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**GREATER TORONTO
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Origins

Formed in 1911 by founder Frank D. Smith, the Toronto Hockey League (now the Greater Toronto Hockey League) was a dream turned reality for innumerable boys in the beginning of the Twentieth Century. Surrounded by other equally dedicated men who volunteered their time in serving to direct and guide the organization from its infancy, Mr. Smith, who led the League through its first 50 years as general Secretary Treasurer, saw the THL become the largest single minor amateur hockey league in the world.

Even by the end of World War I, the THL continued to break all growth records. This was a surprise to everyone considering the great number of players who had gone overseas from Senior and Intermediate ranks. Increases in membership were however realized in Junior, Juvenile, and Midget divisions due to the fact that players in these series were too young for military purposes.

Worthy of mention is the fact that during the 1920's, the THL had between 8 and 12 ladies Senior and Intermediate Teams in any given year.

During the crucial years of World War II, the League was an active participant in the Sports Service League for Canadian soldiers, sailors and airmen.

As the years of growth continued, the League produced many hockey greats such as Charlie and Lionel Conacher, Frank Selke Jr., Bill Durnan, Bill Quackenbush, Red Kelly, Sid Smith, Frank Mahovlich, Carl Brewer, Bob Pulford, Rick Middleton, Steve Shutt and Paul Coffey, just to mention a token few. More recent graduates include Sean Burke, Adam Graves, Brendan Shanahan, Kirk McLean, Eric Lindros, Kevin Weekes, Mike Peca, Anson Carter, Nick Boynton, Mike Cammalleri, Brad Boyes, Matt Stajan, Carlo Colaiacovo, Jason Spezza, Steve Eminger, Trevor Daley, Rick Nash, Brent Burns, Wojtek Wolski, Jeff Skinner, Tyler Seguin, P.K. Subban, and David Clarkson. In fact, current records verify that over the past decade, each year there have been at least 65 NHL players who were graduates of the GTHL system.

Back in the early 1960s, the membership of the League had grown to over 20,000 youth playing on direct Teams. Today, the GTHL, formerly the Metropolitan Toronto Hockey League (1972-1998), has in excess of 40,000 players including affiliated Teams in a new territory defined as the Lake Ontario Region, which in addition to Toronto, Vaughan, Markham and Mississauga includes participants from Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, and Ajax-Pickering.

During its period of growth since 1960, the GTHL began to encounter another growth factor, commonly referred to as "rising costs". While maintaining its stability, the GTHL overhead costs have risen substantially in the past 30 years to the point where operating costs for the 2015-2016 season

exceeded \$9,100,000. The League's very existence seems a small miracle in itself when one realizes that the GTHL has always remained self-sufficient without subsidization from any government body. A massive undertaking by any standards, the GTHL today estimates that with more sophisticated coaching, development programs, and larger Club managements required to cope with all the operational necessities, there is at least one active volunteer for every three registered hockey players. Since 1911, over 600,000 volunteers have contributed to the development of minor hockey in the Greater Toronto area.

GTHL Communications

The GTHL is a unique and complex body involving literally tens of thousands of people at the various levels: players, parents, management and volunteers. Constituting a significant percentage of the minor hockey registrations within Hockey Canada, the GTHL, as the largest single amateur hockey league in the world, offers a phenomenal marketing area to corporations seeking new avenues of exposure.

As such, the GTHL, while adopting a cautious policy geared so as not to over-commercialize the intent and purpose of amateur hockey, welcomes reputable commercial sponsorship of certain approved concepts or programs which are deemed mutually beneficial to both amateur hockey support and the sponsor's image.



