Players after Day 4 of the tryout process if they do not complete their three (3) tryouts.
- (d) In order to retain a Player requiring a written Release, the Residential Centre/AAA Zone with which the Player is Registered must offer the Player an opportunity to an unused Roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the Player and parent in accordance with Playing Regulation G4(f). A Player who is provided a Registration offer from a

Team and does not accept will not be provided a Release for that Category. A Team at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every Player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws an offer previously made, the Player is Released and the Team will forfeit one (1) Player Registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C8, for each such Player.

- (e) For AA and below hockey outside of the Lake Ontario Region **Regulation D4(d) does not apply.**
- (f) Teams must conduct Tryouts and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:

## SEPTEMBER – U11 and U13

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day5	Day 6
Labour Day	^Prep Phase Start			AAA Prep Phase Ends	^*AAA Tryout Phase Start	*AAA - Day 2
<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Day 13</b>
*AAA - Day 3	*AAA - Day 4 **In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	‡AAA - Day 5	‡AAA - Day 6	‡AAA – Day 7 Tryout Phase Ends	AAA – Development Phase Start	
				^^AA & Below Prep Phase End	***AA Tryout Phase Start	***AA - Day 2
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Day 17</b>	<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Day 19</b>	<b>Day 20</b>
***AA - Day 3	***AA - Day 4 ****In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	‡‡AA - Day 5	‡‡AA - Day 6	‡‡AA – Day 7	*****AA Development Phase Start	
					¥ A & Below Tryout Phase	¥ A & Below – Day 2
<b>Day 21</b>	<b>Day 22</b>	<b>Day 23</b>	<b>Day 24</b>	<b>Day 25</b>	<b>Day 26</b>	<b>Day 27</b>
				U11 and U13 AAA Tournaments may begin		
¥ A & Below – Day 3	¥ A & Below – Day 4 ¥¥ -In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	¥¥¥ A – Day 5	¥¥¥ A – Day 6	¥¥¥ A – Day 7	¥¥¥¥ - A Development Phase Starts	
<b>Day 28</b>	<b>Day 29</b>	<b>Day 30</b>	<b>Day 31</b>	<b>Day 32</b>	<b>Day 33</b>	<b>Day 34</b>

				U11 and U13 AA and below Tournaments may begin		
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(g) At U11 and U13 the following legend applies:

- i. ^ AAA Programs must complete the Prep Phase requirements prior to the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday. Minor Hockey Associations or Clubs at other Categories may start their Prep Phases the Tuesday following Labour Day Monday but will extend until the beginning of their **Player Evaluation** Phase.
- ii. ^ All U11 and U13 AAA **player evaluation** must begin on the **Saturday** following Labour Day Monday.
- iii. ^ All representative programming in the NOHA may begin their **player evaluations** the Monday following Labour Day Monday.
- iv. \* **Player evaluations** open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team, or, Players that have been Released by their residential Team in that Category, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
- v. \*\* All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulations G4(d) are provided a AAA Waiver or Release (LOR).
- vi. ‡ **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released, or, Players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
- vii. ^^ The AA and below Prep Phase ends for the programs in the Lake Ontario Region. Other AA and below programs are eligible to extend out Prep Phases depending on their ice availability and start of **Player Evaluation** and Development Phases. Lake Ontario Region AA **player evaluations** begin and A **player evaluations** in the Lake Ontario Region Perimeter.
- viii. \*\*\* **Player evaluations** open only to Players eligible by residency with the Team or Players who have been Released by their residential Team in that Category.
- ix. \*\*\*\* All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
- x. ‡‡ **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released (LOR only).
- xi. ¥ A and below **Player Evaluations** Phase begins.
- xii. ¥¥ All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
- xiii. ¥¥¥ **Player evaluations** open to all Players providing they have attended the **player evaluations** with their residential Team in that Category and have been Released (LOR only).
- xiv. ¥¥¥¥ A and below Development Phase begins.
- xv. U11 and U13 House League hockey will follow the schedule in G3 for U7 (Initiation) and U9.

