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2023-2024 Ontario Hockey Federation

HANDBOOK





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

This time last year we were coming out of the biggest crisis to face hockey in 50 years.

We were so relieved to have our players back on the ice and were looking forward to a full uninterrupted season and some normalcy.

But fixing the game, and making it better, is not a task – it's a lifestyle – and when one challenge abates another quickly rears its head. For the upcoming season the Ontario Hockey Federation has identified a series of priorities but first is removing restrictions, regulations, barriers and impediments to play the game.

We know that volunteers are the lifeblood of this great game and similarly, we must make it easier to not only play, but to officiate, to be a trainer or to be a coach. We must adapt and understand that a coach of half-ice pathways hockey for seven-year-olds should not have to take the same courses as a travel coach. And we should try and make those courses more available, convenient and affordable.

These things relate to the other challenge we are facing with non-sanctioned hockey. It is always healthy to do some reflecting from time-to-time and ask ourselves why non-sanctioned hockey exists and in some areas, is growing. This is a good time to do that.

Can we do a better job of delivering the game? Delivering the game with fewer regulations and restrictions is very likely.

There are many reasons to believe in sanctioned hockey within Hockey Canada and OHF environments such as structure, stability, embracing safe sport, and gold standard insurance for all participants.

As we roll up our sleeves to compete against non-sanctioned hockey the first step is to stop competing against one another. Synergies, common goals, working together on areas such as registration, certifications and even regional leagues are all on the agenda for this coming year.

Ideally, this time next year we can look back with a sense of accomplishment, although the work is never done, being able to take a breath and say we made the game better this year.

Above all else – enjoy the game! It's fleeting and despite our problems and challenges, every day at the rink should be relished. We should never forget that!





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ABOUT THE OHF

The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) is the largest member of Hockey Canada operating along side HEO and HNO as governing bodies for amateur hockey in Ontario. Recognized as the Provincial Sport Organization for the sport of Hockey, the OHF operates within a structure that is comprised of seven member partners: the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (ALLIANCE), Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), and Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).

In 2022-2023, the OHF represented over 164,000 registered players. In addition to that playing membership, the OHF also involves in excess of 22,000 coaches and 6,000 officials.

The OHF Values are: SAFE, FUN, ACCESSIBLE, INTEGRITY, PROGRESSIVE

The strategic plan of the OHF is to provide administrative resources, coordinate programs, services and events for hockey participants and the Members. On an annual basis the OHF will coordinate approximately fifteen Branch, Regional and National Championship events. While rewarding dedication and hard work through the Bursary Program and Awards Program.

The OHF provides support to various Development Programs for coaches, officials, trainers and players, Safety and Risk Management Issues and offers resources for Harassment and Abuse education.

YEARS OF SERVICE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Scott Farley	1995-2000
John Panethere	2000-2002
Phillip McKee	2003-Present

REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

Ken Miller	1988-1996
Rick Morphew	1996-2020
Greg Kimmerly	2020-Present

CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Tony Foresi	2018-2022
John Kastner	2022-Present

PRESIDENTS

Cliff Phillips	1989-1991
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Justice David Watt	1992-1997
Dr. Allan Morris	1997-2001
Edward Pupich	2001-2005
Joe Drago	2005-2011
Bill Bowman	2011-2015
Tony Foresi	2015-2017



OHF AWARDS PROGRAM

The OHF Awards Program was introduced during the 2001–02 season to formally recognize the efforts and achievements of the OHF volunteers who dedicate themselves to furthering our great game.

BILL RICHMOND MEMORIAL AWARD

In 1996, the Bill Richmond Memorial Award was established to recognize outstanding achievement and involvement in the area of hockey development. For over 20 years, Mr. Richmond was a leader in the development and delivery of the National Coaches Certification Program. He passed away in 1995 and left a legacy of hard work and commitment to the development of the game.

1996	Bill Richmond	Georgetown
1997	H. Spike McConnel	Aylmer
1998	Ivan Locke	Oshawa
1999	Pat Doherty	Kitchener
2000	Herb Ebisuzaki	Toronto
2001	Ken Miller	North Bay
2002	Dennis Brown	Barrie
2003	Vern Stenlund	Windsor
2004	Jim Grandy	Kitchener
2005	Rick Morphew	Whitby
2006	Bob Stevenson	Owen Sound
2007	Gary McFarlane	Hamilton
2008	Gary Fisch	Wyevale
2009	Darryl Bossence	Barrie
2010	Ron Noonan	Brampton
2011	Brian Stittle	Brampton
2012	John Murphy	Georgetown
2013	Thom Foster	Brantford
2014	Chuck Farkas	Fenwick
2015	John Mayne	Sault Ste. Marie
2016	Rick Barron	New Liskeard
2017	Tom Bly	Barrie
2018	John Zubyck	New Liskeard
2019	Rob Ring	Collingwood
2020	Jim Mercer	Bowmanville
2021	Stephen Surcon	Timmins
2022	Tim McWhirter	Parry Sound



DR. ALLAN MORRIS

Presented to recognize the outstanding achievement of an individual who has exemplified dedication to amateur hockey and the mission of the Branch. Previously known as the Past Presidents' Honour Award, it was re-named in honour of Dr. Allan Morris in 2009, who served as Branch President from 1997-2001 and as Hockey Canada's Chairman of the Board from 2007 until his passing in 2009. Dr. Morris had a profound impact on the game not only within the OHF but throughout the country.

2002	William Stobbs	Chatham
2003	Bill Appleby	Waterloo
2004	Peter Brill	Waterloo
2005	Kevin Almond	Meaford
2006	Alf Johnston	Mississauga
2007	Peter Martin	Hamilton
2008	Dick Bennett	London
2009	Karen Phibbs	London
2010	John Gardner	Toronto
2011	Frank Pindar	Peterborough
2012	Wayne Tod	Belleville
2014	Don Yeck	Belmont
2015	Dan Raycroft	Sault Ste. Marie
2016	Harry Blinkhorn	Wellesley
2017	Gaston Lescault	Hanmer
2018	John Jamieson	Walden
2019	Claude Denomme	New Liskeard
2020	Joe McColeman	Sudbury
2021	Ken Smith	Mississauga
2022	Albert Corradini	Sudbury

CHAIR OF THE BOARD AWARD

The recipient is selected by the OHF President, and the award is presented to an individual who has made a valuable contribution and has provided service and leadership to amateur hockey throughout the Branch.

2002	Sam Ciccolini	Woodbridge
2003	Wayne Tod	Frankford
2004	William Church	Orangeville



2005	Tony Foresi	London
2006	Chris May	North Bay
2007	Pat Doherty	Kitchener
2008	Pat Langdon	Woodstock
2009	Fred Heimbecker	Waterloo
2010	Marg Ensell	Ajax
2011	Henry White	Toronto
2012	Brent Ladds	Orangeville
2013	Michael Penman	Toronto
2014	Glenn Crichton	Cambridge
2015	Ruth Shepherdson	New Liskeard
2016	Rick Mophew	Whitby
2017	John Kastner	Stratford
2018	Robert Mazzuca	Sudbury
2019	John Neville	Montreal
2020	John McCutcheon	Kitchener
2021	Ted Baker	Toronto
2022	Dr. Tim Rindlisbacher	Toronto

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award recognizes outstanding commitment and significant contribution to the game, the Branch and it's hockey community by an individual actively involved in hockey during the year of the award presentation.

2002	Jim Kinkley	Etobicoke
2003	William Stobbs	Chatham
2004	Fran King	London
2005	Ron Noonan	Brampton
2006	Al Reinhardt	Waterloo
2007	Jim Nicoletti	Etobicoke
2008	Bob Beaumont	Parry Sound
2009	Paul Carruthers	Duntroon
2010	Penny Brookshaw	Thorndale
2011	Gordon Murphy	Mississauga



2012	Colin McCallum	Simcoe
2013	Wendy Dufton	London
2014	Arnold Schwartzentruber	Tavistock
2015	Joe Bentolila	Aurora
2016	Larry Gould	Schomberg
2017	John Welsh	Peterborough
2018	Cheryll Barr	Coldwater
2019	Helen Ford	Oakville
2020	Claude Desjardins	Thronhill
2021	Angel Barbisan	Sault Saint Marie
2022	Donna Babcock	Chatham

OHF ORDER OF MERIT

This award honours an individual who has served many years within amateur hockey. The recipient has participated as a player, as a coach and/or an association member and has made significant contributions to amateur hockey within the OHF.

2002	Ken MacKenzie	Sudbury
2003	Bill Billington	London
2004	Jack MacLellan	Chelmsford
2005	Gerry McCrory	Sudbury
2006	Art Shannon	Espanola
2007	Lou Battochio	Schumacher
2008	Gord Hughes	Mississauga
2009	Mike Hammond	Thornbury
2010	Randy Pascal	Val Caron
2010	Todd Guthrie	Sudbury
2011	Pat Parlette	Emsdale
2012	Dick Prescott	North Bay
2013	Sue Michalski	Komoka
2014	Bill Rowney	Milton
2015	Bill Leask	Paris
2016	Peter MacInnis	Toronto
2017	Keith Woods	London



2018	Ken Creasey	Copper Cliff
2019	Jim McLoughlin	Val Caron
2020	Richard MacDonald	Hailybury
2021	Neil Skriving	Stoney Creek
2022	Mark Zizek	Mississauga

OHF OFFICIATING AWARD

This award recognizes an individual for active involvement in the officiating program, for their contribution to the game, their officiating skills and for what they put back into amateur hockey.

2002	Rick Morphew	Whitby
2003	Glen Campbell	North Bay
2004	Gus Bambridge	Cobourg
2005	Dean Warren	Wronto
2006	Ken Miller	North Bay
2007	Brian Coles	Oshawa
2008	Chuck Farkas	Fenwick
2009	Dave Wedlake	Ajax
2010	Tim Cook	Beamsville
2011	Keith Grenke	Timmins
2012	Dave Burns	Waterloo
2014	Steve Wallace	Wasaga Beach
2015	Robert Gagnon	Kapuskasing
2016	Scott Oakman	Mount Albert
2017	Matt Davie	Copper Cliff
2018	Gord Morris	Mount Hope
2019	Chris Chapman	Stratford
2020	Brad Upton	Courtice
2021	Jeff Bulmer + Tim Foster	East Gwillimbury + North Bay
2022	Marshall Copp	London

STAFF AWARD

Honours a staff person that best exemplifies the commitment to the values and objectives of the OHF and its Member Partners.

2009	Jill White	Stratford
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2010	Andrea Pariselli	Toronto
2011	Janet Laxton	North Bay
2012	Peter Kourtis	Toronto
2013	Cheryl Podger	Galt
2014	Vanda Slaney	Toronto
2015	Scott Stevens	Kitchener
2016	Jennifer Crawford	Toronto
2018	Sue Campbell	Kitchener
2019	Kiersten Maitland	North Bay
2020	Patty Micolino	Toronto
2021	Adam Morell	North Bay
2022	Chad Houben	Stratford

CHRISTINE PENMAN 'COMPANION' AWARD

The Christine Penman Award is given to an OHF companion, current or past, who has made a significant contribution to goodwill and cooperation among the OHF companions and within the Board of the OHF. It is to be given, when warranted, by the Officers at an OHF annual awards weekend.

The award is named in honour of the late Christine Penman, an OHF companion for over a dozen years and, notably, the organizer of the companions' program when the OHF hosted Hockey Canada's AGM in 2002.

2013	Christine Penman	Toronto
2014	Bonnie Hammond	Thornbury
2015	Sylvia Drago	Sudbury
2016	Karen Richardson	Caledonia
2017	Diane Riddle	Sudbury
2018	Sandra Smith	Mississauga
2019	Jill Marchand	North Bay



Ontario Hockey Federation **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

2022 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

Each winner receives
\$1000 FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN
ACADEMICS, COMMUNITY, AND HOCKEY.

MACKENZIE JOHNSON

is this year's top candidate.

1	Abbigail Aikman	16	Jenn Sharpe
2	Abby Horton	17	Jenna Cernjul
3	Adrienne Alexander	18	Jeremy Hardeman
4	Alex Rebane	19	Jordyn Mackey
5	Alexandre Dubuc	20	Josie MacLean
6	Alyssa Desmoulin-Luce	21	Kalynn Baker
7	Ava Bellefeuille	22	Lacey Pilon
8	Christopher Lamont	23	Leah Jayne Bell
9	Cooper Lloyd	24	Mackenzie Johnson
10	Garrett Sharpe	25	Nickolas Wright
11	Haley Patry	26	Nolan Muller
12	Hannah Irvine	27	Owen Nichol
13	Harper Leslie	28	Quinn Hammond
14	Jace McGrail	29	Samuel Rudner
15	Jagger Sheridan	30	Sophie Helfenstein

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OHF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

For more information, visit the OHF Scholarship Program



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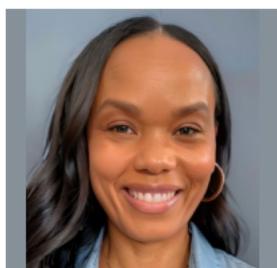
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A collection of ice hockey equipment is scattered on a white ice rink. In the foreground, there is a red helmet with a clear face mask, a blue and red glove, and a black hockey stick with green blades. Behind it are two white goalie masks and another hockey stick. Further back, there are more hockey sticks and red gear. The rink has a blue center line and a white face-off circle.

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Good luck to all participants in 2023-2024!



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- 1.1 To foster, encourage, promote, improve and perpetuate the sport of amateur hockey within its area of jurisdiction and to assist in its promotion conjointly with other organizations with similar objects;
- 1.2 To provide opportunities for all players to play the sport at levels appropriate to their degree of skill or interest;
- 1.3 To promote the orderly development of all categories of the sport of amateur hockey without favor of one category over another or others;
- 1.4 To emphasize and encourage the involvement of those volunteers who put the interests of the sport ahead of their personal interests;
- 1.5 To develop and administer the sport of amateur hockey in areas within its jurisdiction in a manner that will encourage mass participation, promote the building of good character, improve skill levels and provide healthy physical activity and enjoyment of the game and adopts the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (IP) curriculum as a means to achieve this object;
- 1.6 To ensure the enforcement of the rules of the sport as adopted by this organization;
- 1.7 To elevate the awareness of the responsibilities of the hockey public in ensuring that the sport is played in a positive environment which encourages and fosters personal development and leadership qualities of individuals through their participation in amateur hockey;
- 1.8 To assist members in their pursuit of excellence by providing accessible and effective programs and services through available resources;
- 1.9 To monitor and review services, benefits and programs so as to ensure their availability and accessibility to all members in order to meet the members' ever-changing needs;
- 1.10 To promote and encourage the formation of amateur hockey teams and leagues, thereby to ensure that the sport is and remains accessible to all who wish to participate according to the level and extent of their interest and skill;



- 1.11 To promote and encourage membership in this organization by other associations which fairly represent other categories of persons engaged in the sport of amateur hockey whose Constitutions, By-Laws, Regulations and Rules are not inconsistent with those of this organization and Hockey Canada;
- 1.12 To co-ordinate and conduct competitions in the several categories of amateur hockey for regional and branch championships and, in conjunction with Hockey Canada or the branches of other provinces, inter-branch and national championships;
- 1.13 To adjudicate disputes arising in the operation of, between or amongst any Member and/or members of Members in an expeditious, fair, inexpensive and impartial manner that best assures each player is permitted to play the sport at the level appropriate to the player's skills; and, 1.14 To present a common voice on behalf of the Member in all discussions that could affect them at the national and international level
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BY-LAW I – OVERVIEW

ARTICLE 1: DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 1.1 In the By-Laws and Regulations, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless the context otherwise specifies or requires:
- (a) "Alliance" means the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario;
 - (b) "Amateur Hockey" is hockey that is not organized professional hockey;
 - (c) "Annual General Meeting of Members" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 5.1;
 - (d) "Board" means the board of directors of the OHF;
 - (e) "By-Laws" means the by-laws of the OHF;
 - (f) "Committee" means a committee established pursuant to By-Law VI;
 - (g) "Delegate" means a person who represents a Member at a Members' Meeting;
 - (h) "Director" means a director on the Board;
 - (i) "Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the OHF;
 - (j) "Female Hockey" means programming for all participants that is gender specific for female players.
 - (k) "GTHL" means the Greater Toronto Hockey League;
 - (l) "HEO" means Hockey Eastern Ontario;
 - (m) "HNO" means Hockey Northwestern Ontario;
 - (n) "Hockey Canada" means the self-governing body of Amateur Hockey in Canada;
 - (o) "IIHF" means International Ice Hockey Federation;
 - (p) "Junior Hockey" means the categories for players 17-20 years of age including Major Junior, Junior A, Junior B and Junior C.
 - (q) "Members" means the members of the OHF as set out in Article 4.1 and "Member" means any one of them;
 - (r) "Members' Meeting" means an Annual General Meeting of Members, a Semi Annual Meeting of Members or a Special Members' Meeting,



- as applicable in the circumstances;
- (s) "Minor Hockey" means all ages, categories and genders of hockey for participants 20 years of age and younger with the exception of Female Hockey and Junior Hockey. Minor Hockey includes Learn to Play programs and programs for populations with special needs.
 - (t) "NOHA" means the Northern Ontario Hockey Association;
 - (u) "OHA" means the Ontario Hockey Association;
 - (v) "OHF" means the Ontario Hockey Federation, an Ontario non-share capital, not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, chap. c. 38; - 5 –
 - (w) "OHF's Jurisdiction" is the jurisdiction of the OHF as set out in Article 3.1;
 - (x) "OHL" means the Ontario Hockey League;
 - (y) "OMHA" means the Ontario Minor Hockey Association;
 - (z) "OWHA" means the Ontario Women's Hockey Association;
 - (aa) "Referee-in-Chief" has the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations;
 - (bb) "Registered Participant" has the meaning assigned to it in the Regulations;
 - (cc) "Regulations" means the regulations of the OHF, including the Playing Regulations;
 - (dd) "Semi Annual Meeting of Members" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 6.1;
 - (ee) "Senior Hockey" means hockey for players that are older than the age of 20.
 - (ff) "Special Members' Meeting" means the meeting held pursuant to Article 7; and
 - (gg) "Technical Director" means the Technical Director of the OHF.
 - (hh) "Task Team" means a task team established pursuant to By-Law VI;
 - (ii) "Work Group" means a work group established pursuant to By-Law VI.



ARTICLE 2: STATUS WITH HOCKEY CANADA, ETC.

- 2.1 The OHF is a member of Hockey Canada, the governing body of Amateur Hockey in Canada and, as an unalterable provision of these By-Laws, shall operate in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada.
- 2.2 In addition to Article 2.1 and as an unalterable provision of these By-Laws, each Member shall operate in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada, the OHF and its own organization.

ARTICLE 3: JURISDICTION

- 3.1 The operations of the OHF are to be carried on within the province of Ontario, other than within the jurisdictions of HEO and HNO.
- 3.2 The operations of the Members shall be carried on within the jurisdictions set out in Article 4.2.