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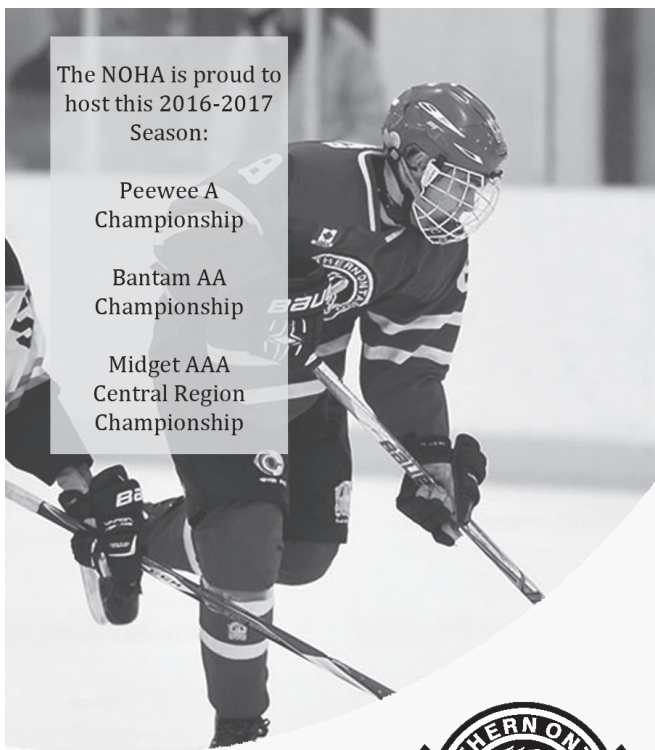
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Championship

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Championship



From the NOHA,
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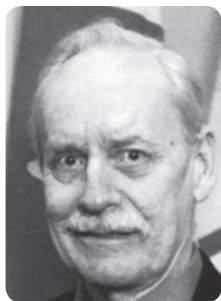
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1926/27 – 1927/28	C. Higginbottom, F.C.I.S.
1928/29 – 1929/30	T. Edward Clegg
1930/31 – 1931/32	Fred G. Grant
1932/33 – 1933/34	Frank H. Fletcher
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1936/37 – 1937/38	E. Ray Graham
1938/39 – 1939/40	T.P. Topping
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1976/80	Phil Vitale
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SECTION TWO

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IMPORTANT
DATES

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Important Dates to Remember: 2016 – 2017

Date	Event
Sept. 12	AAA schedule begins
Sept. 19	AA and A schedule begins
Sept. 24 & 25	Puck Drop Weekend
Nov. 15	Final date a Club may release a player
Nov. 25 to 27	PlayStation Platinum Cup powered by Toronto Maple Leafs and GTHL
Dec. 1	Deadline for return of all GTHL trophies (Late fine: \$100)
Dec. 13	Scotiabank GTHL Top Prospects Game
Dec. 15	Final date to sign and register an import player
Dec. 24 to Jan. 1	GTHL office closed and no games scheduled
Dec. 27 to 30	GTHL Challenge Cup (Peewee AAA tournament)
Jan. 2	GTHL schedule resumes
Jan. 10	Final date for a player to be released to be eligible to sign with another team for the current season
Jan. 14	Midget All-Star Festival
Jan. 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final date to register a player with the GTHL office • Final date of receipt of Membership applications and Team Entry requests for direct entry clubs
Jan. 31	Final date for submission of Tournament Hosting applications for those being held pre-season until Dec. 31 of the following season
Feb. to Apr.	King Clancy Cup (open to non-playoff teams)
Mar. to Apr.	Founders Cup (open to teams eliminated from the first round of playoffs)
Mar. 14 to 20	OHL Cup (Minor Midget AAA tournament)
Mar. 23 to 31	GTHL "A" Championships (Major Divisions)
Mar. 27 to Apr. 1	All-Ontario Bantam AAA Championship

Date	Event
Mar. 31	Final date for submission of Tournament Hosting applications for those being held from Jan. 1 to Apr. 15 of the following season
Apr. 2 to 9	All-Ontario Midget AAA Championship
Apr. 3 to 7	All-Ontario Peewee AAA Championship
Apr. 4 to 9	GTHL "A" Championships (Minor Divisions)
Apr. 6 to 9	King Clancy Cup and Founders Cup finals
Apr. 7 to 9	OHF Championships
Apr. 9	Final League championships completed
Apr. 10	Tryouts begin
Apr. 15	Recommendations to Rules Committee due for Notices of Motion, Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws
May 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No House League, Select and/or All-Star teams may be formed prior to this date • Nominations by Eligible Voters must be received at GTHL office by 5:00 p.m.
June 17	GTHL Annual General Meeting
June 30	Signing Officer Forms due for following hockey season (Late fee: \$250)

Effective Age Dates For 2016 – 2017

Age Category	Oldest Eligible Birth Year
Juvenile	Born in 1996, 1997, 1998
Midget	Born in 1999
Midget Jr.	Born in 2000
Minor Midget	Born in 2001
Bantam	Born in 2002
Minor Bantam	Born in 2003
Peewee	Born in 2004
Minor Peewee	Born in 2005
Atom	Born in 2006
Minor Atom	Born in 2007