**G5 Development Phase and Tournaments for U15 and above**

- (a) For the Divisions of U15 and above following Labour Day Monday there is a twenty-four (24) day Development Phase where teams may only practice and play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games.
- (b) For the Divisions of U15 and above following the twenty-fourth (24th) day Tournaments may begin.

**SEPTEMBER – U15 and above**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	U15 and above Development Phase Begins					
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
				U15 and above Tournaments may begin.		

- G6 Except as between Teams within the same Member which have complied with the Rules and Regulations of that Member, 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.
- G7 For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G2, G3, G4, G5 and/or G6, 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 Player, with any Team in the Club/ Association of the offending Team.
- G8 Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF Regulation 7, except that a cash deposit or payment will not be required. However, a \$50.00 administrative fee, plus payment of disbursements as documented by the committee conducting the hearing or appeal, will be assessed against the offending Team or, if the charge is dismissed, against the parties filing such charge.
- G9 If a charge under Regulation G2, G3, and/or G4 involves two Registered Participants of the same Member, then the charge shall first be heard in accordance with the hearing procedures of that Member. Any appeal from the final decision of that Member shall be brought to the OHF Appeal Committee, in accordance with OHF Regulation 6.
- G10 If a charge under this regulation involves Teams not from the same Member, then the Registration Committee shall first hear the charge. Any appeal from that decision of the Registration Committee shall be directed to the National Appeals Committee of Hockey Canada in accordance with Hockey Canada by-law 56.2. At the commencement of a Registration Committee meeting on a matter, the parties present shall be provided with information on the process of appeal that may be available through the National Appeals Committee.

**REGULATION H: LAKE ONTARIO REGION**

- H1 The Lake Ontario Region (LOR) is a Geographic Subdivision, for A and AA hockey from U10 to U18 and for AAA hockey from U10 to U16, that is made up of the following:
- (a) GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan); and
  - (b) the surrounding OMHA Centres including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, and Ajax (each hereinafter referred to as an “OMHA LOR Centre” and these Centres’ AAA Zones); and
  - (c) Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation H20).

**General Rules For LOR**

- H2 Associations/Clubs that wish to add Teams in the LOR at A, AA and AAA above the base of one Team per Category and Division/Sub-Division must apply to their Member by January 31, of the current season for the following season. Approval of all applications will be done by Minor Committee.
- H3 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre from U10 to U13 must Tryout in their Centre/AAA Zone of residence.
- H4 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from U10 to U13 requires a Release from their LOR Centre/AAA Zone of residence at AAA to Tryout at AAA, at AA to Tryout at AA, and at A to Tryout at A with other Teams in the LOR.
- H5 At the conclusion of each season, an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone resident Player from U10 to U13 who has received a Release and has participated with a Team in the LOR outside of their LOR Centre/AAA Zone must return to their LOR Centre/AAA Zone to Tryout.

H6 A Player in the LOR on a AAA Waiver must comply with the AAA Waiver Playing Regulations E31-E44 for **U14** to U16 and G4 for U10 **to U13**.

H7 At U14 through to U18 (with the exception of U18 AAA) the LOR is an open Geographic Subdivision. All Players having graduated the U13 Division and above are Released at the conclusion of the OHF Championships.

Tryouts/Registration (Also See OHF Playing Regulation G2, G3 and G4)

H8 A Player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from U10 to U13 must have a Release from their Centre/AAA Zone to be eligible to Tryout with another Team in the LOR.