BY-LAW II – MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The OHF shall have the following seven (7) voting Members, each of whom is, and shall remain an equal Member in the OHF subject to Articles 4.4 and 4.5:
- (a) the GTHL;
 - (b) the NOHA;
 - (c) the OHA;
 - (d) the OHL;
 - (e) the OWHA;
 - (f) the OMHA; and
 - (g) the Alliance.
- 4.2 The jurisdiction of the Members shall be as follows:
- (a) The GTHL shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey over that area of the OHF's Jurisdiction that includes the City of Toronto, the City of Mississauga and the City of Vaughan (being the area bounded by Lake Ontario on the south and a line north along the Rouge River and continuing north along the Little Rouge River and further



north along the Pickering Town Line, west along Steeles Avenue, north along Yonge Street, west along Highway 7, north along Bathurst Street, with a northern boundary one concession lot north of a straight line between Bathurst and Albion Road (Highway 50) based on the majority of the King Vaughan Side Road, south along Albion Road (Highway 50), west along Steeles Avenue, south along Indian Line Road, west along the northern boundary of the City of Mississauga [as of June 25, 2005] and south along the western boundary of the City of Mississauga to Lake Ontario). The GTHL shall, subject to the Lake Ontario Region Regulations (as defined in Regulation 1.23), also share jurisdiction over the City of Markham with the OMHA.

- (b) The NOHA shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey, Junior (except Major Junior) Hockey and Senior Hockey over that area of the OHF's Jurisdiction that includes the area east of the 85th Meridian along the shoreline of Lake Superior and Lake Huron in an easterly direction to the French River, including all of the Manitoulin Islands, along the French River to Highway 69, southerly along Highway 69 to Highway 522, easterly along Highway 522 to the western boundary of the Township of South Himsworth, southerly along the western boundary of the Township of South Himsworth, easterly along the southern boundary of the Township of South Himsworth and the Township of Boulter to the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park, northerly along the western boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park to the northern boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park, further from this point easterly along the northern boundary of Algonquin Provincial Park, including the community of Kiosk to the eastern boundary of the OHF's Jurisdiction.
- (c) The OHA shall have jurisdiction over Male Hockey, Junior (except Major Junior) Hockey, Senior Hockey and Adult Recreation Hockey programs within the whole of the OHF's Jurisdiction, except for that portion assigned to the NOHA as set out in paragraph (b) above.
- (d) The OHL shall have jurisdiction over Major Junior Hockey within the whole of the OHF's Jurisdiction and within such other areas of Ontario as granted by Hockey Canada.
- (e) The OWH shall have jurisdiction over female hockey in the Province of Ontario, including that part of Ontario over which OHF



has jurisdiction.

- (f) The OMHA shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey and the OHF registered Minor Hockey Associations as at June 25, 2005, other than the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations as listed in paragraph (g) below, within the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the GTHL and the NOHA set out, respectively, in paragraphs (a) and (b) above. Any addition or change to the jurisdiction of the OMHA must be approved by the Members by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- (g) The Alliance shall have jurisdiction over Minor Hockey and the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations (as defined below) within the area not covered by the jurisdictions of the GTHL and the NOHA. The "Alliance Minor Hockey Associations" are: Brantford Church Hockey League, Brantford Minor Hockey Association, Burlington Lions Optimist Minor Hockey Association, Burlington JR. Cougars, Cambridge Minor Hockey Association, Chatham-Kent County Zone, Elgin-Middlesex Hockey Alliance, Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association House League, Greater London Hockey Association, Inc., Hamilton Minor Hockey Council, Huron Perth Zone, Kitchener Minor Hockey Association, Lambton County Zone, London Representative Hockey Incorporated, Sarnia Minor Hockey Association, St. Catharines CYO, Stratford Minor Hockey Association, Stratford Rotary Hockey Association, Sun County AAA Minor Hockey Association, Waterloo Minor Hockey Association, Windsor AAA Zone and Woodstock Minor Hockey Association. Any addition or change to the jurisdiction of the Alliance or to the Alliance Minor Hockey Associations must be approved by the Members by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.

4.3 Each Member shall be empowered to administer, foster and conduct its own affairs within its own jurisdiction in accordance with its own by-laws, regulations and rules and in a manner which is consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada and of the OHF and not contrary to the best interests of Amateur Hockey.

4.4 A Member may not transfer its membership in the OHF and a Member ceases to be a Member when:

- (a) the Member is dissolved or winding up or ceases to operate;
- (b) the Member becomes bankrupt or suspends payment of debts



generally or compounds with creditors or makes an authorized assignment or is declared insolvent;

- (c) the Member submits a written resignation to the OHF which resignation shall be effective on the later of the date set out in the resignation or the date it is delivered to the OHF; or
- (d) the OHF is liquidated and dissolved under the Corporations Act.

- 4.5 A Member may be sanctioned up to and inclusive of suspension, expulsion or its jurisdiction awarded to or assumed by another Member or combination of Members as determined by the affirmative vote, at a meeting of the Board called for such purpose, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Directors for violations of the By-Laws, Regulations, Policies or Board decisions of Hockey Canada or the OHF.
- 4.6 A Member may be sanctioned as determined by the affirmative vote, at a meeting of the Board called for such purpose, of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Directors for actions deemed by the Board to be contrary to the overall direction of the OHF, except that such sanction cannot be expulsion or its jurisdiction awarded to or assumed by another Member or combination of Members.
- 4.7 A Member that resigns, is suspended or is expelled shall remain liable for payment of any dues, fees, assessment or other sum levied or which became payable by the Member to the OHF prior to the effective date of its resignation, suspension or expulsion.
- 4.8 Full memberships of the Members shall be restricted to Teams, Leagues or Associations of recognized amateur standing.
- 4.9 Although membership in the Members is purely voluntary, all Registered Participants of the Members must accept the final and binding authority of all rules and decisions of the Board and the governing authorities of the OHF, including, without limitation, acceptance and subscription of such insurance coverages and participant fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board.



BY-LAW III – MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

ARTICLE 5: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

5.1 An Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held annually within ninety (90) days of OHF’s fiscal year end on such date and at such time and place designated by the Board.

ARTICLE 6: SEMI ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

6.1 A Semi Annual Meeting of Members shall be held annually on the last Saturday of February at such time and place designated by the Board.

ARTICLE 7: SPECIAL MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

7.1 Special Members’ Meetings shall be held when requested by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board in a written submission to the Chair of the Board.

7.2 Any Special Members’ Meeting requested under Article 7.1 shall be held as soon as possible in compliance with the applicable notice periods required by Article 8.2.

7.3 The Chair of the Board shall prepare the agenda for the Special Members’ Meeting, and shall limit that agenda to the items specified in the request for the Special Members’ Meeting.

7.4 The agenda for a Special Members’ Meeting may not be altered.

ARTICLE 8: MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

8.1 At all Members’ Meetings quorum shall consist of at least four (4) Members, provided that a Members’ Meeting may not be held unless the Chair of the Board or the Chair of the Board’s designate is present.

8.2 All Members’ Meetings, except a Special Members’ Meeting requested under Article 7.1, shall be called by the Chair of the Board. The Executive Director shall send notice of the time and place of each Members’ Meeting to each Member and to each Director. Such notice shall be sent by mail, courier, personal delivery, telephonic, electronic or other communication facility not less than twenty-one (21) days before the meeting and shall



be accompanied by a meeting agenda. Notice of any Members' Meeting where special business will be transacted must contain sufficient information to permit the Members to form a reasoned judgment on the decision to be taken.

- 8.3 Each Member shall be entitled to send two (2) Delegates to each Members' Meeting and shall provide the OHF with written notice of the names of its Delegates at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. A Member's Delegate must be an employee, Director or Volunteer of the Member. A Member may send an alternate Delegate in substitution for a named Delegate who is unable to attend a Members' Meeting, provided that the Member provides the OHF with written notice of such substitution in advance of the Members' Meeting.
- 8.4 Speaking privileges at any Members' Meeting are reserved for the Delegates, the Directors, and such other persons as may be recognized by the chair of the meeting.

ARTICLE 9: VOTING

- 9.1 Each Member is entitled to cast one (1) vote on any matter on which Members are entitled to vote at a Members' Meeting, whether they send one (1) or two (2) Delegates to a Members' Meeting, and shall designate one (1) of its Delegates to vote on that Member's behalf at a Members' Meeting.
- 9.2 Decisions at Members' Meetings shall be by a majority of the votes cast unless the favourable vote of a larger proportion of the votes is required by the By-Laws.
- 9.3 The chair of a Members' Meeting shall not have a vote, including in the event of a tie.
- 9.4 At Members' Meetings voting shall be by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by a Member entitled to vote at the meeting, or the By-Laws specifically require a secret ballot.

BY-LAW IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE 10: ROLE

- 10.1 The affairs of the OHF shall be managed by the Board which may



exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the OHF that are not by the By-Laws or by statute expressly directed or required to be done in some other manner.

ARTICLE 11: COMPOSITION

- 11.1 The Board shall consist of nine (9) Directors, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Board, and all of whom shall be elected in accordance with Article 15.
- 11.2 No person shall act for an absent Director at a meeting of Directors.

ARTICLE 12: CHAIR OF THE BOARD

- 12.1 Nominations for Chair of the Board are restricted to a current Director who has served at least one (1) full year as a Director.
- 12.2 An individual can hold the position of the Chair of the Board for a maximum of two (2), two (2) year terms, (excluding partial terms). The terms do not have to be consecutive.
- 12.3 A Chair of the Board is eligible to remain on the Board as a Director after the completion of the maximum terms as Chair of the Board as set out in Article 12.2.

ARTICLE 13: DIRECTOR ELIGIBILITY

- 13.1 A Director cannot be an employee of Hockey Canada, an employee of the OHF or an employee of a Member or an employee of a member of a Member.
- 13.2 A Director can be a Life Member or an immediate Past President of a Member or of a member of a Member but cannot participate (i.e. vote, attend meetings or consult) with the Member or member of a Member.
- 13.3 A Director may not hold a current position with any Member or with a member of a Member.
- 13.4 To be eligible for election as a Director, an individual must not be active on the board of directors of a Member or of a member of a Member for the seasons in which they are seeking election.
- 13.5 Any Director elected that holds a current position in a Member or



a member of a Member must resign that position within fifteen (15) days.

13.6 Any Director may not be elected if under suspension from all Hockey Canada activities that would encroach their term.

13.7 In order to qualify to become or act as a Director, an individual must:

- (a) be a citizen of Canada or a permanent resident of Ontario;
- (b) reside in the jurisdiction of the OHF;
- (c) be an individual who is at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (d) not be an undischarged bankrupt
- (e) not have been removed as a Director pursuant to paragraph (f) of Article 17.1;
- (f) have the capacity under law to contract; and
- (g) not have been declared incapable by a court in Canada.

ARTICLE 14: CHAIR OF THE BOARD AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

14.1 A call for nominations will open ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Members.

14.2 All nominations for Chair of the Board or other Director must be submitted in writing to the Nominations Committee no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of Members.

14.3 Nominations submitted must be endorsed in writing by two (2) Members or by the Nominations Committee.

14.4 A nomination for Chair of the Board must indicate on their nomination if the candidate wishes to be considered for election as a Director if unsuccessful in the election for Chair of the Board.

14.5 A current Director who is part way through their term may be nominated for the Chair of the Board.

14.6 The Nominations Committee will provide the Members with a slate of all eligible candidates thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members.



ARTICLE 15: ELECTIONS

- 15.1 At each Annual General Meeting of Members held in even years, a separate ballot will first be held for the election of the Chair of the Board. In order to be elected as the Chair of the Board a candidate must receive at least 50% plus one of the votes cast. Any candidate who is unsuccessful in the election for the Chair of the Board may stand for election as a Director if identified upon their nomination.
- 15.2 If a current Director who is part way through their term is a candidate in the election for Chair of the Board, they will continue their term as a Director if unsuccessful in the election for Chair of the Board.
- 15.3 At each Annual General Meeting of Members an election for four (4) Directors will be held.
- 15.4 Each Member in attendance at an Annual General Meeting of Members will have one ballot for each election. Any ballot containing votes for a number of nominees other than the number of available Director's positions, shall be considered spoiled and shall not count as a vote cast when calculating the number of votes. The candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected as Directors.
- 15.5 If there is a tie for the final Director's position or positions, the names of the tied candidates shall appear on a new ballot, and the voting procedure described in Article 15.4 shall continue until all of the Director positions have been filled. In the event of a deadlock, the final Director's position or positions shall be filled by a random draw conducted by the Chair of the Nominations Committee from among the deadlocked candidates.
- 15.6 Upon the completion of the elections only the names of the elected Directors shall be announced at the Annual General Meeting of Members by the chair of the Nominations Committee. All election ballots will be destroyed after those names are announced.
- 15.7 Notwithstanding Articles 12.1, 15.3 and 16.2, at the first Annual General Meeting of Members after the amendments to the By-Laws come into effect, the Members shall elect nine (9) Directors, including the Chair of the Board who may be any individual, as follows:



- (a) a separate ballot will first be held for the Chair of the Board in accordance with Article 15.1;
 - (b) if indicated upon their nomination, any candidate who is unsuccessful in the election as the Chair of the Board may stand for election as a Director for a three (3) year term and if unsuccessful in the election for a three (3) year term may stand for election for a two (2) year term.
 - (c) a second ballot will then be held for the election of four (4) Directors for a three (3) year term in accordance with Article 15.4; and
 - (d) a third ballot will be held for the election of four (4) Directors for a two (2) year term in accordance with Article 15.4.
- 15.8 All Director's terms following the elections set out in paragraph (c) of Article 15.7 will be two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE 16: DIRECTORS TERMS

- 16.1 The Chair of the Board shall be elected for a two (2) year term at an Annual General Meeting of Members, in even numbered years.
- 16.2 Directors shall be elected for two (2) year terms at an Annual General Meeting of Members. There is no limit on the number of terms a Director may be elected for.

ARTICLE 17: DIRECTOR VACANCIES AND REMOVAL

- 17.1 A Director ceases to hold office and a vacancy is created:
- (a) if the Director ceases to meet the qualifications for being a Director as set out in Article 13;
 - (b) if the Director sits on the board of directors of Hockey Canada;
 - (c) if the Director is found to be a mentally incompetent person or becomes of unsound mind;
 - (d) if the Director dies;
 - (e) if the Director resigns (such resignation to be effective at the time a written resignation is sent to the OHF or at the time specified in the resignation, whichever is later);
 - (f) if, at a Special Members' Meeting duly called for that purpose, the



Members, by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of votes held by the Members, remove the Director before the expiration of the Director's term of office.

17.2 In the event that the Chair of the Board's position becomes vacant mid-term the remaining Directors shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the vacated position, provided that there is a quorum of Directors in office. Any appointment mid-term will not count against the maximum number of terms any one person can sit as Chair of the Board.

17.3 If a Director position becomes vacant and if there is a quorum of Directors in office and:

- (a) at least seven (7) Directors, the Directors may fill the vacant Director position for the remainder of the vacant term; or
- (b) less than seven (7) Directors, the Directors must appoint a Director to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the vacant term to maintain at least seven (7) Directors.

17.4 If a Director position becomes vacant and if there is not a quorum of Directors, the remaining Directors shall immediately call a meeting of the Members to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the vacant term, and, in default or if there are no Directors then in office, the meeting may be called by any Member.

ARTICLE 18: CHAIR OF THE BOARD DUTIES AND POWERS

18.1 The Chair of the Board, shall be the President of the OHF, shall preside at all meetings of the OHF, be an ex officio member of all OHF Committees and be an authorized signatory of the OHF.

18.2 The Chair of the Board shall generally perform the duties usual to the Chair of the Board and may, at their discretion, order the calling of meetings of the Members, the Directors and any OHF Committees.

18.3 The Chair of the Board shall have the authority to delegate those duties assigned to the Chair of the Board to any Director.

18.4 The Chair of the Board, or an alternate approved by the Board, shall be the official representative of the OHF at members' meetings of Hockey Canada at which such representative shall present objectively the views or position of the OHF.



- 18.5 In addition to the powers conferred upon the Chair of the Board by the By-Laws, Regulations and policies of the OHF, the Chair of the Board, in cases of emergency when it is impracticable to obtain a vote of the Board, may exercise all the duties and powers of the Board.
- 18.6 Any action taken by the Chair of the Board under Article 18.5 shall be referred to the Board for approval or rejection in whole or in part within fifteen (15) days next following the action taken.
- 18.7 The Chair of the Board shall have the power to suspend, fine and/or discipline, as deemed necessary, any player, Team Official or referee who is a Registered Participant, with respect to any act, omission or other conduct demonstrated to be contrary to the best interests of the OHF or Amateur Hockey. The Chair of the Board shall also have the power to levy fines authorized by Playing Regulation G1.
- 18.8 Notwithstanding provisions set forth in the Regulations, the Chair of the Board acting instead of the Board, may provide for special dispensation from the Regulations with the agreement of all parties, including the Members involved in the situation. Any decision as to what qualifies for special dispensation shall rest solely with the Chair of the Board in their absolute and unfettered discretion. Any decision of the Chair of the Board, with the agreement of the parties, as to what special dispensation is or is not provided shall be final and binding on all the parties and, notwithstanding Regulation 7.9, is not subject to appeal. Each decision of special dispensation will be made on its individual merits.
- 18.9 A decision made by the Chair of the Board under Article 18.8 shall remain in effect until final disposition of any appeal taken therefrom under the Regulations.

ARTICLE 19: DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

- 19.1 Directors' meetings may be called by the Chair of the Board or any other six (6) Directors.
- 19.2 Meetings of the Directors may be held either at the place where the head office of the Corporation is located or at any place within or outside Ontario.