OHF Championships

2017 OHF Midget AA Championships

ALLIANCE Host: London Jr. Knights - April 7-9, 2017

2017 OHF Atom A Championships

ALLIANCE Host: Woodstock Jr. Navy Vets - April 7-9, 2017



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SECTION THREE

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The Greater Toronto Hockey League

2016 – 2017 Rules and Regulations

Please Note:

The official copy of the GTHL Rules and Regulations is located on the GTHL website:

<http://www.GTHLCanada.com>

In the event of any discrepancy between this printed edition of the Rules and Regulations and website edition, the version on the website shall prevail.

GTHL Rules And Regulations

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Greater Toronto Hockey League Rules And Regulations

Section 1 - Mission Statement

1.1 Mission Statement. The purpose of the League is:

- (a) to promote and govern organized minor hockey for youth within the territory under its jurisdiction;
- (b) to operate a competitive minor hockey league for youth at the AAA, AA and A categories within the territory under its jurisdiction;
- (c) to foster the development of hockey skills and knowledge of those players, coaches, managers and officials who participate in the League;
- (d) to foster the development of good character, citizenship and sportsmanship through participation in minor hockey.

1.2 Operation as a Non-profit Organization. The League shall operate as a non-profit organization for the purposes described in its Mission Statement set forth in Rule 1.1 above. As a non-profit organization, the League will prepare its budgets and run its operations with the intent that its annual revenues not exceed its annual expenses, other than to create and maintain such endowments, reserves and contingency funds as the Board in its discretion and from time to time, considers necessary, appropriate or desirable and other than to ensure that the League is able to meet its financial obligations as they become due. Furthermore, to the extent that in any financial year, the revenues of the League exceed its expenses, such excess revenues shall be retained by the League, shall not be distributed and shall be used following such financial year to pay expenses of the League incurred in the furtherance of its purposes.

1.3 Publication of Financial Summary. Within 60 days after the end of each financial year, the League will publish its audited financial statements or a financial summary that shall present, in summary fashion, the Income and Expenses Statement and Balance Sheet of the League for such then completed financial year. The audited financial statements or financial summary shall include a brief commentary from the Board, including a letter signed by two of its Officers, including the Officer who is responsible for financial matters, that confirms that the League, as of its most recent financial year-end, has continued to operate as a non-profit organization. If a financial summary is published, it shall provide at least

the same level of disclosure as required of a Club, Division or Affiliated Group by Rule 5.6. The audited financial statements or financial summary shall, in addition to any other means of publication approved by the Board, be available on the League's website. Copies shall be available to Club Officials, Division Officials, Team Officials, players (including any parent or guardian of any such player) and media at the League Office. The League shall mail a copy of the audited financial statements or a financial summary to any Club Official, Team Official, player (including any parent or guardian of such player) who requests a copy.

Section 2 - Definitions

2.1 Definitions. For the purposes of these rules, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Affiliated Group" means a hockey organization that conducts and supervises games of hockey within the Territorial Jurisdiction of the League.

"Board" means the board of directors of the League.

"Club" means an organization accepted for membership in the League that enters Teams for play in the League.

"Club Officials" means the President and the General Manager of the Club, as designated for each Season by the Club in writing to, and in the manner and at the time prescribed by, the League and shall also include any other official of the Club designated in writing to and accepted by the League and **"Club Official"** means any one of them.

"Coach Mentor" means an individual who is qualified, is appointed by the Club and identified on the GTHL Signing Officer list as the Club's Coach Mentor. In order to be qualified to be appointed to such a role for an "A"/"AA" Club the individual must have Speak Out Certification and be Development 1 Certified. In order to be qualified to be appointed to such a role for an "AAA" Club the individual must have Speak Out Certification and be High Performance 1 Certified.

"Division" means the Mississauga Hockey League or the North York Hockey League.

"Division Official" means the Directors and Officers of a Division of the League and the President and the General Manager, or persons with those responsibilities but bearing different titles, of a Club or associa-

tion that is a member of a Division and “Division Official” means any one of them.

“Game Officials” means the on-ice officials for each game, being either a referee and two linesmen or two referees, as applicable, and the off-ice officials for each game, being the timekeeper and any other official designated by the League and “Game Official” means any one of them.

