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OMHA CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code for Conduct identifies the standard of behaviour which is expected of all OMHA members and participants, which for the purpose of this policy shall include all players, guardians, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, convenors, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees involved in OMHA activities and events.

OMHA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members and participants of OMHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of OMHA which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

During the course of all OMHA activities and events, members shall avoid behaviour which brings OMHA or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medical drugs and use of alcohol by minors.

OMHA members and participants shall at all times adhere to OMHA`s operational policies and procedures, to rules and regulations governing OMHA events and activities, and to rules and regulations governing any competitions in which the member participates on behalf of OMHA.

Members and participants of OMHA shall not engage in any activity or behaviour which interferes with a competition or with any player or team`s preparation for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.

Members of OMHA shall refrain from comments or behaviours which are disrespectful, humiliating, demeaning, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behaviour which constitutes bullying, harassment or abuse will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with under OMHA`s Harassment & Abuse policy.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of OMHA. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges which come with membership in OMHA, including the opportunity to participate in OMHA activities and events, both present and future.

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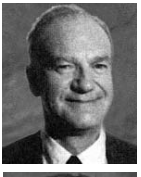

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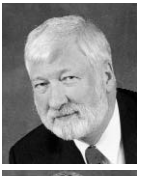

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Sub-Committee	Tom Leathong
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Group Structure	Jim Lytle
Maintenance Trust	Jim Kinkley
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Nominations	Dick Bennett
Select And Local League	Sue Michalski
Tournaments	Dave Garinger

THE OMHA PRESIDENTS
Since 1935

Season				No. of Rep Teams	
1934-35-36	*	W.J.WELLER	Brantford	8	20
1936-37-38	# *	J.M.ROXBURGH	Simcoe	41	44
1938-39-40	*	JOHN H. LAUMAN	Kitchener	77	80
1940-41-42-43	# *	DR. LEON HIPWELL	Toronto	107	112 78
1943-44-45	# *	A.A.MORRISON,B.A.	St. Catharines	122	152
1945-46-47	# *	O.H.LUKE	Oshawa	198	239
1947-48	*	KEN G.WATERS	Toronto		260
1948-49	*	HAROLD DUNK	Campbellford		303
1949-50	*	OTTO J. HARDWICK	Bolton		331
1950-51-52	# *	HERB G. PARKER	Stratford	333	338
1952-53-54	*	O.M. WEICHEL	Elmira	350	337
1954-55	*	FRED NORMAN	Simcoe		336
1955-56	*	A.E. HICK	Lindsay		359
1956-57	#	J.L. CHRISTIE	Toronto		365
1957-58-59	*	J.W.OAKES	Strathroy	405	434
1959-60-61	# *	F. DOHERTY	Thorold	578	592
1961-62-63	*	T. ELMES	Galt	620	622
1963-64-65	# *	A. WATKINS	Peterborough	653	803
1965-66	*	D. PATTERSON	Stirling		772
1966-67-68	*	S. STOKES	London	873	934
1968-69-70	*	G. HAWES	Whitby	962	1109
1970-71-72	*	W. OSWALD	Forest	1245	1339
1972-73-74	*	L. DAVIDSON	Chatham	1557	1742
1974-75-76	#	J. KINKLEY	Etobicoke	1902	2048
1976-77		W. BURRELL	Brampton		2082
1977-78	*	A. MOORE	Guelph		2161
1978-79-80		T. BLOOMFIELD	Grimsby	2183	2155
1980-81-82	# *	ROY BEECHEY	Tillsonburg	2150	2124
1982-83-84	*	B. MULHOLLAND	Campbellford	2105	2127
1984-85-86		F. MANTLE	Paris	2045	2152
1986-87-88	#	E. MCFADDEN	Elmvale	1972	1953
1988-89	*	J. SLOBODNIK	Sarnia		1973
1989-90		J. POLLARD	London		1963
1990-91-92		E. GRIMSHAW	Stouffville	1893	1989
1992-93-94	*	J. WHITE	Thorold	1951	1814
1994-95-96	*	K. RUSSELL	Brampton	1917	1915
1996-97-98		M. HAMMOND	Thornbury	2052	2089
1998-99-00		J. ARCHIBALD	Beeton	1986	2050
2000-01-02		P. PARLETTE	Amherstburg	2140	2139
2002-03-04		K. ALMOND	Meaford	2286	2317
2004-05-06		R. BENNETT	London	2191	2246

SECRETARIES/EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

1934-36	# *	J.M. ROXBURGH	Simcoe
1936-37-38	# *	DR. ROGER MATCHETT	Hamilton
1938-43	# *	J.H. STAFFORD	Toronto
1943-56	#	J.L. CHRISTIE	Toronto
1956-68		G.B. MCLEOD	Toronto
1968-92	*	V.P. MCCALLUM	Toronto
1992-1998	†	M.S. MCCAULEY	Alliston
1998-2002	†	G. BROWN	Blenheim
2002-	†	R. ROPCHAN	Leamington

*** Deceased # Life Member**

HISTORY OF THE OMHA

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association, now the "Largest Minor Hockey Organization in the World" is the result of many years of hard work by men and women sincerely interested in the welfare of the youth of Ontario, and in the game of Hockey, Canada's National Winter Sport. The OMHA, as it exists today, is the result of the amalgamation of two such groups of sports enthusiasts.

While the Ontario Juvenile Hockey Association formed in 1935 was struggling through its first years of existence, another similar organization, known as the Ontario Midget and Bantam Hockey Association was operating for the benefit of youth in the province. Amalgamation of the two bodies resulted in the formation of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association in 1940.

ORGANIZATION

The organizational meeting of the Ontario Juvenile Hockey Association was held in the Y.M.C.A., Brantford, on March 5, 1935, and eight teams were entered to play off for the Ontario Juvenile Championship. The original Officers were: President, W.J. Weller (Brantford); Vice-President, L.G. Meyers (St. George); Secretary-Treasurer, J.M. Roxburgh (Simcoe); and Executive Members, Dr. R.W. Matchett (Hamilton), Dr. R.A. Dinniwell (St. George), Harry Judd (Simcoe), L.W. Taylor (Woodstock) and H. Downie (Brantford). Stratford won the first Ontario Juvenile Championship and the Birks Trophy.

AFFILIATIONS

Amalgamation of the Ontario Juvenile Association and the Bantam and Midget organization was brought about during the season of 1940-41 while Dr. Leon Hipwell of Toronto was Juvenile President and A.A. Morrison of St. Catharines was leading the Bantam and Midget organization.

The 1940-41 amalgamation of the two minor bodies into one governing association was followed by affiliation with the OHA during the 1942-43 season. This was a long step forward in the growth of the OMHA and was recommended to the Annual Meeting by President Dr. Leon Hipwell, Secretary Stafford and Vice-President Harold Luke. In the fall of 1944 the OMHA agreed to relinquish control of minor hockey in Northern Ontario and accepted the affiliation of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association under the terms which guarantee the playing of an all-Ontario Juvenile series each season for the Victory Trophy, donated by Harold Luke.

CATEGORIES ADDED

When the young Association first came into being with eight teams, only one grouping, Juvenile, was operated. With the growth of the OJHA, a demand for an additional series to provide fair competition for smaller Centres was acceded to, and a Juvenile B series was formed. Amalgamation with the Midget and Bantam Association brought the number of series to four and the increasing popularity of minor hockey in Ontario became even more evident. For the 1944-45 season a Midget B series was added and in 1945-46 the total jumped to seven with the addition of Juvenile C and Bantam B. The very pronounced popularity of these special series for smaller Centres resulted in the addition of Midget C and Bantam C in 1946-47. At the commencement of the 1948-49 season the Executive announced the formation of a "D" series. For the 1952-53 season, the category arrangements were again revised, adding still another series, the A-Minor, bringing the total to 15, as compared with the lone Juvenile series of a dozen years earlier. The 1960-61 season saw the addition of the Pee-Wee Series in all categories for OMHA Championships while the 1964-65 season ushered in the Atom Series.

TROPHIES

When Stratford won the first OJHA Championship it became holders of the Birks Trophy, presented to the Association by Dr. Roger Matchett. Keeping pace with the spectacular growth of minor hockey in the province and with the rapid growth of the OMHA, new trophies have been added until now the Association has an elaborate collection of beautiful trophies for which hundreds of teams and thousands of youngsters compete.

Heading the list, of course, is the "OMHA HONOUR AWARD." This distinctive trophy, designed for a person adjudged to have made an outstanding service to minor hockey, was first presented at the 1948 annual meeting with the late John Ovens of Kitchener the first recipient.

The Victory Trophy, a memorial to all Juvenile Hockey Players who served their King and Country in the Second Great War, was presented to the Association by O.H. Luke. It was for annual competition, and is presented to the winners of the all-Ontario Juvenile championship, decided in an annual series between the OMHA Juvenile "A" champions and the champions of the Northern Ontario Hockey Association. The Mitchell Hepburn trophy represents the Juvenile A Championship, with the Syl Apps trophy for the runners-up. All trophies competed for are shown in the list of OMHA Champions printed in our List of Champions, and we shall only mention a few of those not already mentioned. The Birks

Trophy, although one of our smaller cups, is possibly the most traditional competed for in our Association. Presented to the Ontario Juvenile Association by Dr. Roger Matchett, one of the founders, it was formerly a flying trophy and had been won by Dr. Matchett. It was first presented to the Juvenile champions, but with the advent of more series and larger trophies, it finally found its place as Juvenile B runners-up trophy.

The Juvenile C Championship trophy is named in honour of the only person to hold the offices of OMHA Secretary, President, OHA President and President of Hockey Canada, the late Jack M. Roxburgh. The Bantam B Championship trophy is named in honour of Ashton A. Morrison, the only person to be President of both the Ontario Midget and Bantam Association and the OMHA.

The A.P. McAvoy Memorial trophy is emblematic of the Midget D Championship, and was presented to the OMHA by the widow of the late A.P. McAvoy. Mr. McAvoy, while coach of the Port Colborne Midgets, started "Teeter" Kennedy and other well known stars on their way to a hockey career. "Mac", as he was known, was a Vice President of the OMHA at the time of his death.

OFFICERS

We have mentioned several times the fact that the OJHA started with eight teams. Since then the growth has been sensational. Many people in all parts of Ontario have worked as Convenors, District Convenors, and Executive members to bring the Association to its present level.

Our Life Members, J.H. Stafford, Dr. Matchett, Jack Roxburgh and Ash Morrison, spent many hours and much effort on behalf of the OMHA, as did all our past Presidents and many others interested in our national game. The Association will never forget the contributions made to its welfare by such men as the late Fred C. Waghorne Sr., the late A.P. McAvoy of Port Colborne, the late Otto J. Hardwick, Bolton, the late J. Whiston, Scarborough, and the late Dr. Hipwell, Toronto.

The men named above, whose interest has been only to give more youngsters a better chance to play hockey, are largely responsible for the fact that the Ontario Minor Hockey Association is now "The Largest Minor Hockey Association in the World."

OMHA HONOUR AWARD

This award is set up to honour a person who has made an outstanding voluntary contribution to minor hockey for a
considerable period of time, doing so of his, or her, own free will and not as part of a job or position for which they receive monetary consideration.

Any services performed by recreation directors, arena managers, etc., in performance of their duties, shall not count as service in regard to this award.

This award is to honour a volunteer worker at the local level and therefore any officer or Executive Member of Hockey Canada, OHA, WOAA, or the GTHL shall not be eligible. Also any Life Member, Past President, Officer, Executive Member or District Convenor of the OMHA shall not be eligible.

However, any person covered by the previous paragraph who drops out of this office or position, and continues his volunteer work for minor hockey, shall become eligible for nomination after he has been out of his previous position for two years.

Any OMHA minor hockey organization in good standing may nominate a person for this award by mailing a nomination letter to the OMHA stating the services the nominee has given to minor hockey.

The recipient of the OMHA Honour Award receives an engraved silver tray bearing his name, which he retains for permanent possession.

OMHA / WALLY SCOTT BURSARY

Over the decades, Wally's personal and professional interests in hockey have merged to the benefit of the OMHA. The award presented in his name is intended to recognize his contributions and commitment to the OMHA and to the game of hockey.

This award reflects the achievements of a young hockey player who is committed to his or her community, athletic ability, and academic achievement.

A total of $2,500.00 is available each year and the amount of the bursary will be based on the number of recipients selected ($2,500.00 divided by the number of recipients).

2006 Recipient - *Connor MacMillan - Highland Storm MHA*

GEORGE H. CARVER MEMORIAL MEDIA AWARD

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association Media Award is designed to show appreciation for the invaluable coverage of minor hockey in the OMHA provided by local media outlets. This award is open to local media outlets and/or their reporters located in OMHA centres. In order to be considered for the award the nominee must by nominated by a member of the local minor hockey association.

2006 Recipient - *Conrad Boyce - Uxbridge Cosmos*

PATRICIA HARTLEY MEMORIAL ADMINISTRATOR'S AWARD

Given in recognition of exemplary service in the field of administration. This award reflects the achievements of a member of a local executive board or volunteer staff person towards the efficient operations of an association and the betterment of hockey.

2006 Recipient - *Mike Visentin - Parry Sound MHA*

HONOUR AWARD - 2006
Randy Preszcator, St. Marys MHA

RANDY PRESZCATOR,
2006 HONOUR AWARD RECIPIENT

Randy Preszcator came to the town of St. Marys from Exeter as a player for the St. Marys Jr. B Lincolns. He married a local girl, Brenda, and has three children Jeff, Joel, and Becky. Randy is now the proud grandfather to three beautiful granddaughters.

He has held many key positions within St. Marys Minor Hockey Association and the Shamrock Hockey League and is considered a local leader.

Randy was very instrumental in the incorporation of the SMHA in 1988 and the implementation of SMHA's present Bylaw & Constitution and Code of Conduct. SMHA has an award for "Outstanding Contribution" within the Association. Randy has won this award 3 times; no one else has ever had this honour this many times in the history of the SMHA. The

St. Marys Minor Hockey Association was proud to make him a Life Member in 1995 to honour all his accomplishments and show our appreciation.

During Randy's Presidency of the Shamrock League, he had direct involvement in the implementation of the Bylaw & Constitution, Directors & Officers Liability Insurance coverage for the League and the Shamrock League Operations Manual. He also implemented Playoff Agreements and Playoff Rules for the league. His voice is strong within the Shamrock League. He has a lot of wisdom and always guides the league to making the best decisions for the players and centers. "When Randy speaks…. people listen" is what one Shamrock Executive had to say regarding Randy. He has recently accepted the position of 1st Vice-President of the Shamrock Hockey League for the 2006-2007 hockey season.

Randy has faithfully attended all Regional Meetings and OMHA AGM's for over sixteen years. He continues to attend SMHA meetings and influences his community and its best interests. His opinions are always well received and respected.

St. Marys Minor Hockey is very proud of Randy's past accomplishments and appreciates the continued support he gives the association.

OMHA HONOUR AWARD – Past Recipients

1948	*	JOHN OVENS	Kitchener
1949	*	J.S. ELLIOTT	St. Catharines
1950	*	BERT SULLIVAN	Delhi
1951	*	M.E. DUKE	Elmira
1952	*	WILLIAM GARNER	Port Dover
1953	*	ERROL RUSSELL	Sarnia
1954	*	L.O. "Nip" WHETSTONE	Goderich
1955	*	DUNCAN POLLOCK	Preston
1956	*	D.D. KIRK	Havelock
1957	*	T. HYDE	Brantford
1958	*	J. BELL	Stamford
1959	*	ANGUS BRADLEY	Peterborough
1960	*	ORV HODGINS	Woodstock
1961	*	F.G. IRVING	Norwood
1962	*	WILSON AINSWORTH	Wellington
1963	*	G. IRWIN	Stratford
1964	*	HAROLD L. RIVERS	Forest
1965	*	BOB EWER	St. Catharines
1966	*	G. MOWATT	Guelph
1967		BILL FITSELL	Gananoque
1968		ROBERT R. GRAHAM	Watford
1969	*	LESLEY SKIPPER	St. Marys
1970	*	LEN BEDELL	Dresden
1971		BYRON MARTIN	Bobcaygeon
1972	*	GERRY KARGES	Port Dover
1973		ALEX BROWN	Whitby
1974	*	HUGH MASON HALL	Plattsville
1975	*	JAMES R. HAMILTON	Burlington
1976	*	GLEN URE	Ridgetown
1977	*	SAMUEL BRERETON	Newcastle
1978	*	FRANK A. SIMPSON	Brighton
1979		LORNE SPICER	Sheddon
1980		AL SHAW	Windsor
1981		ALBERT SCHRAM	Dunnville
1982	*	CLIFF HOCKING	Sarnia
1983		GEORGE BIBBY	Campbellford
1984		RONALD MCKNIGHT	Acton
1985	*	CHARLES DRAKE	Trenton
1986	*	DOUG CAMPBELL	Stoney Creek

1987	*	JIM INGLIS	Elora
1988	*	JACK TOLHURST	St. George
1989		ED SACKFIELD	Richmond Hill
1990	*	LOU JEFFRIES	Gananoque
1991		DON LAURENCE	Hespeler
1992	*	IRIS ROBINSON	Beamsville
		DOUGLAS ROBINSON	Beamsville
1993		BILL CRACKNELL	Paris
1994		LEN QUIGLEY	Pickering
1995		ROBERT RING	Collingwood
1996		JOE BELCOT	Smithville
1997		RAY HUNT	Orangeville
1998		BEV MACKEY	Strathroy
1999		ROGER DEMEESTER	Langton
2000		ROBERT YOUNG	Ennismore
2001	*	RAY NEELY	Stroud
2002		WAYNE PRIES	Georgetown
2003		TOM GRAHAM	Oshawa
2004		ROBERT (BOB) EARLES	Creemore
2005		SANDY EAGLES	Beaver Valley
2006		ANDY PRESZCATOR	St. Marys

* *Deceased*

BY-LAW ONE

OF THE
ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. (OMHA)

AS REVISED AND AMENDED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2006

NOTE: SCREENED SECTIONS AND/OR PARAGRAPHS ARE NEW OR CHANGED SECTIONS.

WHEREVER THE CONTEXT HEREIN PERMITS, REFERENCE TO THE MALE SHALL ALSO MEAN FEMALE

NOTE: ANY REFERENCE TO HOCKEY CANADA CERTIFICATES/CARDS SHALL ALSO MEAN ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION/ROSTERS.

ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

By-law One

A by-law relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Inc.

BE IT ENACTED as a by-law of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Inc. as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS

1.1 In this by-law and all other by-laws and resolutions of the OMHA, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Act" means the Ontario Corporations Act R.S.O. 1990, Chapter c.38, and any statute amending or enacted in substitution therefore, from time to time.

(b) "AGM" means the Annual General Meeting of the OMHA.

(c) "appoint" includes "elect" and vice versa.

(d) "Area" means a section of a Region

(e) "Area Convenor" will be appointed by the Board and will have the same authority and assume the same responsibilities as Board members in disciplinary and administrative matters within their designated areas. They will have the right to participate in all discussions but may not make motions or vote at Board meetings.

(f) "Associate Member" shall refer to all individuals affiliated with the OMHA who assist in the administration, instruction and/or operation of development programs, league operations, convenor duties, and game officiating and who come under the supervision of an appointed Technical Director, Regional Executive Member and/or OMHA Officer

(g) "Association" means a Centre or a Zone, which is registered with the OMHA

(h) "Ballots" means the mechanism by which to register a vote

(i) "Board" means the board of directors (elected and appointed) of the OMHA

(j) "By-laws" refers to this by-law and all other by-laws of the OMHA that may be enacted from time to time hereafter

(k) "Categories" means a Centre's level of competition, or in instances, teams within a Centre. Example: E, D, DD, C, CC, B, BB, A, AA, AAA

(l) "Centre" means a minor hockey association within the OMHA that is a city, town, village, municipality or geographic sub-division which has corporate limits or boundaries as accepted by the OMHA for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OMHA.

(m) "Delegates" means individuals authorized to represent an Association and vote at the meeting of members.

(n) "Director" means an individual who has been elected or appointed to the Board

(o) "District" shall refer to a grouping of Regions that have been established solely for the purpose of nominating candidates for Vice-President with responsibility for that specific district. The OMHA shall have three electoral districts **(Appendix A)**

(p) "Division" means age groups within an Association (i.e. Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom and Novice)

(q) "HC" means Hockey Canada (or such other name as the Canadian Hockey Association may in the future legally adopt)

(r) "CHIP" means Hockey Canada Initiation Program

(s) "HCOP" means Hockey Canada Officiating Program

(t) "HTCP" means Hockey Trainers Certification Program

(u) "in good standing" shall refer to a member who has paid any membership dues or other fees owing to the OMHA and who is not the subject of a disciplinary investigation or sanction by the OMHA

(v) "Letters Patent" means the letters patent incorporating the OMHA as from time to time amended by supplementary letters patent

(w) "meeting of members" includes an AGM and a general meeting of members.

(x) "members" means all classes of membership in the OMHA as provided for in Article 5 and "member" means any member in the OMHA and includes Delegates

(y) "National Association" means Hockey Canada, the governing body for amateur hockey in Canada

(z) "Nominations Committee" means a committee that has been appointed by the Board to oversee the election of Directors

(aa) "Officers" means the individuals who hold the offices enumerated in Section 11.1

(bb) "OHF" means the Ontario Hockey Federation (or such other name as the OHF may in the future legally adopt)

(cc) "OMHA" means Ontario Minor Hockey Association Inc. (or such other name as the OMHA may in the future legally adopt)

(dd) "person" includes an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, unincorporated association, unincorporated syndicate, unincorporated organization, trust, body corporate and a natural person in his capacity as trustee, executor, administrator, or other legal representative

(ee) "Policies" means written statements governing issues affecting the affairs of the OMHA, which have been considered and approved by the Board of the OMHA

(ff) "Quorum" means a minimum number of members to give authority to specific committees of the OMHA or the AGM or any specific general meeting of members

(gg) "recorded address" means, in the case of a member, his or her address as recorded in the members' register; and in the case of joint members, the address appearing in the members' register in respect of such joint holding or the first address so appearing if there are more than one; in the case of a director, officer, auditor or member of a committee of the Board, his or her latest address as recorded in the records of the OMHA

(hh) "Region" shall refer to a geographic grouping of Associations established solely for the purpose of electing representatives to serve on the Board of the OMHA **(Appendix A)**

(ii) "Regional Executive Member" is elected to the board to represent a region.

(jj) "Registration Certificates" means the document on which a player or team official registers to participate in activities of the OMHA

(kk) "Regulations" means the OMHA's Regulations and rules of competition and any other rules and guidelines governing competition within the OMHA

(ll) "Standing Committees" means those standing committees enumerated in Section 13.1

(mm) "Subcommittee" means a committee comprised of a specific number of Officers and Regional Executive Members

(nn) "Term of office" means the length of time that a Director may serve on the Board without having his position renewed

(oo) "WOAA" means Western Ontario Athletic Association

(pp) "Zone" means an Ontario minor hockey association created by the OMHA as a geographic area for the purpose of AAA competition.

1.2 Subject to the foregoing, words and expressions defined in the Act have the same meanings when used herein; words importing the singular number include the plural and vice-versa; words importing the masculine gender include the feminine and neuter genders; and words importing persons include individuals and bodies corporate.

2.0 REGISTERED OFFICE AND SEAL

2.1 The corporate seal of the OMHA shall be in the form as the Board may by resolution from time to time adopt, and shall be entrusted to the Executive Director of the OMHA for its use and safekeeping.

2.2 The registered head office of the OMHA shall be in the Town of Richmond Hill, in the Province of Ontario and thereafter as the OMHA may from time to time determine by special resolution of the members pursuant to the Act. The OMHA may establish such other offices within Canada, as the Board may deem expedient by resolution.

3.0 MISSION OF THE OMHA

3.1 The purpose of the OMHA is to promote, encourage, govern, and organize ice hockey for the youth of the OMHA which includes:

(a) Co-ordinating and developing minor hockey programs for all ages up to and including the Juvenile age division for players in that part of Ontario for which the OMHA is responsible
(b) Protecting and serving the mutual interests of all its members
(c) Carrying out competition for championships, where appropriate
(d) Recognizing the integrity of local community programs and encouraging a strong sense of community pride and participation
(e) Representing the interest of its members at the Branch/OHF and National levels
(f) Working with the Branch/OHF and National Associations to promote the cooperative development of hockey programs and their effective administration

(g) Enhancing the positive value of programs by providing leadership and initiatives to develop players, coaches, officials and local volunteers

3.2 The aims of the OMHA are as follows:

(a) To encourage and promote certain ideals in all participants: to play fairly under all circumstances and all conditions; to give opponents a fair chance and not take unfair advantage of any opponent; to win graciously and accept defeat with dignity; to show respect to the game officials

(b) To love the game above the prize

(c) To provide sport for the greatest number

4.0 AFFILIATIONS

4.1 The OMHA shall have the following affiliations:

(a) The OMHA shall be a member partner of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF); and,

(b) The OMHA shall be affiliated to Hockey Canada through the OHF

5.0 CLASSES OF MEMBERS

5.1 There shall be three (3) classes of members in the OMHA:

(a) Active Members

(b) General Members

(c) Associate Members

6.0 TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

6.1 **Terms and Eligibility**

a) Active Members

i) Active Members shall include the following:

- Elected Directors
- Immediate Past President
- Past Presidents (4 in number)
- Life Members
- Appointed Directors
- Western Ontario Athletic Association (WOAA) Director
- Area Convenors
- Appointed Technical Directors

ii) at all Board meetings, Officers, elected Directors, and the WOAA Director will be allowed one vote.

iii) at all general meetings, all members of the Board will be allowed one vote.

iv) Life Membership may be granted to any individual who has served a minimum of 15 years on the Board and who has rendered extraordinary and distinguished service to the OMHA. Individuals may only be nominated for Life Membership by a member of the Board, and the granting of Life Membership must be confirmed by a 75% majority vote of the Board, including Past Presidents, Life Members, Area Convenors and Technical Directors. There can only be a maximum of four (4) Life Members at any one time.

v) Life Members will have the right to attend all meetings of the Board, committees and members, with full privileges, but may not make motions or vote at meetings of the Board, except where stated in 6.1a)iv) and 9.2c).

(b) Restrictions

A Board member shall not be permitted to hold any salaried position within the OMHA during his or her term of office.

(c) General Members

Membership in the OMHA may be granted to minor hockey associations in good standing that shall agree to abide by and comply with the Regulations and Policies of the OMHA. These Associations may have, under their jurisdiction, teams as defined in the Regulations. Registered members of these Associations shall also be considered as being members in the OMHA.

(d) Associate Members

Associate Members shall include convenors, co-ordinators, instructors, HCOP officials, minor officials, and league administrators.

(e) One Class of Membership

Although it is possible for a member to be qualified for more than one (1) class of membership in the OMHA, no person may hold more than one (1) class of membership. It is therefore mandatory that each member shall declare himself/herself prior to the start of any meeting of the membership and advise the chairperson of the membership class he/she wishes to represent. Once the meeting is called to order, the member must remain in that class of

membership and may not change to another category or class of membership.

(f) Eligibility

A person shall not be considered eligible for nomination to the Board until such time as that person states in writing that he has no connection whatsoever with any professional hockey organization and that he qualifies for office under all OMHA, OHF, and HC regulations. The Executive Director shall advise all nominees, in writing, of the qualification requirements before the nomination is accepted.

During his or her term of office a Board member shall not serve on the Executive of any local minor hockey association nor be eligible to act as a team official of an OMHA team. This restriction does not apply to life membership in a local minor hockey organization.

6.2 **Membership List**

The Executive Director shall prepare and maintain a list of current Active and General Members. This list shall be kept at the head office, be updated as necessary and be made available to all members in accordance with the Act. Such list of members shall be used to determine eligibility to attend and vote at any meeting of the members.

6.3 **Membership Year**

Unless otherwise determined by these By-laws, every membership, other than Life Memberships, shall commence immediately following the AGM and shall terminate on the 1st day following the next AGM.

6.4 **Termination**

(a) A membership in the OMHA shall not be transferable and shall terminate upon resignation, end of term, or death in the case of an individual membership.

(b) A member whose conduct is considered by the Board to be contrary to the OMHA's stated Code of Conduct and the purposes of the OMHA shall be asked by the Board to explain or justify their actions. If these members are unwilling or unable to do so, they shall be asked by the Board to resign from the OMHA. If they do not resign, the Board shall give proper notice of motion, to be considered at the next Board meeting, requesting the expulsion of

these members. A copy of this motion shall be communicated to the member(s) concerned within a reasonable period of time to allow for a written response. If a response is made, it shall be circulated with the notice of motion. Approval of such a motion shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority in a ballot conducted at the meeting. The member(s) concerned shall be invited to attend the meeting and to explain their position(s) before the vote is taken.

(c) A member may resign from the OMHA by submitting a resignation in writing addressed to the Executive Director, who in turn notifies the appropriate Board members.

(d) Members in good standing shall be those admitted as members who have paid all required membership fees to the OMHA. Members whose membership fees are in arrears shall be suspended from membership and not permitted to vote, make nominations, or hold office in the OMHA. The Executive Director shall inform those concerned of this suspension in writing.

6.5 Membership Fees

Membership fees shall be established annually by the Finance Committee and be approved by the Board. Fees for any unexpired term of membership are normally not refundable, but the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant a request for such a refund in extenuating circumstances.

6.6 Right to Vote

All Active Members [6.1(a)(i)], General Members [6.1(c)], and those OMHA Past Presidents not among the Active Members, who are at the time of the meeting entered in the books of the OMHA as a member in good standing, shall be entitled to notice of and to vote at all meetings of members of the OMHA.