- 19.3 Notice of any Directors' meeting shall be given to each Director at least fifteen (15) days before such meeting with a copy of the agenda containing the business to be discussed, provided that a meeting of the Directors may be held on shorter notice or without notice in the event of an emergency as determined in the sole discretion of the Chair of the Board.
- 19.4 A majority of the Directors shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Directors provided that the Chair of the Board or their designate is present. Notwithstanding any vacancy among the Directors, a quorum of Directors may exercise all the powers of Directors.
- 19.5 The Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director shall be entitled to attend but shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the Directors.
- 19.6 Each Director present at a Directors' meeting shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter properly placed before and considered by the Board.
- 19.7 If all the Directors present at or participating in the meeting consent and at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, a meeting of the Directors may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and a Director participating in such meeting by such means is deemed for the purpose of the Corporations Act to be present at that meeting.
- 19.8 Except where otherwise provided in the By-Laws, any motion properly brought before the Board may be passed by a simple majority of the Directors present and voting. A vote may be held by secret ballot, upon approval of a two-third (2/3) majority vote of eligible votes present at the meeting or at the discretion of the Chair of the Board.
- 19.9 The chair of a Directors' meeting shall not be entitled to vote except in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE 20: BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES & POWERS

- 20.1 The Board has the following responsibilities and authority;
- (a) To formulate a Strategic Plan in consultation with the Members;



- (b) To determine the direction of marketing in the OHF in consultation with the Members;
- (c) To oversee and be responsible for OHF staffing;
- (d) To determine the appointments to Hockey Canada for task teams and meetings;
- (e) To represent the OHF at Hockey Canada meetings
- (f) To be responsible for selection and running of inter-branch and regional championships in conjunction with HNO and HEO and with input from Minor, Junior and Senior hockey;
- (g) To administer and conduct the affairs of the OHF;
- (h) To act in a manner consistent with the by-laws, regulations and rules of Hockey Canada;
- (i) To act in a manner consistent with the objects of the OHF, as prescribed in its Letters Patent;
- (j) To appoint the Secretary-Treasurer of the OHF (who shall not be a Director);
- (k) To appoint an Executive Director to conduct the day-to-day operations of the OHF;
- (l) To call Special Members' Meetings when necessary;
- (m) To grant new applications for membership in the OHF, subject to approval of the Members to take effect;
- (n) To suspend, expel or take disciplinary action against a Registered Participant for any breach of the By-Laws or of any decision, policy or regulation of the Board;
- (o) To formulate, prescribe, alter or amend By-Laws for the governing of the OHF in accordance with Article 41;
- (p) To formulate, prescribe, alter or amend policy for the governing of the OHF, make rulings or decisions on any matter brought before it from any source;
- (q) To establish, amend or alter regulations pertaining to OHF Championship competitions;
- (r) To, at any time, overrule any decision which is inconsistent with any decision of the Board;
- (s) To oversee the collection and expenditure of funds to and from the



- OHF;
- (t) To authorize all major expenditures within approved budget limits;
 - (u) To enter into agreements from time to time with organizations that will, at the discretion of the Board, be beneficial to the OHF and the Members;
 - (v) To assist in the facilitation and implementation of development programs for players, coaches, game officials, team officials and volunteers;
 - (w) To appoint Committees, Work Groups, Task Teams or other individuals to deal with specific or specialized issues or matters;
 - (x) To provide means to adjudicate disputes among individuals, Members and Registered Participants;
 - (y) To ensure that all Directors comport themselves in a manner that avoids any conflict of interest;
 - (z) To collectively represent the interests of the Members at all Hockey Canada meetings and functions; and
 - (aa) To sanction or have a designate sanction all inter-branch competition (exhibition and league play) involving OHF teams;
 - (bb) To sanction or have a designate sanction all inter-divisional competition (league play) among Members;
 - (cc) To sanction or have a designate sanction all incoming IIHF team tours and competition with OHF teams;
 - (dd) To sanction or have a designate sanction all outgoing OHF teams on IIHF tours and/or competitions; and
 - (ee) When the Board is asked to, and does, endorse or support a candidate for any position within Hockey Canada, such endorsement or support shall be given, and shall be stated to be given, for that purpose only and the candidate for whom the OHF will ultimately vote in any election will be determined at a later date by the Board.

ARTICLE 21: SECRETARY-TREASURER

- 21.1 The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed for a two (2) year term by the Board immediately following an Annual General Meeting of Members, in even numbered years. An incumbent may be



re-appointed.

21.2 In the event of a vacancy in the position of the Secretary-Treasurer, the Board may fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the vacated position.

ARTICLE 22: SECRETARY-TREASURER DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

22.1 The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be as follows:

- (a) to chair the Finance Committee;
- (b) to be an authorized signatory of the OHF;
- (c) to ensure that the records and minutes of the OHF are a current and accurate report of the OHF's activities and operations;
- (d) to prepare the annual budget of the OHF and present it to the Board;
- (e) to authorize payments of accounts;
- (f) to ensure that the financial records of the OHF are a current and accurate report of its financial position;
- (g) to delegate any duties with approval of the Board; and
- (h) to attend but not vote at Directors' Meetings.

BY-LAW V – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ARTICLE 23: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

23.1 The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board and be answerable to the Board through the Chair of the Board.

23.2 The Executive Director shall not vote at any meeting of the OHF.

23.3 The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio non-voting member on all Committees of the OHF.

23.4 The Executive Director will at all times act in accordance with the purposes and objectives of the OHF as set forth in the Letters Patent, By-Laws, Regulations and policies of the OHF.

23.5 The Executive Director shall:



- (a) keep accurate records of the By-Laws, Regulations, policies and proceedings of the OHF, including amendments to the By-Laws, Regulations and policies and minutes of meetings;
- (b) act as the holder of all OHF trophies in trust;
- (c) distribute and record (where required) all minutes of Members' Meetings and meetings of the Board;
- (d) issue notices of all meetings and required materials;
- (e) receive, in the name of the OHF, all monies which shall be deposited in a Canadian Chartered Bank and/or trust company and pay all accounts owing, within any limits established by the Board;
- (f) be responsible for the administration and operation of the OHF office and employees as per the policies and guidelines established by the Board;
- (g) interpret and serve as a resource for the By-Laws, Regulations, rules and policies of the OHF;
- (h) co-ordinate all OHF branch championship events;
- (i) distribute any information received from other organizations to the appropriate people;
- (j) act as an authorized signatory of the OHF;
- (k) act as the official branch signatory in all Releases, transfers and other Player movement with other Hockey Canada branches and IIHF federations;
- (l) pursuant to Regulation 6.4.2, in the absence of the coordinator, shall act as the temporary coordinator in assessing and determining all matters designated in Regulation 6.5.2 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to Regulation 6.5.5;
- (m) co-ordinate any special events as determined by the Board;
- (n) develop and present fundraising proposals to the Board for approval;
- (o) to attend but not vote at Directors' Meetings.
- (p) develop and present any promotional, marketing or communication proposals to the Board for approval; and
- (q) ensure any decision of a Member which is inconsistent with the By-Laws, Regulations, or policies of the OHF or Board decisions are brought to the attention of the Board.



BY-LAW VI – COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 24: COMMITTEES

24.1 Board will be responsible to establish and form committees, work group and task teams to serve the needs of the OHF and to review the committees, work groups and task teams on an annual basis to determine if they meet the required or immediate needs of the OHF.

ARTICLE 25: OWHA

25.1 The OWHA shall appoint the representatives to Hockey Canada for task teams or committees on female hockey.

BY-LAW VII – MEETINGS GENERALLY

ARTICLE 26: MEETINGS

26.1 Any procedural questions raised at any Members' Meetings or meetings of the Board, or Committees shall be governed by the rules and guidelines as prescribed in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised unless in conflict with the provisions of the Corporations Act, the Letters Patent, By-Laws, Regulations, rules or policies of the OHF.

26.2 (a) Any person may waive any notice, or the time for the notice, in whole or in part, required to be given under any provision of the By-Laws or otherwise and such waiver, whether given before or after the meeting or other event of which notice is required to be given, shall cure any default in giving such notice.

(b) In particular, meetings of the Members or Directors may be held at any time without notice if all the persons entitled to notice of the meeting are present and waive notice or if all of the absent persons waive notice or otherwise consent.

(c) A waiver of notice shall be given in writing or by facsimile or other means of recorded electronic communication addressed to the Executive Director.

(d) Attendance of a person at a meeting of the Members or Directors



shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting except where the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the grounds that the meeting is not lawfully called.

26.3 All actions taken at a meeting in respect of which a notice has been sent shall be valid even if:

- (a) by accident, notice was not sent to any person;
- (b) notice was not received by any person; or
- (c) there was an error in a notice that did not affect the substance of that notice.

BY-LAW VIII – AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 27: AMENDMENTS

27.1 Members and Directors may propose amendments to the By-Laws and the Regulations for consideration at the Semi Annual Meeting of Members by providing notice of the proposed amendments to the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days before the date fixed for the commencement of the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.

27.2 The Executive Director shall provide notice of all proposed amendments to the By-Laws and the Regulations to each Member and Director thirty (30) days prior to the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.

27.3 Proposed changes to the By-Laws and Regulations may also be considered at a Special Members' Meeting called for that purpose in accordance with Article 7.

27.4 Except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws, any proposed change to the By-Laws or Regulations must be approved by a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Members on that resolution.

27.5 Articles 9.3, 11.1, 13, 19.4 and 19.9 may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the total number of votes held by the Members, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.



- 27.6 Articles 1.1(b), 1.1(s), 2, 3, and 41 may only be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total number of votes held by the Members represented at the meeting at which the vote is taken, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.
- 27.7 Article 4 may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors only when a request is made in accordance with the OHF Changing Member Policy. In all other instance Article 4 may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total number of votes held by the Members represented at the meeting at which the vote is taken, and provided that notice has been given in accordance with Article 42.1 or Article 42.3.
- 27.8 The Directors have the authority to approve Pilot Programs, other than any pilot that violates Article 2.1, 4, 42.5 and 42.6. Pilot proposals may be submitted by a Member(s) or Director with reasonable time for the Board to have meaningful consultation with the Member(s) affected prior to consideration. Any Pilot Program must meet the requirements of the Pilot Program Policy and have a defined start date, end date and evaluation process.
- 27.9 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Article 42, the Directors may amend the By-Laws and Regulations upon receipt of at least thirty (30) days' notice of the proposed amendments, submitted by a Member or Director, and following appropriate consultation and consideration, provided that the Directors may waive the thirty (30) day notice period by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Any amendment of the By-Laws or Regulations under this Article 42.9 shall require a seventy-five percent (75%) of those Directors present affirmative vote at a properly constituted meeting of the Board. Any such changes shall take effect as determined by the Board but must be referred to the Members for approval, amendment or rejection at the next Members' Meeting.
- 27.10 Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-Laws, the Regulations will automatically be amended to comply with any changes to Hockey Canada's by-laws and regulations.
- 27.11 Any approved amendment of the Regulations shall take effect the day after the completion of the next OHF Championships, unless otherwise specified in the resolution approving the amendment.



- 27.12 Any approved amendment to the By-Laws shall take effect at the conclusion of the meeting at which the amendment is approved by the Members or Directors, as applicable, unless otherwise specified in the resolution approving the amendment.
- 27.13 Any amendments to the By-Laws and/or Regulations which have been approved in the manner set forth in this Article 42 shall not be negated by reason of any error or omission which may occur in the periodic printing of the By-Laws and/or Regulations.





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AUTOMATIC AMENDMENTS

Any amendments, changes or interpretations of Hockey Canada playing rules and regulations shall automatically amend those of the OHF and its Members.

REGULATION 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. **AAA Waiver** – Written permission by a AAA Club to permit a Player to try out and register with a AAA Club, which is adjacent to the Club for which the Player is eligible by residence. (Only the signing officers of the AAA Club can issue AAA Waivers.)
- 1.2. **AAA Zone** – A Geographic Subdivision made up of several Centres for the purpose of providing AAA Category hockey.
- 1.3. **Additional Entry (AE)** – An additional representative Team from a Minor Hockey Association that already has a representative Team entered in the same Division and Category.
- 1.4. **Affiliate** – means to participate as an Affiliate Player or to be selected as an Affiliate Player.
- 1.5. **Affiliate Player (AP)** – refers to a Player who is eligible to participate with a higher Division/Category Team, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Affiliation Regulations.
- 1.6. **Affiliate Team** – refers to the Team to which a Player Affiliates.
- 1.7. **Association** – A local hockey organization operated and controlled by a duly elected Board of Directors, the members of which shall designate from among themselves the signing officers of that organization.
- 1.8. **Automatic Suspension** – The Suspensions incurred from game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalties as per OHF Minimum Suspension List.
- 1.9. **Category** – A Centre's level of competition e.g. AAA, AA, A, B, C, etc. An OHF Member according to their Regulations, Policies and guidelines determines Category of competition.
- 1.10. **Centre** – A recognized Association within the OHF (that is a city,



town, village, municipality, Geographic Subdivision, which incorporates limits or boundaries as accepted by the Member for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of Players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OHF).

- 1.11. **Club** – Same definition as Association.
- 1.12. **Division** – Age groups within the OHF for competition. Example: Senior, Junior, U21, U18, U15 U13, U11, U9, and U7. See Playing Regulation C4.
- 1.13. **Geographic Subdivision** – Includes a city, town, municipality, police village, rural area, or a zone as established by the OHF or a Member.
- 1.14. **Goaltender(s)** – a Player who is identified by the use of special and legal equipment and has privileges to prevent the puck from entering the net.
- 1.15. **HCR** – Hockey Canada Registry.
- 1.16. **HC Member** – A Geographic Subdivision of Hockey Canada empowered to conduct amateur hockey within its jurisdiction as defined by Hockey Canada By-Law 9.
- 1.17. **Home Centre** – For Minor Hockey, a program for which a Player is eligible to participate in by residence or other Regulations.
- 1.18. **House League** – A community oriented Minor Hockey program structured to provide development and competition at a recreational level.
- 1.19. **Import (Minor Hockey)** – A Player who is a non-resident of the Geographic Subdivision of the Team/Club with which the Player registers. Minor Hockey Imports are only allowed in the Lake Ontario Region. The number of Imports allowed on a Team is restricted.
- 1.20. **Import (Junior and Senior Hockey)** – Refers to the status given to a Player under Hockey Canada Regulations A20 and A27, that has obtained a proper transfer from another Hockey Canada member or IIHF federation to register in Hockey Canada. Also applies to a Player resident in one Geographic Subdivision (or zone) as established by Junior Hockey within the OHF who elects to register in another Geographic Subdivision (or zone) other than the one in which the Player is resident for the Player's first Registration.
- 1.21. **Inter-Member** – Activity between two or more HC Members. (E.g. OHF and Hockey Nova Scotia)
- 1.22. **Local League** – A House League Team, which competes regularly in a league comprised of a number of Centres which must be Sanctioned



by their Member.

- 1.23. **Lake Ontario Region (LOR)** – The Minor Hockey Geographic Subdivision comprised of the GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan) and the surrounding OMHA area including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, Ajax and Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation E63) which is the perimeter.
- 1.24. **LOR Organization** – an Association/Club in the case of the GTHL or LOR Centre/AAA Zone in the case of the OMHA.
- 1.25. **Maximum Number of Offers** – refers to the number of offers a Team in a Division and Category is eligible to make. The number is equal to the lesser of:
 - 1.25.1 maximum number of Registrations allowed by Hockey Canada for a Team in the particular Division or
 - 1.25.2 the maximum number allowed by the Member.
- 1.26. **Minor Development (MD)** – A Category of Minor Hockey that is residency compliant with no body-checking that is not competitive (i.e. AAA, B, D, etc.) but is not House League.
- 1.27. **Minor Hockey** – includes all Divisions except Junior and Senior.
- 1.28. **Official Game Report** – The official report of the activity from a sanctioned game verified by Team Officials from each competing Team and signed at the completion of the game by the On-Ice Officials.
 - 1.28.1 On-Ice Officials: refers to the Referee and/or Linesman.
 - 1.28.2 Minor or Off-Ice Officials: refers to Scorekeeper, Timekeeper and Goal Judges.
- 1.29. **OHF Championship** – An OHF sanctioned play-offs (in a series or Tournament format) to declare champions of the OHF at the Divisions and Categories as determined by the Board.
- 1.30. **On-Ice Sanctioned Activity** – Refers to training, practice or game competition involving Registered Participants that are conducted within facilities used for ice hockey.
- 1.31. **Postponed Game** – A scheduled game that is not started due to reasons as determined by a Member.
- 1.32. **Player** – the Registered Participants of a Team other than Team Officials. Except where special rules apply to them, the Goaltender is to be considered a Player.



- 1.33. **Regional Championship** – A Hockey Canada sanctioned play-off (in a series or Tournament format) involving more than one HC Member to declare champions in a Hockey Canada defined region at Divisions and Categories as determined by the Hockey Canada board of directors.
- 1.34. **“Registration” or “Registered”** – refers to the Official acceptance by, the relevant registrar, of an approved Roster, properly completed and signed by the Player, parent or guardian where required. A Registration of a Player is in place for the purpose of G2 from the date of Registration until:
- 1.34.1 11:59pm on the Sunday following Labour Day Monday in the case of Players at Divisions that have fall player evaluations. Players that, due to residency regulations, are required to do player evaluations in their Home Centre. If they choose to participate in skills sessions, must do so in their Home Centre as this will not be considered tampering;
 - 1.34.2 11:59pm on the Sunday of the OHF Championships for Players in Divisions that have player evaluations the first Monday following the OHF Championships; or
 - 1.34.3 the Player is properly released in accordance with OHF Regulations.
- 1.35. **Registered Participant** – has the meaning assigned in Regulation 2.1
- 1.36. **Release** – The unconditional Release of a Player from a Team authorized by the Official signing officers of that Team/Association/Club. The HC Member or Member has the right, at its discretion, to place conditions on a Release as per Hockey Canada regulations.
- 1.37. **Residential AAA Centre/Zone/Club:** The AAA program that you are eligible to based on the place of the Player’s Home Centre.
- 1.38. **Roster** – means the list of active Players Registered by a Team on the HCR, excluding any Affiliate Players.
- 1.39. **Sanctioned Activity** – Activity approved by a Member, HC Member, Hockey Canada or IIHF.
- 1.40. **Select Hockey** – A Category of Minor Hockey which in order to be eligible, a Player must be Registered with a recognized (sanctioned) House League organization and accordingly be an active participant in the corresponding Division in a recognized schedule of House League programming. Select Hockey Players are not required to abide by residential regulations unless otherwise indicated by the Member.



- 1.41. **Spring Hockey** – Member Sanctioned non-traditional hockey programs (e.g. 3 on 3, 4 on 4, skills clinics etc.) operated by Minor Hockey Associations or the Member beginning any time after the conclusion of the OHF Championships and completing no later than June 30.
- 1.42. **Supplemental Discipline** – Penalties imposed to Registered Participants in addition to minimum requirements in accordance with the powers vested in the OHF and its Members, either through a separate investigation and/or hearing.
- 1.43. **Suspension** – The loss of an individual’s right to participate in Sanctioned Activities of Hockey Canada, OHF or Member.
- 1.44. **Streaming** – the process of providing inequitable opportunities in regard to skill development, frequency of participation, and level of participation based on individuals’ skill levels rather than their desires.
- 1.45. **Tiering** – the process of placing like skilled players with like skilled players to provide meaningful competition.
- 1.46. **Suspended Game** – A scheduled game that is interrupted due to an act of God or other reasons as determined by a Member.
- 1.47. **Team** – A group of Team Officials, at least one of whom must be a coach, and at least one of whom must be a Hockey Trainers Certificate Program (HTCP) certified trainer and a group of Registered Players, at least two of whom must be Goaltenders (except in U13 AA and below) who are qualified in a Division and Category under the OHF or Member Regulations up to the maximum number provided by Hockey Canada Regulations.
- 1.48. **Team Officials** – All or any of the following persons involved in the management of a Team and includes coach, trainer, manager and any assistant coach, assistant trainer or assistant managers.
- 1.49. **Tournament** – A schedule of games played among three (3) or more Teams that follows an interlocking schedule that leads to an eventual winner (play-offs leading to HC Member or National Championships when played in a Tournament format are not considered Tournament games for Affiliation).
- 1.50. **Player Evaluation** – A Sanctioned Activity of a Team for the purpose of evaluating Players, tiering and selecting Teams.
- 1.51. **Volunteer** – An individual who provides services, on behalf of or at the discretion of a Registered Participant in relation to the Registered Participant’s operations, without receiving monetary compensation for



such services.