“Head Coach” means the person who has been registered with the League Office as the coach of the Team (as opposed to the persons registered as assistant coaches, trainer, manager or other Team Official), provided that for any game in which the person who has been registered as the coach of the Team is unable to participate on the bench at the start of such game (whether due to illness, absence, suspension or other legitimate reason resulting in that person not appearing on the bench), then it shall be the other Team Official who assumes control of the Team on the bench for such game.

“Hockey Canada” means Hockey Canada, the national governing body for hockey in Canada.

“League” means the Greater Toronto Hockey League.

“League Office” means the administrative office of the League, which is currently located at 57 Carl Hall Road, Toronto, Ontario, M3K 2B6.

“League Officials” means the directors and officers of the League and, **“League Official”** means any one of them.

“League Pass” means the card provided by the League to Team Officials, Club Officials or League Officials that entitles them to free admission to League games.

“Legitimate Player” means a player who contributes to his or her Team by way of actual material participation during League, tournament and playoff games and, for greater certainty, approval of a Registration Certificate by the League does not verify a player as a Legitimate Player.

“OHF Suspension List” means the then current Minimum Suspension List published by the Ontario Hockey Federation, a copy of which shall be published in the League’s Yearbook.

“Participant” or “participant” means any person registered to the Greater Toronto Hockey League through any Club, Division or Affiliated

Group, including the parents or legal guardians of any minor aged participant.

“Player Eligibility”

Under 21 – Open to players 20 years of age or younger as at December 31 in the current playing Season. Each Team may register a maximum of 6 players who are 20 years of age as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.7.

Midget Division – Open to players 17 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Midget Jr. Division – Open to players 16 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

***References to Midget throughout these rules apply to both Midget and Midget Jr., subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.*

Minor Midget – Open to players 15 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Bantam – Open to players 14 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Minor Bantam – Open to players 13 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Peewee – Open to players 12 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Minor Peewee – Open to players 11 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Atom – Open to players 10 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulation 7.6.

Minor Atom – Open to players 9 years of age and younger as of December 31 in the current playing Season. Each Team may register a maximum of three players who will be 8 years of age as of December 31 in the current playing Season, subject to restrictions as outlined in Regulations 7.4 and 7.6

“Registration Certificate” means, in the case of a player, a Hockey Canada registration certificate or card which has been adopted for use by the League for the purpose of player registration and, in the case of a Team Official, a Hockey Canada registration certificate or card which has been adopted for use by the League for the purpose of Team Official registration and, in the event that the League adopts a form of electronic or computer-based registration for players or Team Officials, the form of registration so adopted by the League.

“Register(ed)” means that a participant’s Registration Information has been entered in the Hockey Canada Registry and has either been approved or conditionally approved by the GTHL Coordinator, Registration.

“Registration Information” means the information provided to the League concerning a player or Team Official upon completion of the Registration Certificate.

“Related Party or Related Parties” means when one party has the ability to exercise, directly or indirectly, control, joint control or significant influence over another. Two or more parties that are subject to common control, joint control or common significant influence are related. For Clubs this includes (but is not limited to) Club Members, Club Officials, Club Officers, Directors and Board Members as well as all immediate family members. For Teams, this includes (but is not limited to) Team Officials and all immediate family members.

“Season” means the period of time commencing on September 1 in a given calendar year and ending on the Sunday in April in the next calendar year coinciding with the completion of the OHF Championships.

“Special Committee” means a special committee of the Board which has been appointed by the Board for a specific purpose and, for greater certainty, includes special committees of the Board formed from time to time for the purpose of conducting hearings.

“Team” means a hockey Team entered for play in the League in the AAA, AA or A category consisting of Team Officials and not fewer than

15 Legitimate Players and not more than the number of Legitimate Players permitted by these Rules.

“**Team Official**” means the coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer or other Team Official registered on a Registration Certificate that has been accepted by the League.