7.0 MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

7.1 Annual General Meeting of Members

The AGM shall be held each year on the second Saturday of June. The time and place is to be determined by the Board. Such decision is to be communicated to the members at least four (4) months prior to the AGM. The transaction of at least the following business is to be set out in the

agenda of such AGM;

(a) approval of the agenda;
(b) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting of the members;
(c) receiving reports of the activities of the OMHA during the preceding year;
(d) receiving information regarding the planned activities of the OMHA for the current year;
(e) receiving and approving the report of the auditor of the OMHA from the previous year and a projected financial position for the current year;
(f) ratification of the appointed auditor for the ensuing year;
(g) election of the new Board;
(h) consideration of any proposed amendments to the Letters Patent, By-laws, or Regulations of the OMHA;
(i) transaction of any other business which relates to the business of the meeting referred to above, and notice of proposed amendments to the By-law and the Regulations, which must have been made by registered mail or equivalent to the Executive Director not later than eight (8) weeks in advance of the AGM. The Executive Director shall notify, by mail or equivalent, all members of the list of proposed amendments at least four (4) weeks prior to the AGM.

7.2 **Additional General Meetings of Members**

In addition to the AGM, the Board may call a general meeting of the OMHA at any time, and must do so on the written request of the contact persons representing a minimum of 10% of the OMHA's member associations. Due notice of all general meetings will be sent in writing to all members, by the Executive Director, at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the general meeting.

7.3 **Voter Eligibility**

(a) Active Members, members of the Board and those OMHA Past Presidents not among the Active Members, shall each be entitled to one vote.
(b) Each Association in good standing shall be entitled to send to each meeting of members one Delegate for each team eligible for an OMHA Championship. In addition, each Association which has House/Local League Teams, and each Affiliated Independent

House/Local League organization, shall be entitled to one Delegate for every twenty (20) teams or part thereof. An Associations' Delegate(s) must be of legal age (18) and must be a member of that Association. Each Delegate shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

7.4 **Notice**

(a) Annual General Meeting

Notice of the AGM, to be held on the second Saturday of June in each year, shall set out the agenda, including particulars of any other business to come before the meeting. The time and the place of the meeting, and such notice shall be mailed to all Active and General Members at the last known recorded address for such members in the records of the OMHA.

(b) Additional General Meetings of the Membership

Notice of any additional general meetings of the members shall be mailed to all Active and General Members at the last known recorded address in the records of the OMHA.

(c) Error or Omission in Notice

An inadvertent error or omission in giving notice of any AGM or additional general meeting of members or any adjourned meeting, whether annual or general, shall not invalidate such a meeting or make void any proceedings taken at such meeting. Any member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting but remains eligible to attend and participate in all actions or proceedings at any such meeting.

7.5 **Quorum**

A quorum for an AGM or additional general meeting requires that the number of non-Board members in attendance and eligible to vote shall be at least equal to the number of Board members in attendance, plus one. No business shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum except to take measures to obtain a quorum, to establish the time to which to adjourn, or to take a recess.

7.6 **Voting Procedures**

(a) A majority of votes cast by members present and voting, unless otherwise required by the Act or by the By-laws of the OMHA, shall decide every question proposed for consideration at meetings of the members

(b) On questions concerning changes or additions that refer only to

specific Categories, only voting members from Associations of those Categories shall be eligible to vote.

(c) At the meetings of the members, every question shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a specific count or unless a secret ballot is required by the Chair or requested by any member entitled to vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a specific count or secret ballot is requested or required, a declaration by the Chair that a resolution has been 'carried' or 'lost' and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

7.7 **No Proxies**

Proxies will not be permitted. Members must be present at Annual General Meetings and Additional General Meetings of the Membership in order to exercise their voting rights.

7.8 **Adjournments**

Any meeting of the members of the OMHA may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at the continuation of such adjourned meeting(s) as might have been transacted at the original meeting(s) from which such adjournment took place. No notice shall be required for continuation of any such adjourned meeting other than to those members present in person at the adjourned meeting. Such adjournment may be made regardless of whether a quorum is present.

7.9 **Chair**

In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, the members present and entitled to vote at any meeting of the members shall choose another Director as Chair. If no Director is present or if all the Directors present decline to act as Chair, the members present shall choose any member present to be Chair.

7.10 **Board Member Election Results**

The numerical results of the election for office in the OMHA will be listed in a prominent place immediately following the elections. The results will

be available upon written request to the Executive Director of the OMHA.

8.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8.1 Composition

(a) Eligibility

A Director

(i) shall be eighteen (18) or more years of age;

(ii) shall not be an undischarged bankrupt or of unsound mind;

(iii) shall be a member of the OMHA at the time of his or her election or appointment;

(iv) shall remain a member of the OMHA throughout his or her term of office.

(b) Nominees

(i) Each nominee for President shall have served on the Board three (3) of the last four (4) years, one of which must have been as Vice-President.

(ii) Each nominee for District Vice-President shall be a resident of the District to which he is to be elected or have a substantial involvement with the OMHA within the District. He shall have served at least one (1) year on the Board, with the year having been one of the previous two (2) years.

(iii) Each nominee for Regional Executive Member shall be a resident of the Region to which he is to be elected or have a substantial involvement with an Association or the OMHA in that Region.

(iv) A Board member shall not hold more than one position on the Board.

(c) Number of Directors

The affairs of the OMHA shall be managed by a Board as identified in 9.2(a).

(d) Term of Office;

(i) The President shall be elected annually for a one (1) year term and is not eligible to serve more than two (2) one (1) year terms, which must be consecutive

(ii) The District Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the membership-

at-large for a two (2) year term. The Central District Vice-President shall be elected in the even numbered years and the Western and Eastern District Vice-Presidents shall be elected in the odd numbered years.

(iii) Each Region will be represented by two (2) Regional Executive Members elected from that Region. One of the two positions in each Region shall be elected annually for a two (2) year term.

(iv) Unless they resign, all OMHA Directors and Officers shall remain in office until the end of the AGM during which their successors are elected or appointed.

(e) Ballots

Delegates may vote annually for only one candidate for President, one candidate in each District for District Vice-President (as required) and one candidate for Regional Executive Member. For the position of Regional Executive Member, Delegate votes are restricted to only candidates in their Region.

(f) Change in Number of Directors

The OMHA may by special resolution increase or decrease the number of its Directors in accordance with the Act.

9.0 PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

9.1 Nominations

The election of the Board shall take place at the AGM of the members. No election or appointment of a Board member is effective without his consent given in writing prior to the election or appointment. Nomination forms for the Board shall be available each year from the Nominations Committee by March 1st. A Nomination form must be completed by all nominees and two (2) nominators who are members of the Association. Such completed form must be delivered to the Nominations Committee prior to the election.

9.2 **Board Positions**

(a) The Board shall consist of the following positions:

Officers

(i) President - elected - one (1) year term
(ii) Past President - (immediate)
(iii) Three (3) District Vice-Presidents – elected – two (2) year term
(iv) Treasurer - appointed - one (1) year term

Board Members

(i) Twelve (12) Regional Executive Members – elected – two (2) year term
(ii) WOAA Representative –automatic – one (1) year term
(iii) Past Presidents – next four (4) living (non-voting)
(iv) Life Members – maximum of four (4) – (non-voting)
(v) Area Convenors – appointed – one (1) year term (non-voting)
(vi) Technical Director Coaches – appointed – one (1) year term (non-voting)
(vii) Technical Director Referees – appointed – one (1) year term (non-voting)
(viii) Technical Director Trainers – appointed – one (1) year term (non-voting)

(b) Prior to the AGM, the Board shall appoint a Treasurer. This appointment must be presented to the AGM for ratification.

(c) The (4) four living Past Presidents and the Life Members will form an advisory group to the Board. They, along with the Area Convenors and Technical Directors, will have the right to participate in all discussions at Board meetings but they may not make motions or vote, except that they will be allowed to vote for the induction of new Life Members and Honour Award recipients.

(d) Area Convenors will be appointed by the Board and will have the same authority and assume the same responsibilities as Board members in disciplinary and administrative matters within their designated areas.

(e) Prior to the AGM, the Board shall appoint Technical Directors, as listed below, who will be responsible to the Board for the implementation and the delivery of the OMHA's Development Programs. These appointments must be presented to the Annual General Meeting for ratification.

(i) Technical Director Coaches
Shall be responsible for the Coaching Program (OMHA/NCCP/CHIP)

(ii) Technical Director Referees
Shall be responsible for the Referee Program (OMHA/HCOP)

(iii) Technical Director Trainers
Shall be responsible for the Trainer Program (OMHA/HTCP)

9.3 **Election Procedures**

The Nominations Committee will prepare an initial report of nominations for circulation to the membership by March 31st. Further nominations for election may be made by registered mail or equivalent to the Nominations Committee not later than six (6) weeks in advance of the AGM. The Executive Director shall in turn notify by mail, or equivalent, all members of the final list of nominations four (4) weeks prior to the AGM. An individual may be nominated for President, District Vice-President and Regional Executive Member. Candidates may stand for a maximum of two (2) positions, in descending order, and must be eligible and nominated for both positions. Any member of the Board seeking election to a higher position must resign his current position by election time at the AGM. Elections for the Board, as required, shall be held in descending order beginning with the position of President, followed by election for District Vice-President(s), and then for Regional Executive Member(s). Nominees for election to the Board shall be in good standing with the OMHA.

9.4 **Vacancies**

Any vacancy occurring on the Board may be filled only for the remainder of the current year of the vacated term by resolution of the Board then in office, provided there is a quorum of the Board then in office. The Board shall consider applications from the members for appointment to the vacancy on the Board. The Board shall appoint a replacement Board member within thirty (30) days after the position was vacated.

9.5 **Termination**

(a) Removal of Director by Membership
Provided that notice specifying the intention to pass such resolution has been given with the notice of meeting, eligible voting members of the OMHA, by a resolution passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a general meeting of members, may remove any Board member before the expiration of his or her term of office. Members of the OMHA, by a majority of the votes cast at that meeting, may elect any person in his or her stead for the remainder of his or her term.

(b) Removal of Director by the Board
The Board may, by resolution approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board members present, remove any Board member for cause before the expiration of his term of office.

(c) Absenteeism
Unless otherwise determined by the Board, the absence of a Board member from three (3) consecutive Board meetings or the absence of a Board member from any four (4) out of eight (8) consecutive Board meetings shall be deemed to be a resignation from the Board.

(d) Resignation
A member of the Board may resign his or her membership in the OMHA by submitting a letter of resignation to the President of the OMHA.

10.0 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

10.1 **Governance**

The Board of Directors shall govern the OMHA in compliance with the objects, powers, By-laws and Policies of the OMHA, Regulations and all applicable laws and regulations.

10.2 **Board Meetings**

(a) Regular Board Meetings
Except as otherwise required by law, the Board may hold meetings at such place or places as the President or, in his absence, a Vice-President, may from time to time determine. The Board shall meet not less than seven (7) times per year.

(b) Special Board Meetings
Special Board meetings may be called by the President or a Vice-President in the absence of the President or on petition in writing to the Executive Director signed by any three (3) voting Board members. Business transacted at a special Board meeting shall be limited to that specified in the notice calling the meeting.

10.3 **Notice of Board Meetings**

(a) Notice shall be communicated to all Board members at least seven (7) days in advance of a Board meeting, unless all Board members agree to the calling of a meeting on shorter notice or the Board meeting is held on a regular day or date each month or immediately following a meeting of members of the OMHA.

(b) Notice shall include a tentative agenda in the case of a regular Board meeting and shall specify the business to be conducted in the case of a special Board meeting.

(c) No formal notice of any Board meeting shall be necessary if all the Board members are present or if those absent signify their consent to the meeting being held in their absence.

10.4 **Error in Notice**

No error or omission in giving notice for a Board meeting shall invalidate such meeting or invalidate or make void any proceedings taken at such meeting, and any Board member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may ratify and approve of any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

10.5 **Adjournment of Board of Directors' Meetings**

Any Board meeting may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such business may be transacted at the continuance of the adjourned meeting as might have been transacted at the original meeting. No notice shall be required for continuance of any adjournment.

10.6 **Quorum**

A quorum for Board meetings shall consist of a majority of the voting members eligible for the said meeting and shall include three (3) Officers. No business of the Board shall be transacted in the absence of a quorum.

10.7 **Voting Rights**

Each voting Board member present at a Board meeting, including the Chair, shall be entitled to one vote. The Chair shall have a second vote in the event of a tie vote.

10.8 **Voting Procedures**

A majority of votes of the Board members present and voting at a Board meeting shall decide every question. Every question shall be decided in the first instance by a show of hands and, unless a secret ballot is demanded by a Board member present, a declaration by the Chair that the motion has been carried or not carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the meeting shall be sufficient evidence of the fact, without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour or against such motion.

10.9 **Remuneration**

Board members shall serve without remuneration and no Board member shall indirectly or directly receive any remuneration, salary or profit from his position as a Board member or for any service rendered to the OMHA. The Board may establish Policies relating to the reimbursement of the Board members for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board of the OMHA.

10.10 **Conflict of Interest**

(a) Every Board member who directly or indirectly has an interest in a proposed or existing contract or transaction or other matter relating to the OMHA shall make a full and fair declaration of the nature and extent of the interest at a Board meeting.

(b) The declaration of a conflict of interest shall be made at the Board meeting at which the question of entering into the contract or transaction or other matter is first taken into consideration or, if the Board member is not present at that Board meeting, at the next Board meeting attended by the Board member.

(c) After making such a declaration, the Board member shall not enter into discussion nor vote on such a contract or transaction or other matter, nor shall he be counted in the quorum in respect of such a contract or transaction or other matter.

(d) If a Board member has made a declaration of an interest in a

contract or transaction or other matter in compliance with this Section, the Board member is not accountable to the OMHA for any profit realized from the contract or transaction or other matter.

(e) If a Board member fails to make a declaration of interest in a contract or transaction or other matter in compliance with this Section, the Board member shall account to and reimburse the OMHA for all profits realized, directly or indirectly, from such contract or transaction or other matter.

10.11 **Indemnification of the Board**

(a) Every Board member of the OMHA and his heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects respectively shall from time to time be indemnified and saved harmless by the OMHA from and against:

(i) all costs, charges and expenses whatsoever that he sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding that is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for and in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office; and

(ii) all other costs, charges and expenses that he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own wilful neglect or default; provided that, no Board member of the OMHA shall be indemnified by the OMHA in respect of any liability, costs, charges or expenses that he sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or other proceeding as a result of which he is adjudged to be in breach of statute unless, in an action brought against him in his capacity as a Board member, he has achieved complete or substantial success as a defendant.

(b) the OMHA may purchase and maintain such insurance for the benefit of its Board members as the Board may from time to time determine.

10.12 **Confidentiality**

Every Board member shall respect the confidentiality of matters brought before the Board for consideration in camera.

10.13 **Rules of Operation**

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this By-law, the Board shall have the power to pass, without any immediate confirmation or ratification by the members of the OMHA, all necessary rules and regulations as it deems expedient or related in any way to the operations of the OMHA, including, without limitation, the conduct of its members, member teams and guests, provided such rules and regulations are not otherwise inconsistent with the Letters Patent of the OMHA or this By-law. Such prescribed rules and regulations shall have force and effect only until the next AGM when they shall be confirmed and in default of confirmation at such AGM shall, at and from that time, cease to have force and effect.

11.0 BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

11.1 **Officers**

The Officers shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past-President, the three District Vice-Presidents and the Treasurer.

11.2 **Roles and Responsibilities of Officers**

(a) **President**

The President shall:

(i) be the official representative of the OMHA on the Executive Committee of other amateur ruling bodies as directed by the OMHA membership

(ii) preside at all meetings of members of the OMHA and the Board of Directors, unless otherwise indicated by the By-laws or Board policy, with the usual privileges of office

(iii) exercise general supervision of the OMHA in accordance with Policies determined by the Board

(iv) be a non-voting member of all committees and sub-committees of the OMHA

(v) report regularly to the Board on matters of interest

(vi) delegate tasks as necessary

(vii) not convene any group/league while holding office

(b) **District Vice-Presidents**

Each District Vice-President shall:

(i) be responsible for his specific District

(ii) assist the Regional Executive Members from his District
(iii) facilitate information sharing, problem solving and the development of minor hockey in his District
(iv) attend meetings of the Board and general meetings of members
(v) Annually appoint four (4) Regional Nomination Committee members, one from each Area within his District, whose appointments must be ratified by the voting League members within each respective Area
(vi) perform any other duties as assigned by the President or the Board
(vii) not convene any group/league while holding office

(c) **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall:

(i) ensure adherence to and implementation of financial Policies in the financial administration of the OMHA
(ii) present an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed, and reporting same at each regular Board meeting
(iii) ensure the submission of the books of account to the auditor of the OMHA at the end of the financial year
(iv) present a report of the auditor from the previous financial year and a projected financial position for the current year to the membership at the AGM
(v) evaluate, review and recommend financial policy to the Finance Committee
(vi) be a member of the Finance Committee
(vii) pay all accounts by cheque, signed by himself and one other person authorized by the Board
(viii) perform any other duties as assigned by the President or the Board

(d) **Immediate Past President**

The Immediate Past President shall:

(i) chair the Nominations, Advisory and AGM Committees
(ii) chair the AGM luncheon
(iii) be available to assist any Board member requiring assistance in the completion of his functions
(iv) carry out other duties as assigned by the President or the Board

11.3 **Roles and Responsibilities of Regional Executive Members**

The Regional Executive Members, under the direction of a District Vice-President and the President shall:

(a) organize, form and supervise Leagues, ensuring schedules are created and standings are compiled and reported, as required
(b) attend League meetings under his jurisdiction, and attend league, playoff and OMHA playdown games as necessary
(c) approve eligibility of players and team officials to participate as per the Regulations and Polices of the OMHA
(d) administer automatic suspensions as established in the Regulations and Policies of the OMHA
(e) assess and administer suspensions for match penalties, reporting situations and decisions to the President
(f) serve on hearing and match penalty committees
(g) attend meetings of the Board and general meetings of members
(h) serve on Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and on OMHA Appeals Committees, as designated by the President
(i) report matters of concern or interest to his District Vice-President for information and possible action by the President, an OMHA committee or the Board
(j) carry out duties or assignments as requested by his District Vice-President, the President or the Board

11.4 **Responsibilities of the Board**

The Board shall:

(a) have the powers of the OMHA and may delegate any of its powers, duties and functions as is deemed necessary
(b) make policies and procedures as necessary for the governance of the OMHA, including policies and procedures relating to conduct, discipline and the management of disputes
(c) interpret and clarify any clause of the Regulations
(d) fill any vacancy which may occur in its number, with the position to be filled by election at the next AGM
(e) be empowered to make agreements, from time to time, with other recognized hockey organizations, provided only that such agreements are within the general rules of organized hockey

12.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

12.1 The OMHA shall employ an Executive Director to administer the day-to-day operations of the OMHA.

12.2 **Responsibilities of Executive Director**

The Executive Director shall:

(a) record or delegate the recording of the minutes of general meetings of the members, Board meetings and any other meetings as required, and ensure that OMHA records are regularly and properly kept and all business is conducted in accordance with any applicable statute or law, the Letters Patent and By-laws and the Policies and procedures established by the Board or by the members

(b) ensure the proper custody of the OMHA's corporate seal, corporate minutes and resolutions and other corporate records and documents

(c) be responsible for receiving and distributing all correspondence received or sent by the OMHA and all communications within the OMHA

(d) keep an accurate record of affiliated minor hockey associations and teams of the OMHA

(e) prepare or delegate the preparation of schedules for playdowns, in concert with anyone appointed to assist by the Board

(f) be responsible for notifying all teams of the playdown schedules

(g) recommend policy to the Board regarding internal and external communications of the OMHA

(h) ensure that all necessary and appropriate insurance has been purchased

(i) receive minutes from the chairpersons of all Standing Committees and distribute same to all members of the Board

(j) prepare the paperwork for the payment of all accounts

(k) maintain the membership list referred to in Section 6.2

(l) carry out duties as assigned by the President or the Board

(m) receive and certify all certificates submitted on behalf of the players and team officials applying for registration in the OMHA; keeping a register of all players in the OMHA

(n) be the legal holder of the trophies for the OMHA

(o) conduct such activities as necessary for the welfare of the OMHA

13.0 COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

13.1 Standing Committees

(a) Nothing in this By-law shall be construed to limit the ability of the Directors and members of the OMHA from abolishing or creating Standing Committees by By-law or from establishing such Ad Hoc Committees or Sub-Committees by Board resolution as may be desired or required from time to time.

(b) All Standing and Ad Hoc Committees will be comprised of a chairperson, Board members, and/or any member participant of an OMHA local minor hockey association Members-at-large as directed by the Board.

(c) The following may be the Standing Committees of the OMHA:

- Subcommittee
- Nominations Committee
- Annual General Meeting
- Appeals Committees
- Competition with Overseas Teams
- By-law and Regulations
- Development and Playing Rules
- Finance
- Group Structure
- Maintenance Trust
- Manual and Forms
- Select and Local League
- Tournaments
- AAA Zone

13.2 Standing Committee Procedure

(a) Compliance

(i) All Standing Committees shall comply with all By-laws, guidelines, Policies and procedures of the OMHA as determined by the Board or the members of the OMHA, from time to time, and also shall comply with all requirements of the OMHA, the OHF, HC and, if applicable, any other hockey organizations with which OMHA teams are participating

(ii) No Board member shall hold the position of Chairperson of a specific committee for a term of longer than three (3) years, without special resolution of the Board

(iii) In addition to Board members, any member participant of an OMHA minor hockey association, and all OMHA referees, convenors and development personnel, shall be eligible to serve on a Standing Committee

(b) Meetings

Each Standing Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair as required.

(c) Notice

Notice of all meetings of Standing Committees shall be communicated to all members of the Standing Committee at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting, except in the case of emergencies or that such notice may be waived by consent of all members of the Standing Committee.

(d) Quorum

A quorum for a Standing Committee shall be a majority of the members of the Standing Committee.

(e) Voting Rights

Each member of a Standing Committee present at a meeting of the Standing Committee shall be entitled to one vote. In the case of a tie vote, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.

(f) Minutes

Standing Committees shall maintain and keep minutes of their meetings and shall report to the Board at regular intervals and at any other time upon request by the Board.

(g) Annual Report

Each Standing Committee may prepare an annual report of the matters for which it is responsible, to be presented to the OMHA members at the AGM.

13.3 **Subcommittees and Ad Hoc Committees**

The Standing Committee procedure shall also govern the procedures for all Subcommittees and Ad Hoc committees of the OMHA.

13.4 **Subcommittee**

(a) The Subcommittee shall be chaired by the President and shall be comprised of the Officers of the OMHA and three Regional Executive Members, one from each District. Any Board member who has a problem in the area that he is responsible for, and on the advice of the President, may attend.

(b) The Subcommittee shall be empowered to carry on interim and emergent activities as necessary, but may not set OMHA policy.
(c) A quorum of the Subcommittee shall consist of seven (7) of the members eligible to attend such meetings.
(d) All proceedings of the Subcommittee must be presented at the next Board meeting for ratification.

13.5 **Nominations Committee**

(a) The Nominations Committee will be comprised of the chairpersons of the six (6) Regional Nomination Committees and be chaired by the Immediate Past President.
(b) Each of the six (6) Regional Nomination Committees will be chaired by Past Presidents and/or Life Members and, in addition to the Chair, will have two members, one from each Area, whose appointments have been approved by the majority of voting League members from within their respective Areas.
(c) Role and Responsibility of Nominations Committee:
The Nominations Committee:
(i) shall ensure that a slate of candidates as required under **By-law 8.1 (d)** is presented at the AGM.
(ii) may present candidates for the Office of Treasurer to the Board.

14.0 EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS

14.1 **Execution of Documents**

The Board may from time to time appoint any Officer or Officers or any person or persons on behalf of the OMHA, either to sign documents generally or to sign specific documents. The corporate seal of the OMHA, when required, shall be affixed to documents executed in accordance with the foregoing.

14.2 **Books and Records**

The Board shall ensure that all necessary books and records of the OMHA required by the By-laws of the OMHA or by any applicable statute are regularly and properly maintained and any contracts or agreements are filed for safekeeping.

15.0 FINANCIAL YEAR

15.1 **Financial Year**

The financial year of the OMHA shall end on the 30th day of April in each year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time by resolution determine.

16.0 BANKING ARRANGEMENTS

16.1 **Banking Resolution**

The Board shall designate, by resolution, the Officers and other persons authorized to transact the banking business of the OMHA, or any part thereof, with the bank, trust company, or other corporation carrying on a banking business that the Board has designated as the banker of the OMHA, to have the authority to set out in the resolution, including, unless otherwise restricted, the power to:

(a) operate the accounts of the OMHA with a bank or a trust company
(b) make, sign, draw, accept, endorse, negotiate, lodge, deposit or transfer any of the cheques, promissory notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange and orders for the payment of money
(c) issue receipts for and orders relating to any property of the OMHA
(d) authorize any officer of the bank or trust company to do any act or thing on behalf of the OMHA to facilitate the activities of the OMHA

16.2 **Deposit of Securities**

The securities of the OMHA shall be deposited for safekeeping with one or more banks, trust companies or other place or places of safekeeping to be selected by the Board. Any and all securities so deposited may be withdrawn, from time to time, only upon the written order of the OMHA signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the OMHA, and in such manner as shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The institutions which may be so selected as custodians of the OMHA shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the directions of the OMHA and shall in no event be liable for the due application of the securities so withdrawn from deposit or the proceeds thereof.

16.3 **Bonding**

All authorized signing officers and the Executive Director shall be bonded in an appropriate amount at the expense of the OMHA.

16.4 **Cheques**

All accounts shall be paid by cheque with two authorized signatures. Until otherwise determined by the Board, the authorized signees shall be the Treasurer and any one of either the Executive Director or President.

16.5 **Absence**

During an unavoidable absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, as determined by the Board, the Board shall appoint a temporary signing officer for the duration of such absence or incapacity.

17.0 BORROWING BY THE OMHA

17.1 **Borrowing Power**

Subject to the limitations set out in the Letters Patent, By-laws or Policies of the OMHA, the Board may by resolution authorize the OMHA to:

(a) borrow money on the credit of the OMHA;
(b) issue, sell or pledge securities of the OMHA; or
(c) charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the OMHA, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any securities or any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the OMHA.

17.2 **Borrowing Resolution**

From time to time, the Board may authorize any Director or Officer of the OMHA, or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the monies so borrowed or to be borrowed and as to the terms and conditions of any loan, and as to the security to be given therefore, with power to vary or modify such arrangements, terms and conditions, and to give such additional security as the Board may authorize, and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the OMHA.

18.0 NOTICE

18.1 **Computation of Time**

In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of this By-law requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting or other event, the date of giving the notice is included, unless otherwise provided.

18.2 **Omissions and Errors**

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of the Board or members or the non-receipt of any notice by any Director or member or by the auditor of the OMHA or any error in any notice not affecting its substance does not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at the meeting. Any Director, member or the auditor of the OMHA may at any time waive notice of any meeting and may ratify and approve any or all proceedings taken thereat.

18.3 **Method of Giving Notice**

Whenever notice is required to be given under the provisions of this By-law of the OMHA, such notice may be given either personally or by telephone or by depositing same in a post office or a public letter box, in a postage paid sealed envelope addressed to the Director, Officer or member at his or her address as the same appears in the records of the OMHA. Any notice or other documents so sent by mail shall be deemed to be sent at the time when the same was deposited in a post office or public letter box as aforesaid. For the purposes of sending any notice, the address of any member, Director or Officer shall be his or her last recorded address in the records of the OMHA.

19.0 PASSING AND AMENDING BY-LAWS

19.1 The Board or any member in good standing may, from time to time, recommend to the membership amendments to the By-laws of the OMHA.

19.2 Notice of proposed amendments to this By-law must be made in writing, signed by a member in good standing and must be received by the Executive Director by registered mail or equivalent at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the AGM at which they are to be considered.

19.3 The Executive Director shall, by mail or equivalent, notify all members of the list of proposed amendments at least four (4) weeks prior to the

AGM.

19.4 Provided that it is not contrary to amateur hockey rules and regulations, any amendment, placed before the AGM, must be voted upon and may not be withdrawn from the meeting.

19.5 If the Board intends to discuss any amendment of the By-laws of the OMHA at a Board meeting, written notice of such intention shall be sent by the Executive Director to each Director not less than ten (10) days before such meeting. Where such notice is not provided, any recommendation to amend the By-laws may nevertheless be moved at the meeting and discussion and voting thereon adjourned to the next meeting for which written notice of intention to pass or amend such By-laws shall be given.

19.6 (a) A By-law, Regulation or an amendment to a By-law or Regulation, recommended by the Board or proposed by a member, shall be presented for adoption at the next AGM of the members of the OMHA. The notice of such AGM shall refer to, describe and explain the By-law, Regulation or amendment(s) to the By-law or Regulation to be presented at the meeting of the members.

(b) A motion to amend the By-laws, recommended by the Board or proposed by a member at an AGM or at a general meeting of members called for that purpose, must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting at such meeting.

(c) A motion to amend the Regulations, recommended by the Board or proposed by a member, at an AGM or at a general meeting of members called for that purpose, must be approved by a majority of the members present and voting at such meeting

(d) The members at an AGM or at a general meeting of members may confirm the proposed By-law, Regulation or amended By-law or Regulation as presented, or amend or reject the proposed By-law, Regulation or amended By-Law or Regulation.

19.7 Any changes to Hockey Canada Regulations Part III, which make the Regulations more stringent than the current OMHA Regulations, will be adopted by the OMHA and be implemented for the current playing season.

19.8 An independent "Resolutions Chairperson" shall be appointed by the Board to conduct that portion of the meeting of members dealing with changes or amendments to the By-laws and/or changes or amendments to the Regulations.

20.0 REPEAL OF PRIOR BY-LAWS

20.1 **Repeal**

All prior by-laws of the OMHA, including the document entitled the "Constitution" of the OMHA, are hereby repealed as of the coming into force of this By-law.

20.2 **Proviso**

The repeal of all prior by-laws of the OMHA shall not impair in any way the validity of any act or thing done or right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired or incurred under, or the validity of any contract or agreement made pursuant to any such by-laws prior to its repeal.