- 1.52. **BNQ** – Bureau de Normalization de Quebec
- 1.53. **CBET** – Competency Based Educational Training
- 1.54. **CCAA** – Canadian College Athletic Association
- 1.55. **CIS** – Canadian Inter-University Sport
- 1.56. **CSA** – Canadian Standards Association
- 1.57. **HCIP** – Hockey Canada Initiation Program
- 1.58. **HCOP** – Hockey Canada Officiating Program
- 1.59. **HTCP** – Hockey Trainer’s Certification Program
- 1.60. **NCAA** – National Collegiate Athletic Association
- 1.61. **NCCP** – National Coach Certification Program
- 1.62. **NCMP** – National Coach Mentorship Program

REGULATION 2: REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS

- 2.1. Any person, Club, Team, Association, League, Sports School, Hockey Canada Accredited School or similar entity Registered with the OHF or any of its Members, or any person affiliated with or associated with, in any capacity whatsoever, any Club, Team, league, Sports School, Hockey Canada Accredited School or similar entity participating in game or activities of any kind sponsored or organized by the OHF or any of its Members, including but not limited to the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged participant Registered in OHF programming, shall not have membership status within the OHF but, rather shall be referred to throughout these By-Laws as a “Registered Participant”.
- 2.2. Participation in OHF programming is voluntary. Registration within programming offered by the OHF or one of its Members entails acceptance by the Registered Participant, including the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged registrant of the final and binding authority of rules and decisions of the Board, adherence to and observance of the By-Laws, Regulations, Playing Rules and Policies of Hockey Canada and the OHF and acceptance and subscription to such insurance coverage and Registered Participant registration fees as may be approved and made mandatory from time to time by the Board.



REGULATION 3: RECOURSE TO THE COURTS

- 3.1. Any recourse to the Courts of any jurisdiction by any Registered Participant, before all rights of appeal and all the rights and remedies of the By-Laws of the OHF have been exhausted, shall be deemed to be a violation and breach of the By-Laws of the OHF. This violation and breach shall result in the automatic indefinite Suspension of such Registered Participant from OHF activities and games.
- 3.2. Any Registered Participant who has sought court action before exhausting all proper procedures of appeal will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by the OHF
- 3.3. Until full legal costs are paid by the Registered Participant under Regulation 3.2, at the discretion of the Chair of the Board, the right to participate in the OHF will be suspended.
- 3.4. Any Registered Participant who, having exhausted the appeal procedures, proceeds with Court action will be liable for all legal costs and disbursements incurred by the OHF, should the Courts rule in favor of the OHF, prior to reinstatement of said party's ability to participate with the OHF.

REGULATION 4: REGISTRATION FEES

- 4.1. Each Player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member in the OHF shall register with the OHF.
- 4.2. Each Team in the OHF which may be competing outside the jurisdiction of their Member (including Inter-Member competition, regional, OHF, provincial or national championships) must submit a Team list, in the approved format, to the OHF Office not later than October 15 of the current year, (except in the case of Senior Hockey, where the list shall be submitted by November 1 of the current year).
- 4.3. Failure to comply with Regulation 4.2 may result in the Players on that Team automatically being deemed ineligible for further competition, pending further action by the Board.
- 4.4. Any changes to the list submitted, whether by addition or deletion, shall be reported to the OHF within three (3) working days after such changes are made.
- 4.5. Each Player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who registers with the OHF under Regulation 4.1 shall be assessed a registration fee annually which is due and payable on Registration and is in addition to any fees



that may be charged by the Members and Hockey Canada.

- 4.6. The registration fees shall be valid for a season which shall be considered as beginning on September 1 and ending August 31 of the year next following.
- 4.7. No Player, coach, manager, trainer or referee shall participate with or in a Member of the OHF without having first registered with the OHF and paid the registration fee.

REGULATION 5: FINANCIAL

5.1. The OHF Shall Derive Its Income From:

- 5.1.1 annual registration fees from each Player, coach, manager, trainer and referee who participates with or in a Member in the OHF;
- 5.1.2 fees from any associate organizations which may be admitted to the OHF by the Board in accordance with Regulation 8;
- 5.1.3 fees payable for the hearing of appeals in accordance with Regulation 6; and,
- 5.1.4 funds received from any source approved by the Board of the OHF.

5.2. The Board shall have the authority to determine the amount of the annual fees to be paid by registrants.

REGULATION 6: DISPUTE RESOLUTION APPEALS

6.1. Definitions For Regulation 6

- 6.1.1 "Chair or Chairperson" means the Chair of a Panel
- 6.1.2 "Coordinator(s)" means one or more individuals carrying out the duties assigned by Regulation 6
- 6.1.3 "Panel" means a duly constituted Panel of the Appeals Committee
- 6.1.4 "Party" means the Appellant(s) and the Respondent(s) named in the application, and any Association directly affected by the issue in dispute

6.2. The Appeals Committee shall hear Appeals and make recommendations and decisions in strict accordance with the powers conferred on it in this Regulation 6 and in compliance with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies adopted or passed by the Board.



6.3. Each Member, upon its final disposition of any hearing or appeal conducted by it, shall:

- 6.3.1 advise the party that certain rights are available to them under Regulation 6;
- 6.3.2 provide the party with a copy of Regulation 6; and
- 6.3.3 upon request, provide the party with an OHF Appeal Application Form.

6.4. Composition

- 6.4.1 The Appeals Committee shall consist of the Coordinator and Vice-Coordinator, and not more than thirty-five (35) other persons. The Board shall appoint people to hold positions as Appeal Committee members. The Board may request suggested names from Members. Appointments to the Appeals Committee will be ratified by the Board on an annual basis.
- 6.4.2 The Coordinator(s) of the Appeals Committee shall be nominated by a Director and appointed by a majority vote of the Board. They shall have had no membership, executive status or interest in any of the Members, Associations or Leagues of the OHF for at least three (3) years immediately prior to their nomination.
- 6.4.3 The Coordinator(s) shall be appointed each year by the Board. If any Coordinator cannot complete a term, a successor(s) shall be appointed by the Board.
- 6.4.4 Subject to Regulation 6.7.6 the Appeals Committee shall sit in Panels of three (3) as needed and a decision of a majority of a Panel shall be final and binding.
- 6.4.5 Should a person appointed to the Appeals Committee have or have had any position or active role in a Member, or any member thereof, in any of the current or previous two (2) seasons, such person shall not be eligible to participate as a Panel member in any Appeal in which such Member has an interest.

6.5. Appeal Jurisdiction

- 6.5.1 The Appeals Committee shall determine all matters designated in Regulation 6.9 as standing issues, and shall hear any matter referred to it pursuant to Regulation 6.5.4.
- 6.5.2 A person, Team, league or Association who is aggrieved by a final decision of the OHF Chair of the Board (made under By-Law



II – Article 18.7) or a Member in relation to any dispute, difference or question may Appeal the following standing issues to the Appeals Committee:

- (a) the decision is in conflict with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the relevant Member, OHF or of Hockey Canada that may have had a material impact on the decision rendered;
- (b) the party making the decision committed a material procedural error, or failed to provide the aggrieved party with a fair Appeal hearing that may have had a material impact on the decision rendered; or
- (c) the party making the decision did not have the authority or jurisdiction to make the decision.

6.5.3 The following decisions made by Member, provided that such decision is not contrary to Hockey Canada or the OHF Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations, shall be final and not appealable to the Appeals Committee:

- (a) any decision by a Member as to the outcome of any game or games;
- (b) any decision relating to the classification of Teams within the jurisdiction of a Member;
- (c) any decision relating to a Tournament or exhibition game sanctioning;
- (d) any Suspension pursuant to the minimum suspension list; or
- (e) any other Suspension of fewer than seven (7) games.

NOTE: If Supplemental Discipline is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension, and the total Suspension is beyond six (6) games, the games in the Supplemental Discipline are appealable.

6.5.4 No appeal to the OHF involving an allegation of Harassment or Abuse shall be heard by the Appeals Committee unless the relevant Member has received a Fact Finder's report and rendered a final decision on the matter.

6.5.5 The Board of the OHF may from time to time refer matters to the Appeals Committee requesting a recommendation or decision upon such terms or conditions as the Board directs. No decision



making power can be referred that would have the effect of altering or amending the Constitution of the OHF or the jurisdiction of any of its Members.

6.6. Application Procedure

6.6.1 An Appeal shall be submitted via personal service, courier or email from the Appellant to the OHF Office no later than seven (7) days, or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Statutory holiday, from the date the decision sought to be appealed was sent to the appellant by the Member.

6.6.2 An Appeal submission shall only be commenced by the submission of a completed OHF Appeal Application Form. Such form shall:

- (a) Contain a completed application form;
- (b) be signed by the appellant. An application submitted on behalf of an Association/Club/Team must be signed by at least one of the signing officers of the relevant Association/Club/Team;
- (c) be specific, describe the decision being Appealed and cite the specific paragraph under Regulation 6.5.2 that applies to the Appeal;
- (d) be concise and contain, in numbered paragraphs, the grounds for Appeal (including how the Appeal qualifies under the relevant paragraph under Regulation 6.5.2) and the facts supporting the Appeal. Pertinent documents, if any from the original Appeal, must be attached (see Regulation 6.8); and
- (e) be accompanied by an Appeal Application fee of \$300.00 in cash, money order or by cheque made payable to the Ontario Hockey Federation. If submission is by email it must have a copy of payment including courier tracking number with payment arriving no later than two business days following submission deadline.

6.6.3 Upon receipt of an OHF Appeal Application Form, the OHF shall forward a copy to the party which rendered the decision. That party must supply to the OHF Office within seven (7) days or the first business day following, if such date falls on a Saturday,



Sunday or Statutory holiday:

- (a) a description in numbered paragraphs, of the position of the decision maker including:
 - i. the grounds for the decision Appealed,
 - ii. the facts and applicable policy or regulation supporting the decision,
 - iii. a list of witnesses who gave evidence in the Appeal hearing/special meeting;
 - iv. a Fact Finder's Report, if one was considered; and
 - v. any additional pertinent documents from the original Appeal, if any. In cases where third party confidentiality is required, a full Fact Finder's Report may not be provided.
 - vi. all contact information (phone numbers and email addresses) must be provided to the OHF at the time of the appeal submission.
- 6.6.4 The timelines in Regulation 6.6.3 may be extended upon request of the party to the OHF Executive Director between June 15 and August 15.
- 6.6.5 Failing a submission from the party in accordance with Regulation 6.6.3 and 6.6.4, the appellants submission will be reviewed by the OHF Appeals Coordinator on its own merits.
- 6.6.6 The Appellant will be provided the response of the party rendering the decision and will have an opportunity to rebut only on the points submitted without the addition of any new arguments or evidence within 48 hours of receiving the response. A copy of such rebuttal will be forwarded to the party rendering the decision.
- 6.6.7 The Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator shall determine whether, on the basis of the material submitted to him, the grounds cited by the appellant qualify the proposed Appeal for a hearing pursuant to Regulation 6.5.2. The parties shall be notified of that determination forthwith.
- 6.6.8 Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed Appeal does not qualify for an appeal hearing, the Appeal Application Fee will not be returned to the appellant.



This determination shall be final and binding subject only to such further rights of appeals as may be available under the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of Hockey Canada.

6.6.9 Should the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator determine that the proposed appeal qualifies for an Appeal hearing they shall proceed in the following manner:

- (a) an Appeal hearing shall be set for a date no later than 15 days after the date that the Coordinator's determination is received by the OHF Office;
- (b) if it is not practicable to schedule an Appeal hearing within 15 days, as set forth in Regulation 6.6.9 (a), a hearing date may be set beyond the 15 day period and such does not constitute grounds for an Appeal to Hockey Canada due to "improper procedures";
- (c) the OHF office shall notify all parties to the Appeal not less than five (5) days before the scheduled date for the Appeal. The Notice of Appeal hearing shall include:
 - i. a statement of the issue(s) to be considered, the time and place of the Appeal hearing,
 - ii. a statement to advise each party that if a party does not attend, the Appeal hearing may proceed in the absence of that party without further notice, and
 - iii. a copy of material provided pursuant to Regulation 6.6.3.

6.6.10 Once convened, an Appeal hearing may be adjourned from time to time, provided that the Panel decides that such adjournment is necessary in order to do justice.

6.7. Appeal Hearing Procedure

6.7.1 Any OHF Appeal may be resolved on consent of all parties prior to, or during, an Appeal hearing. The Panel shall issue a direction as may be necessary to accept such resolution, provided it is consistent with the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and relevant Member.

6.7.2 An Appeal hearing shall be open to the public unless a hearing in camera is:



- (a) requested not later than three (3) days prior to the Appeal hearing date by one of the parties; and
- (b) the Coordinator is of the opinion that the public should be excluded having regard to:
 - i. the nature of the Appeal, or
 - ii. the evidence that may be presented,
 - iii. any other relevant matter. At no time shall any party to the Appeal be excluded from the Appeal hearing while it is in progress unless for gross misconduct during the hearing.

6.7.3 The Chair may take such action or give such direction, as is necessary to maintain order at the Appeal hearing.

6.7.4 A party to an Appeal may at the hearing:

- (a) be represented by counsel or an agent;
- (b) call and examine witnesses and present arguments and submissions; and
- (c) conduct cross-examination of witnesses as may be reasonable in the circumstances.

6.7.5 The Panel shall:

- (a) permit the parties to present their cases in accordance with due process and the rules of natural justice; and
- (b) inquire of all parties as to the possible impact of any decision or ruling for consideration as it sees fit.

6.7.6 Although, pursuant to Regulation 6.4.4, a Panel shall consist of three (3) members:

- (a) if 15 minutes or more after the Appeal hearing is scheduled to commence, only two (2) members are present, those two (2) members may decide to proceed with the hearing. The power and authority of that Panel will be the same as if three (3) members were present.
- (b) once convened, if any member of the Panel is unable to continue, the two (2) remaining members may decide to proceed with the Appeal hearing. The power and authority of that Panel of the Appeals Committee will be the same as if three (3) members were present.



6.7.7 If Regulation 6.7.6 applies, and at the conclusion of the Appeal hearing, the two (2) remaining members of the Panel do not agree on a decision then the issue shall be concluded as a 'no' decision. In this situation, the appellant has the right to a rehearing, which shall be heard by a new Panel. The request for rehearing shall be forwarded to the OHF office within five (5) days after the OHF Appeal hearing. Subject to approval by the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator, the rehearing shall be scheduled within eight (8) days.

6.7.8 The Chair may add any person or Association as a party to the Appeal hearing that they determine might be materially affected by the resolution of the issue before the Panel. The timing and method of notifying the appellant and respondents shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

6.8. Evidence

6.8.1 The Panel may receive such evidence as is relevant and considered to be reliable and trustworthy provided that no witness may give evidence who did not give evidence at the Appeal hearing giving rise to the OHF Appeal. No written evidence can be given which was not given at that hearing unless:

- (a) the evidence was not discoverable by reasonable diligence before the end of that Appeal hearing; and
- (b) the evidence is wholly believable; and
- (c) the evidence is practically conclusive of an issue in the OHF Appeal hearing. The onus shall be on the parties seeking to introduce such evidence to satisfy the Panel hearing the matter that such evidence should be received.

6.9. Enforcement

6.9.1 Each Member shall be bound by decisions of any Panel and shall take all such steps as are necessary within its organization to ensure compliance with such decisions.

6.9.2 Where the Board concludes that there has been a contravention of any order or decision made by a Panel, they may take any, some or all of the following actions:

- (a) suspend or restrict the privileges extended through the OHF to the defaulting party;



- (b) assess the costs of the enforcement process against the defaulting party;
- (c) impose a monetary penalty on the defaulting party;
- (d) require the necessary parties to appear before the Board.

6.10. Decision

6.10.1 At the conclusion of the Appeal hearing, the Panel may:

- (a) allow or dismiss the Appeal Application in whole or in part, and make such order as is just in the circumstances and consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and the relevant Member. If the decision involves two Members with inconsistent rules then the decision must be consistent to the OHF and Hockey Canada Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies;
- (b) increase based on new evidence accepted by the hearing panel, decrease or leave unchanged any Suspension or sanction against the appellant. Such decision must be in accordance with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and the relevant Member. If the decision involves two Members whose relevant Rules are inconsistent, the decision must be consistent with the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of the OHF and Hockey Canada;
- (c) assess, in a set amount, all or any part of the costs of the Appeal against one or more of the parties, as long as the assessment does not exceed the application fee received for the Appeal;
- (d) grant a refund of up to 50% of the Appeal Application fee in cases where the appellant has been substantially successful in their Appeal;
- (e) adjourn the disposition of the Appeal Application provided that written notification of the decision is delivered to all parties within 10 days of the adjournment.

6.10.2 Within 48 hours of the Appeal hearing, the Chair shall communicate the Panel's decision or recommendation to the OHF Office in writing. This decision will indicate the disposition of the Appeal.



- 6.10.3 If the Coordinator or Vice-Coordinator concludes any decision of a Panel is not in adherence with Regulation 6.10.1, the Coordinator or Vice Coordinator in consultation with the Board shall return the matter to the Panel with appropriate directions, so that it can render a decision in adherence with Regulation 6.10.1.
- 6.10.4 The OHF shall forward the written decision or recommendation of the Panel to all parties within 24 hours of receiving that decision.
- 6.10.5 Unless the reasons have been included with the decision, the Chair shall communicate the Panel's reasons in writing, within 10 days following the Appeal hearing.
- 6.10.6 Reasons shall include:
- (a) a statement of the jurisdiction for the decision;
 - (b) a brief summary of any facts and/or issues the Panel found significant to its decision;
 - (c) the policy of the OHF and (if applicable) of Member applied to the case;
 - (d) reasons for the awarding or denial of costs pursuant to Regulation 6.9.2 (b).
- 6.10.7 Notwithstanding Regulation 6.10.4, when an Appeal hearing is completed on a Friday or Saturday:
- (a) the Chair shall communicate the Panel's decision to the OHF office not later than the next business day; and
 - (b) the OHF office shall forward the decision of the Panel, in writing, to all parties on the next business day following the receipt of the decision with reasons, where available.
- 6.10.8 Subject to the provisions of Regulation 6.10.7, where the time limit for doing anything under this By-Law expires or falls upon a Saturday, Sunday or other holiday, the time so limited extends to the next business day.
- 6.10.9 A decision of the Panel shall be final and binding on all parties, subject only to such further rights of Appeal as may be available under the Articles, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and/or Policies of Hockey Canada.
- 6.10.10 Notwithstanding Regulation 6.10.9, in extreme cases the Chair



of the Board and Executive Director may refer the Appeal to a new Panel to be reheard. If either or both have participated in the Appeal in any capacity, their places in reviewing and referring an Appeal for such a rehearing shall be taken by the First Vice President and/or the Second Vice President, in that order. If either of them cannot act since they participated in the Appeal, their place will be taken by the Secretary/Treasurer and/or Past President.

- 6.10.11 No person shall sit on a Panel who is the brother, brother-in-law, spouse, sister, sister-in-law, father, grandfather, mother, grandmother, daughter, son, aunt, uncle, employer, employee, counsel or agent of any party to an Appeal or any witness whether such witness gives evidence in person or in writing.
- 6.10.12 Where an issue that is not expressly covered by the provisions of Regulation 6 arises at the Appeal hearing, such issue shall be resolved in accordance with the rules of natural justice and in order to do justice between the parties in dispute having regard to the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of a Member, OHF or of Hockey Canada.