**H9 A Player at U10 to U13 must comply with the tryout timelines contained in Regulation G4.**

H10 At **U14 to U18**, Teams must conduct Tryouts and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:

## APRIL – U14-U18

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				OHF Championships	OHF Championships	OHF Championships
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
AAA - Day 1	AAA - Day 2	AAA - Day 3	AAA - Day 4	AAA - Day 5	AAA - Day 6	AAA - Day 7
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
AA - Day 1	AA - Day 2	AA - Day 3	AA - Day 4	AA - Day 5	AA - Day 6	AA - Day 7
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
A - Day 1	A - Day 2	A - Day 3	A - Day 4	A - Day 5	A - Day 6	A - Day 7

- H11 A Player from U14 to U18 (except U18 AAA) will require a Permission to Skate if changing Members. A Permission to Skate can only be withheld for outstanding fees or equipment.
- H12 If a Player has difficulty obtaining the necessary Permission to Skate from their LOR Organization, it can be obtained from the LOR Organization’s Member (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.
- H13 Any Player who resides outside the LOR is not eligible to Tryout with any Team in the LOR, as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the LOR. The only exception to this is a Player who has a AAA Waiver Form (in this case, when the Player has complied with the AAA Waiver Regulations for U14, U15 and U16, 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). U10, **U11**, **U12** and **U13** Players must provide a AAA Waiver in accordance with Regulation G4.
- H14 Teams will be required to present to the Member Registrar any required forms for the Player to be eligible with the Player Registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so or provide documentation that contradict the regulations 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 LOR Organization will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which 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 LOR Organization affiliated with the offending Team.

### Releases

- H15 For **U10**, **U11**, U12 and U13, in order to retain a Player requiring a written Release, the OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone with which the Player is Registered must offer the Player an opportunity to an unused Roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if

disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the Player and parent in accordance with Playing Regulation **G4**. A Player at **U10, U11, U12** and **U13** who is provided a Registration offer from a Team and does not accept will not be provided a Release for that Category. An LOR Organization at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every Player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws an offer previously made, the Player is Released and the Team will forfeit one (1) Player Registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C8, for each such Player.

- H16 An LOR Organization that has made a Maximum Number of Offers may extend further offers to additional Players if any of the Maximum Number of Offers are declined. Any OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player who is in compliance with H18, to whom an offer above the Maximum Number of Offers is thereafter made, and who declines such offer, will be entitled to an immediate Release upon request.
- H17 An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player at U10 to U13 who does not attend the majority of Tryouts and/or does not make themselves available to be offered a Roster spot with their Centre/AAA Zone will not automatically be provided a Release for that Category.
- H18 No Team/LOR Organization may Release a Player Registered in the LOR, after November 15 of the current season, however Members (GTHL and OMHA) are able to Release a Player until January 10.
- H19 For U10 to U13 if a Player's OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone does not provide a Team in a specific Division and Category then a Player having fully participated in a majority of the Team's Tryout sessions is automatically Released for that Division and Category. If the Centre/AAA Zone does not provide Tryouts for a Team in a specific Division and Category then the Player is automatically Released for that Division and Category.

#### Markham Programs

- H20 Markham is unique in the LOR, as there are GTHL Clubs and an OMHA Association operating in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents is as follows:
  - (a) Markham residents are always non-Imports to Markham Teams.
  - (b) A Markham resident Player who has not previously participated at the AAA, AA, A level from U10 to U13 may play with either Markham Minor Hockey Association.
  - (c) Markham resident Players, U10 to U13, having Registered with either the Markham OMHA or Markham GTHL in any given season, will require a Release from that Team in order to register with the other Markham Member in the following season.
  - (d) Markham resident Players without an identified Import status (all U10 Players and any Player who has not previously participated in the LOR at the AAA, AA or A Category) must be Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders in order to register with an LOR Team outside of Markham. Having been Released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders, the Player's Import status will be defined based on the first LOR Team the Player registers with at the AAA, AA or A Category, U10 to U13.
    - i. If the Player registers first with any Team within the OMHA the Player is an Import to the GTHL.
    - ii. If the Player registers first with any Team within the GTHL the Player is an Import to the OMHA.