21.0 RULES OF PROCEDURE

21.1 The most current edition of "Procedures for Meetings and Organizations" by M.K. Kerr and Hubert W. King shall govern the rules and procedures to be used in conducting the meetings and affairs of the OMHA in all cases to which they are applicable, provided they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or any other governing documents or laws affecting the OMHA.

EXECUTIVE ELECTORAL REGIONS

REGION ONE - WESTERN DISTRICT

AMHERSTBURG	LAMBETH	SOUTHPOINT
BELLE RIVER	LAMBTON SHORES	ST. MARY'S
BELMONT	LASALLE	ST. THOMAS
BLENHEIM	LUCAN	STRATHROY
BOTHWELL	MOORETOWN	TECUMSEH SHORELINE
CHATHAM	MOUNT BRYDGES	THAMESFORD
DORCHESTER	PARKHILL	TILBURY
DRESDEN	PETROLIA	WALLACEBURG
EAST LAMBTON	POINT EDWARD	WALPOLE ISLAND
ESSEX	PORT STANLEY	WEST LORNE
GLENCOE	RIDGETOWN	WINDSOR
HARROW	RIVERSIDE	WINDSOR ZONE
ILDERTON	SARNIA	
KINGSVILLE	SOUTH HURON	

REGION TWO - WESTERN DISTRICT

AYLMER	INGERSOLL	SIX NATIONS
AYR	JORDAN	ST CATHARINES WARRIORS
BEVERLY	LANGTON	ST CATHARINES
BURFORD	LINCOLN	ST. CATHARINES ZONE
CALEDONIA	MERRITTON	ST GEORGE
CAYUGA	NEW HAMBURG	STONEY CREEK
DELHI	NIAGARA FALLS	TAVISTOCK
DUNNVILLE	NIAGARA FALLS ZONE	THOROLD
EMBRO	NIAGARA on the LAKE	TILLSONBURG
GARDEN CITY KIWANIS (St. Catharines)	NORWICH	TWIN CENTRE
GLANBROOK	PARIS	WAINFLEET
GREATER FORT ERIE	PELHAM	WATERFORD
GREATER HAMILTON ZONE	PLATTSVILLE	WELLAND
GRIMSBY	PORT COLBORNE	WELLAND ZONE
HAGERSVILLE	PORT DOVER	WEST LINCOLN
	SIMCOE	

REGION THREE - CENTRAL DISTRICT

ACTON	DUNDAS	GUELPH ZONE
ACTON H.L.	ELORA	HALTON HILLS ZONE
ANCASTER	ERIN - HILLSBURGH	HESPELER
ARTHUR	FERGUS	MILTON
BRAMPTON YOUTH	FLAMBOROUGH	OAKVILLE
BURLINGTON	GEORGETOWN	ORANGEVILLE
CALEDON	GUELPH	WOOLWICH

REGION FOUR - CENTRAL DISTRICT

AURORA	LEFROY	RICHMOND HILL
BARRIE	MARKHAM	RICHMOND HILL ZONE
BARRIE ZONE	MARKHAM/UNIONVILLE	SCHOMBERG
BEETON	MARKHAM ZONE	STOUFFVILLE
BRADFORD	NEWMARKET	THORNTON
EAST GWILLIMBURY	NEW TECUMSETH	YORK SIMCOE ZONE
GEORGINA	NOBLEKING	
INNISFIL	ORILLIA	

REGION FIVE - EASTERN DISTRICT

ALMAGUIN	GRAND VALLEY	OSPREY
BEAVER VALLEY	GRAVENHURST	OWEN SOUND
BRACEBRIDGE	GREY BRUCE ZONE	PARRY SOUND
COLDWATER	HONEYWOOD	PENETANGUISHENE
COLLINGWOOD	HUNTSVILLE	PORT CARLING
CREEMORE	MARKDALE	SHELBURNE
DUNDALK	MEAFORD	STAYNER
ELMVALE	MIDLAND	WASAGA BEACH
ESSA	NORTH CENTRAL ZONE	NORTH MUSKOKA
FLESHERTON	ORO	

REGION SIX - EASTERN DISTRICT

AJAX	GANANOQUE	OTONABEE
AJAX PICKERING ZONE	GRAFTON	PERCY
APSLEY	HAVELOCK	PETERBOROUGH C.H.L.
BALTIMORE	HIGHLAND STORM	PETERBOROUGH M.H.A.
BANCROFT	KINGSTON C.A.L	PETERBOROUGH ZONE
BEAVERTON	KINGSTON M.H.A.	PICKERING
BELLEVILLE	KINGSTON T.M.H.A	PORT HOPE
BOBCAYGEON	GREATER KINGSTON ZONE	PORT PERRY
BRIGHTON	LAKEFIELD	PRINCE EDWARD CTY.
CAMPBELLFORD	LINDSAY	QUINTE WEST
CANNINGTON	LOYALIST TOWNSHIP	QUINTE ZONE
CENTRAL ONT. ZONE	MANVERS	RICE LAKE
CENTRE HASTINGS	MARIPOSA	STIRLING
CLARINGTON	MILLBROOK	STONE MILLS
CLARINGTON REC	NAPANEE	SUNDERLAND
CLARINGTON ZONE	NEWCASTLE	TWEED
COBOURG	NORTH FRONTENAC	UXBRIDGE
COLBORNE	NORWOOD	UXBRIDGE Y.H.L.
DESERONTO	OMEMEE	WHITBY
DOURO	OPS	WILBERFORCE
ENNISMORE	ORONO	WOODVILLE
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REGULATIONS

OF THE
ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. (OMHA)

AS REVISED AND AMENDED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 10, 2006

NOTE: SCREENED SECTIONS AND/OR PARAGRAPHS ARE NEW OR CHANGED SECTIONS.

WHEREVER THE CONTEXT HEREIN PERMITS, REFERENCE TO THE MALE SHALL ALSO MEAN FEMALE

NOTE: ANY REFERENCE TO HOCKEY CANADA CERTIFICATES/CARDS SHALL ALSO MEAN ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION/ROSTERS.

ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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1.0 DEFINITIONS

(a) "Additional Entry" is a team from a Centre that has entered a Representative team in the same division

(b) "affiliate" means the process allowing teams the opportunity to dress the maximum number of players allowable in accordance with Hockey Canada Playing Rules

(c) "affiliation" is the means by which an Association joins the OMHA for the purposes of eligibility to compete within the jurisdiction of the OMHA

(d) "affiliated player" refers to a player who is eligible to participate for his registered team and one other team of a higher division or category

(e) "Affiliate Player at Large" refers to a player who is eligible to participate with a Junior team outside of his resident Centre while registered on a minor registration certificate

(f) "age group" refers to the grouping of ages within a division (e.g. Bantam 13 & 14 years)

(g) "Alliance" means Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario

(h) "Amalgamation" refers to the joining together of two or more Centres/Associations to become one Centre/Association

(i) "approved photocopy" refers to a copy of an approved player's registration certificate which has been certified by the REM or designate

(j) "assessment" refers to an amount each Association remits to the OMHA for each participant and/or team

(k) "Association" means a Centre or a Zone which is registered with the OMHA

(l) "base categories" are the category levels to which a Centre's teams have been assigned by the OMHA and which dictates the level of competition in which its teams will compete

(m) "BNQ" means Bureau de Normalization du Quebec

(n) "Branch" means a recognized member of Hockey Canada. The OHF is a Member Branch of Hockey Canada with jurisdiction over the territory as defined by Hockey Canada Constitution

(o) "bye" means a team is granted the opportunity to play in a Playdown round without first playing for the right to do so

(p) "category" a Centre's level of competition, or in instances, teams within a Centre. Example: E, D, DD, C, CC, B, BB, A, AA, AAA

(q) "Centre" is a recognized Minor Hockey Organization within the OMHA from a city, town, village, municipality or geographic sub-division which has corporate limits or boundaries accepted by the OMHA for the purpose of determining hockey eligibility of players for competition within the jurisdiction of the OMHA

(r) "Centre contact" a person appointed/elected by the Home Centre/Zone to attend league meetings and to be the liaison between the OMHA and the Home Centre/Zone.

(s) "certified" the certification process in which all OMHA coaches, trainers and referees must participate

(t) "CHIP" means the Hockey Canada Initiation Program

(u) "coach" is the individual on a team who is responsible for choosing and teaching players and conducting the team's activities during competition within the jurisdiction of HC

(v) "coach in charge" is the individual who is responsible for the team in a particular game

(w) "concurrent tournaments" are tournaments held in different locations in the same time period

(x) "contact person" refers to the person in a Centre/Zone who is documented to receive all OMHA information. A Centre/Zone may have 2 persons registered with the OMHA office for this purpose

(y) "Convenor" a person appointed by the Regional Executive Member to aid the Regional Executive Member. Some of the duties of the convenor may include, checking tournaments, approving player certificates and rosters, monitoring leagues

(z) "CSA" means Canadian Standards Association

(aa) "division" means an age group within an Association (i.e. Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom, and Novice)

(bb) "exhibition game" is a game that is neither a league, playoff, playdown nor tournament game

(cc) "game report" is the official record of a game which must be signed by the responsible game officials

(dd) "governing body" is an organization which has the authority to govern a group of members

(ee) "group" is a group of three or more OMHA member teams of the same division playing a regular schedule

(ff) "GTHL" means Greater Toronto Hockey League

(gg) "HC" means Hockey Canada (or such other name as the Canadian Hockey Association may in the future legally adopt)

(hh) "HCOP" means the Hockey Canada Officiating Program

(ii) "HTCP" means the Hockey Trainers Certification Program

(jj) "head coach" is the coach of a team who is responsible for the conduct of a team prior, during and after any game

(kk) "Home Centre" refers to the Association a player is eligible to play for by residency

(ll) "host branch" refers to a branch of Hockey Canada which is authorized to host a sanctioned Hockey Canada event

(mm) "House League" refers to a group of teams that compete regularly in a recreational league within a Centre

(nn) "House League team" is a team, which competes regularly in a recreational House League within a Centre through which it must be affiliated with the OMHA

(oo) "IIHF" means International Ice Hockey Federation

(pp) "independent House League" an Association affiliated with the OMHA, which does not have Representative teams. May affiliate through the local OMHA Association or directly to the OMHA with approval of the OMHA Board of Directors

(qq) "league" is a group of three or more OMHA member teams of the same division playing a regular schedule

(rr) "local Association" is an organization which provides minor hockey for its specific community or area

(ss) "Local League" refers to a group of House League teams from a number of Centres which compete regularly in a recreational league

(tt) "Local League team" is a House League team which competes regularly in a Local League

(uu) "manager" is the individual on a team who is responsible for all of the business concerning a team except for that assigned to the coaches or trainers

(vv) "match penalties" are severe penalties which result in immediate suspension until dealt with by the OMHA

(ww) "minor representative team" refers to a team which is eligible to play for an OMHA championship and whose players are of the lower age in the division (e.g. Bantam 13 years) and eligible by residence

(xx) "NCCP" is the National Coaching Certification Program

(yy) "NCCP Coach Level" refers to a level of coaching (see Regulations Appendix A – Coach Certification Chart)

(zz) "NCCP Development" refers to a level of coaching (see Regulations Appendix A – Coach Certification Chart)

(aaa) "NCCP Rec. Stream" refers to a level of coaching (see Regulations Appendix A – Coach Certification Chart)

(bbb) "NOHA" means Northern Ontario Hockey Association

(ccc) "non sanctioned tournaments" are tournaments that are not acceptable to Hockey Canada and its Members

(ddd) "OHF" means the Ontario Hockey Federation (or such other name as the OHF may in the future legally adopt)

(eee) "OMHA" means Ontario Minor Hockey Association Inc. (or such other name as the OMHA may in the future legally adopt)

(fff) "OMHA Eligibility & Team Roster Sheets" means the form to register a team (players and coaching staff) with the OMHA

(ggg) "OMHA Executive" means the Board of Directors (elected and appointed) of the OMHA which administers the activities of the OMHA

(hhh) "OMHA Executive Director" an individual employed by the OMHA to administer the day-to-day operations of the OMHA

(iii) "OMHA Registration Number" is the identification number that is given each player, coach, trainer, manager and referee upon registering with the OMHA

(jjj) "On-ice Officials" means referees or linesmen engaged in officiating a hockey game

(kkk) "Playdowns" refers to a group of games which leads to declaring a champion in each division and category as determined by the OMHA

(lll) "Player Certificate" is a certificate issued by the OMHA, approved by HC, on which every player, coach, trainer and manager is registered

(mmm) "Player Eligibility Declaration Form" means the form to register a team (players and coaching staff) with the OMHA

(nnn) "playoffs" refers to a group of games that leads to declaring a champion in each division and category as determined by OMHA Leagues

(ooo) "Policies" means written statements governing issues affecting the affairs of the OMHA,which have been considered and approved by the Board of the OMHA

(ppp) "population base" refers to the area from which a Centre draws its players

(qqq) "Refresher Workshop" is a review of the pertinent regulations and procedures which all certified coaches must attend from time to time in order to retain their certification

(rrr) "Regional Executive Member (REM)" is elected to the Board to represent a region

(sss) "Registration Certificates" means the document on which a player or team official registers to participate in activities of the OMHA

(ttt) "Regulations" means the OMHA Regulations and rules of competition and any other rules and guidelines governing competition within the OMHA

(uuu) "release" means the unconditional discharge of a player from a team

(vvv) "representative team" refers to a team which is eligible to play for an OMHA, OHF and/or HC championship and whose players must be eligible by age and residence

(www) "residency" refers to where the player habitually resides. The residence shall be defined as the structure in which the player is a permanent resident

(xxx) "residence questionnaire" refers to the form that must be completed when a player moves his residence from one area to another thus moving his eligibility from one Centre to another

(yyy) "right of appeal" refers to the ability of a participant to request a hearing on a decision made by the OMHA, which may have an affect on his ability to participate

(zzz) "right of choice" allows a player who lives in an area that is eligible for 2 or more Centres to choose the Centre he wants to play for as per the residency regulations. Once having made his choice, the player must be released before he may exercise any further choice

(aaaa) "Rostered Select Team" refers to a team comprised of players selected from affiliated House League or Local League teams in a Centre. They must be eligible by age and residency and may compete in exhibition and tournament games as per the Regulation while continuing to play for their House League or Local League team.

(bbbb) "Roster Sheet" means the form to register a team (players and coaching staff) with the OMHA

(cccc) "sanction" refers to an event that has approval of Hockey Canada and/or its Members

(dddd) "Sanction Permits" is a permit that authorizes various activities as approved by the OMHA

(eeee) "Select League Team" means a team comprised of players selected

from affiliated House League or Local League teams in a Centre and are eligible by age and residency

(ffff) "sub-division" refers to the lower age groups within divisions, within Associations. Eligible in AAA, AA, A for Minor Midget, Minor Bantam, Minor Pee Wee, Minor Atom and in BB-E for Minor Midget

(gggg) "team" is a group of certified team officials, at least one of whom must be a coach and one a trainer, and a group of registered players, at least one of whom must be a goaltender (except in Pee Wee and below), who are qualified in a division and category under OMHA regulations up to the maximum number provided by HC regulations

(hhhh) "team entry fees" refers to an amount paid by an Association for each of their teams to participate in the OMHA

(iiii) "team officials" are all or any of the following persons involved in the management of a team and includes coach, trainer, manager, and any assistant coach or assistant trainer

(jjjj) "tournament" is a competition of teams, organized and hosted by a Centre/Zone, which has been approved by the governing body of that Centre/Zone (e.g. OMHA, GTHL, OHF or HC)

(kkkk) "Tournament Chairperson" the person from the host Centre in charge of the tournament

(llll) "Tournament Committee" an OMHA standing committee which regulates tournaments

(mmmm) "Tournament Convenor" a person appointed by the REM to ensure that tournament regulations are being complied with

(nnnn) "Tournament signature sheets" a sheet to contain the signatures of all eligible participants for a team in a tournament

(oooo) "trainer" is the individual on a team who is responsible for the safety and welfare of the players on his team

(pppp) "Travel Permit" is a document, issued by the OMHA Executive Director, authorizing an OMHA team to participate outside the OMHA's jurisdiction

(qqqq) "WOAA" is the Western Ontario Athletic Association

(rrrr) "Zone" is a minor hockey Association created by the OMHA as a geographic area for the purposes of AAA competition

(ssss) "Zone Governing Committee" is a group of individuals that administer the operations of an AAA Zone

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Application

Every team applying for entry must specify the Centre from which it plans to operate, and be governed by all Regulations (residential or otherwise) applicable to that particular Centre.

2.2 Date

a) The closing date for all entries shall be June 1st.
b) Any or all dates set for entries, at the Annual General Meeting, may be changed by the Executive, if conditions warrant.

2.3 Entries

a) No entry shall be registered as a "bye". Where special circumstances exist the Executive shall have the power to grant a "bye" to any team.
b) Each Centre will file a map with the OMHA office. This map will show the built up area of the Centre and any OMHA authorized defined boundaries. A written description will accompany the map. These maps and descriptions will be kept on file in the OMHA office and will be updated as required.
c) House League, Local League, Rostered Select and Select League teams must be registered on OMHA Eligibility and Team Roster Sheets.
d) A Centre must enter a representative team in any age group before it can enter a minor representative team in the same age group.
e) Except as outlined in **Regulation 2.3 h)**, any team wishing to enter from a Centre operating an organized league affiliated with the

OMHA must receive permission in writing from the affiliated local organization.

f) Member teams shall not play in any group or league not under the direct control of the OMHA without permission of the OMHA executive.

g) The OMHA reserves the right to refuse any entry.

h) Where the OMHA Executive after due consideration of all the circumstances of hockey in any given Centre, and after consultation with the local affiliated organization, feels that a second Association is in the best interest of minor hockey it may grant permission for such additional Association.

i) In the event of Annexation or Amalgamation of one or more Centres, the Executive shall have the authority to accept and classify entries from the affected Centres.

NOTE: There could be cases where this Regulation will conflict with **Regulation 3.4a)** and in such cases **Regulation 2.3i)** will take precedence over **3.4a).**

2.4 Centres over 200,000 population

a) Any OMHA Centre whose population base has reached a level of approximately 200,000 may be required to enter more teams at existing categories or to restructure their organization in an equitable manner.

   i) Prior to any decision being considered the affected organizations must be included in discussions about the situation.

   ii) There must be an extensive review completed, appropriate to the situation, with consideration given to all contributory factors which may include, calibre, demographics, ice availability, travel, and economic costs amongst others.

   iii) The process must allow for this input and involvement although the decision rests with the Group Structure Committee and ultimately the Executive.

b) Any OMHA Centre which is required to have multiple entries, will have the option of determining player eligibility by either of the following methods:

   i) Voluntarily, and with the concurrence of the OMHA Executive, a Centre may divide its Centre geographically.

ii) An open draft of all eligible players in an OMHA Centre who desire to play representative or Additional Entry team hockey, shall be conducted under one of the following methods:

a) Where there is only one organization governing Minor hockey in a Centre, the OMHA Executive shall appoint a person to supervise the common draft and its implementations.

b) Where there is more than one OMHA affiliated organization governing Minor hockey in a Centre, the common draft shall be supervised by a Council, which shall consist of a Chairperson and one delegate appointed by each of the OMHA affiliated organizations in that Centre. The chairperson will have one vote on all matters brought before the Council and will also cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie.

c) Each member of the Council will be entitled to have an observer who will act in that member's absence. An observer may be granted permission to speak at the discretion of the chairperson, but may not propose or second motions or vote.

2.5 Governing Authority

In all OMHA competition, the Hockey Canada Rule Book will be the governing authority for all hockey played under the jurisdiction of the OMHA. Additional Rules to the Hockey Canada Rule Book, as appearing herein, shall also be in force.

2.6 Insurance

a) All Associations must participate in the Hockey Canada Insurance Program, purchased through the OMHA.

b) Hockey Canada Insurance is in effect for:

i) OMHA sanctioned events (league & playoff games, tournaments, practices, training camps, sanctioned fundraisers)

ii) Transportation directly to and from the arena or venue

iii) Accommodations while billeted or at a hotel during an OMHA sanctioned hockey activity

2.7 Association Contacts

Each association may appoint not more than two contact persons to the

OMHA who shall be supplied with a list of all the contact persons of the other OMHA associations with teams participating in their Playdown series.

2.8 Fees

a) The OMHA Executive shall be empowered to establish all team entry fees at a sum sufficient to assure the reasonable financial requirements of the OMHA, in accordance with the fee schedule per **Regulation 2.8 c).**

b) Entry fees shall be increased by an amount established by the Executive, sufficient to satisfy the Hockey Canada assessment which will be determined at the Annual Meeting of Hockey Canada held in May of each year.

c) The entry fees for OMHA teams shall be:

	AAA -AA-A	Additional Entry Group 1 (AAA) Group 2 (AA-A)	BB to E	Additional Entry Group 3 (BB&B) Group 4 (CC&C) Group 5 (DD-E)
Juvenile	89.00	89.00	84.00	84.00
Midget	89.00	89.00	84.00	84.00
M. Midget	89.00	89.00	84.00	
Bantam	89.00	89.00	84.00	84.00
M. Bantam	89.00	89.00		
Pee Wee	89.00	89.00	84.00	84.00
M. Pee Wee	89.00	89.00		
Atom	85.00	85.00	80.00	80.00
M. Atom	85.00	85.00		
Novice	83.00	83.00	78.00	78.00
Select League	50.00 per team			
Local League	20.00 per team			
House League	18.00 per team			
Select Rostered	15.00 per team			

d) Centres that have not entered teams by June 1 shall be assessed a further ten dollar ($10.00) late entry fee per team. Centres wishing a refund of the entry fee for a team or teams which they cannot ice must return the registration package provided for said team(s) to the OMHA office by December 1 of that playing year (a $10.00 handling fee is charged). The late entry fee of ten dollars ($10.00) will not be refunded.

2.9 Release of Membership

a) Any release, which is required under the Regulations, must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Home Centre, which holds his playing rights. The release will not be valid if the OMHA Residence Regulations do not permit.

b) Any release to a Junior or higher division team for players granted permission to play for a team in a Centre or Zone other than the player's Home Centre shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Home Centre as well as the President and Secretary of the other Centre or Zone.

2.10 Responsibilities

a) Any player, team or team official accepted by the OMHA resorting to legal action against the OMHA without first exercising their right of appeal throughout the complete appeal procedure shall be deemed to have withdrawn from further competition.

b) Stimulants such as non-prescribed drugs, vitamins or other similar substances, shall not be administered to a player by any team official.

c) Breweries, distilleries, or wineries shall not sponsor any team in the OMHA. No team will display, or allow to be displayed, any advertising of a brewery, distillery, or winery in relation to a team.

3.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Players

a)

Division	**Age Limit**
Juvenile	under 20 years as at Dec. 31
Midget	under 18 years as at Dec. 31
Bantam	under 15 years as at Dec. 31
Pee Wee	under 13 years as at Dec. 31
Atom	under 11 years as at Dec. 31
Novice	under 9 years as at Dec. 31
Sub-Division	**Age Limit**
Minor Juvenile	under 19 years as at Dec. 31
Minor Midget (BB-E)	under 17 years as at Dec. 31
Min.Midget (AAA-AA-A)	under 16 years as at Dec. 31
Minor Bantam	under 14 years as at Dec. 31
Minor Pee Wee	under 12 years as at Dec. 31
Minor Atom	under 10 years as at Dec. 31

b) A birth certificate for each player, issued by the Registrar-General, indicating the Province in which the player was born and the date on which the player was born, shall be filed by each Centre with the Regional Executive Member. This certificate must indicate that the player has not attained the age limit as set out in **Regulation 3.1a)** before the first day of January of the season in which the player intends to compete.

c) The Regional Executive Member or his designate will check each birth certificate to ensure that the player has not exceeded the age limit for the division to which the player has applied.

d) Where a player was born in a country other than Canada, the player may provide a document from Employment and Immigration Canada, which verifies the date of birth of the player, and such document will be accepted as being equivalent to a birth certificate.

e) Any player who is an amateur in good standing shall be eligible to play for a Centre, provided:
   i) he has obtained any consent required by Hockey Canada, or any division of the Ontario Hockey Federation
   ii) he has not established such residency for the principal purpose of playing or practicing hockey

3.2 Registration

a) **Representative/Additional Entry**
All players shall be eligible by residence **(Regulation 3.3)** and be registered with the OMHA on Player Certificates and on an OMHA Player Eligibility and Team Roster Form . These player certificates are to be submitted for approval by the Regional Executive Member.

b) **House League**
   i) All players shall be registered with the OMHA on Player Certificates. These Player Certificates are to be submitted to the Regional Executive Member within 3 weeks after the Centres' schedule begins, but no later than December 1st.
   ii) Any Centre having a representative team entered into OMHA competition, must also register its House League teams on OMHA Player Certificates.
   iii) Players registered solely on Player Certificates shall not be permitted to enter tournaments or play exhibition games

against other Centres.

iv) Any Centre with an independent House League may also register its teams:
- by affiliating through its local OMHA organization, or
- by affiliating directly by applying to the OMHA Executive Committee and receiving direct affiliation to the OMHA

c) **Local League**

i) All players shall be registered with the OMHA on Player Certificates and OMHA Local League Roster Sheets. These documents are to be submitted to the Regional Executive Member within 3 weeks after the Centres' schedule begins, but no later than December 1st.

ii) Any Centre with an independent Local League may also register its teams:
- by affiliating through its local OMHA organization, or
- by affiliating directly by applying to the OMHA Executive Committee and receiving direct affiliation to the OMHA

d) **Rostered Select Teams**

All players shall be registered with the OMHA on Player Certificates and an OMHA Rostered Select Player Eligibility and Declaration Form. These forms are to be submitted for approval to the Regional Executive Member.

e) **Select League Teams**

i) Players shall be registered on the approved OMHA / Hockey Canada document(s) for the current season.

ii) Players shall be registered in accordance with **Regulations 2.9, 3.1 – 3.8,** as applicable to Select League Teams.

3.3 Residential Qualifications

a) Players may only register and play in "residence restrictive programs" for the Centre in which they habitually reside under the OMHA Regulations. The residence shall be defined as the structure (not the property) in which the player is a permanent resident and any measurement thereof shall always begin at the main entrance of such residence.

b) Representative players resident in a Centre shall be eligible to play

only for a team in that Centre.

c) Players to be eligible for any program conducted by the OMHA must first register with their Home Centre.

d) A player who is resident in an area which does not have a minor hockey organization must play in the nearest Centre, by well traveled road, which has an OMHA team entered in any division or sub-division for which he is eligible to register and play.

3.4 Right of Choice

a) A player shall be given a choice of the Centre for which he may play, notwithstanding **Regulation 3.3d)**, when the difference in distance from or to his residence, over well traveled roads, always measuring by the shortest possible route to the two (2) or more Centres concerned does not exceed eight (8) km, but will not be permitted to by-pass a Centre to play for another Centre in the same general direction. The difference in distance shall always be determined by using the distance to the closest Centre for such calculation.

b) The measurement shall always be from the main entrance of his residence to the main post office of such Centre(s) or a location within such Centre(s) as designated with the OMHA.

c) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Hockey Canada Regulation (H) 8 (a), having once made his choice, such player shall remain a member of the Centre with which he has registered until properly released by the Centre, or until the Centre of which he is a resident operates a team for which he is eligible.

3.5 Exemption to Play in Another Centre

If a Centre is unable to provide a representative team within a division for which a player is eligible by age and residency for the category of that Centre, the player, after first registering with his Home Centre, may be granted permission to:

i) register and play with the team in the next higher age division in his Home Centre, as allowed in Regulation 3.6, OR,

ii) try out for a team in his own age division in the next nearest Centre from his residence which can provide him with hockey. Written permission from the Home Centre, authorized by the Regional Executive Member for the Home Centre, is required to be eligible to

try out in that next nearest Centre. If the player registers to participate on the representative team, the Regional Executive Member responsible for the registration is required to forward a copy of the written authorized permission to the OMHA Executive Director, the District Vice-President and the President. Such permission shall be for one season only.

3.6 Eligibility to Play in a Higher Division

a) A player shall be eligible to try-out for and, if qualified by ability, may register and play for a Representative team in the next higher division of his Home Centre or Home Centre Zone. OMHA Centres and Zones are not allowed to override this Regulation. Example: A Minor-age Peewee player would be eligible to try-out and sign with either the Peewee team, the Minor Bantam team or the Bantam team.

b) For Additional Entry teams the Centre can restrict players from playing in a higher division.

3.7 Residential Move

a) Any player who legitimately moves after December 1st of any season shall have the choice of finishing the season with his original team or with a team in the Centre to which he has moved. If the move takes place on or before December 1st he will be ONLY eligible to play for a team in the Centre to which he has moved.

b) Any player who moves into the jurisdiction of another Centre or any player who resides in a right of choice area and makes any change of residence after December 1st prior to the end of the current season must file a residence questionnaire with the OMHA office.

c) Any player who enrolls at a University, College, Trade, Technical or Business school, or moves for employment outside his Home Centre must file a residence questionnaire with the OMHA office. Wherever a residence questionnaire is necessary, the player in question will NOT be eligible to play OMHA hockey until his case has been approved by the OMHA Regional Executive Member and permission granted.

NOTE: A player shall not register and play in more than one Centre at the same time.

3.8 Eligibility To Play

a) Refer to **Regulation 2.9**

b) A player shall not participate in any game of the team's regular playing schedule before registering with the Regional Executive Member the following documents:
- OMHA/Hockey Canada player certificate
- Proof of age
- Player Eligibility Declaration and Team Roster Form

c) The Regional Executive Member shall send them to the Executive Director for approval.

NOTE: Players' certificates shall not be accepted by the Executive Director until approved by the Regional Executive Member or his designate.

d) Players shall not be signed after February 10 for current season play.

e) Player Eligibility Declaration and Team Roster Form is the only document needed for participation in the first five (5) games of the regular playing schedule.