REGULATION 7: DISPUTE RESOLUTION REGISTRATION

7.1. Purpose

- 7.1.1 The Registration Committee shall be the mechanism that shall deal specifically with all matters of Registration or eligibility involving two or more Members of the OHF.

7.2. Composition

- 7.2.1 The Registration Committee shall consist of a Chair, being an individual appointed by the Chair of the Board, and four (4) other members, appointed from time to time by the Chair of the Board as follows. Each Member shall propose the names of two (2) of its Directors who will be eligible to sit on the Registration Committee from time to time. From those names the Chair of the Board shall select the other four (4) members of the Committee for each case or hearing. Among those four (4) members shall be one from each Member whose Registration and/or eligibility issues are to be resolved. The Chair will not vote, except to cast a deciding vote if in case of a tie.



7.2.2 The Chair of the Registration Committee shall preside at all hearings, meetings or conference calls dealing with applications as are referred to it by the Chair of the Board.

7.3. Application Procedures

7.3.1 Tampering

- (a) If tampering is alleged between Associations / Clubs in two Members, the signing officers of the Association / Club making the allegations shall file them directly with the OHF Office, accompanied by a \$50 (fifty dollar) filing fee (Regulation G5). If a tampering allegation is between Associations / Clubs of the same Member, refer to Regulation G6.
- (b) The filing shall include all necessary supporting documentation, including the Player's previous Registrations, information on residence (if applicable), information or evidence as to residence and any other relevant documents and/ or correspondence.
- (c) After obtaining the Association / Club contact information from the Members, the OHF shall forward the materials noted above to all parties.
- (d) The Association / Club shall provide, within seven (7) working days, a response including the Player's Registration, documentation validating eligibility, and a statement responding to the tampering allegations.
- (e) Failure to provide a response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in a finding of tampering (penalties outlined in Regulation G4).

7.3.2 Additional Registration / Eligibility Issues

- (a) A completed Registration Committee Application Form and fee shall be forwarded to the OHF office through the appropriate OHF Member. Any direct applications to the OHF Office will be referred to the appropriate Member.
- (b) The Application Form shall be accompanied by all necessary supporting documentation including the Player's previous Registration, information or evidence as to residence (if applicable), information on where the Player is allegedly registered and any other relevant documents



and/ or correspondence.

- (c) The Application Form and materials submitted to the OHF shall be forwarded to the applicable Member Office. This Member shall provide its response within seven (7) days, with such documentation considered by it plus any further supporting evidence.
- (d) Failure to provide such response within the seven (7) day timeframe will result in the committee finding in favour of the applicant. A fine of \$150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars), payable to the OHF, will be levied against the Member. Failure to remit the fine within thirty (30) days shall result in removal of that Member's voting privileges at Members' Meetings, until the outstanding fine is paid.

7.4. Jurisdiction

- 7.4.1 The appointed Committee shall determine facts and make decisions and / or orders in accordance with the powers conferred on it in Regulation 7.1.1 of the OHF and in compliance with the By-Laws, Regulations and Policies adopted or duly passed by the Board.
- 7.4.2 In matters involving tampering allegations, the Committee will conduct a hearing.
- 7.4.3 In all other matters, the decision as to whether to resolve the matter based on paper submissions or by way of a hearing is that of the Committee, in its sole discretion.

7.5. Notice

- 7.5.1 In all matters where a hearing, either in person or by way of conference call is being conducted, all parties are entitled to reasonable notice in writing of the date, time and location (where applicable). The hearing shall proceed with or without any of the parties being present.

7.6. Evidence/Examination

- 7.6.1 Any party to a Registration Committee hearing may:
 - (a) be represented by agent or counsel; and
- 7.6.2 tender evidence, documentation or oral testimony deemed by the Committee to be relevant, reliable and trustworthy.

7.7. In considering and determining questions with respect to any applica-



tion, the Committee may consider and act upon any kind of evidence, whether direct or circumstantial.

7.8. Appeal Hearing Procedure

7.8.1 A Registration Committee shall consider a matter within fifteen (15) days following the OHF's receipt of the application and fees. Extenuating circumstances may warrant an extension of the fifteen day requirement, in which case such determination shall be made exclusively by the OHF Chair of the Board.

7.8.2 All Committee meetings shall be closed meetings. All Committee hearings shall be closed hearings with only the parties involved being invited. Other parties will be allowed to attend only with the permission of the Committee Chair.

7.8.3 In all matters, the Registration Committee shall:

- (a) confirm that the matter is within its jurisdiction;
- (b) confirm that all documents and fees have been properly submitted; and
- (c) provide the attending parties the right to present their positions in accordance with due process and the rules of natural justice.

7.8.4 A Registration Committee meeting/hearing will be held either in person or via conference call. The committee will deliberate on the matter without the parties present.

7.8.5 All written submissions and evidence will be distributed to all parties and the Committee prior to the meeting/hearing.

7.9. Decision/Scope Of Decision/Right Of Appeal

7.9.1 Within two (2) business days of the conclusion of the meeting/hearing, the Committee shall forward its decision in writing to the OHF Executive Director, who will in turn inform the parties of the decision by the next business day.

7.9.2 All parties and all OHF Members shall be bound by the decision of the Registration Committee and all parties shall agree to take all such steps as are necessary to ensure compliance with its decision.

7.9.3 Appeals of a decision of the OHF Registration Committee shall be directed to the National Appeals Committee of Hockey Canada in accordance with Hockey Canada By-Law 56.2. At the com-



mencement 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.

- 7.9.4 If the Executive Director receives evidence indicating that there has been a contravention of any order or decision of the Registration Committee, the Executive Director will automatically refer the matter to the Board. The Board shall have ultimate authority over such matters and take necessary action as they see fit.

REGULATION 8: ASSOCIATE GROUPS

- 8.1. The Board may, in its discretion and subject to such terms and conditions as it sees fit to apply, admit as an Associate any Team, league or organization:
- 8.1.1 that operates a recognized hockey program that furthers the same objectives as the OHF;
 - 8.1.2 that operates pursuant to principles similar to those of the OHF,
 - 8.1.3 that has in place policies and procedures to address concerns such as Suspensions, abuse/harassment and appeals; and
 - 8.1.4 whose Associate relationship will not create undue risk to the OHF.
- 8.2. An applicant for Associate will complete and submit an Associate Application Form and supply any additional information or documentation required by the Board. The Board reserves the right, in its sole and unfettered discretion, to deny Associate relationship to any applicant.
- 8.3. Except as may be otherwise determined by the Board in any particular case, an Associate is subject to review, and renewal in the discretion of the Board, on an annual basis on a date fixed by the Board.
- 8.4. The rights and privileges accorded to each Associate will be determined by the Board. Such rights and privileges, including if applicable the Hockey Canada/OHF insurance program, will not apply during any unsanctioned event or competition.
- 8.5. An Associate will not have voting privileges at any OHF meeting, will not use the OHF Logo without the written consent of the Board and will not enter into or purport to enter into any obligations on behalf of the OHF.



- 8.6. An Associate will designate one individual to be its Official liaison with the OHF.
- 8.7. The fee, if any, to be paid by an Associate shall in each case be determined by the Board.

REGULATION 9: REFEREE-IN-CHIEF

- 9.1. The Referee-in-Chief will be appointed in even years at the first Board of Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Members for a two (year) term.
- 9.2. Procedure for Application:
 - 9.2.1 A call for applications will open ninety (90) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of Members.
 - 9.2.2 All applications for Referee-in-Chief must be submitted in writing to the Governance-Nominations Committee no later than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting of Members and include:
 - (a) Resume; and
 - (b) Criminal Record Check.
 - 9.2.3 The Nominations Committee will conduct a reference check of all eligible candidates with the Members they have participated with and submit up to three eligible candidates to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members.
 - 9.2.4 The Board of Directors will conduct an interview with each candidate submitted to them by the Nominations Committee.
 - 9.2.5 The Board of Directors will review all relevant information submitted to it by the Nominations Committee and relevant information from the interview to determine the individual that they will appoint. The appointment will require a majority vote of the Directors present subject to quorum.
 - 9.2.6 If there are no applicants for the Referee in Chief, thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Members, the Board will approach an individual that has the requirements to be appointed.
- 9.3. Eligibility for the position of Referee-in-Chief:



- 9.3.1 Any individual that has the requirements outlined in the job description set by the Board from time to time is eligible to stand for appointment.
- 9.3.2 The Referee-In-Chief cannot be an employee or Director of the OHF or an employee or director of a Member or member of a Member.
- 9.3.3 The Referee-In-Chief can be a Life Member of a Member or a member of a Member but cannot participate (i.e. vote, attend meeting or consult) with the Member or member of a Member.
- 9.3.4 The Referee-In-Chief must not be the Referee-in-Chief or equivalent of a Member or member of a Member for the seasons in which they are seeking election.
- 9.3.5 The Referee-In-Chief appointed that holds a current position as set out in 9.3.2, 9.3.3 and 9.3.4 must resign that involvement within fifteen (15) days.

REGULATION 10: LIFE PATRON

10.1. Qualifications For Nominations

- 10.1.1 Life Patron may be granted to an individual who has served a minimum of ten (10) years on the Board(s) of the OHF and/or one or more of its Members, with a minimum of five (5) of those years in service to the Board of the OHF, and who has rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the OHF, having performed enough work and shown sufficient initiative to suggest that the individual would be likely to continue to bring credit to the OHF.

10.2. Nominations Of Candidates

- 10.2.1 In November of each year a Life Patron Bulletin will be sent to the Board advising them that nominations for election to the Life Patron are open until 60 (sixty) days prior to the next Semi-Annual Meeting of Members.
- 10.2.2 A nomination for Life Patron may be submitted only by a Director of the OHF.
- 10.2.3 Each candidate must be endorsed by three (3) Members.
- 10.2.4 Once a Member endorses a nomination, that same Member may not endorse any other nomination. Accordingly a maxi-



imum of two (2) individuals may be nominated in any year.

10.2.5 A completed Life Patron Nomination Form together with endorsements must be filed with the Executive Director sixty (60) days prior to the Semi Annual Meeting of Members.

10.2.6 The file for each nomination shall not be retained for subsequent selections.

10.3. Election Of Life Patrons

10.3.1 The vote for Life Patron shall be conducted at the Semi Annual Meeting of Members by secret ballot. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with By-Law III – Article 9.1.

10.3.2 For Life Patron to be granted, a minimum 75% of the eligible votes cast and not spoiled must be in favour of the nomination.

10.3.3 In the event that there are two (2) candidates, the names of both candidates will appear on the ballot and votes may be cast for one, both, or neither of the candidates.





PLAYING REGULATIONS



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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

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) OHF Championship hosts will be determined through an open bid to the OHF. All bids must be endorsed by the proposed host association and their affiliated Member. Final approval of hosts will be determined by the Board. Withdrawal of a hosting commitment after approval may result in penalties against the offending Member and/or association.
- (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 1st 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) OHF Championships for Minor Hockey will be conducted April 19-21, 2024.
- (g) The Board 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 (<i>in order from highest Category to lowest</i>)	Age Limits
Senior	AAA, AA, A	Open
Junior**	Major, A, B, C	Under 21 years of age as of December 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st of the current season
U9	MD, Select, House League, Local League – Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U9 Player Pathway	Under 9 years of age as of December 31st of the current season
U7 (Initiation)	MD, Select, House League, Local League – Tiering of Players with no Streaming of Players in accordance with the U7 Player Pathway	Under 8 years of age as of December 31st of the current season

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

***Any House League offering Select in these age groups must provide an equal opportunity for any player who wishes to participate, regardless of that Players skill level.

- 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 U18 U18 Female	Maximum of twenty-five (25) registrants
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:
- Twenty-five (25) eligible Players in the case of Junior Male Teams and U21 Male Teams;
 - Twenty (20) in the case of the highest level of male and female U18 hockey.
 - 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 in Junior Hockey

- 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 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be registered after June 1st of the current season. Surrender Of Allotment
- C14 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. 7
 - (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.



- C15 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) Player Evaluation 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 Player Evaluation at U18 AAA must attend a Player Evaluation 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 attend Player Evaluations and play where they reside or if unable to attend Player Evaluations, make themselves available to the organization to be offered a Registration if the organi-



zation so wishes, except as provided herein.

- E20 A Player shall complete such reasonable written information as required by a Team to permit attendance at Player Evaluations
- 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 attend Player Evaluations, 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 U11, U13, U15 and U16 (E31-E43)

- E31 A Player requiring a written Release to change Clubs at U11, 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 in accordance with G4, 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 in accordance with G4.

Note: AAA Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations.
- E39 A Player on a AAA Waiver may attend Player Evaluations 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 the Ontario Hockey Federation prior to registering with a new association.
- (c) The Player is required to complete the OHF Minor Hockey Player Transfer Form (For Residential Moves) ("Transfer Form") in full and submit with at minimum the following mandatory supporting documents, however in accordance with Regulation E21 further documentation may be requested by the OHF to validate:
 - 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.
- iv. An utility bill or cable/internet bill, showing service address. (Note – cell phone bills or bank statements will not be accepted.)
 - v. A copy of the parent(s)/guardian(s) driver's license or Ontario Photo Card
 - 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).
- (d) The OHF through the validation process will either approve or deny the Minor Hockey Player Transfer and inform the incoming and outgoing Minor Members of the decision which is final and binding.
 - (e) Applications that are denied by the OHF may be appealed to the National Appeals Committee according to Hockey Canada By-Law 56.2.
 - (f) 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.
 - (g) 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.
 - (h) 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 sub-



mitted as part of the Application. Failure to do so may result in the same penalties as set forth in Playing Regulation E9 and E10.

- (i) 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 OHF in consultation with the incoming and outgoing Minor Member, may grant temporary permission for the Player to attend Player Evaluations in the new residential Centre provided that all information regarding the proposed move has been submitted to the OHF 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 (d), to confirm that a residential move has taken place. These documents must be provided to the OHF by the date of occupancy of the new address. Once these documents are received, and the OHF 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.

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) Player Evaluation Schedule and Procedures

- i. Players must follow the Player Evaluation 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 Player Evaluations beginning the first day after the OHF Championships.
- iii. Players may register with Teams prior to the fall Player Evaluation 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 Player Evaluations.

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: PLAYER EVALUATIONS, TIERING AND TAMPERING

Note: Divisions are inclusive of Subdivisions (i.e. U15 includes U14, U11 includes U10 etc.)

- 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 Player Evaluations for U11 Division and above
- (a) No Player Evaluations 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 to U18. This does not include non-Team development opportunities provided within the guidelines of Regulation G4.



- (b) No Player Evaluations or related on or off-ice activities directly or indirectly (including skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, etc.) may be conducted prior to the Saturday of the OHF Championships for Minor Hockey Divisions of U11 to U13. This does not include non-Team development opportunities provided within the guidelines of Regulation G4.
- (c) Except at U18, Player Evaluations for AA, A and lower levels may not begin until the day after completion of AAA Player Evaluations within their Centre/zone. Minor Hockey Player Evaluations at the AAA level must be completed by a date declared by the Centre/zone, but no later than seven (7) days following the first day of Player Evaluations for the respective Category.

Note: The NOHA is exempt from spring Player Evaluations.

- (d) All Players attending Player Evaluations 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) Any written permission to attend Player Evaluations is deemed invalid once a Player is Registered for the current season.
- (g) Written permission to attend Player Evaluations 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 Player Evaluations for U11 and above (excluding U18 AAA which will follow Regulation K)

- (a) For the U11 and U13 Division there are no Player Evaluations, or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the previous season and inclusive of March until the Saturday of the OHF Championships. Players at U11 and U13 are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive the Friday of OHF Championships.
- (b) For the U15 and U18 Division there are no Player Evaluations, or related on or off-ice evaluation activities allowed during the pre-



vious season and inclusive of March until the Monday following the OHF Championships. Players at U15 and U18 are Registered Participants of their previous season's Team up to and inclusive of the OHF Championships.

- (c) The non-Team Development Opportunities are eligible to begin March 2 and a minimum of four (4) skill sessions must be provided by a Minor Hockey Association or a group of Minor Hockey Associations or Member to all Players. Players are not required to attend the preparation skates, attendance does not impact eligibility to attend player evaluation. Requirements for the eligibility of preparation skates are as follows:
- i. Only players no longer engaged in regular season, or playoffs, or playdowns, or similar (as determined by the Member) permitted to participate;
 - ii. May not be utilized to conduct formal or informal player evaluations;
 - iii. Team Personnel for the following season not permitted to deliver preparation phase ice sessions or be in attendance to evaluate;
 - iv. May not be implemented per Category (i.e. A, AA, AAA);
 - v. Recommend implementing ice sessions for multiple Divisions (ex. U13, U14, U15 grouped together);
 - vi. Ice sessions must be focused on individual skill development;
 - vii. Players resident of a AAA Zone will be able to participate in preparation skates with their residential AAA Zone or Home Centre;
 - viii. Players on AAA Waivers in the current season if eligible to remain, will be able to participate with their current AAA Zone, their residential AAA Zone or Home Centre; and
 - ix. Further regulations specific to eligibility in the LOR are in Regulation H.
- (ci) All Players must have at least three (3) on-ice Player Evaluations (one skills, one small area game, and one formal game inter-squad or exhibition) prior to any cuts being made. Minor Hockey Associations do not get to retain Players after Day 4 of the Player



Evaluation process if the association does not off three (3) Player Evaluations.

- (e) 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.
- (f) For AA and below hockey outside of the Lake Ontario Region Regulation G4(d) does not apply.
- (g) Teams must conduct Player Evaluations and offer Player Registrations within the following timelines:



MARCH TO OCTOBER U11-U13

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
End of Season (At least March 2)	^Prep Phase Start			OHF Champs	^*AAA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	*AAA - Day 2
Prep Phase Permitted to Start	Continues until the Friday of OHF Championships					
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
*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 AAA Player Evaluation Phase Ends	***AA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	***AA - Day 2
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
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 Player Evaluation Phase Ends	¥ A & Below Player Evaluation Phase Starts	¥ A & Below – Day 2
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21
¥ 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 Player Evaluation Phase Ends	Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams	
Day 22	Approximately 6-7 week period					End of June
Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams						
July						August
Associations and Members can provide sanctioned individual skills training or hockey schools that operate based on Regulation G4(b)					Team based team builders no exhibition games week prior to Labour Day	No programming
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Labour Day	U11 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

U11 and above Tournaments may begin.

