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## **AFFILIATION OF FEMALE PLAYERS TO MINOR HOCKEY & OWHA 'FEMALE DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS'**

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The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has jurisdiction for all female hockey teams in the province of Ontario. The information below pertains to areas of Ontario where the Ontario Hockey Federation has jurisdiction for other Hockey Canada affiliated programs. This policy does not apply in areas of Ontario where the Ottawa District Hockey Association or the Hockey Northwestern Ontario have jurisdiction for non-OWHA programs.

The rationale of this policy is to maintain a positive working relationship among all Member Partners to maximize opportunities for participants.

Please be advised of the following information in regards to females who are playing within the OWHA and also within a Hockey Canada affiliated, predominantly male hockey program and vice versa:

For registration/affiliation of female players between the OWHA and one of the Ontario Hockey Federation Minor Hockey Divisions (Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Alliance Hockey (Alliance), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA)):

1. A female registering with the OWHA may affiliate to the minor program according to OHF Member Partner (GTHL, Alliance, NOHA and OMHA) rules.
2. A female registering with a minor Member Partner may affiliate according to that Member Partners affiliation regulations, or with the OWHA.

3. The OWHA circulate the OHF Policy Paper in the OWHA registration packages.
4. The OWHA will term players who register with a minor hockey division and also play in the OWHA as Female Development Players (FDP's). They shall be so referenced on the OWHA Participant Form.
5. FDP's must provide proof of insurance and pay a \$15.00 eligibility fee to the OWHA.
6. FDP's are subject to the constitution, By-Laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the OWHA.

#### CLARIFICATION

1. For a female player to affiliate within a minor hockey division (GTHL, Alliance, NOHA, and OMHA) she must meet the residency, age requirements, affiliation procedures, rules and regulations of the respective minor hockey association regardless of where she plays within the OWHA.
2. For a female player to affiliate with the OWHA, she must meet the requirements of an OWHA player. While participating within the OWHA, she is subject to the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of the OWHA.
3. In all cases where a female player is interested in utilizing the above options, it is important the players, parents, coaching staff and/or volunteers check with the other team/association to fully understand options and/or restrictions.