NOTE: The Executive Director shall not have any authority to accept a player's certificate postmarked later than February 11 for the current season.

f) An approved player's certificate must be in the possession of the team officials before the player is eligible to take part in any Playdown game.

g) An approved copy of each player's certificate will be returned to the team's management. These copies must be kept in the team's possession at all times and be available for examination by the opposing team PRIOR to the commencement of games in OMHA Playdowns. The team management shall make any such request for examination to the opposing team management PRIOR to the commencement of the game. For the eligibility of affiliated players, refer to **Regulation 7.1b) and 7.2b).**

h) **Signature Sheets**

i) When player(s) certificate(s) or an approved photocopy of the certificates are not presented, the offending team players and coaching staff must sign a signature sheet. Signatures will be witnessed by on-ice official(s).The signature sheet will be verified by the Executive Director or Regional Executive

registered or participating in a House League or Local League shall be considered to be affiliated to the Select League Team. No other affiliation shall be permitted.

ii) Players registered and participating solely on a Select League Team shall be permitted one affiliation as per current OMHA Regulations.

q) Refer to Program Below Novice Policy for additional information.

5.0 ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

5.1 Definition

An Additional Entry team is a team from a Centre where a Major Representative team has been entered in a division.

A Centre may have more than one Additional Entry team in a division. In AAA and AA category Centres, the Centre must enter both a Major Representative and a Minor Representative team before any Additional Entry team can be accepted; this Additional Entry requires the approval of the Executive Director. Any exception to this Regulation requires the approval of the President of the OMHA who will consult with the OMHA Regional Executive Member.

5.2 Registration

The closing date for entries shall be June 1

5.3 Affiliation

As per **Regulation 7.0**

5.4 Movement Of Players

a) A player on a Representative team may be moved down to an Additional Entry team. To do so the player's representative certificate must be returned to the OMHA office along with his properly completed certificate for the Additional Entry team. The player may not play for the Additional Entry team until the approved certificate is returned to the team.

b) The same procedure as 5.4a) above applies to an Additional Entry player being signed by the Representative team.

c) No player shall be transferred after January 10.

d) All Additional Entry teams will be grouped in their own Playdown grouping if a sufficient number of teams are entered. Where insufficient entries in a group are apparent, groupings may be formed at the discretion of the OMHA Executive.

e) If in the opinion of the OMHA Executive an Additional Entry team in a Centre is of equal or greater calibre than the first entry team the Additional Entry team shall be reclassified to the higher category as well.

6.0 TEAM OFFICIALS

6.1 Games/Responsibilities

a) The coach in charge of any team must, before any game, PRINT AND SIGN his name and **RECORD HIS OMHA REGISTRATION NUMBER** on the official game report in the spaces provided for **the head coach** and he shall be regarded as the responsible officer of the team for that game. The individual will assume responsibility to the OMHA for the eligibility of all players 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 PRINT AND SIGN HIS NAME AND RECORD HIS OMHA REGISTRATION NUMBER ON THE OFFICIAL GAME REPORT SHALL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC TWO (2) GAME SUSPENSION TO THE PERSON(S) FAILING TO DO SO.**

b) Where an OMHA team has only one team official remaining on the bench and that team official leaves his position for any reason (e.g. ejection, sickness, injury to a player, unforeseen emergency) the referee shall enlist the supervisory services of a **registered** team official **from that same Association,** who is in attendance at the game. If an appropriate designate cannot be found, the game shall be suspended.

Note: Any new team official so enlisted shall print, sign and record his OMHA Registration Number on the official game report.

c) The responsible officers of a team may request from the opposing team, through the referee, signatures of players. The signatures can then be mailed, or delivered, to the OMHA Executive Director for

checking. Such a request must be complied with prior to the game, or immediately at the conclusion of the game. Refusal to supply a signature sheet may result in suspension of the team management, suspension of the team, or both, and/or loss of game.

d) Where a player arrives late and his name has been included on the official game report prior to the game, the referee shall be notified at the first stoppage of play following his arrival.

e) Team officials are designated as Coach, Trainer, Manager, Assistant Coach or Assistant Trainer.

   i) Each team registered in the OMHA on Hockey Canada certificates must have registered at least two persons on separate certificates, a coach and a trainer, qualified as outlined in **Regulation 6.2e)**. Each Local League team must have registered at least two persons on separate certificates, a coach, and a trainer, as outlined in **Regulation 6.2e).**

   ii) After the coach and trainer positions are filled, a third team official may fill out a Hockey Canada certificate as a manager. If a team wishes to add additional persons they will be designated as an assistant coach on the fourth card and assistant trainer or assistant coach on the fifth card.

   iii) Every OMHA team registered on Hockey Canada certificates must have on the bench at the start of and during the game (unless ejected from the game) a certified and registered coach and a certified and registered trainer. In addition, other qualified and registered officials of that team may sign the game sheet and be on the bench at the start of and during the game. There shall be no more than five (5) team officials signed to the official game report and on the bench during a game.

   iv) Team officials, other than the coach in charge, must place their OMHA Registration Numbers on the game report beside their name and signature. **FAILURE TO COMPLY SHALL RESULT IN A ONE (1) GAME SUSPENSION TO THE OFFENDING OFFICIAL.**

   v) The person signed to the Hockey Canada certificate as the head coach of the team must sign the official game report in the coach's spot. Failure to comply with this Regulation by the coach shall carry a one game suspension in addition to any other suspension he may have received had he signed properly

as the coach (e.g. too many minutes in penalties).

vi) All team officials must have Prevention Services Certification, in addition to all other Certification appropriate to their position, by December 31, 2005.

f) A person may sign a maximum of two (2) Hockey Canada certificates. Said person may sign one certificate per team.

6.2 **Coaches** (see Regulations **Appendix A** for OMHA Certification Requirements Chart)

a) Hockey Canada certificates will not be approved by the Executive Director for a coach or assistant coach unless the OMHA Registration Number issued to that person on completion of the NCCP Program is clearly indicated on all copies of the certificate.

b) Certified and registered coaches and assistant coaches sixteen (16) years of age shall be restricted to coaching in the Pee Wee and lower divisions.

NOTE: Certified and registered coaches and assistant coaches must be at least two years older than the division age limit **(Regulations 3.1a)** they are coaching.

c) The OMHA NCCP Coach Level, **Coach Stream, Development 1, and Development 2** Certification is valid for three seasons, including the season of issue. Those persons holding any of these NCCP Certifications must attend a Coach Refresher Workshop **or meet requirements of the OMHA Continuing Education Program (CEP)** after the third season.

d) The OMHA Coaches Technical Director may grant equivalency for NCCP Coach Stream or Developmental 1 based on written application outlining academic, playing, and coaching experience and submitting the appropriate fee.

e) **Representative Teams**

To be eligible to be a coach or an assistant coach on any Representative team registered with the OMHA on Hockey Canada certificates, a person must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Stream for Novice through Atom and NCCP Development 1 for above Atom. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed NCCP Coach Level. An OMHA Coaches Registration Number will be issued upon successful completion of the appropriate NCCP program.

f) **House League Teams**

i) All coaches of a House League team in divisions Novice and below (age 8 and below) must be certified under the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (CHIP) and registered with the OMHA.

ii) All coaches of a House League team in the Atom division (age 9 to 10) must have a minimum of CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream certification and be registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iii) All coaches of a House League team in the divisions Minor Peewee through Juvenile (age 11 and above) must have a minimum of NCCP Coach Stream certification and be registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iv) Effective January 1, 2006, it is required that all House League teams include an official who is certified and registered with the OMHA as an HTCP trainer as per OMHA Regulations/Policy.

g) **Local League Teams**

i) All coaches of a Local League team in divisions Novice and below (age 8 and below) must be certified under the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (CHIP) and registered with the OMHA.

ii) All coaches of a Local League team in the Atom division (age 9 to 10) must have a minimum of CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream certification and be registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iii) All coaches of a Local League team in the divisions Minor Peewee through Juvenile (age 11 and above) must have a minimum of NCCP Coach Stream certification and registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

h) **Rostered Select Teams**

i) All coaches of a Rostered Select team in divisions Novice and below (age 8 and below) must be certified under the Hockey

Canada Initiation Program (CHIP) and registered with the OMHA.

ii) All coaches of a Rostered Select team in the Atom division (age 9 to 10) must have a minimum of CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream certification and be registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iii) All coaches of a Rostered Select team in the divisions Minor Peewee through Juvenile (age 11 and above) must have a minimum of NCCP Coach Stream certification and registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iv) It is required that all Rostered Select teams include an official who is certified and registered with the OMHA as an HTCP trainer as per OMHA Regulations/Policy.

i) **Select League Teams**

i) All coaches of a Select League team in divisions Novice and below (age 8 and below) must be certified under the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (CHIP) and registered with the OMHA.

ii) All coaches of a Select League team in the Atom division (age 9 to 10) must have a minimum of CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream certification and be registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iii) All coaches of a Select League team in the divisions Minor Peewee through Juvenile (age 11 and above) must have a minimum of NCCP Coach Stream certification and registered with the OMHA. Coaches certified prior to August 2004 must have successfully completed a minimum of NCCP Coach Level.

iv) It is required that all Select League teams include an official who is certified and registered with the OMHA as an HTCP trainer as per OMHA Regulations/Policy.

6.3 TRAINERS

a) To be eligible to be a trainer or assistant trainer on any team registered with the OMHA, on Hockey Canada certificates, a person

must have successfully completed a Hockey Trainers Certification Program at Level I or higher. An OMHA Registration Number will be issued upon successfully completing an approved HTCP program or a program determined to be equivalent by the Technical Director, Trainers.

NOTE: Certified and registered trainers must be at least two (2) years older than the division age limit they are training for.

b) There is no equivalency to the HTCP Level I. Any person who shows proof of current certification in Standard First Aid from a recognized service provider (as recognized by Workers' Safety Insurance Board), and has successfully completed HTCP Level I, may be granted the HTCP Level II certification by remitting a fee and proof of current qualification to the OMHA. Individuals who have successfully completed HTCP Level I and hold the following professional qualifications may also be granted HTCP Level II certification by remitting a fee and proof of current qualification to the OMHA:

Registered Nurse
Occupational Health Nurse
Chiropractor
Physician
Physiotherapist
Registered Respiratory Therapist
Ambulance Emergency Medical Care Attendant
Dentist
Canadian Athletic Therapists Association
Basic Trauma Life Support
National Athletic Trainers' Association
Military Medic (valid for 2 years from end of service date and all qualifications must be licensed in Canada)

Note: The fee to be remitted will be set each year at the first meeting of the OMHA Executive, which follows the Annual General Meeting. Notice of the fee will be made to each member Association in August of each year.

c) The HTCP Level I program is valid for three seasons including the season of issue with the exception of those qualifying under **Regulation 6.3b)**. Those persons holding an HTCP level I qualification only must attend an HTCP clinic and re-qualify after the third season. Those persons who qualify under **6.3b)** must submit a

photocopy of valid current certification each season with their Hockey Canada Registration Certificate to remain eligible.

d) A person who has proper certification as outlined above as both a coach and trainer can place both registration numbers on his Hockey Canada Certificate. This will entitle a person to act as both a coach and trainer to meet the requirement of **Regulation 6.1e)iii) and 6.1e)iv)** in an emergency only. This does not in any way lessen the team's requirement to have separate people signed as a coach and trainer.

6.4 Certification Conversions

Proof of certification and the appropriate fee must be processed for all certifications not received through the OMHA. Once the conversion has been processed for an individual, he will receive an OMHA card bearing his OMHA certification number.

6.5 Managers

Managers must be a minimum of 19 years of age and must be at least two years older than the division age limit **(Regulation 3.1a)** for which they are the team Manager.

7.0 AFFILIATION

7.1 Teams

a) A team from a Centre may affiliate 19 players from within that Centre who are registered on approved OMHA/Hockey Canada playing certificates and are included on approved team rosters. These players must be eligible for the Centre by residence under the terms of **Regulations 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7**. A player is only permitted to participate as an affiliated player with one Minor Hockey team of a higher division or category during the playing season. Prior to participation as an affiliated player, the player's name must appear on the team's affiliation list filed within the Branch. In the case of a minor aged player playing on an Additional Entry (AE), Local League or House League team, the player will be allowed to affiliate with the same hockey organizations Minor representative team.

Example: A Major Peewee player could not be an affiliated player with any Bantam, Midget or Juvenile team which is entered as an Additional Entry team.

NOTE: A team may wish to list only players from the team immediately below in age but of the same category i.e., vertical affiliation or list only players on a team of the same division but carded as an Additional Entry team i.e., horizontal affiliation. In the case where a team in a Centre is re-categorized at the December Category Meeting, any vertical affiliations between first representative teams in the Centre shall not be affected by the re-categorization.

Example: A Minor Bantam AA team is affiliated with a Major Peewee AA team at the start of the season. At the December Category Meeting, the Minor Bantam team is reclassified to A. The Minor Bantam A team will be permitted to continue its affiliation with the Major Peewee AA team. In all cases the affiliation form must be completed as stated in **Regulation 7.1b), 7.2 and 7.3.**

b) Players will not be used or assigned as an affiliated player without the consent of the management of the team with whom he is registered.

c) An Affiliated Player's List, as per **Regulation 7.1a), 7.1b), 7.1d), 7.2 and 7.3,** must be submitted to the Regional Executive Member or Designate, who will provide approval & file a copy with the Executive Director.

d) Failure to file an Affiliated Players List by January 15th will result in the team not being allowed to use any affiliated players for the remainder of the season.

7.2 Affiliated Players

a) Any player participating in a game as an affiliated player must be indicated on the game report by having "AP" beside his name. Appearance of the player's name on the official game report shall be considered participation in the game, except in the case of a substitute goaltender, in which case actual participation shall be specifically noted on the game report.

b) An approved Player's Certificate or a certified photocopy of that Certificate which has been approved by the Executive Director or Regional Executive Member or Designate, must accompany the player prior to the start of the game or participation in that game shall be denied. **Regulation 8.1h)** will apply.

c) To be eligible to play in OMHA Playdowns and/or League Playoffs with his rostered team, a player affiliating to another team, including

Junior, must have played in a minimum of 50% of the regular season League games played by his rostered team after he has been rostered with that team.

d) In addition to his Minor affiliation, a player may affiliate with a Junior team.

e) A player, to be affiliated with his eligible AAA Zone team, must be registered with his Home Centre, must be eligible by age for the AAA Zone team and must be registered with a team of the same or lower division in his Home Centre.

7.3 Eligibility For Championships

a) Players registered on teams eligible for Hockey Canada National or Regional Championships, or OHF Championships may participate as an affiliated player for no more than five (5) games after January 10 to maintain eligibility for the team to which he is registered. No new registration certificate is required or shall be issued for players so advancing, and such players are not numbered among the higher team's nineteen (19) registered players. This restriction does not apply to Minor sub-divisions or for category BB and below.

NOTE : Tournament and exhibition games shall not count as part of the five games.

b) Refer to **Regulation 4.1d)**

8.0 SUSPENSIONS

8.1 General Information

a) The Board shall have the power to suspend or discipline any OMHA coach, manager, player, trainer, referee or other official connected with any OMHA Centre or Zone.

b) When a hearing is requested on behalf of the suspended individual, such request shall be made in writing, signed by the President and Secretary of the Minor Hockey Association, to the Regional Executive Member assessing the suspension. Such hearing will be held within four weeks from receipt of the request.

c) A player or team official under suspension as a result of a match penalty shall be suspended for a number of OMHA games or calendar days, and shall not take part in any games, including exhibition or tournament games, during the term of suspension. The

team's Centre contact shall be notified by midnight of the fourteenth day following the infraction (match) as to the total number of games or calendar days received. If the OMHA fails to notify the team's Centre contact of the terms of suspension by midnight of the 14th day following the infraction, the match penalty suspension will be considered served, and the said player or team official will be eligible to return to play. The player may participate in team practices while he is serving a match penalty suspension.

d) A player under suspension, other than automatic game suspensions, shall not play with his team. An official under a match penalty suspension shall not travel with his team, enter their dressing room, or carry on any of the duties of his office, during the full term of the suspension.

e) The coach of any OMHA team whose team accumulates more than the allowable minutes in penalties in any game shall be automatically suspended from the next OMHA game, but shall be allowed to take part in exhibition games played by his team. The allowable amount for Pee Wee and below is 26 minutes and for Minor Bantam and above is 36 minutes. (Including penalties in minutes assessed in any or all overtime periods)

   NOTE: For the purpose of the Regulation the time of misconducts, gross misconducts and game misconducts assessed to players shall not be counted, but any such penalties assessed to team officials and the five minutes charged to a player for a match penalty shall be counted. Any misconduct, game misconduct or gross misconduct penalty assessed to team officials will automatically add ten (10) minutes to the team's penalty minutes in each case.

f) A team official at large or any team official, under suspension, registered to more than one team shall be suspended from all game related duties for any team until the suspension has been served as part of the staff of the team with which the suspension was incurred. The team official's name shall be recorded on the game sheet as suspended until the appropriate number of games have been served.

g) Any team which fails to comply with **Regulations 6.1e)iii) and 6.1e)iv)** in any game, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

h) Any player or team official whose name appears on the official game report and/or participates in the game and is ineligible for any reason will cause their team to forfeit the game regardless of the score of the

game. The non-offending team shall be awarded the two points for the game. In OMHA Playdowns, the points will be awarded and the series will continue as per the contract. The Coach shall be suspended for three (3) games, in addition to any other suspension he might receive in the game. The ineligible player shall be required to fulfill the balance of any suspension that made him ineligible. The ineligible team official shall be required to fulfill the balance of any suspension that made him ineligible and shall also have two (2) games added to his suspension. Any team official who participates a second time during the current season while ineligible shall be suspended for the balance of the current season.

i) Any player or team official who incurs a penalty at any time before, during or after a game when an offence is committed on or off the ice, shall be assessed at least the minimum suspension(s) contained in the Suspension List - Minor Hockey as adopted by the OHF Board of Directors.

j) Any team official(s) under suspension shall not participate, communicate or associate with the team, within the confines of any arena, for the games for which he is suspended.

8.2 Serving Suspensions

a) Any team official or player who is assessed a penalty in an OMHA (group) Playdown game which calls for one, two or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension will serve it/them in the next OMHA (group) Playdown game(s) his team plays. They may participate in league, league playoffs, tournament or exhibition games that are played before his next OMHA Playdown game. If his team is eliminated from OMHA Playdowns but is still eligible for league play and/or league Playoffs, his suspension will be served in the first of such games his team plays.

b) A player or team official who is suspended in a tournament game shall commence serving the suspension in the next following tournament game. If the suspension is fully served before the tournament is over, the player or team official may participate in any remaining tournament games and there will be no carryover of the suspension in league play. Any remaining unserved game suspensions shall then be carried over to his team's first scheduled game following the tournament, whether league, league Playoffs, or

OMHA (group) Playdowns. Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in an exhibition game, shall commence his suspension in his team's first scheduled game whether league, league playoff, or OMHA (group) Playdown.

NOTE: IN NO CASE WILL A TEAM BE ALLOWED TO SCHEDULE A GAME AFTER A SUSPENSION HAS BEEN ASSESSED IN ORDER TO LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF A SUSPENSION.

Example: Re-schedule a group game prior to a playoff game so that the player serves his suspension and is eligible for the playoff game. THIS IS NOT PERMITTED. All sections of **Regulations 8.2** shall apply to team officials as well as players.

c) Any team official or player assessed a one, two, or a multiple of automatic game(s) suspension, as a result of penalties incurred in a league game or league Playoff game, shall commence his suspension in the next scheduled league or league Playoff or OMHA Playdown game his team plays. He may play in exhibition, or tournament games his team plays before his next scheduled league, league playoff or OMHA Playdown game.

d) If an affiliated player receives a suspension with either his registered team or his affiliated team, the player will serve the suspension with the team to which he is registered and will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

Exception: In the event the team to which the player is registered has been eliminated from OMHA Playdowns and all League Playoffs, the suspended player may serve the balance of the suspension with his affiliated team in its OMHA Playdowns or group playoffs. The player's name must be recorded on the official game report of his affiliated team as a suspended player. This player would now become a member of his affiliated team and forfeit the right to play for the team to which he is registered for the balance of the current season.

e) A player on a rostered select team receiving any suspension, as a result of penalties incurred with either his registered team or his rostered select team will serve the suspension with the team to which he is registered and will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

Exception: A rostered select player suspended in a tournament game shall commence serving the suspension in the next following

tournament game. If the suspension is fully served before the tournament is over, the rostered select player may participate in any remaining tournament games and there will be no carryover of the suspension. Any remaining unserved game suspensions shall be carried over from the tournament and served with the team to which the player is registered. The suspended rostered select player will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served.

8.3 Falsifying Documents

a) Any player proven guilty by his Branch or Hockey Canada of falsifying a birth certificate, Hockey Canada Registration Certificate (player's card), or forging and playing under an assumed name, or of having had the knowledge that same had been falsified, or of playing on other than his own birth certificate or Hockey Canada Registration Certificate (player's card), shall be automatically suspended from playing hockey with any team affiliated with Hockey Canada for a period of not less than one year and not more than three years from the date of his suspension.

b) Any officer, executive member of a team, club, union or Association, proven guilty by his Branch or Hockey Canada of having been a party to, or having had such knowledge of such falsification, shall be automatically suspended from playing or holding office with any team, club, union or Association affiliated with Hockey Canada for a period to be determined by the OMHA Executive.

c) Falsifying a Hockey Canada coaches or assistant coaches certification by placing an OMHA Registration Number on a Registration Certificate when the person has not attended and completed the appropriate NCCP program shall cause that person to be ineligible to be registered on a Hockey Canada team officials certificate in the OMHA for that season.

d) Falsifying a trainer's Hockey Canada certificate by placing an OMHA Registration Number on it, when the person has not successfully completed an HTCP program Level I, or has not properly registered the proof of valid certification with the OMHA, shall cause the person to be ineligible to be registered on a Hockey Canada team official certificate in the OMHA for that season.

9.0 OVERTIME

9.1 Odd Game Series

a) Any odd game series shall be decided on a points system, two points for a win, one point for a tie.

b) Where the score is tied at the end of regulation time in any game in such a series, there shall be a rest period after which the teams will not change ends and will play one ten-minute sudden victory overtime period, unless further overtime is ordered through the OMHA Executive Director. If further overtime is ordered, there shall be a rest period prior to each extra overtime period. The teams will change ends before playing each extra overtime period.

c) All overtime periods shall be sudden victory, stop time, and shall be 10 minutes in length.

d) Not more than three overtime periods will be played in any game.

9.2 Home / Home Series

a) No overtime shall be played in the first game of a home and home series.

b) When overtime is necessary in a two game home and home series, it shall be played as follows:

   i) There shall be a rest period at the end of full time, after which the teams will not change ends and will play a ten-minute Sudden Victory overtime period.

   ii) If the score remains tied, ends shall be changed and another ten-minute period played.

   iii) If, at the end of two overtime periods the score remains tied, the teams will change ends and play a third ten-minute period.

   iv) If at the end of three overtime periods the score is still tied, the responsible officers of the two teams will decide, by toss of a coin, the home ice for the deciding game.

   v) The toss shall be made immediately following the conclusion of the overtime play.

c) Financial arrangements for the deciding game to be the same as in any series decided by an odd game.

10.0 GAME REGULATIONS

10.1 Postponement

a) League games shall not be postponed except in the case of emergency. When a team desires to change the date of a game for any reason other than an emergency, the change must be requested a minimum of 14 days in advance of the scheduled date, and a mutually agreeable date prior to that originally scheduled arranged through the league convenor. Failing to secure such agreement, no team may change the date of any scheduled game.

10.2 Length of Game

a) Games should be the regulation three 20-minute stop time periods in length. However, where the available ice time makes it unavoidable the time of a game may be shortened. In such cases the time to be played will be in accordance with the following schedule as it fits the available ice time. This time must be noted on the game report and signed by the responsible officers of each team. All playing times shall be stop time.

b) Table **10.2b)** applies to all series Minor Novice to Juvenile inclusive. **NOTE:** The playing time of each period **may not be adjusted,** however, the warm up time may be adjusted to suit local conditions, but **may not be eliminated.**
This MUST be noted on the game sheet, and signed by the responsible officials of both teams.

Available	Ice Time	Warm-Up	1st Per.	Rest	2nd Per.	Rest	3rd Per.
A	60	5	10		10		10
B	70	5	10		10		15
C	1:20	5	10		15		15
D	1:45	5	15		15	10	15
E	2:00	5	15		15	10	20
F	2:15	5	15		20	10	20
G	2:25	5	20	10	20	10	20
H	2:40	10	20	10	20	10	20

Table 10.2 b Applies to all series Novice to Juvenile inclusive

10.3 Curfew

a) In all OMHA regular season, league, or group play-off games, curfews are strongly discouraged and games should be completed as to the

length of game agreed to at the beginning of the season or as per the play-off contract previously signed. In the event that a curfew cannot be avoided by the Home Centre, the following procedure must be followed. The length of the game must be adjusted to more accurately reflect the actual playing time available for the game as per **Table 10.2b).** (Not less than 3 ten-minute periods.) The adjusted length of game along with the actual curfew time must be noted on the official game report and signed by the responsible officials of both teams before the start of the game. **The curfew time shall be judged by a mutually agreed upon clock.** Each curfewed game requires the offending Centre to complete a report to their Regional Executive Member, the league convenor, and a copy to the visiting Centre affected by the curfew, explaining the reason for the curfewed game. If there is no attempt to avoid future curfewed games by repeat offenders, the OMHA may be requested to become involved in rectifying the situation.

NOTE: Penalty shots awarded at the expiry of regular playing time in any period/game of an OMHA regulation season, league, group playoff, or OMHA Playdown game will be taken as per Hockey Canada Rule 35 (j), even if the game has ended, or is about to end by means of a prearranged curfew.

10.4 Timeouts

a) One, 30 second time-out per team will be permitted in all OMHA Representative Playdown games.

11.0 DEVELOPMENT (RELEASE) FEES

11.1 Scale

a) The Development Fees listed below are the suggested minimum fees to be paid to the Local (Home) Minor Hockey Organization by the Junior team taking the player from Minor Hockey. If the Development Fee is from a team of a higher division than Junior, the Junior A scale should be used.

PLAYER TO	Jr. A	Jr. B	Jr. C	Jr. D
Age 20	$250	$200	$150	$100
19	$250	$200	$150	$100
18	$250	$200	$150	$100
17	$400	$300	$200	$150
16	$550	$400	$250	$200
15	$700	$500	$300	$250
14	$1000	$1000	$1000	$1000

b) Any and all Development Fees, including draft monies, present and future, will be divided between the Home Centre and the other Centre(s) or Zone(s) involved based on the number of seasons played for each.

12.0 LEAGUES & CONVENORS

12.1 Leagues

Where a sufficient number of players are not available within a Centre's boundaries to form a House League Program, the Regional Executive Member will assist it in combining with other Centres to form a Local League program.

12.2 Convenors

a) The Regional Executive Member may upon request appoint convenors to assist the Centres in the operation of House League programs.
b) The Executive will arrange for convenors who shall have the power to draw up schedules and fix dates for group play.

13.0 PLAYDOWNS

13.1 Grouping

a) The Executive shall classify and group teams, based on association input, as it may deem in the best interest of the association, the league, the affected community and the families impacted.
b) Teams will be classified for Playdowns at the December meeting of the OMHA Executive Committee in accordance with Category Policies and Procedures. The decision rendered at the December meeting is final and cannot be appealed.

c) Any single teams playing in a mixed group may be reassigned to another group Playdown in their category on the decision of the OMHA Executive, after consultation with the Regional Executive Member or Convenor.
d) A team which does not wish to enter Playdowns must indicate such intent prior to the OMHA category meeting.
e) All teams qualifying for OMHA or OHF Playdowns must fulfill their obligation to their association(s).
f) Failure to comply with **Regulations 13.1d) or 13.1e)** will result in a one-year suspension of the team.

13.2 Novice

Novice will participate in Playdowns as determined by the OMHA Executive.

13.3 Schedule

a) Each scheduled group will have a winning team by dates determined by the OMHA Playdown committee or the group will forfeit the right to send any team into the Playdowns.
b) Executive members shall declare group winners and notify the Executive Director following which said teams shall be under the control of the Executive.
c) OMHA playoff games may not be played prior to 1 p.m. on any day, unless mutually agreed to by both participating teams, or unless ordered to play earlier by the Executive Director of the OMHA. No game will be permitted to be played on Easter Sunday before 1:00 p.m.
d) In all OMHA Championship finals, semi-finals, quarter-finals, **Bantam** to **Juvenile** inclusive, teams shall play not less than "D" of **Table 10.2b)**, and rest periods may not be reduced.
   All **Novice, Atom** and **Pee Wee** OMHA Championship final, semi-final and quarter-final series shall play not less than "C" of **Table 10.2b)**, and rest periods may not be reduced.
e) Current Game Reports including the current penalty codes must be used for all OMHA Playdown games.

13.4 Series

Note: AAA Championship Playdowns do not follow the format outlined below.

a) Playdowns will consist of a minimum of the best of three games. A best of five or best of seven game series may be scheduled, with the combined approval of the involved Regional Executive Members in conjunction with the Executive Director.

b) OMHA quarter-final, semi final and final series shall consist of a minimum of the best of five games.

   NOTE: All OMHA quarter-finals, semi-finals and final series shall be not less than a best of five series unless other arrangements are agreed to in writing by the OMHA Executive Director.

c) The Executive Director may give prior authorization to extend a quarter-final, semi-final or final series to seven games.

d) Any odd game series shall be decided on a point system, two points for a win, one point for a tie.

e) When the score in a game in an odd games series is tied at the end of regulation time
   i) there will be a rest period
   ii) the teams will not change ends
   iii) the teams will play one ten minute, stop time, sudden victory overtime period

      NOTE: The overtime period shall be played in every Playdown game where the score is tied at the end of regulation time, even if one of the teams only needs a tie to win the series.

f) At the conclusion of an odd game series where there is no defined winner an additional game may be ordered by the Executive Director. The game shall be hosted by the Centre that has hosted the least number of games in the series.