MARCH TO OCTOBER U15-U18 (Excludes U18 AAA)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
End of Season (At least March 2)				OHF Champs	OHF Champs	OHF Champs
Prep Phase Permitted to Start	Continues until end of OHF Championships					Prep Phase Ends
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
^*AAA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	*AAA - Day 2	*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 AAA Player Evaluation Phase Ends
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14
AA Player Evaluation Phase Starts	***AA - Day 2	***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 Player Evaluation Phase Ends
Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21



¥ A & Below Player Evaluation Phase Starts	¥ A & Below – Day 2	¥ 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 Player Evaluation Phase Ends
Day 22	Approximately 6-7 week period					End of June
Limited (1-2 times per week) programming focused on skill development with teams						
July						August
No Sanctioned Team based activities allowed						
August	3 Weeks					Labour Day Weekend
Associations and Members can provide sanctioned individual skills training or hockey schools that operate based on Regulation G4(b)					Team based team builders no exhibition games week prior to Labour Day	No programming
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	U11 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
				U11 and above Tournaments may begin.		
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27

(h) At U11 and above the following legend applies:

- i. ^The non-Team Development Opportunities requirements must be complete prior to the Saturday of the OHF Championships for U11 and U13 and the Monday follow-



- ing the OHF Championships for U15 and U18.
- ii. ^ All U11 and U13 AAA player evaluation must begin on the Saturday of the OHF Championships and for U15 and U18 the Monday following the OHF Championships.
 - iii.* 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).
 - iv.** All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulations G4(d) are provided a AAA Waiver or Release (LOR).
 - v. ‡ 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).
 - vi. ^^ Lake Ontario Region AA player evaluations begin and A player evaluations in the Lake Ontario Region Perimeter.
 - vii. *** 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.
 - viii. **** All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
 - ix. †† 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).
 - x. ¥ A and below Player Evaluations Phase begins.
 - xi. ¥¥ All Players if not offered a position in accordance with Regulation G4(d) are provided Release (LOR only).
 - xii. ¥¥¥ 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).
 - xiii. U11 and above House League hockey will follow the schedule in G3 for U7 (Initiation) and U9.



(i) Development Phase and Tournaments for U11 and above

- i. For the Divisions of U11 and above Teams selected in the spring can run Team building activities with no exhibition games the last week of August. Following Labour Day Monday there is a twenty-seven (27) day Development Phase where teams may only practice and play a maximum of four (4) exhibition games and/or one Tournament in in accordance with G4(i).
- ii. For the Divisions of U11 and beginning the eighteenth (18) day after Labour Day Monday Tournaments may begin.

G5 U11 and above player evaluations for AA and below outside of the LOR that did not operate spring player evaluations will conduct evaluations based on the below calendar:

- (a) The following legend applies to the Teams operating fall Player Evaluations:
 - i. *AA and below Player Evaluations are able to begin.
 - ii. ** 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.
 - iii. ***Development Phase begins and continues to at least Day 27 from Labour Day Monday. However any Team whose evaluations begin after Day 7 from Labour Day Monday must conduct at least two (2) weeks of Development Phase.



U11 AND ABOVE FALL PLAYER EVALUATIONS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
Labour Day	Prep Phase	Prep Phase	Prep Phase	Prep Phase	*AA and below Player Evaluation Phase Starts	*AA and below- Day 2
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
*AA and below- Day 3	*AA and below - Day 4 ****In order to retain a Player the Team must offer a Player Registration by the end of the fourth day.	**AA and below- Day 5	**AA and below - Day 6	**AA and below – Day 7	***AA and below Development Phase Begins	Development Phase
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase First Day of Tournaments	Development Phase	Development Phase
Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase	Development Phase
Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 31	Day 32	Day 33	Day 34
Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase	Regular Season Phase

- 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 attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations at AAA, at AA to attend Player Evaluations at AA, and at A to attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations.
- H6 A Player in the LOR on a AAA Waiver must comply with the AAA Waiver Playing Regulations E31-E44 and G4.
- 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.

Player Evaluations/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 attend Player Evaluations with another Team in the LOR.



- H9 A Player at U10 to U18 (except U18 AAA) must comply with the Player Evaluation timelines contained in Regulation G4.
- H10 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.
- H11 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.
- H12 Any Player who resides outside the LOR is not eligible to attend Player Evaluations 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, a Player is eligible in compliance with E43 to participate in Player Evaluations and does not require the LOR Permission to Skate Form, as long as the Player presents the AAA Waiver Form(s) at Player Evaluations).
- H13 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

- H14 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.
- H15 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.
- H16 An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player at U10 to U13 who does not attend the majority of Player Evaluations 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.
- H17 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.
- H18 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 Player Evaluation sessions is automatically Released for that Division and Category. If the Centre/AAA Zone does not provide Player Evaluations for a Team in a specific Division and Category then the Player is automatically Released for that Division and Category.

Markham Programs

- H19 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 Credit River, Richmond Hill And Markham

H20 The LOR has extended boundaries from the normal Association boundaries. This is due to the AAA Zones of Credit River, 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:

- (a) The area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association is part of the Credit River AAA Zone. Players from this area as part of the Credit River AAA Zone are Imports to AAA GTHL Teams and are non-imports to OMHA perimeter Centres of the LOR at AAA only. Orangeville Minor Hockey is also part of the Credit River AAA Zone but is not an extended Boundary of the LOR, as such Players from Orangeville Minor Hockey will follow the AAA Waiver process with their Home AAA Zone being Credit River.
- (b) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey is part of the Richmond Hill AAA Zone. Players from this area 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.
- (c) 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

H21 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

- H22 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.
- H23 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.
- H24 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.
- H25 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.
- H26 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.
- H27 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)

- H28 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.
- H29 Teams in the LOR may have Registered at any one time, no more than the allowed Import number for that Team.
- H30 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.
- H31 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

- H32 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.
- H33 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.
- H34 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.
- H35 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.

- H36 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.
- H37 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 Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations 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 Attend Player Evaluations 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 Attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations in accordance with Playing Regulations K3-K5.

Player Evaluations

- K12 Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluations 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 attend Player Evaluation 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.





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1. CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL PHILOSOPHY: PUTTING CANADA AND THE CANADIAN SYSTEM FIRST

- 1.1 The Canadian Development Model was developed out of the desire to create a uniform system for the progression and development of Canadian hockey Players within the club system in Canada.

Our objective is to develop a Canadian hockey model that provides Canadian Players with a program that meets their entire hockey and education needs within Canada.

We have always believed that the current Canadian development system is the best in the world and our success on the world stage supports that statement, but there are a few things to keep in mind.

We cannot rely on past successes. We must always strive to improve what we do, not just to win gold medals, but also so that we continue to be world sports leaders and offer our participants the opportunities needed to be the best that they can be while always remembering to put the athlete first.

We must also do a much better job of telling people we have the best programs and the best options for the participants. That is why you will see a comprehensive communications strategy that will get the message out that we are the best and are striving to stay the best. Hockey Canada wants our Players to have all the information when they choose what path their hockey career should take. Hockey Canada firmly believes that when they have all the information, they will choose Canada and the Canadian system.

Is there work to do? Of course. We need to expand education opportunities. We need more options for Players graduating from Junior hockey. We need to keep examining everything from recreational to high performance hockey to ensure that what we are doing is the best it can be, regardless of the stream, and that it is in the participant's best interests.

2. GLOSSARY / DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 All definitions contained in the OHF Regulations will also apply to the OHF Canadian Development Model Policy unless specifically defined differently below within these definitions.
- 2.2 Affiliate – Means to participate as an Affiliate Player or to be selected as an Affiliate Player.



- 2.3 Affiliate Player – Refers to a Player who is eligible to participate with a higher Division/Category Team, in accordance with Hockey Canada, OHF and Member Affiliation Regulations. This is to be done in emergency circumstances or for evaluation purposes and must be done in accordance with the direction set out in this document.
- 2.4 Category – means the various levels of Junior Hockey, including Major Junior, Junior A, Junior B and Junior C.
- 2.5 CDM: - Abbreviated form for “Canadian Development Model”.
- 2.6 CHL - Abbreviated form for the “Canadian Hockey League”.
- 2.7 Division – means the classes of Hockey operated within Hockey Canada including, without limitation, Midget and Junior Hockey.
- 2.8 FAQ - Abbreviated form for “Frequently Asked Questions”.
- 2.9 Highest Level of Midget Hockey - As determined by the Hockey Canada Member, this is the top level of Midget hockey available to the Player.
- 2.10 Junior Hockey - Open to Players aged twenty (20) years and younger, including Players as young as sixteen (16) years of age, where permissible, during the current playing season. In general, the term “Junior” shall refer to all categories of Junior hockey.
- 2.11 Local Player – A Player who resides and has resided in the same community as the Team is based and has played their Minor hockey in the same community as the Team is based.
- 2.12 Major Junior - Teams playing at the CHL level within the Ontario Hockey League (OHL), Quebec Major Junior Hockey League (QMJHL), or Western Hockey League (WHL).
- 2.13 Midget AAA - For reference purposes, this shall be the designation for the highest level of Midget hockey played in any Hockey Canada Member.
- 2.14 Permanent Affiliate - A Player who Registers on a lower Category Team or a lower Division Team for the express purpose of Affiliating on a fulltime basis to a higher Category Team or higher Division Team.
- 2.15 Register - To have completed and signed a Hockey Canada Player’s Registration or equivalent (i.e. electronic registration) for the current playing season. To Register means to be a member of a Team whose roster is registered with a Hockey Canada Member.
- 2.16 Rural/Remote Provision: - A provision in the CDM to ensure that fifteen (15) and sixteen (16) year old Players who live in a rural/remote area



(as designated by the Hockey Canada Member) are allowed to play Junior C hockey where there is no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for fifteen (15) year old Players and no access or reasonable access to Midget AAA for sixteen (16) year old Players. Hockey Canada Members, at their discretion, are encouraged to use this provision in such a way that Players are not forced from the game because of a lack of a Midget program in a rural area.

3. AFFILIATION

3.1 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER

3.1.1 There will be no Affiliation to Junior Hockey for Players fourteen (14) years of age and younger – no exceptions.

3.2 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER

3.2.1 There will be limited Affiliation to Junior Hockey for Players fifteen (15) years of age in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F and specifically Regulation F.17.

3.3 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER AND OLDER

3.3.1 A Player sixteen (16) years of age or older will Affiliate in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F and specifically Regulations F.14-16.

3.4 AFFILIATION FAQ

Is affiliation the same for Minor to Minor as Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior?

No. Hockey Canada Members have the autonomy to adjust the number of games for Minor to Minor Affiliation at levels that do not compete for Regional and National Championships in accordance with Hockey Canada Regulation F.15(b). Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior affiliation will follow Hockey Canada Regulation F.

Am I still restricted in the number of games I can play as an affiliate after January 10?

Yes, specifically for Minor to Minor affiliation there may be a restriction based on the Hockey Canada Members application of F15b). For Minor to Junior and Junior to Junior Affiliation the Players are restricted to ten (10) games with the Affiliate Team(s) from the beginning of the season to end of their registered Teams season.

Is there still a maximum number of sixteen (16) year old Players that can dress for a game?



No. There is a maximum number of sixteen (16) year old Players that can Register with a Junior Team; however, a Junior Team may dress more than that maximum of sixteen (16) year old Players through Affiliation.

Can I make a Player a Permanent Affiliate?

Permanent Affiliates are not permitted.

Can Players sixteen (16) years of age and older Affiliate to two (2) Junior Teams?

Yes, they may Affiliate to two (2) Teams of a different Category, (i.e.: Midget AAA to Junior A or B and Major Junior) for a total of ten (10) games per Affiliate Team

If I do not Affiliate as a fifteen (15) year old to a Major Junior Team, can I affiliate to two (2) Junior A Teams and if so, for how many games?

You can play a maximum of five (5) games with a Major Junior Team and a maximum of five (5) games with a Junior A or B Team. It is Major Junior and Junior A or B. If you do not Affiliate with a Major Junior Team as a fifteen (15) year old, you are restricted to five (5) games with either a Junior A or B Team (but not both).

Can a fifteen (15) year old practice with a Major Junior or Junior A or B Team?

Yes, provided that they are listed as an Affiliate and have approval from their Midget Team.

4. PLAYER LIMITS

- 4.1 The CDM recognizes the best place for the vast majority of sixteen (16) year old Players to play is Midget, but also acknowledges that a limited number of sixteen (16) year old Players possess the ability to play a level of hockey higher than Midget AAA.
- 4.2 Players sixteen (16) years of age will be allowed to Register and participate in Junior Hockey under the guidelines indicated in the following Player matrix:

Major Junior	4 Players per Team
Junior A	2 Players Per Team
Junior B	2 Players Per Team



Junior C

1 (local)

5. RURAL/REMOTE DESIGNATIONS

- 5.1 The guiding principle for the Rural / Remote designation is that there must be no access or no reasonable access to Midget hockey for Players seeking an exception to the CDM. Hockey Canada Members, at their discretion, are encouraged to use this provision in such a way that Players are not forced from the game because of a lack of a Midget program in a rural area.
- 5.2 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 5.2.1 This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player.
- 5.3 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 5.3.1 Fifteen (15) year old Players may be allowed to participate in Junior C hockey under this rural/remote provision if there is no reasonable access to a Midget program available (as determined at the Hockey Canada Member's discretion). Hockey Canada Members shall have the discretion needed to ensure Players age fifteen (15) can play Junior C hockey if they have no other options so these Players are not displaced from the game. Permanent Affiliations from Junior C to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Hockey Canada Members that have limited or no Junior C hockey shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B.
- 5.3.2 Any Affiliation to any level of Junior Hockey by any fifteen (15) year old Player may only occur as described in Hockey Canada Regulation F.17.
- 5.4 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 5.4.1 Sixteen (16) year old Players may be allowed to participate in Junior C hockey under this rural/remote provision if the Player has no reasonable access to Midget AAA hockey. Hockey Canada Members shall have the discretion needed to ensure Players age sixteen (16) can play Junior C if they have no other options so these Players are not displaced from the game. Permanent Affiliations from Junior C to Junior A/B or Major Junior will not be allowed. Hockey Canada Members that have limited or no Junior C hockey



shall have the discretion to designate similar status to Junior B.

5.5 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

5.5.1 This provision is not applicable to the seventeen (17) year old Player.

5.6 RURAL/REMOTE FAQ

Will the Hockey Canada Members be empowered to render decisions on questions on local issues arising from the implementation of the CDM?

Yes, and they are encouraged to do so. Decisions should be made within the direction and philosophy of the CDM while being sensitive to Hockey Canada Member needs. Hockey Canada only asks to be copied on any decisions.

Are there exceptions for aboriginal communities?

Yes, there are certain exceptions that apply specifically to aboriginal communities. One example is granting exceptions to aboriginal Players to allow them to play on Junior Teams on the reserve where they live. Players who reside in an aboriginal community and have played their Minor hockey in that aboriginal community may be allowed to participate in Junior C at ages fifteen (15) and sixteen (16). In order to qualify under this provision, the Hockey Canada Member shall have the discretion to determine eligibility based on their respective residency regulations.

What distances are considered in determining whether a suitable Midget AAA hockey opportunity is available for a Player?

Hockey Canada Members, at their discretion, can determine what is best within the principles and philosophies of the CDM.

At what point does it become too inconvenient to play Midget AAA hockey versus Junior hockey?

Hockey Canada Members, at their discretion, can make that decision based on the principles and philosophies of the CDM. Hockey Canada only asks to be copied on any decisions around the CDM.

6. LOCAL PLAYER DESIGNATION

6.1 In order to ensure that Players who are not likely to play hockey at the Junior A or Major Junior level are not displaced from the game, the CDM includes a Local Player provision to assist communities where a Junior C program is offered as opposed to a Midget AAA program.



6.2 There are two (2) criteria which are critical in determining a Local Player.

6.2.1 The first one is the geographic area that defines a Local Player. Hockey Canada Members have the discretion to designate this area as they feel is in their best interest, while using the CDM definition of local as a guideline.

6.2.2 The second is the concept of the local Midget AAA Team having “first right” to a local sixteen (16) year old. Earlier in this document it states that a sixteen (16) year old can only play as a Local Player if they resides in the community where the Team is located and they has no reasonable access to Midget AAA hockey or is incapable of playing Midget AAA hockey. To ensure as smooth a process as possible, the following is suggested:

6.2.2.1. Hockey Canada Members should put a process in place whereby a sixteen (16) year old Player must secure a Release or waiver from the local Midget AAA Team prior to being allowed to Register with the Junior C Team. Remember, the Player must not have reasonable access to a Midget AAA Team or must be incapable of playing Midget AAA hockey prior to Registering as a Junior Player.

6.3 LOCAL PLAYER FAQ

Where did this waiver business come from?

Language in an earlier CDM document suggested that the only way you could be deemed a Local Player is if you live in the same community, etc. and there is no top level Midget hockey available in that community. Given that Midget AAA hockey boundaries within a Hockey Canada Member collectively encompass all of that Member’s geographic region, a situation was created where it was improbable for any Player to have Local Player status because all Players would have had access to top level midget hockey and therefore, by definition, could not be deemed a Local Player. As that was never the intent, we developed a process where a Player could get a waiver or permission to skate or whatever you want to call it, so they could Register as a Local Player with his Junior C Team if their is waived by their local Midget AAA Team.

I have asked my Midget Team for a waiver so I can register with the Junior C Team in my hometown and they have refused, can they do this?

If a waiver is refused they must offer you a Registration. They cannot



have it both ways.

What age of Player may seek Local Player status?

Please refer to Section 11 below.

7. EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS

- 7.1 Appeals for Exceptional Player Status will only be entertained for Players fifteen (15) years of age attempting to register with any of the CHL Leagues/Teams. Please contact your Hockey Canada Member for an Exceptional Player application, if applicable.
- 7.2 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 7.2.1 This provision is NOT available to the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player.
- 7.3 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 7.3.1 This provision is ONLY available to the fifteen (15) year old Player that qualifies and ONLY at the Major Junior level.
- 7.4 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 7.4.1 This provision is NOT available to the sixteen (16) year old Player.
- 7.5 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 7.5.1 This provision is NOT available to the seventeen (17) year old Player.

8. INTER-MEMBER TRANSFERS FOR THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER

- 8.1 Seventeen (17) year old Players should be able to play at their desired level of hockey, whether that be Midget hockey or Junior hockey, provided that they play within the appropriate geographic area as defined by the respective Hockey Canada Member.
- 8.2 Please review Hockey Canada Regulation H.1(b). As per H.1(b), Hockey Canada recognizes agreements between the following Hockey Canada Members:
- 8.2.1 The Hockey Canada Members within the Maritime Junior Hockey League: HPEI, HNS, and HNB.
- 8.2.2 The Hockey Canada Members within Ontario: OHF, HEO, and HNO.
- 8.2.3 Hockey North and Hockey Alberta.



8.2.4 Hockey North and BC Hockey.

- 8.3 Any seventeen (17) year old Player that finds himself in a situation where an appeal of this Regulation is desired, please review the section on appeals contained in this document.