- (e) Markham resident Players, having established their Import status to either the OMHA or the GTHL may have their Import status reversed by playing one full season on a Team with the Markham organization where they would be defined as an Import if playing on a Team outside of Markham.
- (f) Markham resident Players, U11 to U13, wishing to play in the LOR outside of Markham require the following Release each season based on their Import status.
  - i. Import status to the GTHL:
    - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for either Member in the LOR outside of Markham.
  - ii. Import status to the OMHA:
    - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for an OMHA LOR Team outside of Markham.

#### The Extended Boundaries of the LOR AAA Zones Of Richmond Hill And Markham

- H21 The LOR has extended boundaries from the normal Association boundaries. This is due to the AAA Zones of Richmond Hill and Markham, which are both LOR areas, but which, for AAA programs only, have Players eligible in other Centres as part of their AAA Zone. The extended areas are as follows:
- (g) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone. Players from these areas as part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone are Imports to AAA GTHL Teams and are non-Imports to OMHA perimeter Centres of the LOR at AAA only.
  - (h) 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 LOR at AAA only.

#### Coaching Movement

- H22 A person who is Registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the LOR Organization 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 Division or Sub-Division (where applicable) of another LOR Organization. Such written consent must be signed by an LOR Organization Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An LOR Organization may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member 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.

#### Imports

- H23 The Import quota system applies only to Teams in an area known as the LOR. It does not apply to other Associations/Clubs outside this area.
- H24 An Import is defined as a Player who:
- (i) resides in the LOR and plays for a Team in the Member (i.e. GTHL or OMHA) in which the Player is not a resident.
  - (j) resides in the AAA Zones of Burlington, Halton Hills, Grey-Bruce, York Simcoe, Central Ontario and Whitby who plays in the GTHL on the Waivers.

- H25 A Player remains an Import as long as they register with a non-residential Team. They do not lose their Import status after one, two, three etc. years as an Import with a Team.
- H26 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 and the OHF to be considered Registered as defined in Regulation 1.34.
- H27 If an Import Player has not been identified as an Import by the Team in accordance with OHF Playing Regulation H26 and is Registered by the Member and the OHF as a non-Import Player and is subsequently designated an "Import" by the Member or OHF, such Player shall be deemed to be Registered on the date of designation.
- H28 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 Playing Regulation H27 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.

#### Import Quotas (LOR Only)

- H29 Teams may only register a total allotment of Imports under the following guidelines:
- (k) for AAA no more than four (4) Imports;
  - (l) for AA and A Teams, no more than three (3) Imports.
- H30 Teams in the LOR may have Registered at any one time, no more than the allowed Import number for that Team.
- H31 If a Team registers too many Imports, the Players shall be Released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member until the Team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last Player whose Registration was approved would be the first Released.
- H32 AAA, AA, A Clubs or Teams in the LOR shall submit, through their Member, a current Team List to the OHF:
- (m) on October 15 of each playing season, all Registered Players for the current season with notation of Import Players
  - (n) on January 15, Clubs will submit, through their Member, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their Team list making its current Team List final.

#### Import Players Used As Affiliate Players in the LOR

- H33 Subject to the following, a Team may dress as Affiliate 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.
- H34 An Import can dress for a maximum of ten (10) games. If the Affiliate Team has fewer Registered Imports than its quota, an Import may play an unlimited number of games after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs. Hockey Canada Regulation F16.
- H35 If an Import after their Registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs is dressed by a Team whose quota is full (even if the number of Imports dressed for any particular game within the quota), that Team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member.

- H36 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 Hockey Canada Regulation F16 and F15(c) and OHF Regulation D6 apply.
- H37 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.
- H38 To assist Teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the LOR, an Import Player dressing for their 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 their registered Team.