   NOTE: This Regulation applies to any Playdown series which eliminates a team from competition.

g) Home ice advantage for Playdown series will be determined:
   i) In a three game series the teams will toss a coin to determine the location of the third game
   ii) In a five game series the teams will toss a coin to determine the location of the third game
   iii) In a seven game series the teams will toss a coin to determine the location of the fifth game
   iv) In a nine game series the teams will toss a coin to determine the location of the fifth game

h) All succeeding games shall alternate except where other

arrangements have been agreed upon by both Centres before the series starts.

i) Home and Home series will be played only in cases of emergency and then only at the direction of the President or his designate. The conditions of any such series shall be specified by the Executive through the President or his designate.

13.5 Agreement

a) Prior to the commencement of any Playdown series, the two teams/ Centres involved will have completed and signed a Playdown Agreement using the forms provided by the OMHA. Once signed by both parties the Playdown Agreement cannot be altered or amended unless both parties confirm agreement to those changes. If both parties in conjunction with the REM(s) agree to changes, a revised copy must be sent to the Regional Executive Member(s) involved and the OMHA Executive Director. A Playdown Agreement cannot include any items, which are contrary to Hockey Canada, OHF or OMHA Regulations. It is strongly recommended that each agreement contain the provision for an extra game in case a series is tied at the end of the scheduled series. This game must be scheduled no later that two (2) days after the OMHA Flowchart date (or agreed upon date in preliminaries) for the end of the series.

b) Where Playdown dates and details cannot be agreed upon by the competing clubs, the involved Regional Executive Members will determine dates, times and details of the Playdown series. In the event an agreement cannot be reached, the President shall determine the details.

c) A Regional Executive Member or Area Convenor must not authorize any changes to a completion deadline once it has been determined, without the consent of the Executive Director.

13.6 Financial Arrangements

a) After consultation with the home team management, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to set the admission price for any OMHA semi-final or final game.

b) The OMHA shall receive Playdown receipts according to the following schedules:

Schedule A: Quarter-Final, Semi-Final and Final Series

Minor Atom to Juvenile (all categories) and Novice (AAA)
$175.00 per series total for both teams based on a pro rata share per home game played by each team.
Schedule B: Novice District Final Series
Novice (AA and Below)
$175.00 per series total for both teams based on a pro rata share per home game played by each team. Payment is to be remitted to the OMHA office prior to the completion of the Playdown series.

EXAMPLE: Pro rata share in a 5 game series:

Five Games	Team A:	3 Home Games	$105.00
	Team B:	2 Home Games	$ 70.00
Four Games	Team A:	2 Home Games	$ 87.50
	Team B:	2 Home Games	$ 87.50
Three Games	Team A:	2 Home Games	$116.67
	Team B:	1 Home Game	$ 58.33

c) In any odd game series (where applicable) both teams must guarantee in writing that they can secure ice time in their home arena on at least a 50% ice rental agreement. After the deduction of the OMHA percentage, the arena's share, the guarantee to the traveling team (if agreed upon beforehand), the expenses for game Officials, and the advertising costs (if paid by the team), the balance of the gate receipts of such odd game shall be divided equally between the competing teams.
d) In any odd game series, where there is a split gate on the odd game, both teams must state and record the arena rental they must pay for the odd game. In any case where the arena rental is considered, by either team or the Regional Executive Member, to be much too high and out of line with the series, the Regional Executive Member may order the odd game played in the arena with the lower rental, and it will not be necessary to toss for the location of the odd game.
e) Any guarantee to traveling team must be agreed upon before toss for home ice, and full details reported in writing to OMHA Executive Director, signed by responsible officers of both teams, before series commences.

13.7 Tournament Participation

a) Each team, Novice and above, that is eligible for an OMHA semi-final or final Playdown series shall not be eligible to play in a tournament

until such time as the team is eliminated from Playdowns or has written permission from the President of the OMHA; a team is in the semi-finals when both teams have qualified.

b) A team to which **Regulation 13.7a)** applies that has paid an entry fee to an OMHA sanctioned tournament will receive a full refund of said tournament entry fee.

14.0 DEFAULTS

14.1 Penalty and Costs

A team defaulting any game in an OMHA group/Playdown series shall lose the two points associated with the default and lose all home game privileges for that series. The defaulting team will be required to pay to the opposing Centre the sum of $500.00 if the opposing Centre has not incurred travel expenses, for the game. If the opposing Centre does incur travel expenses, the defaulting team will be required to pay to the opposing Centre an amount equivalent to the actual travel costs (excluding meals and accommodations) up to a maximum of the mileage cost of five cars, two ways, at the rate provided in **Regulation 18.6.** Failure to pay the required amount, upon demand, will result in the suspension of the Centre (and all of its teams). Decision for this default process will be at the discretion of the OMHA Executive and the Regional Executive Member(s). However, at the discretion of the OMHA Executive, a team defaulting any game in a series, without just cause, (as deemed by the Executive) shall be barred from further competition.

14.2 Just Cause

A game being postponed due to a "Just Cause" shall be rescheduled at the earliest suitable ice time by the Centre who was to host the game.

Examples of "Just Cause" - accident involving the majority of team players and coaching staff of either team, road closures and/or police advisories not to use roads.

NOTE: Should an OMHA group/Playdown series be interrupted by a postponement for just cause, the remainder of the Series shall be determined by the Regional Executive Members involved, in consultation with the involved Centres and the Executive Director.

14.3 Lack of Players

A game suspended because one team cannot continue due to a lack of players on the ice will be awarded to the non-offending team. If neither team can continue due to lack of players, the game will stand as it was at the point of suspension.

15.0 PROTESTS

15.1 Process and Fees

a) All protest and evidence in support thereof must be filed in accordance with Protest Policies and Procedures.
b) The protest fee shall be $150 and the defense $100.
c) A non-refundable fee of $50.00 shall be retained by the OMHA should a Protest be withdrawn prior to its being heard by the Protest Committee. The Protest Committee shall have the power to recommend a refund of all or part of the fees.
d) The decision of the Protest Committee is final and binding.
e) An OMHA Executive Member shall not vote on any protest involving any club or team from his home community.

16.0 APPEALS

16.1 Type and Cost

a) Any matter which is appealed to the OMHA Appeal Committee or Executive Committee in writing must be accompanied by a fee of $100.00 (certified cheque only).
b) Any matter which is appealed to the OMHA Appeal Committee or Executive Committee and is to be presented in person shall be subject to a fee of $200.00 (certified cheque only).
c) Any matter which is submitted to the OMHA Appeal Committee or Executive Committee but is withdrawn at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled appeal date, the appeal fee less $50 administration fee will be refunded.

16.2 Decision

a) The hearer of the OMHA Appeal shall give its final decision in writing not more than 14 days after the hearing is completed and may:
   i) grant the appeal

ii) deny the appeal
iii) vary the decision appealed by:
- increasing or decreasing any suspension
- issuing an order prohibiting the continuation of any of the matters dealt with in the appeal

iv) grant a refund of up to 50% of the appeal fee

b) Whenever the President, an Executive Member or convenor, the sub-committee or the Executive Committee of the OMHA is required to, and has resolved a question, any Club, official or player who has been the recipient of the decision and who feels aggrieved thereby, shall have an appeal from such resolution to the "Ontario Hockey Federation Appeal Committee" provided such matter has been dealt with as a personal appeal except as follows:
   i) An appeal lies from a decision of the President of the OMHA in matters which the President is authorized to decide as per Policy established by the Executive Committee of the OMHA. Such decisions may not be appealed beyond the limits established by the Executive Committee of the OMHA.
   ii) An appeal lies from a decision regarding categorization (classification) or grouping of teams but such appeal shall be only to the Executive Committee of the OMHA and that decision shall be final.

16.3 Dissatisfaction

a) Any person wishing to appeal a written appeal decision of the OMHA must notify the OMHA office in writing within seven (7) days of receiving the decision, of their intention to appeal.
b) Any person wishing to appeal a personal appeal decision of the OMHA must notify the OHF office in writing within fifteen (15) days of receiving the decision, of their intention to appeal.

17.0 EQUIPMENT

17.1 Mandatory

All mandatory equipment must be worn during all games and practices.

17.2 Sweaters

No team shall be permitted to wear sweaters with vertical stripes.

17.3 Helmets

a) All players, including goaltenders, shall wear a CSA approved hockey helmet to which a CSA approved hockey facial protector must be attached. Referees are not to start play if a player is on the ice without this protective equipment. For a first violation of this Regulation a warning will be issued to the team. The second violation will result in a Bench Minor Penalty being assessed against the offending team.

b) Play is to be stopped due to helmet or face protector or protective throat protector coming off while participating in the play. The player shall be assessed a minor penalty if he participates in the play.

c) If a goaltender's helmet comes off, play is to be stopped immediately with no penalty to the goaltender unless the removal of the helmet was deliberate.

d) All players (including the back-up goaltenders) shall wear their helmets while sitting on their players' bench and penalty bench. The helmet and face mask will be properly worn.

e) All referees officiating in the OMHA shall wear CSA approved helmets to which a CSA approved referee facemask or visor has been properly attached. Such helmets shall be black in colour.

f) Team Officials – refer to Safety and Risk Management regarding helmets in Policies and Procedures.

17.4 Throat Protectors

a) All players must wear a BNQ approved throat protector which is properly fastened around the neck in a manner such as to provide protection to the neck area at all times.

b) All goaltenders must wear a BNQ approved throat protector as stated in **Regulation17.4a)** and they must wear a throat guard fastened in such a way as to protect the throat. (It may not be fastened in any manner that will void the CSA approval of the mask and/or helmet).

c) A minor penalty will be assessed any player who contravenes **Regulation 17.4a) and/or 17.4b).**

17.5 Mouthguards

All OMHA players are required to wear a mouth guard while playing in games or practices. **(See Policies and Procedures, Section 2.4.4).**

When a player fails to properly wear a mouth guard while on the ice during a game, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty.

18.0 GAME OFFICIALS

18.1 Qualifications

a) For all OMHA Representative, Local, Select and House League programs, officials must be registered with the OMHA, as HCOP officials as per OMHA regulations.

b) All OMHA games including regular season, Playoffs and Playdowns shall be officiated as per **Regulations Appendix B** (Representative Assignments) or **Regulations Appendix C** (Local, Select and House League Assignments).

c) Refer to Regulations **Appendix B** for On-Ice Officials Representative Assignments Chart.

d) Refer to Regulations **Appendix C** for On-Ice Officials Local/Select/House League Assignments Chart.

18.2 Restrictions

a) In all OMHA competition, on-ice officials will be permitted to work a maximum of six (6) games per day.

b) On-ice officials will be permitted to work a maximum of three (3) consecutive games before adhering to a rest period as described in **Regulation 18.2c).**

c) On-ice officials who work consecutive games must adhere to a minimum rest period of one (1) hour for each consecutive game before working the next scheduled assignments.
Note: An official who works two (2) consecutive games may rest for a minimum of one (1) hour and then work a single game providing a two (2) hour rest period is adhered to following the single game.

d) Officials who fail to comply with any part of this Regulation shall be subject to disciplinary action by the OMHA Technical Director of Referees.

18.3 Appointments

a) At the discretion of an Executive Member, convenor, or at the request of either team, the OMHA shall appoint officials for any OMHA group/Playdown game or series and shall notify both teams concerned.

b) Any team requesting OMHA appointed officials after the commencement of any OMHA group/Playdown series shall be responsible for the total payments to officials required (i.e., game fees and mileage, if applicable) for the remainder of the OMHA group/Playdown series.

18.4 Age of Officials

a) Age for Officials shall be determined as at December 31st of the current playing season. All On-Ice Officials must be at least two years older than the division age limit **(see Regulation 3.1)** they are officiating. For Development purposes, on the recommendations of the Area Supervisor and with the approval of the Area Referee Instructor and the Regional Executive Member, some Officials may be requested to work a higher category or division of hockey as per **Regulations Appendix B and Regulations Appendix C.** In such a case as described herein, an Area Supervisor or Instructor must be in attendance at the game(s)

b) **A House League Official is one who**
   i) is a minimum 14 years of age
   ii) has completed a HCOP Junior Clinic

c) **A Registered Official is one who**
   i) is a minimum of sixteen (16) years of age
   ii) is a HCOP Level II official or higher
   iii) has attended and completed all sessions of a current season HCOP clinic
   iv) has passed the current HCOP exam
   v) has paid the current OMHA registration fee

d) **A Certified Official is one who**
   i) has received a minimum of two (2) Supervisions that are satisfactory to the Supervisor, and
   ii) has been recommended for Certification.

18.5 Rates

a) The following rates apply for all OMHA representative games in all series. Any overtime periods are included in the game lengths

Two Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15
Novice & Below	$15.00	$17.00	$19.00	$21.00
Atom	$16.00	$18.00	$20.00	$22.00
Peewee	$19.00	$21.00	$23.00	$25.00
Bantam	$20.00	$22.00	$24.00	$26.00
Midget	$21.00	$23.00	$25.00	$27.00
Juvenile	$22.00	$24.00	$26.00	$28.00

Three Official System

Game Lengths	10/10/10	10/10/15	10/15/15	15/15/15	15/15/20	15/20/20	20/20/20
Referee	$25.00	$27.00	$29.00	$31.00	$33.00	$35.00	$37.00
Linesman	$19.00	$21.00	$23.00	$25.00	$27.00	$29.00	$31.00

NOTE: OMHA Officials SHALL NOT officiate in a "one man"system.

18.6 Mileage

Mileage will be paid at the rate of 35 cents per kilometer each way with all Officials in one car wherever possible.

NOTE: Any person charging or accepting more than the above rates, or any Centre paying more than the above rates, will be subject to immediate sanction until their case has been dealt with by the OMHA Board.

18.7 Referee Responsibilities

a) After each game the referees shall be responsible to ensure the official game report is filled in properly and entirely. One copy shall be given each team. Failure to receive any official game report by a team official shall not exempt such official from any subsequent disciplinary action. The white copy (original) shall be forwarded within 24 HOURS to the convenor. OFFICIALS WHO FAIL TO FORWARD REPORTS PROMPTLY SHALL BE LIABLE TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

b) All match penalties (league, exhibition and tournament) must be reported by the Game Officials to the Regional Executive Member.

18.8 Emergency Replacement

OMHA Board Members or Convenors, team managers or coaches of any participating team, may not act as referee or linesman without first getting the approval of the Executive Director, except in cases of emergency. In such cases an OMHA Board Member, Convenor, team manager or coach may act as referee or linesman provided the

responsible officers of both teams agree, in writing, to such an arrangement.

NOTE: This person must be currently certified under the HCOP program but will not be permitted to officiate a game by himself.

18.9 Stick or Equipment Measurement

Where a stick or equipment measurement is requested and granted, the referee shall do the measuring at the timekeeper's box. All players will be sent to their respective benches with the exception of the two respective captains and any players involved.

18.10 Reports

In games when the referee is required to write a report in specific instances as required by the Rules, such reports will be made available to the Centre involved at their request. Such request must be in writing to the Regional Executive Member from the President and Secretary of the Centre's Minor Hockey Association.

19.0 TOURNAMENTS

19.1 Hosting Regulations

a) Sanction fees for all tournaments will be $5.00 per game. In addition to this fee, the following Hockey Canada fees and Regulations will prevail:
   i) for each inter-branch tournament, there shall be a sanction fee of $50.00 plus a $10.00 fee for each team from outside the host branch.
   ii) for each international tournament, there shall be a sanction fee of $100.00, plus $50.00 per team (including teams from the USA) from outside Hockey Canada and $10.00 per team from outside the host branch.

b) Teams applying to participate in tournaments outside the OMHA jurisdiction must request and get written permission from the OMHA Executive Director accompanied by a fee of $20.00.

c) Applications for all tournament permits must be submitted for approval to the OMHA Executive Director by September 15th of the season in which the tournament is to be played.

d) Applications for pre-season OMHA tournaments scheduled prior to October 1st must be submitted to the OMHA Tournament Chairperson prior to the OMHA Annual General Meeting for sanctioning approval by the OMHA Tournament Committee.

e) Any applications after September 15th must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

f) The following Hockey Canada Regulations will be mandatory and all international tournaments must be sanctioned by the Hockey Canada Minor Hockey Council at each Hockey Canada Annual Meeting for the following season. An application form must be first submitted by the local association requesting the tournament sanction, and all applications must be approved by the OMHA before submission to the OHF. A deposit equal to the minimum sanction fee must accompany the application.

g) OMHA Sanctioned Tournaments may not offer cash prizes to any participating Minor Hockey team. This does not include any bursaries, scholarships or a participating team's reduced or subsidized tournament entry fee.

   Cash incentives may not be paid directly to the participating team, but may be paid in care of the team by cheque to the team's local Minor Hockey Association or Governing Body.

h) A sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey Association which is the recognized governing body in a Centre and which is affiliated with the OMHA. All tournament registration fees must be made payable to the Minor Hockey Association obtaining the OMHA sanctioning. The OMHA reserves the right to request a profit and loss statement from any OMHA sanctioned tournament at the request of the OMHA Executive. All requests for tournament permits or special permission must be handled by the local association contact person. Sanction fees and a copy of the tournament Rules must accompany a letter of application which must be submitted to the OMHA Executive Director. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the tournament a list of the competing teams, a copy of the tournament Regulations, a copy of the invitation being sent out, and a tournament schedule must be submitted to the Regional Executive Member.

i) The OMHA will supply game reports (sheets), Tournament Signature Sheets, and Sanction Permits for all sanctioned tournaments.

j) The Tournament Signature Sheets must be individually signed by each participant, who must produce the applicable approved registration document at the time of signing.

k) Tournament officials must insist that the signature sheets be individually signed, the approved Hockey Canada, OMHA, USA Hockey or IIHF recognized playing certificates for the current playing season must be produced, and that an official be appointed to compare signatures and approve players for each game.

l) Match penalties and other disciplinary matters are to be reported to the Regional Executive Member immediately, by telephone, by the referee involved, who will then forward the game sheet along with his written report.

m) The remaining game sheets are to be sent to the Regional Executive Member immediately following completion of the tournament.

n) A Sanction Permit may be withdrawn from any tournament that accepts an entry from a team, or players, that are under suspension or are not approved by the OMHA. Once the sanction permit is withdrawn all OMHA teams or affiliated teams will not be allowed to play in the unsanctioned tournament.

o) All tournament games must comprise 3 stop time periods scheduled as per OMHA **Regulation 10.2a) & 10.2b).**

p) Where any team plays three games in one day, the maximum time of any game must be as per OMHA **Regulation 10.2b)**. (1st and 2nd periods – 10 stop; 3rd period- 15 stop).

q) No entry shall be accepted from any team in any other division of the OHF (NOHA, Alliance or GTHL), Hockey Canada or foreign hockey bodies without the written permission of the President or Secretary of that organization. This written permission must be available for inspection by any Regional Executive Member or OMHA Convenor, at any time during the tournament and be mailed to the Regional Executive Member upon completion of the tournament. No tournament may accept any OMHA team unless the tournament application includes the written permission of the President and Contact Person of the local Minor Hockey Association.

r) In every game played in a sanctioned tournament, on-ice officials will be assigned in compliance with all applicable sections of **Regulation 18** governing on-ice officials.

s) Failure to comply with Tournament **Regulation 19.1r)** may result

in withdrawal of the Tournament Sanction Permit.

t) The Regional Executive Member will appoint a 'Tournament Convenor' for each sanctioned tournament. It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Convenor to visit his assigned tournament to ensure that the OMHA Tournament Regulations are being complied with. Tournament Chairperson /Director must co-operate and comply with any request of the Tournament Convenor.

19.2 Participating Regulations

a) OMHA affiliated teams or players must not take part in any tournament unless such tournament has a sanction permit from the OMHA or unless the team has permission from the OMHA. Teams shall not participate in concurrent tournaments. The Manager and Coach of teams participating in concurrent tournaments, non-sanctioned tournaments, or entering such tournaments without written OMHA permission shall be suspended for eight (8) games or thirty (30) days whichever comes first.

b) For the purpose of this Regulation, concurrent tournaments are separate tournaments in which some or all of the games are played during the same time span. Any team must have completed or have been eliminated from one tournament before being eligible to participate in another tournament within the same time span.

c) The Manager and Coach of any team having applied and being accepted in one or more concurrent tournaments who fail to cancel their application for one or more of the tournaments at least twenty (20) days prior to the start of the tournaments, will be automatically suspended for eight (8) league games or thirty (30) days of the playing season.

d) The Manager and Coach of any team once accepting an invitation to a tournament who fail to notify the Tournament Director that they cannot meet their obligation to the tournament at least twenty (20) days before the tournament, or who withdraw during the tournament, will be suspended for eight (8) league games or thirty (30) days of the playing season. **See Regulation 19.2e)**.

e) All tournament permits are granted with the understanding that they are not to interfere with OMHA playdowns and group play. Any team, Novice and above, upon winning their quarter-final series shall not be eligible to play in any tournament until they have completed their

OMHA Playdowns. Any such team that has paid an entry fee to an OMHA tournament shall have their money refunded. This will be strictly enforced by the Convenors.

f) Any team required to withdraw from a tournament because of a failure to meet league commitments shall not be entitled to a refund of any tournament fees paid. Refer to OMHA **Regulation 13.7b)**.

g) OMHA teams, players, Coaches, Managers or Trainers taking part in unsanctioned tournaments without permission will be subject to disciplinary action.

h) A team in a sanctioned tournament shall be permitted to use only those players whose eligibility is supported by an approved Hockey Canada, OMHA, USA Hockey or IIHF recognized playing certificates of the current playing season. OMHA teams may also use certified photocopies.

i) All teams entering OMHA sanctioned tournaments are permitted to use approved Team Roster Forms up to and including October 31st of the current playing season. Beginning November 1st of the current playing season, all teams must have approved certificates prior to participation in OMHA sanctioned tournaments.

j) Team officials who fail to produce approved Player Certificates and allow players to participate shall be suspended for a minimum of eight (8) league games or thirty (30) days whichever comes first.

k) No team or player shall play more than three (3) games on one day.

l) OMHA teams may not enter tournaments nor embark on exhibition tours of foreign countries without receiving permission of Hockey Canada through the OHF and the OMHA office. Application for such permission must be made at least sixty (60) days in advance of the departure date.

19.3 WOAA Regulations

a) All tournaments in the WOAA territory must be sanctioned by the OMHA. Tournament applications must be forwarded to the OMHA through the WOAA Executive Administrator. WOAA approval must be obtained before the OMHA Executive Director can issue a permit. Sanction fees must be forwarded to the OMHA with the application.

b) All tournament game sheets are to be forwarded directly to the WOAA Executive Administrator (this is an exception to **Regulation 19.1m)** by the Tournament Director within seven (7) days after

completion of the tournament. A financial statement of income and disbursements must be forwarded to both the OMHA Executive Director and WOAA Executive Administrator along with all other schedules and team lists. Match penalties and other disciplinary matters are to be reported to the WOAA Executive Administrator immediately, by telephone, by the referee involved, who will then forward the game sheet along with his written report by the next mail. Failure to comply with all tournament Regulations and all OMHA Regulations will result in refusal of future Tournament Sanction Permits, and possible disciplinary action.

20.0 AAA ZONE REGULATIONS

20.1 AAA Zones

a) The OMHA shall operate its AAA Zones in compliance with current OHF Policy and Regulations (AAA Waivers – Regulations E30 – E36 inclusive). Where a conflict may appear in the regulations hereunder, the current OHF Policy and/or Regulations shall apply. Teams are advised to avail themselves of all current Policies and Regulations as may be amended from time to time by the OMHA and OHF.
Note: Refer to OHF Regulations E37-E81 for Lake Ontario Region (LOR)

20.2 Application for AAA Zone Status

a) The Chair of the OMHA Zone Committee must receive all applications for AAA Zone status by January 10th to be considered for competition for the following season.
b) A decision on all applications for Zone status will be communicated by March 31.
c) All applications to realign an existing Zone must be received by the Chair of the OMHA Zone Committee by January 10th to be considered for competition for the following season. A decision will be communicated by March 31.
d) The OMHA Zone Committee reserves the right to realign existing Zones in the interest of competitive parity, in full consultation with all concerned parties. Issues for consideration by the OMHA Zone Committee shall be submitted by January 10th for implementation for the following season. A decision will be communicated by March 31.

20.3 Regulations for Zone Formation & Operations

a) Geographic Zones are established throughout the OMHA jurisdiction for the purpose of AAA eligibility. Every OMHA player, Novice or above, will be provided an opportunity to try out and if selected will be eligible to play AAA hockey without release within their designated OMHA Zone.

b) Should a AAA Zone Governing/Operating Committee not be active in a player's Zone and/or Division, such player will be advised of the AAA organization where he may exercise his try out rights in accordance with OMHA Zone Regulations.

c) Each Centre in a Zone shall have the opportunity to be represented on the Zone Governing/Operating Committee.

d) The Zone Governing/Operating Committee will operate the Zone entries and shall file a Constitution and By-Laws and an initial operational budget with the OMHA Zone Committee.

20.4 Player Try-out

a) All Players on a AAA Zone Team remain members of their Home Centre.

b) To try out for a AAA Zone team, a player must:
   i) Register with their Home Centre
   ii) Obtain a letter of identification (permission to skate form)
   iii) Register for the tryout with the AAA Zone Governing/Operating Committee

c) Zone teams must offer a player the opportunity to sign a registration certificate or a written opportunity to sign a registration certificate or a letter of intent for the current season within 30 days of the commencement of the team's tryouts or by September 15 whichever is earlier by:
   i) Registered mail postmarked by the above dates
   ii) Courier date stamped by the above dates
   iii) Personal service to be verified by sworn affidavit(s) of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery, by the above dates

d) By September 30, the Zone Governing/Operating Committee shall provide each Home Centre with a list by team, of all signed players and identify all players granted a AAA Waiver.

e) Any AAA Team signing a player who has received a AAA Waiver will advise the player's Home Centre, by mail, within 7 days.

f) Any player signed by the Zone after September 15th will require the agreement of the Home Centre, in writing.
g) The Zone cannot release a signed player, after September 15th without the agreement of the Home Centre.
h) A player requesting his release back to the Home Centre must do so, in writing, to the Zone Governing/Operating Committee and the Home Centre.
i) There will be no movement of players after November 1st unless agreed by the player's parents (guardian), the Zone Governing/Operating Committee and the Home Centre, in writing.

20.5 Player Release

All releases for AAA Zone players going to a Junior or higher division team, must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Home Centre as well as the President and Secretary of the Zone Governing/Operating Committee. Any and all Development Fees including draft monies, present and future, will be divided between the Home Centre and the AAA Zone organization on a pro rata basis, based on the number of seasons played for each.

21.0 AAA CENTRE REGULATIONS

21.1 The OMHA shall operate its AAA Centres in compliance with current OHF Policy and Regulations. (AAA Waivers – Regulations E30 – E36 inclusive) Where a conflict may appear in the regulations hereunder, the current OHF Policy and/or Regulations shall apply. Teams are advised to avail themselves of all current Policies and Regulations as may be amended from time to time by the OMHA and OHF.
Note: Refer to OHF Regulations E37 – E81 for Lake Ontario Region (LOR).

21.2 Player Try-Out

a) All players must be in compliance with OMHA Residential Qualifications, **Regulation 3.3** and OHF Residential Requirements Regulations E16 – E23.
b) To try out for a AAA team a player must register with the Centre and attend the scheduled tryouts.

c) AAA teams must offer a player the opportunity to sign a registration certificate or a written opportunity to sign a registration certificate or a letter of intent for the current season within 30 days of the commencement of the team's tryouts or by September 15, whichever is earlier by:
   i) Registered mail postmarked by the above dates
   ii) Courier date stamped by the above dates
   iii) Personal service to be verified by sworn affidavit(s) of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery, by the above dates

d) Any AAA team signing a non-resident player who has received a AAA Waiver will advise the player's Home Centre, by mail, within 7 days.

21.3 Player Release

All releases for players going to a Junior or higher division team must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre.

OMHA COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All NCCP certifications listed are the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**.

* All coaches of a House League/Local League/Select team in divisions Novice and below (age 8 & below) must be CHIP certified.

DIVISION	HL / LL / SELECT		REP LEVEL	
	Certified prior to 2004-2005	2006-2007	Certified prior to 2004-2005	2006-2007
BELOW NOVICE (INITIATION/TYKE)	CHIP ONLY*	CHIP ONLY*	N/A	N/A
NOVICE	CHIP ONLY*	***CHIP ONLY****	NCCP Coach Level	***NCCP Coach Stream***
MINOR ATOM/ ATOM	CHIP or NCCP Coach Level	CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	***NCCP Coach Stream***
MINOR PEE WEE/ PEE WEE	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
MINOR BANTAM/ BANTAM	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
MINOR MIDGET/ MIDGET	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
JUVENILE	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1

NOTES:

1. All Certifications must be registered with the OMHA.
2. NCCP Rec Coach has been re-named NCCP Coach Stream.

REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

	LEVEL	TYKE	NOVICE	ATM-R2	ATM-R3	ATM-L3	PW-R2	PW-R3	PW-L3	BAN-R2	BAN-R3	BAN-L3	MID-R2	MID-R3	MID-L3	JUV-R2	JUV-R3	JUV-L3	INT'L	INTR-BR
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2																				
3	HL	N/A																		
4																				
5																				
6	REG 1	N/A	X-NOTE 1	X-NOTE 1		X-NOTE 2														
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9	REG 2	N/A	X-NOTE 1	X-NOTE 1		X-NOTE 2			X-NOTE 2											
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12	CERT 2	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X		
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14																				
15	REG 3	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
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18	CERT 3	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	ELIG	ELIG
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21	REG 4	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	ELIG	ELIG
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23																				
24	CERT 4	N/A	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	ELIG	ELIG

LOCAL/SELECT/HOUSE LEAGUE ASSIGNMENTS

	LEVEL	TYKE	NOVICE	ATM-R2	ATM-R3	ATM-L3	PW-R2	PW-R3	PW-L3	BAN-R2	BAN-R3	BAN-L3	MID-R2	MID-R3	MID-L3	JUV-R2	JUV-R3	JUV-L3	INT'L	INTR-BR
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3	HL	X	X	X		X													N/A	N/A
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6	REG 1	X	X	X		X	X		X										N/A	N/A
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9	REG 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X			X	N/A	N/A
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12	CERT 2	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A
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15	REG 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A
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18	CERT 3	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A
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21	REG 4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A
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24	CERT 4	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	N/A	N/A

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

OF THE ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC. (OMHA)

AS REVISED AND AMENDED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON JUNE 15, 2006

NOTE: SCREENED SECTIONS AND/OR PARAGRAPHS ARE NEW OR CHANGED SECTIONS.