9. APPEALS

- 9.1 As the Hockey Canada Member has discretionary capabilities in certain areas, a Hockey Canada Member's decision will be final and binding on the applicant. An appeal pertaining to discretionary matters within the CDM will only be heard at the Hockey Canada level (National Appeals Committee) in instances where the Hockey Canada Member is perceived to have committed a procedural error.
- 9.2 In order to deal with questions and appeals surrounding the CDM, Hockey Canada Members are encouraged to use their current appeal process or to establish a separate CDM Committee structure that deals only with requests stemming from the CDM.
- 9.3 THE FOURTEEN (14) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 9.3.1 The CDM does not grant the Hockey Canada Member any discretion regarding the fourteen (14) year old and younger Player and therefore, the appeal process is not open to that Player.
- 9.4 THE FIFTEEN (15) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 9.4.1 As the CDM grants the Hockey Canada Member certain discretion regarding the fifteen (15) year old Player, the Hockey Canada Member may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. an appeal will only be heard at the national level in instances where the Hockey Canada Member made a procedural error in making their decision.
- 9.5 THE SIXTEEN (16) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 9.5.1 As the CDM grants the Hockey Canada Member certain discretion regarding the sixteen (16) year old Player, the Hockey Canada Member may entertain such requests. Their decision is final and binding. an appeal will only be heard at the national level in instances where the Hockey Canada Member made a procedural error in making their decision.
- 9.6 THE SEVENTEEN (17) YEAR OLD PLAYER
- 9.6.1 Seventeen (17) year old Players should be able to play



at their desired level of hockey, whether that be Midget hockey or Junior hockey, provided that they play within the appropriate geographic area as defined by the respective Hockey Canada Member. Should a Player wish to appeal for an Inter-Member Transfer at the national level, they may do so by following the procedure set forth in Hockey Canada By-Law 52. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

9.7 PLAYERS SEVENTEEN (17) YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER (USA HOCKEY TO HOCKEY CANADA)

9.7.1 Players wishing to obtain a transfer to Hockey Canada from USA Hockey, and who are NOT moving with their parent(s), are not permitted to do so under Regulation H.1(a). Should the Player wish to challenge this Regulation, the Player is required to file an appeal with the Hockey Canada National Appeals Committee as per the procedure set forth in Hockey Canada By-Law 52 and the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada. In this instance, the decision of the National Appeals Committee is final and binding.

9.8 Please note that appeals heard at the national level by the Hockey Canada National Appeals Committee are typically driven by the incoming Team via the anticipated new Hockey Canada Member (registration appeals). Exceptions to this procedure occur when the appeal is classified as an “individual appeal”. In these types of appeals, the appellant may go directly to Hockey Canada to file the appeal. All appeals made to Hockey Canada must follow the procedure set forth in Hockey Canada By-Law 52 and the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada.

9.9 All appeals must be filed in accordance with the timelines in the Appeal Procedures of Hockey Canada.

10. IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES HOCKEY CANADA MEMBER DISCRETION CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT MODEL IN THE ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION

10.1 CLARIFICATIONS RURAL / REMOTE

10.1.1 The Rural/Remote Provision applies to situations where there is no Midget AAA Hockey in the area of the Junior C Team. At the present time there does not appear to be any Rural/Remote cases in the OHF, but an example from another province is - Fort McMurray Alberta has a Junior C



Team and the nearest Midget AAA playing opportunity is Edmonton, Alberta approximately 250km away.

- 10.1.2 All Junior C Teams that believe they have a Player who is eligible to seek relief under the Rural/Remote Provision will have to apply to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations according to the process provided for below.

10.2 DEVELOPMENT / RELEASE FEES

- 10.2.1 The CDM Committee will be reviewing Development / Release Fees as one of their items. at present though there is no national guideline for Development / Release Fees for a Player going from Minor to Junior. OHF Regulation E96 governs all Development / Release Fees within the OHF.

10.3 OHF COMMITTEE FOR CDM SITUATIONS

- 10.3.1 There are multiple places where decisions may be required to be made around the Canadian Development Model based on the interpretations of the Hockey Canada Member. To deal with situations for this season the OHF Committee for CDM Situations will include the OHF Directors and members from the OHF Appeals Committee. A panel will be formed for each case from the committee members, and will consist of three members including at least one (1) member from the OHF Directors and one (1) member from the Appeals Committee.

- 10.3.2 Application Process to the OHF Committee for CDM Situations

10.3.2.1 All applications for relief from the CDM Model Documents provided, must be in writing accompanied by a cheque for the non-refundable fee of \$150.00 to the Ontario Hockey Federation.

10.3.2.2 All applications will be dealt with by way of a paper hearing.

10.4 15 YEAR OLDS AT JUNIOR CAMPS

- 10.4.1 All 15 year old Players are not allowed to participate in a Junior Team's training camp on or after September 1, and must return to their Midget programs.

10.5 AFFILIATING MORE THAN 10 GAMES TO AN AFFILIATE TEAM

- 10.5.1 A Player that has affiliated 10 games with their Affiliate Team will be ineligible to Affiliate with that Affiliate Team after



that 10th game, until their Registered Team's regular season and playoffs are complete. The Member's current sanctions for playing an ineligible Player will be followed.

11. OHF INTERPRETATIONS

11.1 The application of the Local Player in Ontario will operate under the following regulations:

11.1.1 Local Player only applies to a 16 year Player.

11.1.2 The determination of whether a Player could qualify as a Local Player will be based on the Junior C Team's local Minor Hockey drawing area according to the OHA Drawing Zones below.

11.2 Team Drawing Areas:

11.2.1 Western Junior C

Goderich	Huron/Middlesex (excludes London MHA)
Hanover	Grey/Bruce/Wellington except city of Guelph
Kincardine	Grey/Bruce/Huron
Mitchell	Oxford/Perth/Huron
Mount Forest	Grey/Bruce
Walkerton	Grey/Bruce/Wellington except city of Guelph
Warton	Grey/Bruce
Wingham	Huron/Perth/Bruce

11.2.2 Great Lakes Junior C

Alvinston	Middlesex/Lambton
Belle River	Essex
Blenheim	Kent/Lambton, West Lorne MHA
Dresden	Kent/Lambton, Glencoe Minor

Essex	Essex
Kingsville	Essex
Mooretown	Kent/Lambton
Wallaceburg	Kent/Lambton
South Point	Essex, Wheatley MHA

11.2.3 Georgian Bay – Mid Ontario Junior C

Alliston	Simcoe County, Shelborne MHA, Town of Caledon
Bradford	York
Erin	Wellington (excludes Guelph MHA, includes Orange-ville MHA) Peel County North of the Hwy 401
Fergus	Wellington
Midland	Simcoe
Penetang	Simcoe, Halton County South to Britannia Road
Schomberg	York County, Beeton, Tottenham & Caledon MHA
Stayner	Simcoe County, Thornbury MHA

11.2.4 Central Ontario Junior C

Goergina	York, Bearverton MHA
Lakefield	Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough
Little Britain	Haliburton, Victoria, Peterborough
Port Perry	Durham
Uxbridge	Durham, Stouffville MHA



11.2.5 Niagara District Junior C – East

Caledonia	Six Nations Indian Reserve, Haldimand/Hamilton, Wentworth / Norfolk
Chippawa	Niagara Region
Dundas	Hamilton Wentworth
Dunnville	Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant/Niagara Region
Glanbrook	Hamilton Wentworth
Grimsby	Niagara Region, Town of Stony Creek

11.2.6 Niagara District Junior C – West

Aylmer	Elgin/Thames Centre (Dorches-ter/ Thorndale/Nilestown)
New Hamburg	Waterloo & New Hamburg MHA/ Perth
Norwich	Brant/Oxford/Norfolk/Haldimand
Paris	Brant/Oxford/Waterloo
Simcoe	Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant
Woodstock	Oxford/Perth



11.2.7 Empire Hockey League

Amherstview	Frontenac/Lennox-Addington/Leeds
Campbellford	Prince Edward/Northumberland/Hastings
Colborne	Northumberland/Durham
Napenee	Frontenac/Hastings/Lennox-Addington
North Frontenac	Frontenac/Leeds
Picton	Prince Edward/Northumberland/Hastings

11.2.8 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League Yeck Conference

Exeter	Perth/Huron/Middlesex
Lambeth	Middlesex/Elgin
Lucan	Middlesex/Perth
Mt. Brydges	Middlesex/Elgin
North Middlesex	Middlesex/Lambton

11.2.9 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League Bauer Conference

Ayr	Waterloo/Brant/Ayr MHA and Plattsville and District MH(excludes Brantford MHA)
Tavistock	Oxford/Perth/Waterloo
Thamesford	Oxford/Perth/Middlesex
Wellesley	Oxford/Perth/Wellesley MHA/Waterloo

11.3 Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League McConnell Conference

Burford	Haldimand-Norfolk/Brant/Oxford
Delhi	Brant/Oxford, Hagersville, Hamilton-Wentworth/Haldimand-Norfolk (excludes towns of Dunnville, City of Brantford and Six Nations Reserve), City of Hamilton
Port Dover	Haldimand/Norfolk/Brant
St. George	Hamilton-Wentworth/Brant (excludes Hamilton MHA and includes Cambridge MHA)

- 11.4 A sixteen (16) year old Player must have written Permission to Skate from their Midget AAA Zone/Centre (the key here is AAA Zone/Centre not just their Home Centre) before they can attend Player Evaluations with a Junior C Team. (e.g. Player from Wellesley would need Permission to Skate from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA)
- 11.5 Written Permission to skate does not, in any manner, constitute a Player's Release, as per OHF Regulation G2).
- 11.6 Players attending a Junior C camp should also be on the ice of their Midget AAA Zone/Centre (as long as they have not been released by the Midget Team) as a Junior C Team only has one spot for a Local Player. This process will keep options open for Players.
- 11.7 A sixteen (16) year old Player must follow OHF Regulation E96.
- 11.8 EXAMPLE 1
- 11.8.1 Player from Wellesley wanting to attend Player Evaluations for the Wellesley Applejacks Junior C Team.
- 11.8.2 Player would request written Permission to Skate from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team per current practice from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- 11.8.3 Player would request written Permission to Skate for Wellesley Applejacks Junior C from the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA.
- 11.8.4 Possible Outcomes:



- 11.8.4.1 He makes the local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Registers as their one Local Player.
- 11.8.4.2 Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA offers the Player a Registration and they plays AAA with Waterloo.
- 11.8.4.3 The Local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not Register the Player, they would either return to their Home Centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access their adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.

11.9 EXAMPLE 2

- 11.9.1 Player from Wellesley wanting to attend Player Evaluations for the Waterloo Siskins Junior B Team.
- 11.9.2 Player would request Permission to Skate for the Waterloo Siskins and the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team from Wellesley Minor Hockey.
- 11.9.3 Player would attend Player Evaluation with the Waterloo Siskins Junior B Team. If cut from the Junior B Team and the Player wishes to tryout with the Junior C Wellesley Applejacks they would return to the Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team and request Permission to Skate to the Junior C Wellesley Applejacks.
- 11.9.4 If the Player then wishes to sign as the Local Player they would follow OHF Regulation E96.
- 11.9.5 Possible Outcomes:
 - 11.9.5.1 Waterloo Siskins Junior B Team Registers the Player as one of their two sixteen (16) year olds.
 - 11.9.5.2 He makes the local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Registers as their one Local Player.
 - 11.9.5.3 Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA Team offers the Player a Registration and they plays AAA with Waterloo.
 - 11.9.5.4 The local Junior C Wellesley Applejacks Team and Waterloo Wolves Zone AAA do not Register the Player, they would either return to their Home Centre to play for Wellesley Minor Hockey or access their adjacent AAA Zone/Centre through the AAA Waiver process.



- 11.10 At all times, Hockey Canada Members are expected to use their discretion in the application of these provisions in a manner that ensures that the goals and objectives of the Canadian Development Model are adhered to, with the priority being the Midget program.





OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST – MINOR HOCKEY



2023-2024 OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST – MINOR HOCKEY

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all OHF exhibition, league, and play-off games, during the current playing season for Minor Hockey. Note that these suspensions are over and above any imposed by Hockey Canada rules.

Notice re: Clarifications

- These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure their players sit out their appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact the association/league office. If unable to contact the association/league office, sit player(s) in question out until clarification can be obtained. These suspensions are in addition to game incurred.
- Match Penalty reports will be forwarded to the appropriate Member for further review.
- A participant who is suspended while playing in an out of OHF jurisdiction event (i.e. USA or out of Member) must serve that governing bodies suspension or portion thereof in the participant teams remaining games in that event even if for a greater number of games than under the OHF Minimum Suspension List.

Upon returning to the OHF, a team will report any suspension received outside of the OHF jurisdiction and the affected Player/Team Official will not be eligible to participate until the report has been received by the Member and the Member rules on the Player/Team Official's eligibility based upon the OHF Minimum Suspension List.

M = Misconduct	GM = Game Misconduct
GE = Game Ejection	MP = Match Penalty
GRM = Gross Misconduct	AS = Accumulation Sanction

Misconducts	Rule/Code	Suspension
Failure to go to the Player's Bench or Neutral Area	7.10 (d)	
Throwing Stick Over Boards	10.5 (d)	
Illegal Equipment	10.6 (d)	
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	11.1 (d) i	
Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	11.1 (d) ii	
Intentionally Knocks or Shoots Puck Out of Reach of an Official	11.1 (d) iii	



Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench	11.1 (d) iv	
Entering Referee's Crease	11.1 (d) v	
Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour (includes Inciting)	11.2 (d)	

Game Misconducts	Rule / Code	Suspension
Second Misconduct – Same Game	4.7 (c)	1 Game
Game Ejections	4.8 (b)	0 Games
2nd Fight, Same stoppage of play (3rd, 4th, etc.)	7.10 (e) iii	3 Games
Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th Player into Fight	7.10 (e) ii	3 Games
Checking from Behind (Minor + Game Misconduct)	7.5 (a)	1 Game
Holding Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.1 (b)	1 Game
Hooking Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (b)	1 Game
Interference from the Bench (Bench Minor + Game Misconduct, if identifiable)	8.4 (a)	1 Game
Tripping Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.6 (b)	1 Game
Bench Official on the Ice Without Permission of Official	10.4 (a)	1 Game
Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box	10.4 (e) i	4 Games
Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box and incurring subsequent penalty	10.4 (e) ii	5 Games
Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of any period)	10.4 (e)	2 Games
¹ Coach whose player is penalized under 10.4 (e)	10.4 (e)	4 Games
Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game Misconduct)	10.8 (b) i	Indefinite*
Refusing to Leave the Players Bench (Major + Game Misconduct)	10.8 (b) ii	1 Game



¹ 10.4 (e) – Coaches' penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Officials' copy only. Penalty to coach is automatic as a result of player receiving 10.4 (e), coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.

*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject pending a hearing.

	Rule/Code	Offense Count			
		1st MAJOR	2nd MAJOR	3rd MAJOR	4th+ MAJOR
Player Accumulation Sanctions					
Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below MAJORS in the same season					
Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury	7.2 (b)	2 Games*	4 Games	6 Games	Indefinite*
Note: Grabbing - hair, facial protector, chin strap, or throat protector	7.1 (b)				
Boarding (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.2 (b)				
Body Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (b)				
Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (b)				
Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.5 (b)				
Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.6 (b)				
Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.8 (b)				
Roughing (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.9 (b)				
Interference (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.3 (b)				
Interference from the Bench (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (b)				
Interference with the Goaltender (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.5 (b)				
Clipping (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.7 (b)				
Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	9.2 (b)				
Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)	9.3 (b)				
Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	10.5 (b)				
*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing.					



Coaches Accumulation Sanctions	Suspension
Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions	1 Game
For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions	3 Games
For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 x 5 minute penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions	Indefinite*
*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing.	

	Rule /Code	Offense Count		
		1st MATCH	2nd MATCH	3rd MATCH
Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury	7.2 (b)	4 Games	Minimum + 2 Games	Indefinite±
Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask, and kicking	7.1 (c)			
Boarding	7.2 (c)			
Body Checking	7.3 (c)			
Charging	7.4 (c)			
Kneeing	7.8 (c)			
Roughing	7.9 (c)			
Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s)	7.10 (c)			
Interference	8.3 (c)			
Interference from the Bench	8.4 (c)			
Interference with the Goaltender	8.5 (c)			
Clipping	8.7 (c)			
Slew Footing	8.8 (c)			
Butt Ending	9.1 (c)			
Cross-Checking	9.2 (c)			
Slashing	9.3 (c)			
Spearing	9.4 (c)			
Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	10.5 (c)			



Checking from Behind	7.5 (c)	5 Games	Minimum + 4 Games	Indefinite±
Head Contact	7.6 (c)			
± All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing. The Member may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 5 games.				

Gross Misconducts	Rule / Code	Suspension
Head-butting (minimal degree of violence)	7.1 (f)	Indefinite**
Fighting with Team Official	7.10 (f)	Indefinite**
Interference from bench (Team Official)	8.4 (f)	Indefinite**
Disrupts game after having been removed	10.4 (f)	Indefinite**
Illegal Equipment	10.6 (f) i	Indefinite**
Refusing to remove helmet or facial protector for identification	10.6 (f) ii	Indefinite**
Removing Helmet and/or Chinstrap	10.6 (f) iii / iv	Indefinite**
** All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing. The Member may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 2 games.		

Pre or Post Game Altercations	Suspension
Any player involved where Major and Game Misconducts are assessed	2 Games
Coach of team whose players are so penalized	Indefinite*
Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl	Indefinite*
*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing.	



Fighting	H.C. Rule	Offense Count			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th [±]
Fighting	7.10 (b)	2 Games	3 Games	5 Games	Indefinite*
*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject pending a hearing.					

Instigator / Aggressor	H.C. Rule	Offense Count		
		1st	2nd	3rd
Instigator / Aggressor of a fight	7.11 (a)	1 Game	3 Games	Indefinite*
Rule 7.11 (a) Note: If a player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would receive a suspension for each offence.				
*All Indefinite Suspensions are subject pending a hearing. The Member may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 4 games.				

Rule 11 – Maltreatment	Type	Rule / Code	Offense Count		
			1st	2nd	3rd
Unsportsmanlike Conduct	Game Misconduct 11.2 (e)	11.1 (e)	2 Games	Minimum +4 Games	Indefinite**
Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour		11.2 (e)	3 Games	5 Games	
Physical Harassment of Officials	Game Misconduct	11.5 (e)	3 Games	Indefinite**	Indefinite**



Disrespectful and Abusive Behaviour	GRM	11.2 (f)	5 Games	Indefinite**	Indefinite**
Spitting	Match	11.3 (c)	5 Games	Indefinite**	Indefinite**
Discrimination	GRM	11.4	Indefinite**	Indefinite**	Indefinite**
Physical Harassment of an Official	Match	11.5 (c)	Indefinite**	Indefinite**	Indefinite**
<p>** All Indefinite Suspensions are subject to a hearing. The Member may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 5 games.</p>					

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OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST – JUNIOR HOCKEY



2023-2024 OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST – JUNIOR HOCKEY

The following are minimum suspensions that shall be imposed for infractions, which occur in all OHF exhibition, league, and play-off games, during the current playing season for Junior competitive hockey. Note (1) that these suspensions are over and above any imposed by Hockey Canada rules.

Notice re: Clarifications

- These are minimum suspensions. Additional suspensions will be imposed wherever conditions and circumstance warrant.
- Any other Suspension of fewer than 7 games shall be final and not appealable.
- If a Supplemental Suspension is assessed in addition to the minimum Suspension, the supplemental Suspension is appealable directly to the league.
- It is the responsibility of each team manager and/or coach to ensure their players sit out the appropriate suspensions. When in doubt as to the relevant suspension, contact the league office.
- If unable to contact the league office, sit player(s) in question until clarification can be obtained.
- These suspensions are in addition to the game incurred.