### **REGULATION I: DISCIPLINE & SUSPENSIONS**

- 11 Minimum Suspensions for rule infractions in Minor, Junior and Senior hockey shall be created and approved annually by the Board.
- 12 Members, the Board or the OHF Chair of the Board shall have the authority to impose Supplemental Discipline over and above the approved minimum Suspension wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.
- 13 Any Supplemental Discipline imposed by the Member, Board or the OHF Chair of the Board may include Suspensions for the individual up to and including all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities for the duration of their Suspension.
- 14 Any Suspension incurred by a Player participating as an Affiliate Player must be reported to the appropriate Member with whom the Player is Registered with a copy of the Official Game Report within 48 hours of the game. In all cases where a Player is suspended, the Suspension shall be served with the Team with whom the Player is Registered and the Player will not be permitted to participate in a sanctioned game until such time as the Suspension has been served. For example, a Player suspended for two games for an incident while participating, as an Affiliated Player shall serve the Suspension with the Team with whom the Player is Registered and the Player is not eligible to participate with the Affiliate Team until the Suspension has been served.
- 15 Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in Tryouts 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.
- 16 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.
- 17 Any application of Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 – Refusing to Start Play – shall be assessed against the Head Coach as identified on the Official Game Report.
- 18 Any Registered Minor Hockey Player or Team Official who participates in a game, Tournament, training camp, prospect camp, selection camp or any other similar event (other than those organized and operated by recognized academic institutions or native people organizations) that is not

sanctioned by the OHF or a Member and that interferes with their OHF Team's regular season or play-off schedule shall immediately be suspended for one year.

#### **REGULATION J: GAME OFFICIALS**

- J1 All On-Ice Officials certified, as HCOP Level II must be sixteen (16) years of age. It is recommended that all On-Ice Officials must be at least two (2) years older than the Division for which they are officiating. Minimum HCOP level requirements to officiate sanctioned games will be at the discretion of the appropriate Member. The Board will establish minimum HCOP level requirements for all OHF Championship competitions.
- J2 On-Ice Officials shall not have a conflict of interest in the game they are officiating unless agreed upon in writing by a Team Official from the Teams competing.
- J3 It is recommended that all Off-Ice Officials shall be a minimum sixteen (16) years of age for timekeepers and eighteen (18) years of age for scorekeepers and goal judges. It is also recommended that these minor Officials be at least two (2) years older than the Division of the game that they are working.

#### **REGULATION K: U18 AAA**

- K1 This regulation is for sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) year old Players at the U18 AAA level. Fifteen (15) year old Players in U18 AAA are not eligible and must follow the existing OHF Playing Regulation E.
  - K2 Tampering is defined for U18 AAA if you:
    - (a) communicate directly or indirectly with a Player or a representative of a Player (agent, parent etc.) about playing opportunities while the Player is not eligible to register with your Team.
- Player Movement
- K3 Players are eligible to Tryout and participate for any U18 AAA Team in the Member to which their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club belongs.
    - (a) Players in Centre Wellington, Woolwich, Markham and Almaguin if they choose to play outside of their eligible Member, they must obtain their Release from the Member which they were Registered with the previous season in accordance with Playing Regulation J3.
  - K4 In order to play for a U18 AAA Team outside of the Player's residential Member the Player requires a Release from:
    - (a) their residential home AAA Centre/Zone/Club; or
    - (b) their residential home AAA Centre/Zone/Club Member.The method of Release will be determined by the Player's Member Partner.
  - K5 Once a Release is obtained the Player may Tryout for any Team in the OHF at the U18 AAA level.
  - K6 At the end of each season all Players that were sixteen years old prior to December 31 of the season just completed may remain with the U18 AAA Team they played for or are Released to join another U18 AAA Team in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.

## Non-Residential Players

- K7 There is no OHF restriction on the number of non-residential Players that a U18 AAA Team may carry in a given season.
- K8 AAA Centre/Zone/Club may however be restricted on the number of non-residential Players they are eligible to register by municipal regulations. To which the OHF has no control over.