WHEREVER THE CONTEXT HEREIN PERMITS, REFERENCE TO THE MALE SHALL ALSO MEAN FEMALE

ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

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POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

"In accordance with By-law One, Article 11.4b) and 11.4c), the OMHA policies presented hereafter shall apply. Other policies approved by the Board from time to time and which are of a less specific nature are also in effect and these policies may be available through the OMHA upon request as applicable and required by the membership regarding other matters."

1.0 DEVELOPMENT

1.1 Blood Policy

The OMHA acknowledges the HIV and Hockey position statement of the Canadian Academy of Sport Medicine (CASM) as accepted by Hockey Canada and outlined in the Hockey Canada Hockey Trainers Safety Program with the following exception:
Under Sport Specific Prevention, Part 2, Section (b): 'all clothing with blood must be removed and replaced prior to return to participation.'

The OMHA does not believe that it is mandatory to remove bloody clothing before returning to play in that:

a) Clothing must be defined (i.e. sweater or any piece of equipment such as gloves).
b) Virtually all minor hockey teams do not routinely carry spare equipment and hence any player who bloodies their uniform or equipment would be removed from the remainder of the game.
c) There is no evidence to suggest that HIV or any other potential pathogen would be transmitted or remain infective once on the affected clothing.

1.2 Bloody Wound Policy

a) If a player suffers a bloody wound, their participation should be immediately interrupted until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is properly covered with a medically acceptable dressing.
b) All abrasions and skin lesions must be properly covered with a medically acceptable dressing prior to a player participating in an OMHA sanctioned game or practice.
c) While dealing with a bloody wound the following must be done:

- Wear waterproof gloves
- Place all soiled waste in a plastic bag for disposal

For further information, refer to the Trainers Manual.

2.0 TEAMS AND MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Category

As outlined in Regulations 13.1a); 13.b); 12.2b); 2.4a); 2.4a)i); 2.4a)ii); 2.4a)iii) and 2.4b) , the OMHA Board is responsible for the category of teams. These policies and procedures have been developed to effectively manage this challenging task and to meet the following objectives:

- To classify all teams for OMHA Playdowns by the December meeting of the OMHA Board
- To provide proper notice to Centres regarding category, appeals on category, changes to category
- To provide the mechanism for Centres to appeal category of their teams
- To provide the mechanism for Regional Executive Members to make category adjustments where appropriate
  a) Centres are designated with a Base Category.
  b) Centres may request a review and change of their base category, prior to June 1st.
  c) The teams in a Centre are classified using the base category. The first team entered shall be classified at the base category and further entries shall be classified accordingly.
  d) Teams formed by a combination of Centres or teams that include non-resident players afforded by Regulation 3.3, shall be classified by the Regional Executive Member accordingly.
  e) An Initial Category List shall be published by November 1st. Any adjustments made after this date as per 2.1 d) above, shall be communicated to the affected Centres.
  f) Affected Centres are those in the category where the Centre/team is based, and those in the categories where the Centre/team may be adjusted to.
  g) Centres may file an appeal of the categories of any team by November 15th.
  h) Notices of Appeals on Category shall be distributed to the

affected Centres by November 20th. Any submissions pertinent to an appeal must be received by December 1st.

i) The appeals shall be considered by the OMHA Board at their December Meeting. Centres have the option to make personal representation of their appeals. The decision rendered on the appeal shall be final.

j) Notices of changes to categories as a result of appeal decisions will be provided to the affected Centres.

k) Final categories will be documented in the OMHA championship/Playdown Guide published by December 20th.

2.2 "A" Category Restriction

Any Centre requesting to be categorized "A" or above will be required to ice a minor and major entry at Atom through Midget. Any exception to this policy must be approved by the OMHA.

2.3 Program Below Novice

The following Policy will be in effect for Select/Local League/House League Competition:

a) Age category below Novice will be referred to as Tyke or Initiation Program (IP)

b) All teams must adopt the Initiation Program (IP) practice format, emphasizing skill development.

c) No Tyke/IP Tournaments will be sanctioned by the OMHA prior to December 1st of the current hockey season. A team can only enter a maximum of 2 Tournaments.

d) All coaches below Novice must be "CHIP" certified and have attended a Prevention Services Clinic. All Novice coaches must be "CHIP" or NCCP Rec Stream certified and have attended a Prevention Services Clinic.

e) All Associations must identify an Initiation Program (IP) contact person.

f) The lightweight Blue Puck shall be mandatory for all hockey programs for players six (6) years of age and below. It is reccommended for all hockey programs for players seven (7) years of age and below.

2.4 Safety and Risk Management

2.4.1 Helmets for Team Officials

All on-ice Coaches, Trainers, Assistant Coach, Assistant Trainer or Volunteers will be required to wear C.S.A. approved helmets during all on-ice activities.

Sanctions for Non-Compliance

a) First incident results in written notification /warning by one or all of the following;
OMHA Centre Contact, OMHA Regional Executive Member, OMHA Development Instructor and OMHA Technical Director - Coaches.

b) On a second incident by the same party, that individual shall be suspended from participation in OMHA activity for a minimum of 2 weeks.

c) For the third infraction of the policy, the participant shall be suspended for a period of 1 year.

2.4.2 Single Trainer

a) Each trainer for a hockey team will act as the trainer for an opposing team's players if the trainer for that team is ejected from the game or must leave the arena with an injured player or is unable to attend the game due to an emergency situation.
A game may be played or completed if there is at least one trainer who is "readily available" to come to the assistance of an injured player.

b) Where a team does not have a trainer at the beginning of a game due to an emergency situation, the coach will contact the trainer for the opposing team and request the assistance of that trainer to act as trainer for his/her team.

c) The coach of a team without a trainer is responsible for advising the game officials that the opposing team's trainer is acting as the trainer for both teams.
    i) The referee for a game where there is only one trainer available for both teams at the beginning of a game will document on the game sheet the fact that only one trainer was present and that the trainer is acting for both teams.
    ii) In each instance where a trainer is not available at the beginning of a game, the game sheet will be forwarded immediately

following the game to the convenor and the Executive Member of the home team will be advised of the occurrence within 24 hours.

2.4.3 Players with Physical Disabilities

A player with a physical disability e.g. hearing, vision, etc. shall at the time of registration on an OMHA certificate or roster, provide a certificate from a medical doctor which states that the subject player may safely engage in the level of hockey for which the player is registering.

2.4.4 Mouth Guards

The use of a mouth guard product for each player participating in an Ontario Minor Hockey Association game or practice is mandatory. Players shall at all times while engaged in play or practices, practice drills or scrimmages on the ice surface wear an intra-oral mouth guard that conforms to the specifications set out by the Association as approved as suitable for use by the team's trainer.

Specifications

Be of any colour, not be clear or translucent in colour; be one-piece (1) construction; be easily sized by the participant or the participant's parents; be of an even thickness from the front to the back of the device; engage the teeth of the upper jaw and lower jaw; maintain alignment of the upper and lower jaw in a neutral position; be able to be attached externally to the face mask or shield, it is to be attached to the participant's helmet or to be form-fitted; to be custom-fitted to the the teeth; and in addition for all hockey in non-bodychecking play will provide not less than one (1) millimeter of shock absorbent thickness between the teeth of the upper and lower jaw and for a player in bodychecking will provide not less than two (2) millimeters of shock absorbent thickness between the teeth of the upper and lower jaw.

2.5 Supervision of Coaches

If a Minor Hockey Association wishes to have evaluation of Coaches, the following procedures are suggested:

a) The Association will contact the Technical Director-Coaches requesting assistance in evaluating the Coaching Program in their Centre

b) The Technical Director will make arrangements with one or more of the Coaching Instructors who will contact the Minor Hockey Association to make arrangements to set up an evaluation program (Coaches) for that Association
c) All costs of such a program will be borne by the local Minor Hockey Association. Fees to be established on a per diem basis plus mileage or a flat rate for the total evaluation
d) The program will require that the evaluator (Coaching Instructor) would have to observe the Coaching Staff over an extended period of time both at practices and in game situations. The evaluation would be a positive growth process designed to strengthen the Coaching Program in the Association

2.6 Supervision of Trainers

If a Minor Hockey Association wishes to have an evaluation of trainers, the following procedures shall be followed:

a) The Association will contact their OMHA Regional Executive Member in writing requesting assistance in evaluating the Trainers and the Safety & Risk Management program in their Association.
b) The OMHA Regional Executive Member will contact the Technical Director - Trainers, to make arrangements for one or more of the Trainer Instructors who will contact the local Hockey Association to make arrangements to set up an evaluation program for the Association.
c) All costs of an evaluation under 2.6 b) will be on a recovery basis.
d) The Evaluation requested under 2.6 b) will occur over a pre-agreed time frame and will involve both practice and game situations. The evaluation will identify program characteristics, strengths and weakness, and will make recommendations for program improvements. Evaluation will be given in writing and will be discussed with the local Minor Hockey Association.

3.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND AFFILIATION

3.1 A Centre Unable to Provide Hockey to a Player for Two (2) Consecutive Years

a) A player's Home Centre which is unable to ice a Representative team in his division or sub-division for two (2) consecutive seasons may not

recall such player for the third (3rd) or subsequent seasons under **Regulation 3.3.**

b) Any such player who registered for Representative hockey in a Centre for two (2) consecutive seasons within the regulations may, in the third season, exercise a right to register in that current Centre or return to his resident Home Centre.

c) Once having chosen to return to his resident Home Centre such player may not exercise that right again within this policy.

3.2 Goaltender Relief

a) An OMHA Centre may request relief from **Regulation 3.3** to enable a goaltender from an adjacent OMHA Centre, which has a surplus of goaltenders, to sign a certificate in the absence of a sufficient number of local goaltenders (House League programs – 1 per team, Representative programs – 2 per team). This relief applies to ALL divisions and subdivisions. (Major, Minor and AE)

b) No application for Goaltender Relief will be considered after November 1st of the current playing season.

c) Relief may be granted to a maximum of two (2) goaltenders per division. An adjacent Centre shall not be reduced to less than two goaltenders per division for Representative programs and not less than 1 goaltender per team for House League programs. Relief shall be for one season only. The President shall consult with the area Regional Executive Member and affected Centres to consider all factors.

d) A goaltender granted such permission may register only with the team for which he is approved, however he may exercise all affiliation privileges for which he is eligible.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Hockey Canada Regulation F.33 any player registered under this policy must comply fully with the requirements of Hockey Canada Regulation F.32.

e) Any such relief shall be reported to the Board at the next earliest Board meeting for ratification.

Procedure

a) The Centre requesting "GOALTENDER RELIEF", shall submit a written request to the Regional Executive Member. This application shall outline

in detail the reasons for the request, i.e. lack of players in the division, loss of player to Zone entry, etc.

b) The Regional Executive Member shall canvas adjacent Centres to determine the
availability of any surplus goaltenders. Surplus goaltender(s) from the nearest adjacent Centre will be given priority, provided the player(s) have the written approval of the 'Home'Centre.

c) The Regional Executive Member shall review the facts in the application and consider all factors before submitting the request to the District Vice-President.

d) The District Vice-President shall review the facts in the application and consider all factors before submitting the request to the President.

e) The President shall consider and determine a decision for the request. Such decision shall be communicated in writing to all parties.

f) Applications for Goaltender Relief shall be submitted on the official form.

3.3 Grandfathering

Grandfathering is a mechanism which is designed to give relief to a player who registered in a Centre the previous season within existing regulations and who would be denied that right in the following season as a result of the passage of new or amended residence regulations.

Having exercised his right under this policy, such player may return and register with his Home Centre within the regulations if a release is obtained from his current Centre.

3.4 Minor Aged Player in a Division When No Minor Team is Entered

Any Minor aged player registered in a Centre which has a Major team, or a Major team and an Additional Entry team entered in a division for which he is eligible to play, will "not" be eligible to register and play for a Minor team in that division or sub-division in the next nearest Centre.

3.5 Movement of Midget and Juvenile Players

Surplus Midget and Juvenile aged players from a Centre where the team for which they are eligible has

registered its maximum number of players under the regulations, and does not operate a House League in that age division and where there is no House League or Local League program within a 40 km radius of their Home Centre, will be eligible to register and play in the next nearest Centre for which he is eligible by division or sub-division and which can accommodate the registration.

NOTE: In all such cases the matter must be approved by the Regional Executive Member(s), the District Vice-President, the President and ratified by the OMHA Board before any such movement is allowed.

3.6 Overage Juvenile

OMHA Overage Juvenile Policy is as follows:

a) Five (5) overage players per Juvenile team are permitted
b) Should a Centre field two Juvenile teams, each team will be permitted five overage players. In this case, players will not be permitted to affiliate to either team.
c) Overage Juvenile players cannot displace regular age Juvenile players.

3.7 Right of Choice/By-Passing

a) Acknowledging that a player may not pass through the protected area of a Centre as recognized by the OMHA, a player residing in an area who has a choice of two (2) or more Centre's operating a team in a division or sub-division for which he is eligible, shall have the right to choose the Centre for which he will register using the following guidelines:
    i) While travelling by the shortest and most direct route, the player does not completely pass a Centre's defined boundaries by less than 3 km

    Note: In the event that a Centre does not have a defined boundary, as recognized by the OMHA, the three (3) kilometers will be measured from the main post office or recognized alternate location

    ii) Using well-travelled roads, the difference in distance to the two (2) or more eligible Centres shall always be determined by comparison using the distance to the closest Centre for such calculation

Note: A well-travelled road shall mean any municipal or provincial road that is maintained (graded, plowed, etc.) for 365 days of the year.

b) Once having made this choice, the player may not register and play for any other Centre for which he is eligible unless properly released, or in the event of a legitimate family move which has made him eligible for a new Centre's.

4.0 DISCIPLINE

4.1 Harassment & Abuse

Harassment and Abuse Policy

Note: For convenience, this policy uses the term "Complainant" to refer to the person who experiences harassment, even though not all persons who experience harassment will make a formal complaint. The term "Respondent" refers to the person against whom a complaint is made.

4.1 Policy Statement

a) The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) is committed to providing a sport and work environment which promotes equal opportunities and prohibits discriminatory practices.

b) Harassment is a form of discrimination. Harassment is prohibited by human rights legislation in each province of Canada. In its most extreme forms, harassment can be an offense under Canada's Criminal Code.

4.1.2 Application & Scope

a) This policy applies to all categories of members in the OMHA, as well as to all individuals participating in activities of or employed by the OMHA, including, but not limited to, players, officers, convenors, committee members, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees.

b) This policy applies to harassment including bullying which may occur during the course of all OMHA business, activities and events, including but not limited to competitions, team practices, training camps, exhibitions, meetings and travel associated with these activities.

c) Within this policy, the words harassment and harass shall include bullying and bully.

4.1.3 Definitions of Harassment and Bullying

a) Harassment is defined as conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive or physically harmful. Types of behavior which constitute harassment include, but are not limited to:
   - Unwelcomed jokes, innuendo or teasing about a person's looks, body, attire, age, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation
   - Condescending, patronizing, threatening or punishing actions which undermine self-esteem or diminish performance
   - Practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment, endanger a person's safety or negatively affect performance
   - Unwanted or unnecessary physical contact including touching, patting or pinching
   - Any form of hazing
   - Any form of physical assault or abuse
   - Any sexual offence
   - Behaviors such as those described above which are not directed towards individuals or groups but which have the effect of creating a negative or hostile environment

b) Bullying is defined as hurtful interpersonal mistreatment of a person and is an act of intentionally hurting someone in order to insult, humiliate, degrade or exclude him or her. Basically it is "mean" behaviour. Bullying is:
   - hurting behaviours based on oppression and "meanness"
   - based on power deferentials
   - intentionally harmful
   - intense and long in duration
   - repeated over time (generally)
   - oppressive – isolates victims
   - caused by many factors and behavioural challenges

   Hurtful actions may be:
   i) Physical – ie: hitting, kicking, grabbing, shoving, spitting on, beating others up, damaging or stealing another person's property
   ii) Verbal – ie: name-calling, humiliating, degrading behaviour, hurtful teasing, threatening someone (this may happen in notes or in person, over the phone, through text messages or a chat room)
   iii) Relational – ie: making others look foolish, excluding peers,

spreading gossip or rumours (this may happen in person, over the phone or through the computer)

iv) Reactive – e.g. engage in bullying as well as provoke bullies to attack by taunting them

4.1.4 Abuse and Neglect of Minors

a) When any person in authority has a reasonable belief that in the course of OMHA business, activities or events a minor is being abused or neglected, he or she shall report this belief to Ontario child protection authorities or Police and shall advise the OMHA Board of having made this report.

b) The OMHA shall take no further action until such time as the authorities and/or police have concluded their investigation.

c) The matter shall then be dealt with as a disciplinary matter pursuant to this policy, and the report of the investigation carried out by authorities may be used as evidence under these proceedings.

4.1.5 Confidentiality

The OMHA recognizes the sensitive and serious nature of harassment and will strive to keep all matters relating to a complaint confidential. However, if required by law to disclose information, the OMHA will do so. This shall not preclude publication of the final outcome of any matter, where a sanction imposed under this policy includes publication.

4.1.6 Complaint

a) A person who experiences harassment, any person who witnesses harassment, or any person who believes that harassment has occurred is encouraged to make it known that the behavior is unwelcome, offensive and contrary to the values of the OMHA and this policy.

b) If confronting the harasser is not possible, or if after confronting the harasser the harassment continues, the matter should be reported to an official of the OMHA. For the purposes of this policy, an "official" may be a member of the OMHA Board, a Convenor, the Executive Director, or the Chairperson of any OMHA Standing Committee.

c) Once an incident is reported, the role of the official is to serve in a neutral, unbiased capacity in receiving the report of the incident,

advising the parents/guardians of the incident (if the person who has experienced the harassment is a minor), and assisting in an informal resolution of the complaint, where this is appropriate.

d) If the official considers that he or she is unable to act in this capacity, the complaint shall be referred to another OMHA official.

e) If informal resolution of the complaint is not appropriate or possible, the person who has experienced or witnessed the harassment, or who believes that harassment has occurred, may make a formal written complaint to the OMHA.

4.1.7 Investigation

a) An official who receives a formal written complaint shall advise the President of the OMHA, who shall appoint an individual to conduct an investigation of the complaint. For serious matters, the investigator should be experienced in harassment matters and investigation techniques, and may be an outside professional.

b) The investigator shall carry out the investigation in a timely manner and at the conclusion of the investigation shall submit a written report to the President.

c) Within SEVEN days of receiving the written report of the investigator, the President shall decide if the complaint should be dealt with directly, without a hearing, in which case he or she shall direct the appropriate response and the matter shall then be concluded, provided the person complained of is fully informed and is given an opportunity to respond to the complaint.

4.1.8 Referral of Complaint to Local Organization

a) Upon receiving a complaint involving a member or members of a local minor hockey organization which is a member of the OMHA, the OMHA may direct that the complaint be handled by the local organization in accordance with its own procedures, or in accordance with procedures which the OMHA may direct. Furthermore, the OMHA shall monitor the complaint to ensure that is handled in an appropriate and timely manner.

b) After a thorough internal investigation the local minor hockey organization has the power to discipline, sanction and/or suspend any team player, team official, local executive member or employee for contravention of the OMHA Code of Conduct. All sanctions and/or

suspensions assessed by the local minor hockey organization must be reported to their OMHA Regional Executive Member and the OMHA Executive Director, to be kept on file.

4.1.9 Incidents Requiring Immediate Response

a) This policy shall not prevent a person in authority from taking immediate, informal, corrective and appropriate disciplinary action in response to behaviour that, in his or her view, constitutes a minor instance of harassment.

b) Harassment complaints arising during competitions may be dealt with immediately, if necessary, by an OMHA representative in a position of authority, provided the individual being disciplined is told the nature of the infraction and has an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident. In such situations, sanctions shall be for the duration of the competition only. Further sanctions may be applied but only after review of the matter in accordance with this policy.

c) In the event that an alleged offense is so serious so as to possibly jeopardize the safety of others, the OMHA may immediately remove the alleged offender from OMHA activities, pending an investigation of the complaint in accordance with this policy.

4.1.10 Hearing

a) If the President of the OMHA decides that the complaint shall be dealt with by means of a hearing, he shall appoint three individuals to serve as a Panel, and shall appoint one of these persons to serve as the Chairperson of the Panel.

b) The Panel shall govern the hearing by such procedures as it may decide, provided that:

   i) The Complainant and Respondent shall be given written notice (by courier, registered mail) of the day, time and place of the hearing:

   ii) All parties shall receive a copy of the Investigator's report

   iii) Both the Complainant and Respondent shall be present at the hearing

   iv) The Panel may request that witnesses to the incident be present or submit written evidence which is certified by a Notary Public.

c) If at any point in the proceedings, the Complainant becomes

reluctant to continue, it shall be at the sole discretion of the OMHA to continue the review of the complaint in accordance with this policy.

d) After reviewing and deciding the harassment matter, the Panel shall present its findings in a written report to the President, with a copy provided to both the Complainant and the Respondent. This report shall contain:
   i) A summary of the relevant facts
   ii) A determination as to whether the acts complained of constitute harassment as defended in this policy
   iii) Disciplinary action to be taken, if the acts constitute harassment; and
   iv) Measures to remedy or mitigate the harm or loss suffered by the Complainant, if the acts constitute harassment.

4.1.11 Sanctions

a) When directing appropriate disciplinary sanction, the Panel shall consider factors such as:
   i) The nature and security of the harassment
   ii) Whether the harassment involved any physical contact
   iii) Whether the harassment was an isolated incident or part of an ongoing pattern
   iv) The nature of the relationship between the complainant and harasser
   v) The age of the complainant
   vi) Whether the harasser had been involved in previous harassment incidents
   vii) Whether the harasser admitted responsibility and expressed a willingness to change
   viii) Whether the harasser retaliated against the complainant

b) In directing disciplinary sanctions, the Panel may consider the following options, singly or in combination, depending on the nature and severity of the harassment:
   i) Verbal apology
   ii) Written apology
   iii) Letter of reprimand from the OMHA

iv) A fine or levy
v) Referral to counselling
vi) Removal of certain privileges of membership or employment
vii) Temporary suspension with or without pay
viii) Termination of employment or contract
ix) Suspension of membership
x) Expulsion from membership
xi) Publication of the details of the sanction
xii) Any other sanction which the Panel may deem appropriate

c) Failure to comply with a sanction as determined by the panel shall result in automatic suspension of membership in the OMHA or in organizations affiliated with the OMHA, until such time as the sanction is fulfilled.
d) Notwithstanding the procedures set out in this policy, any individual participating in OMHA business activities or events who is convicted of a criminal offense involving sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching, sexual interference or sexual assault, shall face automatic suspension from participating in any activities of the OMHA for a period of time corresponding to the length of the criminal sentence imposed by the Court, and may face further disciplinary action by the OMHA in accordance with this policy.

4.1.12 Appeals Procedure

Both the Complainant and Respondent shall have the right to appeal the decision and sanctions of the Panel, in accordance with the OMHA Appeal Policy.

4.1.13 Discipline Policy

Introduction

a) Membership in the OMHA, as well as participation in the activities of the OMHA, brings with it many benefits and privileges. At the same time members and participants are expected to fulfill certain responsibilities and obligations, including but not limited to complying with the Code of Conduct, Regulations and Policies of the OMHA.
b) The OMHA Code of Conduct and Regulations identify the standard of conduct which is expected of members, and other persons involved in OMHA activities and events. Individuals who fail to meet

this standard may be subject to the disciplinary sanctions identified within this policy.

4.1.14 Application

a) This policy applies to all members of the OMHA, as well as to all individuals participating in activities with, or employed by the OMHA, including but not limited to players, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, convenors, committee members, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees.
b) This policy applies to discipline matters which may arise during the course of all OMHA business activities and events, including but not limited to competitions (including exhibition games), practices, training camps, meetings and travel associated with these activities.
c) Discipline matters arising within the business activities or events of member organizations of the OMHA shall be dealt with using the discipline policies and mechanisms of such organizations.

4.1.15 Types of Infractions

a) Under this policy, there shall be three types of infractions, which may warrant discipline:
b) Technical infractions - these are violations of the Regulations and Rules of Competition of the OMHA, which shall result in automatic sanctions as specified in Section 1.32 a) of this policy.
c) Minor infractions - these are infractions under the OMHA Code of Conduct which are not severe but which may warrant immediate corrective action as specified in Section 4.1.32 b) of this policy.
d) Major infractions - these are infractions under the OMHA Code of Conduct, which are more severe and may warrant disciplinary action as specified in Section 4.1.32 c) of this policy.

4.1.16 Discipline Procedures

a) Technical Infractions

Technical infractions shall result in automatic sanctions as indicated in Section 4.1.32 a) of this policy.

b) Minor Infractions

i) Disciplinary situations involving minor infractions occurring within the jurisdiction of the OMHA will be dealt with by the

appropriate person having authority over the situation and the individual involved (this person may include, but is not restricted to, executive or committee member, convenor, tournament chairperson, official, coach, team manager, team captain).

ii) Procedures for dealing with minor infractions shall be informal as compared to those for major infractions and shall be determined at the discretion of the person responsible for discipline of such infractions, provided the individual being disciplined is told the nature of the infraction and has an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident.

c) Sanctions for Minor Infractions

The following disciplinary sanctions may be applied, singly or in combination, for minor infractions:

i) Verbal reprimand
ii) Written reprimand to be sent to the individual
iii) Verbal apology by the individual
iv) Written apology by the individual
v) Termination of Team service or other voluntary contribution to the team, the minor hockey organization or to the OMHA
vi) Suspension from the current competition and/or for a specified number of games, other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offence.

d) Major Infractions

i) Any member or representative of the OMHA may report to the Executive Director a major infraction using the OMHA Harassment and Abuse Disclosure Report form available from the OMHA Office.

ii) Upon receipt of an Incident Report, the Executive Director shall determine if the incident is better dealt with as a minor infraction, or if a hearing is required to address the incident as a major infraction.

iii) If the incident is to be dealt with as a minor infraction, the Executive Director will inform the appropriate person in authority as described in Section 4.1.16 b) and the alleged offender, and the matter shall be dealt with according to Sections 4.1.16 b) i) and 4.1.16 b) ii) of this Policy.

iv) If the incident is to be dealt with as a major infraction and a hearing is required, the alleged offender shall be notified as quickly as possible and in any event no later than 5 days from date of receipt of the Incident Report, and shall be advised of the procedures outlined in this Policy.

v) Major infractions occurring within competition may be dealt with immediately, if necessary, by an OMHA representative in a position of authority, provided the individual being disciplined is told the nature of the infraction and has an opportunity to provide information concerning the incident. In such situations, disciplinary sanctions shall be for the duration of the competition only. Further sanctions may be applied but only after review of the matter in accordance with the procedures set out in this Policy for major infractions.

4.1.17 Hearing

a) Within 3 days of receiving the Incident Report, the Executive Director shall forward the Report to the President, or President's delegate who shall appoint three individuals to serve as a Discipline Panel. Where possible, one of the Panel members shall be from the peer group of the alleged offender.

b) The Discipline Panel shall hold the hearing as soon as possible, but not more than 14 days after the Incident Report is first received by the President.

c) The Discipline Panel shall govern the hearing as it sees fit, provided that:

   i) The individual being disciplined shall be given 7 days written notice (by courier or fax) of the day, time and place of the hearing. The Panel may decide to conduct the hearing in person or by telephone or video conference

   ii) The individual being disciplined shall receive a copy of the incident report

   iii) Members of the Panel shall select from among themselves a Chairperson

   iv) A quorum shall be all 3 Panel members and decisions shall be by majority vote where the Chair carries a vote

   v) The individual being disciplined may be accompanied by a representative

vi) The individual being disciplined shall have the right to present evidence and argument
vii) The hearing shall be held in private
viii) The Panel may request that witnesses to the incident be present or submit written evidence
ix) Once appointed, the Panel shall have the authority to abridge or extend timelines associated with all aspects of the Hearing

d) The Discipline Panel shall render its decision, with written reasons, within 14 days of the Hearing. A copy of this decision shall be provided to all of the parties to the hearing and the President and Executive Director.
e) The preceding provisions may be modified, or added to, as required by the provisions of any other pertinent OMHA Policy, such as those dealing with harassment, doping, personnel or event-specific matters.
f) Where the individual acknowledges the facts of the incident, he or she may waive the hearing, in which case the Panel shall determine the appropriate disciplinary sanction. The Panel may hold a hearing for the purpose of determining an appropriate sanction.
g) If the individual being disciplined chooses not to participate in the hearing, the hearing shall nonetheless proceed.