Section 3 - Organization and Structure

- 3.1 League Organization.** The League consists of member Clubs, the Divisions and member house leagues. The Board administers the League. The officers of the League are the President (who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation), the Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation (if a COO has been appointed by the Board at the particular time) , First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary (unless the Board appoints the Treasurer to the office of Secretary in addition to his/her office as Treasurer).
- 3.2 Operating Staff.** Day to day operations of the League are administered by an office staff comprised of, among others, an Executive Director (who may be appointed as Chief Operating Officer of the Corporation by the Board), a Registrar, a Manager, Finance and Administration, a Manager, Officiating, a Co-Ordinator, League Schedule and a Co-Ordinator, League Information and Special Projects. All office staff shall be under the supervision and control of the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall report to the Board.
- 3.3 Restriction on Employment.** No League Official, no Division Official, no Club Official, and no director or officer of a Member League, and no member of any such person’s immediate family, may be a full-time or regular part-time member of the League’s office staff, except as may be authorized by the Board.
- 3.4 Joint Committees.** The Board may also establish committees (“Joint Committees”) comprised of Board members and representatives of Clubs (who may be elected to such positions by vote of the member Clubs as provided by the by-laws unless otherwise determined by the Board) and representatives of Divisions. Such Joint Committees will have a mandate as provided by the Board from time to time and will report to the Board.
- 3.5 Special Powers of President and the Chief Operating Officer.** The President or the Chief Operating Officer shall have the power, exercisable at his discretion when circumstances warrant, to suspend any player or suspend and/or fine any Team Official, Club Official, Division

Official or League Official for (i) unsportsmanlike conduct; (ii) abusive, profane or discriminatory language to any player, League Official, Division Official, Game Official, Team Official or other person; or (iii) conduct that brings the League or any Club, Division or Team into disrepute; whether this conduct occurs on or off the ice and whether this conduct occurs during or in relation to any exhibition, tournament, regular season, playoff game or during any related hockey activity.

3.6 Powers of the Board. The Board shall have the power to set policy for and manage the affairs of the League and, without limiting the foregoing, shall have the power to:

- (a) determine the categorization of Teams;
- (b) make special rules for any category or age division or for exhibition games, league play, tournaments or playoffs;
- (c) determine all questions arising from emergencies not specifically provided for in these Rules (provided that at least 24 hours' notice of the time and place appointed for consideration of such questions shall be given by the Executive Director to each Club concerned);
- (d) suspend any player, Team Official, Club Official, Division Official or League Official and/or fine any Club for (i) continued foul play or ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct; (ii) abusive, profane or discriminatory language to any player, Team Official, Game Official, Division Official or League Official; or (iii) conduct that brings the League or any Club or Team into disrepute; whether this conduct occurs on or off the ice and whether this conduct occurs during or in relation to any exhibition, tournament, league or playoff game;
- (e) suspend any player, Team Official, Division Official, or Club Official for any failure to pay assessments, fines, levies or other amounts due to the League or for contravention of the rules or regulations of the League;
- (f) suspend and/or fine or expel any player, Team Official, Club Official, Division Official, Team or Club for refusing to accept and obey any ruling of the Board or any Special Committee;
- (g) re-admit by resolution, passed by a majority vote of the Board, any player, Team Official, Club Official, Division Official, Team or Club who or that has been under suspension;

- (h) appoint a Chairman or Committee to operate the Little Toronto Hockey League, and, if so appointed, a representative from the Board is to act as liaison;
- (i) operate, if it chooses to do so, an Intermediate League within the jurisdiction of the League;
- (j) appoint and provide for the payment of an Executive Director and office personnel;
- (k) conduct the business of the League, authorizing all expenditures in connection therewith; and
- (l) delegate any of the foregoing powers to any Special Committee appointed by the Board and otherwise appoint committees as the Board, in its discretion, deems necessary or desirable.

3.7 Power to Amend Rules. The Board is authorized to amend these Rules from time to time as is necessary to be consistent with and comply with the constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations or policies of Hockey Canada and/or the Ontario Hockey Federation. Such amendments shall not require ratification by the members. The Board shall give members prompt notice of any such amendments.

Section 4 - Clubs

4.1 Awarding of Teams. A Club must submit its application for Teams (AAA, AA or A, as applicable) to the League Office not later than January 15 for the next following Season. The designated Committee of the Board will consider all applications for Teams. The Committee will first allocate Teams based on each Club's submission. One or more representatives of those Clubs that are not allocated specific Teams may appeal in person to the Committee which will then make its final recommendations to the Board. The Board's decision shall be final and binding. The League Office shall ensure that Clubs are notified by March 1 of the Teams that have been approved for the following Season.

4.2 AAA Clubs May Not Have AA or A Teams and Must Field Teams in All Age Groups.

- (a) A Club that has AAA Teams shall not be allowed Teams in either the AA or A categories. A Club that has AA or A Teams, or both AA and A Teams, may have an Under 21 "AAA" Team.