Maltreatment – Rule 11 Player or Team Official			
Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	1 game
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	2 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite Suspension (Minimum 5 Games)
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite Suspension
11.5(e)	Game Misconduct	Physical Harassment of Officials	1 game



Progressive Suspensions – Player or Team Official		
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	2 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season	Indefinite Suspension
11.5(e)	Receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5(e) in a season	Indefinite Suspension

Checking From Behind - Rule 7.5		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Minor & Game Misconduct	No minimum	
Major & Game Misconduct	2 games	
Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for Checking from Behind in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent minor in the same season.</p>		
Head Contact - Rule 7.6 / 7.7		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Minor & Misconduct	No minimum	
Major & Game Misconduct	2 games	
Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving his 3rd minor penalty for Head Contact in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent minor in the same season.</p>		



Kneeing – Rule 7.8		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Double Minor	No minimum	
Major & Game Misconduct	2 games	
Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving their 3rd double minor penalty for Kneeing in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent double minor in the same season.</p>		
Head Contact - Rule 7.6 / 7.7		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Minor	No minimum	
Major & Game Misconduct	2 games	
Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving their 3rd minor penalty for Clipping in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent minor in the same season.</p>		

Slew Footing – Rule 8.8		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Double Minor	No minimum	
Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving their 3rd double minor penalty for Slew Footing in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent double minor in the same season.</p>		
Head Contact - Rule 7.6 / 7.7		
Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
Minor	No minimum	
Major & Game Misconduct	2 games	



Match	5 games	
<p>Accumulations: A player shall receive a minimum 2 game suspension upon receiving their 3rd minor penalty for Clipping in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent minor in the same season.</p>		

Interference/Protection of the Goaltender – Rule 8.5

Penalty Options	Suspension	Fine
1st minor penalty in game to team: Minor Penalty	No minimum	
2nd minor penalty in game to team: Minor Penalty	No minimum. Warning delivered to both benches.	
3 + minor penalties in same game to team: Minor Penalty and Game Misconduct	1 game to the player	\$500 Per occurrence
Major Penalty and Game Misconduct	2 games	
Match	5 games	
<p>Notes: In addition, a player shall receive a 2 game suspension upon receiving his 3rd penalty for Goaltender Interference in the same season. An additional 2 game suspension shall result for each subsequent Goaltender Interference Penalty in the same season.</p>		

ACCUMULATED MATCH PENALTIES (not listed above)

Incident	Suspension	Fine
1st offence	2 games	
2nd offence and thereafter	3 games	

ACCUMULATED GAME MISCONDUCTS - NON-FIGHTING

Incident	Suspension	Fine
6th offence	1 game	\$500
7th offence	2 games	\$750
8th offence	3 games	\$1,000



9th offence	4 games	\$1,250
10th offence and thereafter	Indefinite Suspension and Review	TBD
Instigator & Aggressor – Rule 7.11		
Incident	Suspension	Fine
2nd offence (Instigator & Aggressor Combined)	1 game	\$500
3rd offence (Instigator & Aggressor Combined)	2 games	\$750
4th offence (Instigator & Aggressor Combined)	3 games	\$1,000
5th offence (Instigator & Aggressor Combined)	4 games	\$1,250
6th offence and thereafter (Instigator & Aggressor Combined)	Indefinite Suspension and Review	TBD

Two Fights on the same stoppage:

Players involved in the second fight shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

Incident	Suspension	Fine
No instigator in 2nd fight	1 game minimum to each player	
Instigator in 2nd fight	2 games minimum to Instigating player. The non-instigating player shall not be suspended.	\$500

Three or More Fights on the same stoppage:

When three or more fights occur during the same stoppage of play, players involved in the second fight and all subsequent fights shall be subjected to an automatic suspension.

If a team is identified as the instigator of the multiple fight situation, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:

Incident	Suspension	Fine
Instigating player(s)	5 games	



All players from instigating team who participated in multiple fight situation	2 games	
Coach of the instigating team	1 game	
Instigating Team		\$1,000
If it is clear by the evidence that the multiple fights were instigated by one team, players from the non-instigating team shall not be suspended.		

If an instigator is not identified, the following minimum penalties shall be applied:

Incident	Suspension	Fine
All participating players	2 games	
Coach from each team	1 game	
Each team also receives \$1,000 Fine. Players involved in the initial fight shall not be subject to the multiple fight penalties and suspensions.		

Leaving the Players or Penalty Bench – Rule 10.4

Incident	Suspension	Fine
Player Identified	6 games	\$1,500
Coach whose player is penalized under 10.4(e)	2 games	\$500
10.4 (e) – Coaches' penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Officials' copy only. Penalty to coach is automatic as a result of player receiving 10.4 (e), coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.		

Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (assessed to Coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)

Staged Fights - Rule 7.10

Incident	Suspension	Fine
Players participating in staged fight (No Instigator)	3 games	
2nd occurrence in the same game (No Instigator)	3 games minimum to players involved. Coaches shall be ejected	\$600



Staged fight where an instigator is identified	2 games minimum to coach	\$600
Staged fight where an instigator is identified	5 games minimum to offending player	

Pre-Game Fights or End or beginning of period - Rule 7.10

Who is Penalized:	Suspension	Fine
Participating players	2 games	
Instigating player(s)	5 games	
Instigating coach (if identified)	3 games	\$1,500

Fighting Last 10 minutes of Game

Incident	Suspension	Fine
First fight (last 10 mins of game)	Warning delivered to both benches	
2nd fight (last 10 mins of game)	1 game suspension to each player	
2nd fight (last 10 mins of game with Instigator)	2 games minimum to instigating player	
The non-instigating player shall not be suspended		

Fights Involving Goaltenders - Rule 7.10

Incident	Suspension	Fine
Any fights between goaltenders	3 games	
Goaltender travels down the ice inside the other club's blue line to fight opposing goal-keeper	5 games	
2nd offence with an opposing goalkeeper	6 games	
Goaltender who leaves the crease to engage in a fight with any player other than a goaltender	2 games	



Removing Equipment to Fight – Rule 10.6		
Incident	Suspension	Fine
Remove helmet or opponents' helmet in a challenge or a fight (Gross Misconduct)	1 game	
Removal of equipment on bench	1 game minimum to player 1 game minimum to coach	
2nd occurrence – coach and player	2 games	
ACCUMULATED Fighting Majors – Rule 7.10		
Incident	Suspension	Fine
5th fighting major	1 game	
6th fighting major	3 games	\$750 (Team Fine)
7th fighting major	4 games	\$1,000 (Team Fine)
8th fighting major	8 games	\$1,250 (Team Fine)
Any subsequent fighting major after 8	League to determine suspension and team fine	
COACHES AND TEAM OFFICIALS		
Incident	Suspension	Fine
Team official making public derogatory remarks with respect to the Federation, any Director, Team Official or game official of the OHF or its Divisions		\$1,000 fine minimum *(Plus the appropriate suspension)
Refusing to Start Play (Major + Game)	10.14(a)	Indefinite (Plus the appropriate team fine)
PLAYERS AND TEAM OFFICIALS		
Game Misconducts	Suspension	Fine
Hair pulling, Grab Face Mask / Helmet / Chin Strap / Throat Protector 7.1 (b)	1 game	



Charging (major + game) 7.4 (b)	1 game	
Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc. player into a fight 7.10 (e) ii	2 games	

Match Penalties	Suspension	Fine
Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury 7.1 (c) Note: May include but not limited to head butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask, and kicking.	4 games	
Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s) 7.10 (c)	4 games	
Butt-ending 9.1 (c)	4 games	
Spearing 9.4 (c)	4 games	
LAST TEN MINUTES OF GAME		
Game Ejection/Game Misconduct Penalties: Any player or team official who is assessed a Game/Gross Misconduct penalty in the last ten minutes of regular time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game.		

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**OHF MINIMUM
SUSPENSION LIST
– SENIOR HOCKEY**



2023-2024 OHF MINIMUM SUSPENSION LIST – SENIOR HOCKEY

- The following minimum suspensions are not to be reduced; Members, Association and Leagues may strengthen any of the listed offences at their discretion.
- These guidelines apply to Senior hockey leagues.
- Indefinite Suspensions - Members shall establish a process for investigation or review to determine the appropriate length of suspension unless otherwise specified in the guidelines. Said processes shall include some form of communication and follow up with the individual(s) in question. This may include written submissions, phone or electronic communication, formal hearing, educational training etc. Any player or team official under indefinite suspension is deemed ineligible to participate until a decision has been rendered and the suspension is served in full.
- All incidents resulting in multiple suspensions to a single participant must be served consecutively.
- Discipline applied in accordance with any minimum suspension(s) within these guidelines are not subject to appeal.

SECTION 1 - MALTREATMENT				
Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.1(e)	Game Misconduct	Unsportsmanlike Conduct	n/a	n/a
11.2(e)	Game Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	1 game	2 games
11.2(f)	Gross Misconduct	Abusive Behavior	2 games	3 games
11.3(c)	Match	Spitting	5 games	n/a
11.4	Gross Misconduct	Discrimination	Indefinite Suspension (Minimum 5 Games)	n/a
11.5(c)	Match	Physical Harassment of Officials	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	Game Misconduct	Physical Harassment of Officials	1 game	2 games

Progressive Suspensions - Player or Team Official



Rule #	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
11.2(e)	Receives 2 Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	2 games	3 games
11.2(e)	Receives 3 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.2(f)	Receives 2 Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.2 in a season	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.4	Receives 2 or more Gross Misconducts under Rule 11.4 in a season	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
11.5(e)	Receives 2 or more Game Misconducts under Rule 11.5(e) in a season	Indefinite Suspension	n/a

SECTION 2 - MAJOR PENALTIES

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.1(b)	Major	Attempt to injure or Deliberate Injury Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.	1 game	2 games
7.5(b)	Major	Checking from Behind	1 game	2 games
7.7(b)	Major	Head Contact	1 game	2 games
7.8(b)	Major	Kneeing	1 game	2 games
8.5(b)	Major	Interference with the Goaltender	1 game	2 games
8.7(b)	Major	Clipping	1 game	2 games
9.2(b)	Major	Cross-Checking	1 game	2 games
9.3(b)	Major	Slashing	1 game	2 games
10.5(b)	Major	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	1 game	2 games



10.8(b)	Major	Refusing to Start Play	See other (Section 5)	n/a
Progressive Suspensions - Player				
Any player receiving 2 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			2 games	3 games
Any player receiving 3 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			4 games	5 games
Any player receiving 4 Majors in same season for any of the above infractions			Indefinite Suspension	n/a

SECTION 3 - MATCH PENALTIES

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.1(c)	Match	Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury Note: May include but not limited to head-butting, hair pulling, grabbing face mask and kicking.	3 games	n/a
7.5(c)	Match	Checking from Behind	3 games	n/a
7.7(c)	Match	Head Contact	3 games	n/a
7.8(c)	Match	Kneeing	3 games	n/a
8.5(c)	Match	Interference with the Goaltender	3 games	n/a
8.7(c)	Match	Clipping	3 games	n/a
8.8(c)	Match	Slew Footing	3 games	n/a
9.1(c)	Match	Butt-Ending	3 games	n/a
9.2(c)	Match	Cross Checking	3 games	n/a
9.3(c)	Match	Slashing	3 games	n/a
9.4(c)	Match	Spearing	3 games	n/a
10.5(c)	Match	Throwing or Shooting Stick or Object	3 games	n/a



Progressive Suspensions - Player		
Any player receiving 2 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions	5 games	n/a
Any player receiving 3 Match penalties in same season for any of the above infractions	Indefinite Suspension	n/a

SECTION 4 - FIGHTING PENALTIES

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
7.10(b)	Major	Fighting - Third Offence	1 game	2 games
		Fighting - Fourth Offence	2 games	3 games
		Fighting - Fifth Offence	3 games	4 games
		Fighting - Sixth Offence	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
7.10(b)	Pre/Post Game Altercations			
	Major + GM	Any player involved where Majors and Game Misconducts are assessed.	1 game	2 games
	Major + GM	Coach of team whose players are so penalized.	3 games	4 games
7.10(c)	Match	Fighting – wearing rings or tape to inflict punishment.	3 games	n/a
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who joins in a fight or acts as a peacemaker.	1 game	2 games
7.10(e)	Game Misc.	Player who takes part in another or secondary fight during the same stoppage of play.	1 game	2 games



7.11(a)	Instigator or Aggressor of a Fight			
	Minor	First Offense	1 game	n/a
	Minor	Second Offense	3 games	n/a
	Minor	Third Offense	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
	NA	The coach of team whose player is penalized for a third offence of Instigator or Aggressor.	3 games	n/a
Rule 7.11(a) Note: If a player is assessed both penalties in the same altercation, they would be suspended for both offences.				
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	Player identified as first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight or for the purpose of fighting.	3 games	4 games
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	Any player identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during a fight.	3 games	4 games
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	The coach of team whose player is penalized under the above two points.	2 games	3 games
10.4(e)	Game Misc.	The coach whose player left the player bench but is not identified as the first to leave the players or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation.	1 game	2 games
10.6(f)	Gross Misc.	Any player who removes their chinstrap before or during a fight.	2 games	3 games
10.6(f)	Gross Misc.	If a player removes their helmet and releases their chinstrap to fight and the opposing player doesn't, the former will be assessed an additional two-minute Minor penalty.	2 games	3 games



10.6(f)	Gross Misc.	Any player who removes an opponent's helmet or releases an opponent's chinstrap before or during a fight.	2 games	3 games
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SECTION 4 - FIGHTING PENALTIES

Rule #	Type	Penalty	Suspension	Last 10 Minutes
4.8(c)	Game Misc.	Any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.8(c) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.	1 game	n/a
4.9(b)	Gross Misc.	Any player or team official who is assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty in the last 10 minutes of regular playing time, at any time in overtime, or after the conclusion of the game will automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. Note: The 1 game suspension under Rule 4.9(b) is in addition to any suspensions applied under the minimum guidelines.	1 game	n/a



4.9	Gross Misc.	Any gross misconduct assessed to a player or team official not otherwise covered within these guidelines	3 games	4 games
10.4(f)	Gross Misc.	Any player or team official who, having been removed from the game due to a Game Ejection, Game Misconduct, Gross Misconduct, or Match penalty, returns to the ice surface or becomes involved with or disrupts the game in any way.	Indefinite Suspension	n/a
10.8	n/a	Refusing to Start Play	Indefinite Suspension	n/a





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APPENDIX A



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APPENDIX A:
Provincial Junior Hockey League Zones

BLOOMFIELD DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Niagara	Niagara Region
Dundas	City of Burlington, Hamilton-Wentworth
Dunnville	Brant, Haldimand, Niagara Region, Norfolk
Glanbrook	Hamilton-Wentworth
Grimsby	Niagara Region, Town of Stoney Creek
Hagersville	City of Hamilton, Haldimand, Hamilton-Wentworth Norfolk: excludes town of Dunnville and, City of Brantford, includes Six Nations Reserve
Hespeler	Waterloo Region Now in Doherty Division
Port Dover	Brant, Hamilton-Wentworth, Norfolk, Oxford

CARRUTHERS DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Alliston	Shelburne MHA, Simcoe, Town of Caledon
Caledon	Peel Region; exclusive to Mayfield Sideroad Highway #50 east, Highway #9 North, Highway #10 West, Mississauga
Huntsville	Astorville, Callendar, Muskoka, North Bay, Parry Sound, Powasson, Trout Creek
Midland	Simcoe
Orillia	Simcoe
Penetang	Simcoe
Schomberg	York, Beeton, Bradford MHA, Caledon MHA, Tottenham MHA
Stayner	Simcoe, Honeywood MHA, Thornbury MHA



DOHERTY DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
*Burford	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford
*Delhi	Brant, Elgin, Norfolk, Oxford
New Hamburg	New Hamburg MHA, Perth, Waterloo
Norwich	Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Oxford
Paris	Brant, Waterloo
Tavistock	Oxford, Perth, Waterloo
Wellesley	Oxford, Perth, Waterloo, Wellesley MHA
Woodstock	Oxford, Perth

ORR DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Clarington	Durham Region
Georgina	Beaverton MHA, York
Lakefield	Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria
Little Britain	Haliburton, Peterborough, Victoria
North Kawartha	Haliburton, Hastings, Peterborough
Port Perry	Durham Region
Uxbridge	Durham Region, Stouffville MHA

* On approved leave of absence and fees have been paid for this season by the PJHL.



POLLOCK DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Goderich	Bruce, Huron, Perth
Hanover	Bruce, Grey, Wellington; except City of Guelph
Kincardine	Bruce, Grey, Huron
Mitchell	Huron, Oxford, Perth
Mount Forest	Dufferin, Grey, Wellington
Walkerton	Bruce, Grey, Wellington; except City of Guelph
Wingham	Bruce, Huron, Perth

STOBBS DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Amherstburg	Essex
Lakeshore	Essex
Blenheim	Chatham-Kent, Essex, West Lorne MHA
Dresden	Glencoe MHA, Kent, Lambton
Essex	Essex
Mooretown	Kent, Lambton
Petrolia	Lambton, Middlesex Now in Yeck Division
Wallaceburg	Kent, Lambton
Wheatley	Essex, Wheatley MHA, Tilbury MHA



TOD DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16yr olds)
Amherstview	Frontenac, Leeds, Lennox-Addington
Campbellford	Hastings, Northumberland, Peterborough
Gananoque	Frontenac, Leeds
Napanee	Frontenac, Hastings, Lennox-Addington
Picton	Hastings, Northumberland, Prince Edward
Port Hope	Durham Region, Northumberland

YECK DIVISION	Traditional Draw Area / (16 yr olds)
Aylmer	Elgin, Middlesex, Thames Centre
Dorchester	Middlesex, Oxford
Exeter	Huron, Middlesex, Perth
Lucan	Middlesex, Perth, Huron
Mount Brydges	Elgin, Middlesex
North Middlesex	Lambton, Middlesex
Port Stanley	Elgin, Middlesex
Thamesford	Oxford, Perth, Middlesex

New Additions	
Innisfil	Simcoe County In Carruthers Division
Fergus	Wellington, Waterloo Region In Pollock Division as of Sept 2023
Frankford	Quinte West in Tod Division



Championships Summary

Each year, the OHF Championships crown Branch Champions in the U13 A, U13 AA, U15 A, U15 AA, U18 A and U18 AA. In 2024, the tournaments will take place April 19-21, 2024.

50 teams will compete in round robin action to capture the gold medal and be crowned Branch Champions. Within each age division, five teams include the division champions from the four OHF Minor Hockey Members (ALLIANCE, GTHL, NOHA and OMHA) and the Host Centre team.

The Championship Host Centres are chosen based on a bid selection process. The OHF Championships offer hosting communities the opportunity to promote the game of hockey and their local team/association.

Please visit the OHF Championship Website:

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for more information on the OHF Championships.

2024 Regional & All-Ontario Championships

CHAMPIONSHIPS	HOST	DATE
U18 AAA Regional	NOHA	April 8-14
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