4.1.18 Sanctions for Major Infractions

a) The Discipline Panel may apply the following disciplinary sanctions singly or in combination for major infractions:
i) Written reprimand to be placed in individual's file
ii) Written apology by the individual
iii) Suspension from certain OMHA events which may include suspension from the current game or competition or from future competitions
iv) Payment of a financial fine in an amount to be determined by the Discipline Panel
v) Suspension from certain OMHA activities (e.g. , competing, coaching or officiating) for a designated period of time
vi) Suspension from all OMHA activities for a designated period of time
vii) Expulsion from the OMHA
viii) Other sanctions as may be considered appropriate for the offence

b) The preceding sanctions may be modified, or added to, as required by the provisions of any other pertinent OMHA Policy, such as those dealing with harassment, doping, personnel or event-specific matters.
c) Unless the Discipline Panel decides otherwise, any disciplinary sanctions shall commence immediately.
d) In applying sanctions, the Disciplinary Panel may have regard to the following aggravating or mitigating circumstances:
   i) The nature and severity of the offence
   ii) Whether the incident is a first offence or has occurred repeatedly
   iii) The individual's acknowledgment of responsibility
   iv) The individual's extent of remorse
   vi) The age, maturity or experience of the individual
   vii) The individual's prospects for rehabilitation
e) Notwithstanding the procedures set out in this Policy, any member or participant of the OMHA who is convicted of a criminal offence involving sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching, sexual interference or sexual assault, shall face automatic suspension from participating in any activities of the OMHA for a period of time corresponding to the length of the criminal sentence imposed by the Court, and may face further disciplinary action by the OMHA in accordance with this Policy.

4.1.19 Appeals Procedure

Except where otherwise provided, an appeal of any disciplinary matter will be done according to the following Appeal Policy Section 4.1.20.

4.1.20 Appeal Policy

Introduction

This Policy applies to all categories of members in the OMHA, as well as to all individuals, participation in activities of or employed by the OMHA, including but not limited to, players, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, convenors, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees.

4.1.21 Timing of the Appeal

a) An individual who wishes to appeal a decision ("Appellant") shall

have 7 days from the date on which they received notice of the decision, to submit written notice of their intention to appeal, along with detailed reasons for the appeal, and a non-refundable appeal fee of $100, to the President of the OMHA.

b) Any party wishing to initiate an appeal beyond the 7 day period must provide a written request stating reasons for an exemption to the requirement of Section 4.1.21 a). The decision to allow, or not allow an appeal outside the 7 day period shall be at the sole discretion of the President.

4.1.22 Grounds for Appeal

a) A decision cannot be appealed on its merits alone. An appeal may be heard only if there are sufficient grounds for the appeal. Sufficient grounds include the body, which made the decision being appealed ("Respondent"):
   i) Making a decision for which it did not have authority or jurisdiction as set out in the OMHA's governing documents
   ii) Failing to follow procedures as laid out in the By-laws or approved Policies of the OMHA
   iii) Making a decision which was influenced by bias, where bias is defined as a lack of neutrality to such an extent that the decision-maker is unable to consider other views
   iv) Exercising its discretion for an improper purpose
   v) Making a decision, which was grossly unreasonable

4.1.23 Screening of Appeal

a) Within 7 days of receiving the notice of appeal, the President shall decide whether or not the appeal is based on one or more of the categories of possible errors by the Respondent as set out in Section 4.1.22.

b) The President shall not determine if the error has been made, only if the Respondent bases the appeal on such an allegation of error. In the absence of the President, a member of the OMHA Board shall be designated to perform this function.

c) If the appeal is denied on the basis of insufficient grounds, the Appellant shall be notified of this decision in writing, giving reasons. This decision is at the sole discretion of the President, or designate, and may not be appealed.

4.1.24 Appeals Panel

If the President is satisfied that there are sufficient grounds for an appeal, within 14 days of having received the original notice of appeal he or she shall appoint an Appeals Panel (the "Panel") comprised of three individuals who shall have no significant relationship with the affected parties, shall have no significant involvement with the matter being appealed, and shall be free for any other actual or perceived bias or conflict. The Panel's members shall select from themselves a chairperson.

4.1.25 Appeals Preliminary Conference

a) The Panel may determine that the circumstances of the dispute warrant a preliminary conference:
   i) The matters, which may be considered at a preliminary conference include date and location of hearing, timelines for exchange of documents, format for the appeal, clarification of issues in dispute, any procedural matter, order and procedure of hearing, remedies being sought, identification of witnesses, and any other matter, which may assist in expediting the appeal proceedings.
   ii) The Panel may delegate to its Chairperson the authority to deal with these preliminary matters.

4.1.26 Procedure for the Appeal

a) The Panel shall govern the appeal by such procedures as it deems appropriate, provided that:
   i) The appeal hearing shall be held within 14 days of the Panel's appointment
   ii) The Appellant, Respondent and affected parties shall be given 7 days written notice of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing
   iii) Decisions shall be by majority vote, where the Chairperson carries a vote
   iv) Copies of any written documents which any of the parties would like the Panel to consider shall be provided to the Panel, and to all other parties, at least 5 days in advance of the hearing
   v) A representative or advisor, including legal counsel, may accompany any of the parties

vi) The Panel may direct that any other individual participate in the appeal

vii) In the event that one of the Panel's members is unable or unwilling to continue with the appeal, the matter will be concluded by the remaining two Panel members

viii) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties, there shall be no communication between Panel members and the parties except in the presence of, or by copy to, the other parties

viii) In order to keep costs to a reasonable level the Panel may conduct the appeal by means of a telephone conference call.

4.1.27 Appeal Decision

Within 7 days of concluding the appeal, the Panel shall issue its written decision, with reasons. In making its decision, the Panel shall have no greater authority than that of the original decision-maker. The Panel may decide:

i) To void or confirm the decision being appealed;

ii) To vary the decision where it is found that an error occurred and such an error cannot be corrected by the original decision-maker for
reasons which include, but are not limited to, lack of clear procedure, lack of time, or lack of neutrality;

iii) To refer the matter back to the initial decision-maker for a new decision;

iv) To refund in whole or in part the appeal fee paid by the Appellant; and

v) To determine how costs of the appeal shall be allocated, if at all.
A copy of this decision shall be provided to each of the parties and to the President.

4.1.28 Appeal Time Lines

In extraordinary circumstances and at its sole discretion, the Panel may abridge or extend the timelines in this Policy.

4.1.29 Documentary Appeal

Any party to the appeal may request that the Panel conduct the appeal by way of documentary evidence. The Panel may seek agreement from the other parties to proceed in this fashion. If

agreement is not forthcoming, the Panel shall decide whether the appeal shall proceed by way of documentary evidence or in-person hearing.

4.1.30 Appeal Referral of Dispute

If any party believes the Appeal Panel has made an error such as those described in Section 4.1.22, those matters which may be heard by the Appeals Committee of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) may be referred to the OHF to be decided in accordance with its appeal procedures, as amended from time to time. For all other matters, the decision of the OMHA Appeal Panel shall be final and binding.

4.1.31 Appeal Location & Jurisdiction

a) Any appeal shall take place in the geographic region where the Appellant is located, unless held by way of telephone, conference call or held elsewhere as may be decided by the Panel as a preliminary matter.
b) This Policy shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario.
c) No action or legal proceeding shall be commenced against the Ontario Minor Hockey Association in respect of a dispute, unless the Ontario Minor Hockey Association has refused or failed to abide by the provisions for appeal of the dispute, as set out in this Policy.

4.1.32 Appendices

a) Refer to Suspension List – Minor Hockey
b) Examples of minor infractions:
   i) a single incident of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist comments or behaviour directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, players, parents, coaches, officials, managers, trainers, administrators, spectators and sponsors;
   ii) unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing;
   iii) a single incident of being late for or absent from OMHA events and activities at which attendance is expected or required;
   iv) non-compliance with the rules and regulations under which OMHA events are carried out

c) Examples of major infractions:

i) repeated incidents of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist comments or behaviour directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, players, parents, coaches, officials, managers, trainers, administrators, spectators and sponsors;

ii) repeated unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing;

iii) repeated incidents of being late for or absent from OMHA events and activities at which attendance is expected or required;

iv) activities or behaviour which interfere with the organization of a competition or with any player's or team's preparation for a competition;

v) pranks, jokes or other activities which endanger the safety of others;

vi) deliberate disregard for the rules and regulations under which OMHA events are conducted;

vii) abusive use of alcohol where abuse means a level of consumption which impairs the individual's ability to speak, walk or drive; causes the individual to behave in a disruptive manner; or interferes with the individual's ability to perform effectively and safely;

viii) any use of alcohol by minors;

ix) use of illicit drugs and narcotics;

x) use of, or condoning the use of, banned performance enhancing drugs or methods

4.2 Match Penalty

All match penalties resulting from any game played in OMHA territory, in which an OMHA team takes part, or which is played under OMHA jurisdiction, shall be reported by the responsible Regional Executive Member or Area Convenor to the President of the OMHA immediately, after he has received all the basic information. If, in the opinion of the President, the match penalty is of a serious nature, the President shall refer the matter to a Committee made up of at least three members, which he shall appoint. Such committee shall be made up of at least three (3) members, two (2) of whom must be members of the Board (e.g., Regional Executive Member or Area Convenor).

Appeals:

a) All suspensions resulting from a match penalty or from the action of the President shall be subject to an appeal procedure as follows:

b) There shall be no appeal for any suspension of five (5) games or less.

c) Suspensions of six (6) to fifteen (15) games may be appealed to the President, in writing, by the local minor hockey organization involved (signed by the President and Secretary). No appeal will be accepted from the individual or his parent(s). Upon receipt of the matter and by talking directly to the officials involved as well as others he may feel are necessary to determine the validity of the facts, which he was originally supplied with, the President may then wash out, reduce, concur, increase the original suspension, or refer the matter to a three (3) person committee, (one of whose members may be himself).

d) Any match penalty, suspension, games and/or days, which carry from one season to the next, will be dealt with in the following manner:

   i) The suspension shall temporarily cease at the end of the penalized player's team's last league, league Playoff, or OMHA Playdown game for the current season and immediately be reactivated on the day of the penalized player's team's first scheduled league game the following season.

      Example: Player gets five (5) games or twenty-two (22) days on March 21. Player's team plays March 22 and March 25 and wins the championship. The team's season is over. The player has sat out two games or four (4) days. The player must sit out three (3) games or eighteen (18) days, whichever occurs first, starting with the first scheduled league game his team plays the following season.

   ii) He may participate in exhibition games up to that time, but if the player incurs another match penalty during the time his suspension is in abeyance, the player shall be immediately suspended. He shall not participate in any games, exhibition or otherwise, until the suspensions have been totally served.

e) A player with a match penalty, who is affiliated with another team, may serve the remainder of the match penalty suspension with his affiliated team if his carded team has finished the season. The player would not be eligible to play for his carded team for the remainder of that season. (Regulation 8.2d)

4.3 Regulation (8.1h) During Playdowns

(This policy is to enable Playdown series to continue within appropriate timelines. When assessing Regulation 8.1 h), the Regional Executive Member (REM) is requested to first discuss the situation with their District Vice-President)

a) Suspensions

i) Suspensions will commence immediately following the REMs awareness of the infraction and is able to notify the appropriate Centre.

b) **Awarding of Game**

NOTE: No continuing number of games will be awarded when the same ineligible individual is involved.

i) The game awarded is the first game in which the ineligible player/team official participated while being ineligible.

ii) The awarding of a game can only happen when the game to be awarded is during the same series including round-robin.

iii) If play in a subsequent series involving either team has started, no game will be awarded for that particular violation of Regulation 8.1 h) but suspensions will be applied to the ineligible individual(s) as per Regulation 8.1 h).

c) Appeal of REM Decision

i) Any Centre wishing to appeal the decision of the REM will do so by filing a PROTEST of the decision under Protest Policy Section 5.2 c). This will enable the Protest Committee to hear the protest (appeal) within a period acceptable to the continuation of Playdowns. This will permit the Committee to determine the disposition of game protested and to determine penalties, sanctions and suspensions that are appropriate.

4.4 Tampering

a) Tampering is defined as any attempt or act, directly or indirectly, by any OMHA team official(s) or individual(s), to recruit a player away from the team/club that holds his playing rights.

Note: Tampering between an OMHA team and a team from another OHF Member Partner will be subject to OHF Tampering regulations.

b) No HC team may invite or allow to participate in its training or tryout camp, practice session or any other on-ice or off-ice event, a player

whose playing rights are held by another team/club, without the player first having been properly Released by the team/club holding those playing rights. For failure to comply with this regulation, the responsible team/club and the player shall be sanctioned. Such sanction may include any or all of the following:

(i) The player shall not be permitted to register, or to remain registered, for the current and following hockey seasons with the team/club found guilty of tampering. Further disciplinary action may be taken by the OMHA Board.

(ii) The team/club shall be assessed a fine of up to $500.00, payable to the OMHA.

(iii) The team official(s) involved shall be assessed a minimum fifteen (15) games suspension (regular season or playoff or playdowns), during which time the team official(s) shall be suspended from all OMHA activities. An individual not currently registered with the team/club, but found guilty of tampering, shall not be permitted to register with any team/club for the current and following hockey seasons.

c) Charges of alleged violation of this policy must be submitted in writing, to the OMHA Executive Director, along with a fee of $50.00 (refundable if the charge is validated). The charges must:

(i) be filed within 21 days of the date when anyone associated with the team and/ or club/association first learns that tampering is alleged to have occurred

(ii) state the date when the alleged violation was first known to anyone associated with the team and/or club/association, and identify the name and position of that individual

(iii) state the date, location and nature of the alleged infraction

(iv) provide names of the involved team official(s), individual(s) and team/club, including the name of the organization/association

(v) provide the name of the involved player and the player's organization/association

(vi) include any supporting documentation to be considered

(vii) be signed by the signing officers of the organization/association claiming tampering

4.5 RETURN OF ASSOCIATION TROPHIES / PLAQUES AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES

(a) Champions and Finalists, have ample opportunity to display their winning trophy in their community and at any banquets or similar functions which may be planned.

However, it is imperative that these same trophies are returned to the OMHA Office in a timely manner to ensure that necessary maintenance may be performed to prepare them for presentation during the following season of competition.

i) On October 1st of each year a memo will be issued by the OMHA Office to the winning Centres advising them of the date by which ALL trophies/plaques which were won during the previous season are due to be returned to the OMHA Office or their OMHA Regional Executive Member. That date is November 1.

ii) On December 1, if the trophy/plaque has not been received by one of the above, a

second memo will be issued as a reminder accompanied by an invoice in the amount of $ 500.00 as a late fee penalty.

iii) On January 1, if the trophy/plaque has still not been received by one of the above, a third memo will be issued as a reminder accompanied by a replacement invoice in the amount of $ 750.00 as a late fee penalty.

iv) On February 1, if the trophy/plaque has still not been received by one of the above, a FINAL replacement invoice will be issued in the amount of $ 1,500.00 and, in addition to this late fee penalty; the centre shall be invoiced for the total cost of an updated replacement trophy/plaque.

v) Failure to pay any of the appropriate fees will result in the delay or withholding of "Players Certificates" to the delinquent Centre until reconciled. Voting privileges at the Annual General Meeting, or any Special Meeting, of the Association will also be withheld until such reconciliation.

vi) Failure to comply shall result in the Member Centre to be declared "Not in Good Standing".

5.0 PLAYDOWNS AND PLAY-OFFS

5.1 Protests

a) Member Centres may file a protest on a game played in OMHA Playdowns.
b) Upon receipt of a protest in the OMHA Office, the President and Executive Director will examine the protest to determine that all procedures relative to the filing of the protest have been properly adhered to and that there exists sufficient grounds upon which to base a protest.
c) Following a satisfactory examination of the protest and provided the protest complies with the conditions set forth in Section 5.2 below and the procedures set out in Section 5.4 c) below. The President and Executive Director will proceed with the protest.
d) Protest on any games played in OMHA AAA Championships are to be filed in accordance with current OMHA AAA Championship Procedures.
e) Protests on any games played in group/league play are to be filed in accordance with league regulations.
f) Protests on any games played in tournaments are to be filed in accordance with the tournaments' regulations, if they are in fact permitted.

5.2 Matters that may be Protested

a) A game official's rule application which in the opinion of the aggrieved team may be incorrect and may have given the opposition team a distinct advantage.
b) The participation of a player or team official deemed to be ineligible.
c) A violation of any OMHA, OHF or Hockey Canada rule, regulation or policy deemed to have had a significant and legitimate affect on the outcome of the game.

5.3 Matters that may not be Protested

A game official's discretion and judgement of rules.

5.4 Protest Process

a) Time Allowed

i) A protest must be filed within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.

ii) A defense of protest must be filed within 36 hours of notification of protest.

b) Fees

i) A protest fee of $150.00 shall be payable, returnable only if the protest is won.
ii) A defense fee of $100.00 shall be payable, returnable only if the protest is dismissed.

c) To File a Protest

i) Complete the Filing of the Protest form, attaching all documentation requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre for the protest to be valid.
ii) Deliver the Filing of Protest form and attachments to the OMHA Office by electronic mail, facsimile, courier or personal delivery within 48 hours of the starting time of the game in question.
iii) Deliver the protest fee of $150.00 to the OMHA Office by regular mail.

d) Notification of Protest

i) Upon receipt of the protest, and pending satisfactory examination by the President and Executive Director, the OMHA Office will provide notification of the protest to the opposing Centre and to the OMHA Regional Executive Member(s).
ii) A Centre served with notice of a protest may decide to defend or not defend against the protest.

e) To File a Defense

i) Complete the Filing of Defense form, attaching all documentation requested. This form must be signed by the President and Secretary of the Centre for the defense to be valid.
ii) Deliver the Filing of Defense form and attachments to the OMHA Office by electronic mail, facsimile, courier or personal delivery within 36 hours of the notification of the protest.
iii) Deliver the defense fee of $100.00 to the OMHA Office by regular mail.

5.5 Protest Committee

The Officers shall comprise the Protest Committee, who will consider the protest and the defense and render a decision, which shall be considered final and not subject to appeal.

In rendering a final decision the Protest Committee may:

a) Allow the Protest
b) Dismiss the Protest
c) Determine the disposition of the game protested
d) Determine suspensions that are appropriate.

6.0 OVERSEAS TRAVEL

6.1 Teams Wishing to Travel Overseas

a) Application Procedure

Each application must include the following:

i) The name of the team, division, (i.e. Juvenile, Midget etc.), OMHA category of the team.
ii) The proposed country or countries that you would like the OMHA to consider you to visit.
iii) A copy of the Invitation from the host team and the governing body of hockey in the host team's country if available.
iv) A copy of the letter of support of the Centre must be signed by two directors of the association who are not directly involved with the team making application. It must also include the resolution of the association whereby approval has been granted to the team making the application to travel overseas.
v) If available the proposed dates for leaving and returning to Canada and the proposed schedule of games should be submitted. If the team plans to participate in a tournament while overseas full details must be included in the application.
NOTE: It is the policy of the OMHA that trips be carried out during the Christmas break whenever possible. The OMHA Executive will, in all cases, make the final decision as to which country or countries teams will visit.
vi) The names of the team officials and any other adults accompanying the team in a supervisory capacity must be included.
vii) Details of how the trip will be financed must be included.

vii) The name, address, and phone number of the person that further correspondence should be directed to concerning the application.

ix) The appropriate fee of $1000.00 non-refundable certified cheque must accompany the application.

b) Requirements

i) An OMHA/Hockey Canada Official must accompany the team and shall be provided with separate accommodations at the team's expense.

ii) Tour itinerary must be arranged through the OMHA

iii) 60 DAYS prior to tour submit a roster list of all players for official approval by the Overseas Committee.

c) Team Composition

Teams shall be comprised of players and personnel carded to that OMHA team for current season (season of trip), or its approved affiliated players, and must include a valid OMHA Certified Coach, Certified Trainer and Registered Manager. Teams shall be comprised of a minimum of 15 skaters plus 2 goaltenders (total 17).

6.2 Teams Wishing to Host an Overseas Team

a) Application Procedure

All applications must include the following information:

i) The name of the host team, division, (i.e. Juvenile, etc.), OMHA category.

ii) The name of the team and its home country wishing to visit, must be accompanied by the letter of permission from the governing body, for hockey, in that country.

iii) The proposed dates of the visit, arrival to departure.

iv) A proposed schedule of games, if available, through the local Executive Member, should be submitted.

v) Details of financing.

vi) A letter of support from the local Minor Hockey Association, signed by two directors not directly involved with the team making application.

vii) If the visiting team plans to participate in a tournament while in OMHA territory full details must be included with the application.

viii) The name, address, and phone number of the person that further correspondence should be directed to concerning the application.

b) Requirements

i) Each Centre, with the exception of the Host Centre(s), will pay a fee of $100 to the OMHA prior to the game being played.

ii) If arrangements are made for the visiting overseas team to play in a tournament in a Centre other than the Host Centre(s), that Centre will pay a flat fee of $200 in lieu of the $100 per game fee outlined above. This fee is in addition to all other tournament fees that apply, and must be paid in advance of the team participating in the tournament.

iii) Officials for games played with the overseas team will be appointed by the OMHA.

7.0 The WOAA Minor Hockey Affiliation Agreement with the OMHA
As Revised and Signed by Officers –June 9, 2000

1. The WOAA will adopt the constitution and rules and regulations of the OMHA in regards to the operation of the Minor Hockey program only within the WOAA area. This agreement shall apply only to those teams registered with the OMHA. All Local/House League teams within the WOAA centres will abide by the more stringent regulations imposed by the WOAA
2. The WOAA will recognize the authority of the OMHA to regulate and govern all minor hockey in Ontario, in accordance with the terms of the agreement of the OMHA with the OHF, and will accept and enforce all disciplinary action and rulings of the OMHA against members of the WOAA
3. The OMHA agrees to recognize all suspensions and rulings of the WOAA provided such suspensions and rulings are in accordance with the OMHA, OHF and Hockey Canada rules. Notification of such suspensions and rulings will be forwarded to the OMHA Executive Director and the OMHA President in writing immediately following the decision. The OMHA also agrees to see that such suspensions and rulings are observed by all members of the OMHA, Hockey Canada, USA Hockey

and the IIHF and any organization with which the OMHA is connected through its affiliation with the OHF

4. Only bona fide amateurs will be allowed to compete. All players and all team officials must sign a Hockey Canada certificate, not later than the last signing date as specified in the By-laws and rules and Regulations of the OMHA and Hockey Canada. Copies of all WOAA approved player's and team official's certificates of all teams will be sent to the OMHA Executive Director by December 31st. All additional certificates shall be forwarded to the OMHA Executive Director upon approval by the Executive Administrator of the WOAA
5. The entrance of the WOAA into the OMHA will be in the form of an affiliated body, conducting Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, Pee Wee, Atom and Novice series within the confines of an area as indicated by the boundary drawn on the attached map, which bears the same date as this agreement. Original copies of this map will be held on file in the offices of the OMHA and WOAA. The WOAA will conduct Playoffs to determine the WOAA champions and representatives who will enter the OMHA Playoffs, in all categories, excluding Novice, in order to decide OMHA divisional champions. Playoff series played entirely within the WOAA will be arranged by the WOAA and financial arrangements with regard to these Playoffs may be made within the WOAA.
6. All players competing in the WOAA must in all respects be eligible under OMHA rules and regulations. For the purposes of the OMHA residency rule, WOAA teams will be considered as direct entries into the OMHA and must be registered with the OMHA no later than 15 days after the dates indicated in the OMHA Regulation 2.2a). The boundary line on the map determines the Association that an individual team is required to register with, however, player eligibility shall not be determined by this boundary line, but rather by the OMHA residency rules.
7. The WOAA shall declare its representative teams to compete in the OMHA playdowns no later than the date established by the OMHA Board. The official OMHA playdown draw sheet will be made available to the WOAA Office. The WOAA Office will make Playoff drawsheets available to all WOAA teams. WOAA teams shall enter into OMHA Playoffs at an appropriate time according to the number of entries.
8. All WOAA teams will have their category reviewed by the OMHA category meeting which is normally held in December. This review will use the same format as is used when classifying all OMHA direct entries.

It is strongly recommended that the WOAA representative on the OMHA Board be in attendance at this meeting and have in his/her possession the necessary statistics and other pertinent information which will assist in the proper category of the WOAA teams.

9. Once a WOAA team has been declared a WOAA Champion and proceeds further in the OMHA playdowns, all games from that point on will be subject to the financial arrangements of the OMHA. The WOAA shall submit an expense account into the OMHA and be reimbursed by the OMHA for expenses incurred by the WOAA Office or WOAA Minor Hockey Chairperson to operate OMHA playdowns once a WOAA Champion has been declared.
10. The WOAA entry fee will be not less than those charged by the OMHA to direct entries. The WOAA will forward to the OMHA an amount of money per team equal to 35 per cent of the basic OMHA entry fee (rounded off to the nearest full dollar) as established by the OMHA Board prior to the entry fee deadline each season. Any special assessments as required by the OMHA will be added to the above amounts.
11. The WOAA will supply to the OMHA office a complete list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of the contact person of the WOAA teams, WOAA Convenors and WOAA Office not later than October 15. These names are to be used for distribution of general bulletins and will also be included in the list of contacts with the Playoff draw.
12. Each WOAA team (as per 7.3 b) of the OMHA By-law and in good standing shall be entitled to submit for consideration amendments to the By-law and Regulations of the OMHA and shall be entitled to send representatives to the annual or general meetings of the OMHA as per 7.3b) of the OMHA By-law. One representative of each team may speak and vote on all matters before the meeting with the exception of the election of members of the Board as per 8.1e) of the OMHA By-law.
13. The WOAA and the OMHA agree not to accept entries or solicit teams from within the others' territory as designated and will only give consideration to request for entry when submitted to each organization. Such requests will be for one (1) year only and must have the approval of the Association in whose territory the team is situated. After two (2) consecutive years, the Centre can apply to each organization for full membership into the new area.
14. All tournaments held in the WOAA area must be sanctioned by the OMHA. Applications must by forwarded to the OMHA through the

WOAA which must give its' approval before the permit can be issued by the OMHA Executive Director. Sanction fees must be forwarded to the WOAA with the application, however, by April 1st, the WOAA will forward to the OMHA thirty-five percent (35%) of all fees relative to all tournaments sanctioned in the WOAA area. The WOAA will regulate and supervise all such tournaments held in its area. All tournament game reports will be forwarded directly to the WOAA Executive Administrator by the Tournament Director immediately following the tournament. A copy of the tournament financial statement of income and disbursements must be forwarded to both the OMHA and the WOAA Executive Administrators as well as all other schedules and team lists as defined in the tournament regulations. Permission for the WOAA teams to participate in tournaments and other exhibition games outside the OMHA jurisdiction must be received from the OMHA Executive Director after having first been approved by the WOAA. All fees in this instance will be retained by the OMHA.

15. The OMHA shall reimburse the WOAA $1000.00 by February 28th to cover administrative expenses for coordinating all referee clinics in the WOAA area.

16. Discipline;

    All disciplinary matters in tournaments, exhibition games or other games in the W.O.A.A territory involving non-WOAA players or team officials will be handled in the following manner: A WOAA Disciplinary Committee will hear all the evidence involving such matters, without the non-WOAA player or team official present unless convenient. Each case will be dealt with on an individual basis due to travel concerns. If deemed necessary, the OMHA Regional Executive member will hear all evidence from the player or team official involved and forward this information onto the WOAA Disciplinary Committee. The WOAA will make a decision according to the OMHA guidelines and where appropriate submit it to the OMHA President for action.

    Disciplinary matters involving WOAA players or team officials which take place in the OMHA territory outside the WOAA territory will be handled in the reverse manner.

    In all instances involving such disciplinary matters the final decision will be communicated to the other Association for its records.

17. The minutes of all OMHA Annual, General and Board meetings, general bulletins and Playoff bulletins shall be forwarded directly to the WOAA

President, Executive Administrator and the Minor Hockey Chairperson.
The minutes of the WOAA Annual Minor Hockey Meeting and all WOAA Minor Hockey Meetings shall be forwarded to the OMHA President, Executive Director, and the OMHA Liaison Member.
Copies of all correspondence between the Executive Administrator of the WOAA and the Executive Director of the OMHA shall be forwarded to the President of the OMHA and the WOAA Minor Hockey Chairperson.

18. The Chairperson of the WOAA Minor Hockey or his/her duly appointed alternate during his/her term of office shall be a member of the OMHA Board and shall report directly to the OMHA President.
19. The Chairperson of the WOAA Minor Hockey and the WOAA Executive Administrator or their alternates shall be delegates to the OMHA Annual Meeting with full voting privileges.
20. The President of the OMHA, after consultation with the WOAA Minor Hockey Chairperson, shall appoint a Liaison to the WOAA.

This agreement shall remain in force until dissolved on notice given by either party to the other, in writing, at least six (6) months before the date upon which dissolution shall become effective.

WOAA CENTRES

BCHA	HOWICK	RIPLEY
BELMORE	KINCARDINE	SEAFORTH
BLYTH	LION'S HEAD	SHALLOW LAKE
BRUSSELS	LISTOWEL	SAUGEEN SHORES
CHATSWORTH DISTRICT	LUCKNOW	TARA
CHESLEY	MILDMAY	TEESWATER
CLIFFORD	MILVERTON	TIVERTON
DRAYTON	MINTO TOWNSHIP	WALKERTON
DURHAM	MITCHELL	WALLACE TOWNSHIP
ELMA LOGAN	MOUNT FOREST	WIARTON
GODERICH	NORMANBY	WINGHAM
HANOVER	PAISLEY	ZURICH

8.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

8.1 Entering teams

Teams are entered by completing the official application form naming

the Contact Person to whom all correspondence should be sent, and manager and coach of the team and including their addresses and phone numbers.

8.2 Certificates

Twenty-five regular Hockey Canada player certificates are supplied to all Juvenile and Midget teams; Bantam and below will be supplied 20 regular Hockey Canada player certificates. These should be signed and sent to the Regional Executive Member or Area Convenor before any player takes part in any game. Age proof must accompany the certificates if the player has not been previously approved. Every player, coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer and assistant trainer, by acceptance of registration in the OMHA, and the issuing of a Registration Certificate, acknowledges the authority of Hockey Canada and its Branches and must abide by the Rules and Regulations of Hockey Canada, the OHF and the OMHA.