## Transition From U16 To U18.

- K9 Players that played in an adjacent Centre on a AAA Waiver during their U16 year have the option to remain with the AAA Centre/Zone/Club they participated with during their U16 or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.
- K10 Players that played in the GTHL that are residents of the LOR Perimeter Centre during their U16 year have the option to continue to play in the GTHL during their U18 year(s) or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.
- K11 Players that played in the OMHA LOR Perimeter Centres/Zones that are residents of the GTHL during their U16 year have the option to continue to play in the OMHA LOR Perimeter Centres/Zones during their U18 year(s) or Tryout in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.

## Tryouts

- K12 Tryouts or related on or off-ice activities may only be conducted prior to August 23, for Players that were Registered on a Team the previous season that is residentially compliant to the AAA Centre/Zone/Club's residential jurisdiction. Lake Ontario Region as one residential zone is not applicable.
  - (a) Player's that played the previous season outside of their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club (either via AAA Waiver or LOR Regulations) have the option to return to their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club and Tryout prior to August 23 of the upcoming season. In the event a Player chooses to return to their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club the Player must follow Playing Regulations K3-K5 to Tryout for any Team including their registered Team from the previous season.
- K13 Teams may offer and a Player may sign letter of commitments to Players that are eligible under Playing Regulation K12 prior to August 23 of the upcoming season, but Players eligible under said regulation cannot be cut/Released before this date.
- K14 Players may Tryout with any Team within their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club Member beginning August 23.
- K15 Players are not obligated to a U18 AAA Team until they have signed the OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment.
- K16 Players have five days to accept an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment before the Team can issue another offer in its place.
- K17 Teams may offer an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment to a maximum of 20 Players at any one time.
- K18 Teams must make all OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitments by personal service with a witness.
- K19 A signed OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment restricts the Player from signing with another Team at Minor Hockey without a Release.

K20 A Player that has signed an OHF U18 AAA Letter of Commitment may sign with a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C Team in accordance with Playing Regulation E59 prior to the first regular season game of the U18 Team. In the event a Player does sign with a Major Junior, Junior A, B or C Team the U18 Team would have that Player's Registration replaced.

#### Tampering

K21 Recruiting and tampering of Players not eligible to your program is strictly prohibited. All allegations of tampering will be made to the Registration Committee in accordance with OHF Regulation 7.

K22 If a Player not Registered and eligible in accordance with Playing Regulation K12 is on the ice prior to August 23 with a AAA Centre/Zone/Club not within their Member the Player would not be eligible to any Team in that Member, the Team in violation would be fined \$2000 and the Head Coach of the Team suspended for 15 league games.

K23 If a Player not Registered and eligible in accordance with Playing Regulation K12 is on the ice prior to August 23 with a AAA Centre/Zone/Club within their Member the Player would not be eligible to that Team, the Team in violation would be fined \$2000 and the Head Coach of the Team suspended for 15 league games.

K24 In season Player Releases will follow the OHF U18 AAA Playing Regulation K25 and K26. Teams are not obligated to provide a Release in season if requested by the Player.

#### In Season Release

K25 Teams may grant two types of Releases during the season:

(a) Uncontested Release:

i. Where both the Player and Team which they are Registered with agree to the Release or;

(b) Contested Release (per incident):

i. Where the Team of the Registered Player suspects tampering from the Club the Player wishes to play on, the Team may issue a "contested release". In this case the Player must sit out the first five (5) League games upon signing and all games involving the two Teams for the remainder of the year (regular season and playoff). The head coach of the Team to which the Player moves must also sit out the first five (5) League games upon signing. The Team that acquires the Player through a "contested release" must pay a \$750.00 development fee to the OHF.

K26 A Player that is Released in season will be subject to the Playing Regulations K3-K5 unless the Player has already received their Release from their Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club or Member, in which case they can go to any U18 AAA program in the OHF.