8.3 Releases

When a player signs with a Centre, he remains a member of that Centre until released, or until he moves with his parents to another Centre. The back portion of the certificate is a release form, and must be signed by the President and Secretary or President and Manager of the club to be valid.

When a player becomes over-age for Minor Midget he has his choice of playing either Midget, Juvenile or Junior in his Home Centre.

8.4 Players' Note

OMHA Players may not play for teams operating in Associations or Leagues that are under suspension or are not recognized by the OMHA. Any player from within OMHA territory playing for any team operating in such an Association or League, shall be liable for a suspension of up to two years, at the discretion of the OMHA Board. The OMHA does not have any restrictions on the participation of OMHA registered or affiliated players in School Hockey.

9.0 SUMMARY

9.1 Length of Season

Player certificates are valid from time of approval until the following August 31st.

9.2 Age Limits

Age limits in the various series operated by this Association are: Juvenile, under 20; Minor Juvenile, under 19; Midget, under 18; Minor Midget, under 17 (BB-E); Minor Midget, under 16 (AAA-A); Bantam, under 15; Minor Bantam, under 14; Pee Wee, under 13; Minor Pee Wee, under 12; Atom, under 11; Minor Atom, under 10; Novice, under 9; as of December 31 in the season in which the player intends to compete.

9.3 Age proof

Every team must submit proof of age for every player. The ONLY acceptable proof of age is that which is issued by the Registrar General of the Province in which the player was born. Baptismal certificates, Division Registrar's certificates, Town Clerk certificates, Affidavits, School Records, Cradle Roll certificates, etc., are not acceptable.

NOTE: exceptions as per Regulation 3.1d).

9.4 Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the team manager to check proofs of age and residential qualifications before submitting completed player certificates to the OMHA for approval.

A player who is found to be over age, or ineligible by residence, after a certificate has been submitted indicating he is eligible for the team applied for, whether the error is accidental or otherwise, may result in the disqualification of the team concerned, as may a proof of age bearing evidence of alteration.

9.5 OMHA Groups or Leagues

Guidelines have been established by the OMHA to assist in the proper formation of groups or leagues. Copies of the guidelines may be obtained from the OMHA office.

9.6 Categories

In order to promote fair competition Centres will be placed in categories for competition based on calibre. The available pool of registered players and the population drawing area will provide an initial guide but the Board may take into account other factors. A

Category Committee will review this every 6 years commencing in 2002 to make appropriate adjustments and maintain a balance in the number of teams per category. Individual teams within a Centre may have their category changed for several reasons. For example if Centres combine teams at a particular age level that team would usually be categorized higher than the Centre itself.

Appeals of the category of individual teams shall consider the following guidelines:

(a) Teams that are unusually strong may be classified one or more categories higher. Consideration in making such a move will be:
   - (i) an individual team in league play and tournament play has demonstrated that teams of its category are not competitive
   - (ii) the team's past performance in OMHA Playdowns

(b) Teams that are unusually weak may be reclassified one or more categories lower. Consideration in determining such moves will be:
   - (i) the team has demonstrated in its league play or tournament play, of similar category, that it is not competitive with teams in its category
   - (ii) the team's past performance in its category

A team applying to be re-classified as unusually weak shall be required to forward their request in writing and include their overall performance (games, tournaments, exhibitions) against teams in their own category and the proposed new category prior to the December meeting.

9.7 Game Reports

Names must be printed on the sheet individually, in the column provided. Only 19 players names may appear on the game report.

Immediately following any game under OMHA jurisdiction, the referee shall distribute copies of the game report as indicated to the participating teams and shall then mail the original to the responsible area Board or convenor. For tournaments, the original copy of the game report shall be distributed as per 19.1m) of the Tournament Regulations.

9.8 Exhibition games

To play any exhibition game within the OHF branch an OMHA team must obtain permission from their Regional Executive Member.

To play any exhibition game outside OHF Branch, permission from

the OMHA Executive Director must be obtained and the proper fee paid, as well as notification to the Regional Executive Member. (Exception border town: example Windsor and Detroit, Fort Erie and Buffalo, will be bound by paragraph 1 above).

An official OMHA game report must be used for any exhibition game and distributed as indicated in Section 9.7 (Game Reports) of this Summary. All players participating in exhibition games must be registered with the team for which they are playing, except for the tryout period, which extends from September 1st until the first scheduled group games of the season. During the tryout period, however, all players must meet normal requirements.

10.0 OMHA INSURANCE

Direct any inquiries through the OMHA office.

Terms of Insurance Coverage are from September 1st to August 31st of the following year.

All insurance registrations must be submitted to OMHA prior to participation.

Claims: All incidents MUST be reported immediately to the OMHA office. For any information on insurance contact the OMHA office.

EFFECTIVE AGE DATES FOR THE 2006-2007 SEASON

Division	Age Limit
Overage Juvenile	Born in 1986 (max 5 players per team)
Juvenile	Born in 1987 (or subsequent years)
Midget	Born in 1989 (or subsequent years)
Minor Midget (BB-E)	Born in 1990 (or subsequent years)
Minor Midget (AAA-A)	Born in 1991 (or subsequent years)
Bantam	Born in 1992 (or subsequent years)
Minor Bantam	Born in 1993 (or subsequent years)
Peewee	Born in 1994 (or subsequent years)
Minor Peewee	Born in 1995 (or subsequent years)
Atom	Born in 1996 (or subsequent years)
Minor Atom	Born in 1997 (or subsequent years)
Novice	Born in 1998 (or subsequent years)
Tyke *(includes Initiation Program)*	Born in 1999 (or subsequent years)

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 15	Final date by which application forms for tournaments must be received by the Executive Director.
November 1	Final date for return of Trophies and Plaques to the OMHA office from Champion and Finalist Teams from previous season.
December 1	Final date for team entry refunds.
December 1	Final date to submit Local League Team Rosters to the Regional Executive Member.
December 31	Final date for applications to go overseas or to host a visiting overseas team for the following season.
January 10	After this date an affiliated player may play no more than five (5) games for a higher category or classified team and remain eligible for the team with which he is registered, AAA, AA, A.
January 10	Final date for which applications for the establishment of AAA Zones will be accepted for consideration for entry into the upcoming season.
January 10	Date by which teams competing for a National, All Ontario, or Branch Championship must declare their nineteen (19) players' roster.
January 15	Final date on which to file a team's Affiliated Players' list.
February 10	Final date on which a player may sign a player's certificate.
April 13-15	OHF Championships
June 1	Closing date for all team entries.
June 2007	73rd Annual General Meeting of OMHA

LIST OF CHAMPIONS

(This manual contains the most recent OMHA/OHF/All Ontario Champions and Finalists in all divisions. The OMHA Guide & Fact Book contains a complete listing)

All-Ontario Juvenile Championship

Champions:	*Victory Trophy*	
Finalists:	*OHA Trophy*	
2001-02	Humberview	Richmond Hill
2002-03	Pickering	Windsor
2003-04	Leaside	Windsor
2004-05	Scarborough YB	Tecumseh-Shoreline
2005-06	Leaside	Humberview

All-Ontario Midget Championship

Champions:	*OHA Trophy*	
Finalists:	*OHA Trophy*	
2001-02	Timmins Majors	Toronto Young Nats
2002-03	Waterloo	Nickel Capitals
2003-04	Toronto Marlboros	Waterloo
2004-05	Don Mills Flyers	Soo North Stars
2005-06	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Markham

All-Ontario Bantam Championship

Champions:	*OHA Trophy*	
Finalists:	*OHA Trophy*	
2001-02	Toronto Red Wings	Oakville
2002-03	York-Simcoe	Toronto Jr. Canadiens
2003-04	Toronto Marlboros	London Jr. Knights
2004-05	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Markham Waxers
2005-06	Mississauga	Whitby

Bantam "AAA"

Champions:	*Vincent Massey Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Albert Matthews Trophy*	
2001-02	Oakville	Quinte
2002-03	York-Simcoe	Richmond Hill
2003-04	Stoney Creek Zone	North Central
2004-05	Markham	Halton Hills
2005-06	Whitby	York-Simcoe

Minor Bantam "AAA"

Champions:	*William Burrell Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Dave Cooke Trophy*	
2001-02	Peterborough	Whitby
2002-03	North Central	Whitby
2003-04	Markham	Richmond Hill
2004-05	York-Simcoe	Whitby
2005-06	York-Simcoe	Markham

Bantam "AA"

Champions:	*The President's Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Gord Hawes Trophy*	
2001-02	Markham	Oakville
2002-03	Pickering	Burlington
2003-04	Richmond Hill	Caledon
2004-05	Burlington	Oshawa
2005-06	Georgetown	Newmarket

Minor Bantam "AA"

Champions:	*Duncan Pollack Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Jack White Trophy*	
2001-02	Oakville	Aurora
2002-03	Burlington	Newmarket
2003-04	Richmond Hill	Burlington
2004-05	Brampton Youth	Whitby
2005-06	Newmarket	Brampton Youth

Bantam "A"

Champions:	*Hon. Harry Nixon Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Jack Oakes Trophy*	
2001-02	Tec. Shoreline	E. Gwillimbury
2002-03	New Tecumseth	Woolwich
2003-04	Cobourg	Grimsby
2004-05	Cobourg	Essex
2005-06	Belle River	Cobourg

Minor Bantam "A"

Champions:	*Charles Wilson Trophy*	
Finalists:	*W.J Weller Memorial Trophy*	
2001-02	Riverside	Innisfil
2002-03	Cobourg	Grimsby
2003-04	New Tecumseh	Belle River
2004-05	Orillia	St. Thomas
2005-06	LaSalle	Bradford

Bantam "BB"

Champions:	*Bill Rowney Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Al Richardson Trophy*	
2001-02	Petrolia	Bracebridge
2002-03	Saugeen Shores	Huntsville
2003-04	Tillsonburg	Lindsay
2004-05	Tillsonburg	Lindsay
2005-06	Tillsonburg	Collingwood

Bantam "B"

Champions:	*A.A Morrison Trophy*	
Finalists:	*W.A Hewitt Trophy*	
2001-02	Mitchell	Elora
2002-03	Strathroy	Caledonia
2003-04	Caledonia	Kingsville
2004-05	Dorchester	Caledonia
2005-06	Pelham	Wallaceburg

Bantam "CC"

Champions:	*Fred Mantle Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Alf Lockridge Memorial Trophy*	
2001-02	Tavistock	Stirling
2002-03	Dresden	Delhi
2003-04	Campbellford	Harrow
2004-05	South Huron	Ennismore
2005-06	Mt.Brydges	Six Nations

Bantam "C"

Champions:	*Fred C. Waghorne Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Wes Oswald Trophy*	
2001-02	Peterborough Ch.	Mount Brydges
2002-03	Paris	Mount Brydges
2003-04	Parkhill	Wiarton
2004-05	Glencoe	Wiarton
2005-06	Stayner	Glencoe

Bantam "DD"

Champions:	*Harold Rivers Memorial Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Hugh Hodges Trophy*	
2001-02	Norwood	Ilderton
2002-03	Lucan	Mariposa
2003-04	Douro	Ripley
2004-05	Tweed	Lucan
2005-06	Tweed	Wainfleet

Bantam "D"

Champions:	*Ken G. Waters Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Harold Dunk Trophy*	
2001-02	Orono	Thedford
2002-03	Woodville	Belmont
2003-04	Newcastle	Belmont
2004-05	Norwich	Grand Valley
2005-06	Grand Valley	Belmont

Bantam "E"

Champions:	*James Kinkley Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Bromley & Austin Trophy*	
2001-02	Wallace Twsp.	Flesherton
2002-03	Manvers	Walpole Island
2003-04	Flesherton	Embro
2004-05	Flesherton	Embro
2005-06	Port Carling	Normanby

Pee Wee "AAA"

Champions:	*Ray Lawson Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Herbert Bruce Trophy*	
2001-02	Whitby	York-Simcoe
2002-03	Richmond Hill	Markham
2003-04	Niagara Falls	Brampton Youth
2004-05	York-Simcoe	Markham
2005-06	York-Simcoe	Quinte

Minor Pee Wee "AAA"

Champions:	*Thomas Hyde Memorial Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Glad Mowatt Trophy*	
2001-02	Whitby	Barrie
2002-03	Brampton	York-Simcoe
2003-04	Halton Hills	Whitby
2004-05	Guelph	York-Simcoe
2005-06	Greater Hamilton	York-Simcoe

Pee Wee "AA"

Champions:	*Doug Harvey Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Stan Stokes Trophy*	
2001-02	Aurora	Caledon
2002-03	Richmond Hill	Caledon
2003-04	Aurora	Brampton Youth
2004-05	Aurora	Georgetown
2005-06	Barrie	Georgetown

Minor Pee Wee "AA"

Champions:	*R.K "Bob" Otto Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Alex Brown Trophy*	
2001-02	Newmarket	Brampton
2002-03	Aurora	Brampton
2003-04	Aurora	Burlington
2004-05	Barrie	Oakville
2005-06	Guelph	Pickering

Pee Wee "A"

Champions:	*Conn Smythe Trophy*	
Finalists:	*J. Whiston Memorial Trophy*	
2001-02	Belle River	New Tecumseth
2002-03	New Tecumseth	Thorold
2003-04	Belle River	Whitby
2004-05	LaSalle	Orillia
2005-06	New Tecumseh	Brampton Youth

Minor Pee Wee "A"

Champions:	*Roy Beechey Trophy*	
Finalists:	*William Oldfield Trophy*	
2001-02	Cobourg	Belle River
2002-03	LaSalle	Newmarket
2003-04	LaSalle	Clarington
2004-05	New Tecumseh	Grimsby
2005-06	Riverside	New Tecumseh

Pee Wee "BB"

Champions:	*Bill Mulholland Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Ab Gould Trophy*	
2001-02	Tillsonburg	Prince Edward
2002-03	Tillsonburg	Parry Sound
2003-04	Saugeen Shores	Parry Sound
2004-05	Saugeen Shores	Lindsay
2005-06	St. Marys	Port Hope

Pee Wee "B"

Champions:	*Ted Elmes Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Lloyd Davidson Trophy*	
2001-02	Strathroy	Parry Sound
2002-03	Caledonia	Strathroy
2003-04	Caledonia	Wallaceburg
2004-05	Lambeth	New Hamburg
2005-06	Penetang	Strathroy

Pee Wee "CC"

Champions:	*Elmer McFadden Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Lorne Spicer Trophy*	
2001-02	Dresden	Delhi
2002-03	Forest	Ennismore
2003-04	Tavistock	Schomberg
2004-05	Campbellford	Tavistock
2005-06	Twin Centre	Tavistock

Pee Wee "C"

Champions:	*Sam Currie Memorial Trophy*	
Finalists:	*R.D Patterson Trophy*	
2001-02	Paris	Mount Brydges
2002-03	Wiarton	Paris
2003-04	Glencoe	Wasaga Beach
2004-05	Stayner	Parkhill
2005-06	Langton	Lakefield

Pee Wee "DD"

Champions:	*Laverne Reynolds Trophy*	
Finalists:	*George Dobson Trophy*	
2001-02	West Lorne	Mariposa
2002-03	Port Stanley	Tweed
2003-04	Mildmay	Norwood
2004-05	Beeton	Cayuga
2005-06	Ilderton	Tweed

Pee Wee "D"

Champions:	*Fred Norman Trophy*	
Finalists:	*Vern McCallum Trophy*	
2001-02	Brussels	Deseronto
2002-03	Port Carling	Norwich
2003-04	Colborne	Alvinston
2004-05	St.Catharines Warriors	Orono
2005-06	Watford	Bobcaygeon

Pee Wee "E"

Champions:	*Dr. R.A Dinniwell Trophy*	
Finalists:	*L.W Appel Trophy*	
2001-02	Woodville	Walpole Island
2002-03	Flesherton	Embro
2003-04	Port Carling	Lionshead
2004-05	Port Carling	Lions Head
2005-06	Sunderland	Blyth

Atom "AAA"

2001-02	Markham	Stoney Creek Zone
2002-03	Whitby	Barrie
2003-04	Halton Hills	Quinte
2004-05	Halton Hills	Burlington
2005-06	York-Simcoe	Whitby

Minor Atom "AAA"

2001-02	Guelph	York-Simcoe
2002-03	York-Simcoe	Halton
2003-04	Whitby	Stoney Creek Zone
2004-05	Welland	Stoney Creek Zone
2005-06	York-Simcoe	Whitby

Atom "AA"

2001-02	Chatham	Aurora
2002-03	Georgetown	Markham
2003-04	Uxbridge	Oakville
2004-05	Whitby	Oakville
2005-06	Uxbridge	Georgetown

Minor Atom "AA"

2001-02	Aurora	Oakville
2002-03	Aurora	Caledon
2003-04	Uxbridge	Orangeville
2004-05	Georgetown	Barrie
2005-06	Aurora	Orangeville

Atom "A"

2001-02	New Tecumseth	Tec. Shoreline
2002-03	Simcoe	New Tecumseth
2003-04	Simcoe	New Tecumseth
2004-05	Riverside	New Tecumseh
2005-06	New Tecumseh	Woolwich

Minor Atom "A"

2001-02	LaSalle	Orillia
2002-03	Belleville	Riverside
2003-04	St. Thomas	New Tecumseth
2004-05	New Tecumseh	Oakville
2005-06	Oakville	Stouffville

Atom "BB"

2001-02	Tillsonburg	Prince Edward
2002-03	Petrolia	Fergus
2003-04	Petrolia	Bracebridge
2004-05	St. Marys	Bracebridge
2005-06	Petrolia	Parry Sound

Atom "B"

2001-02	Tilbury	Parry Sound
2002-03	Lambeth	Elmvale
2003-04	Penetang	Strathroy
2004-05	Dorchester	Napanee
2005-06	Glanbrook	Dorchester

Atom "CC"

2001-02	Dorchester	Stirling
2002-03	Schomberg	Tavistock
2003-04	Schomberg	Dresden
2004-05	Delhi	Tavistock
2005-06	Highland Storm	Dresden

Atom "C"

2001-02	Glencoe	Paris
2002-03	Stayner	Langton
2003-04	Mount Brydges	Wasaga Beach
2004-05	Wasaga Beach	Arthur
2005-06	Hagersville	Wasaga Beach

Atom "DD"

2001-02	Ilderton	Tweed
2002-03	Tweed	Lucan
2003-04	Tweed	Lucan
2004-05	Shallow Lake	Douro
2005-06	Shallow Lake	Beeton

Atom "D"

2001-02	Newcastle	Embro
2002-03	Bobcaygeon	St. Catharines Warriors
2003-04	Watford	Coldwater
2004-05	Belmont	Coldwater
2005-06	Newcastle	Drayton

Atom "E"

2001-02	Port Carling	Wallace Twsp.
2002-03	Normanby	Cannington
2003-04	Sunderland	Embro
2004-05	Sunderland	Normanby
2005-06	Embro	Port Carling

Novice "AAA"

2001-02	Whitby	Niagara Falls
2002-03	Ajax-Pickering	Stoney Creek Zone
2003-04	Halton Hills	Welland
2004-05	Whitby	Clarington
2005-06	Brampton Youth	Richmond Hill

Minor Novice "AAA"

2001-02	York-Simcoe	St. Catharines Sabres
2002-03	No Series	
2003-04	No Series	
2004-05	No Series	
2005-06	No Series	

Additional Entry Group 1

Midget

2001-02	New Tecumseth	Brampton Youth
2002-03	Milton	Tecumseh-Shorelin
2003-04	Caledon	Simcoe
2004-05	Georgina	Southpoint
2005-06	Orangeville	Stoney Creek

Minor Midget

2004-05	Orangeville	Orillia
2005-06	Stoney Creek	Newmarket

Bantam

2001-02	Caledon	Simcoe
2002-03	Sarnia	Caledon
2003-04	Stoney Creek	Orangeville
2004-05	Georgetown	Stoney Creek
2005-06	Georgetown	Caledon

Minor Bantam

2003-04	Stoney Creek	Bradford
2004-05	Whitby	Barrie
2005-06	Stoney Creek	Barrie

Pee Wee

2001-02	Burlingston	Essex
2002-03	Caledon	Sarnia
2003-04	Georgetown	Sarnia
2004-05	Georgetown	Stoney Creek
2005-06	Stoney Creek	Caledon

Minor Pee Wee

2003-04	Caledon	Newmarket
2004-05	Whitby	Barrie
2005-06	Flamborough	Barrie

Atom

2001-02	Thorold	Caledon
2002-03	Stoney Creek	Ancaster
2003-04	Caledon	Stoney Creek
2004-05	Stoney Creek	Flamborough
2005-06	Flamborough	Tecumseh-Shoreline

Minor Atom

2003-04	Georgetown	Newmarket
2004-05	Georgetown	Georgina
2005-06	Georgetown	Aurora

Additional Entry Group 2

Midget

2002-03	Owen Sound	East Gwillimbury
2003-04	East Gwillimbury	Owen Sound
2004-05	Pickering (1)	Markham (1)
2005-06	Pickering (1)	Owen Sound

Bantam

2001-02	Tec. Shoreline	Newmarket
2002-03	New Tecumseth	Belle River
2003-04	Clarington	Woolwich
2004-05	Newmarket	Clarington
2005-06	Barrie	Belle River

Pee Wee

2001-02	Aurora	Stoney Creek
2002-03	Innisfil	Belle River
2003-04	Newmarket	East Gwillimbury
2004-05	Aurora	Whitby
2005-06	Whitby	Richmond Hill

Atom

2001-02	Chatham	Newmarket
2002-03	Aurora	Woolwich
2003-04	Clarington	Belleville
2004-05	Whitby	Richmond Hill
2005-06	Barrie	Whitby

Additional Entry Group 3

Midget

2001-02	Mitchell	Tillsonburg
2002-03	New Hamburg	Mitchell
2003-04	Saugeen Shores	Collingwood
2004-05	Suageen Shores	Collingwood
2005-06	Mooretown	Napanee

Bantam

2001-02	Collingwood	St. Marys
2002-03	Petrolia	Saugeen Shores
2003-04	Pelham	Belleville
2004-05	St. Marys	Fergus
2005-06	Port Hope	Tillsonburg

Pee Wee

2001-02	Strathroy	Fergus
2002-03	Wallaceburg	Belleville
2003-04	Lambeth	Elmvale
2004-05	Lambeth	Belleville
2005-06	Lambeth	Collingwood

Atom

2001-02	Acton	Prince Edward
2002-03	Petrolia	Belleville
2003-04	Petrolia	Huntsville
2004-05	Napanee	Caledonia
2005-06	Port Hope	Lambeth

Additional Entry Group 4

Midget

2001-02	Parkhill	Elmvale
2002-03	Ennismore	Forest
2003-04	Petrolia	Twin Centre
2004-05	Tillsonburg	Highland Storm
2005-06	South Huron	Highland Storm

Bantam

2001-02	South Huron	Port Dover
2002-03	Delhi	Campbellford
2003-04	Forest	Oro
2004-05	Oro	Glencoe
2005-06	Twin Centre	Lakefield

Pee Wee

2001-02	Dorchester	Highland Storm
2002-03	Mount Brydges	Oro
2003-04	Mount Brydges	Oro
2004-05	Tavistock	Oro
2005-06	Lucan	Ennismore

Atom

2001-02	Elmvale	Paris
2002-03	Tavistock	Oro
2003-04	Mount Brydges	Ennismore
2004-05	Tavistock	Wasaga Beach
2005-06	Lakefield	Tavistock

Additional Entry Group 5

Bantam

Last Series	1997-98

Pee Wee

2001-02	Lucan	Frankford
2002-03	Port Carling	Port Stanley
2003-04	No Series	
2004-05	No Series	
2005-06	No Series	

Atom

2001-02	Lucan	Port Carling
2002-03	Lucan	Frankford
2003-04	No Series	
2004-05	No Series	
2005-06	No Series	

NOVICE CHAMPIONS WESTERN DISTRICT

YEAR	CATEGORY	CHAMPION	FINALIST
2005-06	Novice AA-A	Belle River	Thorold
2005-06	Novice BB	Tillsonburg	St.Marys
2005-06	Novice B	Dorchester	Port Dover
2005-06	Novice CC	Mt. Brydges	Paris
2005-06	Novice C	Ayr	Ridgetown
2005-06	Novice DD	Lucan	Cayuga
2005-06	Novice D-E	Watford	St. Catharines Warriors
2005-06	AE 1-4	Fort Erie	Welland

NOVICE CHAMPIONS CENTRAL DISTRICT

YEAR	CATEGORY	CHAMPION	FINALIST
2005-06	Novice AA	Oakville	Aurora
2005-06	Novice A	Orillia	Oakville
2005-06	Novice BB-B	Elora	Fergus
2005-06	Novice CC-D-DD	Beeton	Arthur
2005-06	Novice AE 1	Markham /Unionville (2)	Caledon

NOVICE CHAMPIONS EASTERN DISTRICT

YEAR	CATEGORY	CHAMPION	FINALIST
2005-06	Novice A	Port Perry	Whitby
2005-06	Novice BB	Collingwood	Port Hope
2005-06	Novice B	Napanee	Elmvale
2005-06	Novice CC	Highland Storm	Campbellford
2005-06	Novice C	Wasaga Beach	Bancroft
2005-06	Novice DD	Mariposa	Norwood
2005-06	Novice D	Baltimore	Gravenhurst
2005-06	Novice E	Flesherton	Port Carling
2005-06	Novice AE 1-4	Uxbridge	Belleville

WOAA NOVICE CHAMPIONS

CATEGORY	CHAMPION	FINALIST
Novice "Twolan"	Listowel	Goderich
Novice "Hodges"	T.C.D.M.H.A.	Drayton
Novice "McClure"	Chesley	Mount Forest
Novice "Jacobi"	Durham	Elma Logan

SUSPENSION LIST - MINOR HOCKEY

(Adopted by the OHF Board of Directors - June 2006)

Based upon minimums established by the OHF, this list is to be referred to with respect to suspensions incurred resulting from penalties as assessed. Please note that this list supersedes Regulation 2.5 - OMHA Manual of Operations in that the games must be served as stated, and that the seven days as prescribed by the Hockey Canada Rule Book is not applicable. For information regarding how suspensions are to be served, refer to Regulation 8.2 - OMHA Manual of Operations. Responsibility to ensure suspensions are appropriately served rests with team officials.

Misconducts & Game Misconducts		H.C. Rule#	Minimum Suspension
M10	Throwing Stick Over Boards	82 (d)	0 Games
M11	Refusing to Surrender Stick for Measurement	21 (e)	0 Games
M12	Player Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	35 (f)	0 Games
M13	Goalkeeper Violation/Infraction During Penalty Shot	35 (f)	0 Games
M14	Equipment/Facemask Worn Incorrectly	24 (d & f)	0 Games
M20	Disputing Call of Official	47 (a)	0 Games
M21	Harassment of Official/Unsportsmanlike Conduct	47 (b)	0 Games
M22	Inciting	47 (e)	0 Games
M23	Entering Officials Crease	47 (g)	0 Games
M34	Failure to go to the Player's Bench or Neutral Area	59 (a (v))	0 Games
M35	Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench	47 (d)	0 Games
M71	Checking to the Head (Minor + 10 Minutes)	86 (a)	0 Games
GM20	Disputing Call of Official	47 (a)	1 Game
GM21	Disputing Call with Official: Verbal Abuse of a Game Official	47 (b)	3 Games
GM26	Second Misconduct – Same Game	31	1 Game
GM28	Interference from the Bench	66	2 Games
GM30	Fighting	59	1 Game
GM31	2nd Fight, Same stoppage of play (3rd, 4th, etc…)	59	3 Games
GM32	Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th Man into Fight	59	3 Games
*GM33	Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box	70	2 Games
*GM33	Coach identified as having the 1st Player leave the players bench or penalty box	70	3 Games
INS36	Instigator	59	1 Game
AGG37	Aggressor	59	1 Game
GM39	Hairpulling, Grab Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap (Major + Game)	49 (d)	2 Games
GM50	Checking from Behind (Minor + Game)	53 (a)	1 Game
GM51	Checking from Behind (Major + Game)	53 (a)	3 Games
GM53	High Sticking (Major + Game)	62	2 Games
GM54	Cross Checking (Major + Game)	54	2 Games
GM55	Slashing (Major + Game)	79	2 Games
GE56	Game Ejections	32	0 Games
GM57	Boarding/Body Checking (Major + Game)	50	2 Games
GM58	Elbowing/Kneeing (Major + Game)	56	2 Games
GM59	Charging (Major + Game)	52	2 Games

GM63	Discriminatory Slur	47 (f)	3 Games
GM64	Trash Talking	47 (a)	2 Games
GM68	Kick Shot (with injury Major + Game)	68	2 Games
GM71	Checking to the Head (Major + Game)	86 (b)	3 Games
GM73	Tripping (Major + Game)	85 (a&b)	2 Games
GM74	Interference (Major + Game)	66 (a,b&c)	2 Games
GM75	Holding (Major + Game)	63 (a&b)	2 Games
GM76	Hooking (Major + Game)	64 (a&b)	2 Games
GM77	Roughing (Major + Game)	59 (f&g)	2 Games
GM78	Goaltender Drop Kick Puck (with injury – Major + Game)	37 (f)	2 Games
GM 79	Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game)	78 (a)	Indefinite
GM 80	Team Official Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	35 (f)	1 Game
GM 81	Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee	81 (e)	2 Games

(Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)

Gross Misconducts		H.C. Rule#	Minimum Suspension
GRM60	Travesty of the Game	33	3 Games
GRM61	Obscene Gesture	33	3 Games
GRM62	Removing Helmet	24	3 Games
GRM63	Discriminatory Slur	47 (f)	3 Games
GRM 66	Head Butt – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)	49 (b)	3 Games
GRM 67	Butt End – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)	49 (f)	3 Games
GRM 68	Spearing – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross)	49 (g)	3 Games
GRM 69	Goaltender Refusing to remove mask for Identification	23 (d)	3 Games

GM33 – 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 GM33, coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.

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 office. If unable to contact the 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 Partner for further review.

M = Misconduct **GM=Game Misconduct**
MP=Match Penalty **GRM=Gross Misconduct**