- (b) AAA Clubs must field Teams in all age groups from Minor Atom to Midget throughout each season or forfeit AAA status the following season, except as may be determined by the Board in the most exceptional of circumstances.

4.3 Entry Fees.

Team entry fees shall be as follows:

- (i) Teams, other than Teams in the Under 21 “AAA” age division, \$2,000.
- (ii) Teams in the Under 21 “AAA” age division, \$1,000.

4.4 Refund of Entry Fees.

- (a) Unless provided for herein, entry fees are non-refundable. Where a Team approved for the following Season is withdrawn on or before May 15, then the entry fee will be refunded to the Club. Except for Midget and Under-21 ‘AAA’ Teams (which are provided for in Rule 4.4(b) below), where a Team approved for the following Season is withdrawn after May 15, all of the entry fee for such Team shall be forfeited and will not be refunded to the Club.
- (b) In the case of Midget and Under-21 ‘AAA’ Teams that are approved for the following season and withdrawn, the following refunds and forfeiture of fees will apply:
 - (i) where the withdrawal occurs after May 15 but on or before September 15, then \$1,000 of the entry fee for a Midget Team and \$500 of the entry fee for an Under-21 ‘AAA’ Team will be refunded to the Club, and
 - (ii) where the withdrawal occurs after September 15, all of the entry fee shall be forfeited and will not be refunded to the Club.

4.5 Fines for Withdrawing Teams.

- (a) A Club may, by notice in writing delivered to the League Office or by e-mail sent to the League Office’s e-mail address, withdraw a Team that has been awarded to it for the next Season but the provisions of Rule 4.4 respecting entry fees will apply. A Club that withdraws a Team on or prior to May 15 shall not be assessed a withdrawal fee.
- (b) Except for Midget and Under-21 ‘AAA’ Teams (which are provided for in Rule 4.5(b) below), where a Club withdraws a Team approved for

the following season, the following withdrawal fines shall apply in addition to the forfeiture of entry fees provided in Rule 4.4:

- (i) where the withdrawal occurs after May 15 but prior to June 1, the Club shall be assessed and pay a fine of \$2,000.
 - (ii) where the withdrawal occurs on or after June 1 but prior to September 1 the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$3,500.
 - (iii) where the withdrawal occurs on or after September 1 but prior to the Team's first league game, the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$4,000 and
 - (iv) where the withdrawal occurs at any time after the Team's first league game, the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$5,000.
- (c) In the case of Midget and Under-21 'AAA' Teams, where a Club withdraws a Team approved for the following season, the following withdrawal fines shall apply, in addition to the forfeiting of entry fees provided in Rule 4.4:
- (i) where the withdrawal occurs after September 15 but prior to October 1, the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$1,500;
 - (ii) where the withdrawal occurs on or after October 1 but on or prior to October 15, the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$2,500; and
 - (iii) where the withdrawal occurs after October 15, the Club shall be assessed and shall pay a withdrawal fine of \$5,000.

4.6 Designation of Club Representative. For each Season, a Club shall, prior to the June 30 that immediately precedes such Season, file with the League Office a Club Representative's Form designating the Club's President and General Manager and any other officers of the Club requested by the League. There must be at least two Club Representatives for each Club. Samples of their signatures must be provided on the form. After the commencement of the Season, a Club must report any change in its Club Officials to the League Office within seven days of the occurrence of such change. A fine of \$250 shall be levied against the Club that fails to comply with this Rule. An individual may act as a Club Representative for only one Club within the League or within the League and any of its Divisions.

- 4.7 Change in Club Name or Logo.** A Club shall not make any material changes to its name, or logos without the prior approval of the Board, which approval shall not be withheld unless the Board, acting reasonably, concludes that there are unresolved intellectual property rights issues, that the name and/or logo would be confusingly similar to that of a current Club, or that the name or logo is inappropriate for a minor hockey Club. Where the Board intends to deny any such approval, it shall notify the Club member in writing of such intention and the reasons for it and the Club member shall be permitted an opportunity to appear and make representations before the Board.

Section 5 - Governance

- 5.1 Separate Incorporation.** Each Club, Division or Affiliated Group must be separately incorporated and operate only one hockey organization and no other organization of any kind within its corporation. As a result, each Club may operate a group of Teams under only one club/team name. This Rule shall not, however, prohibit or prevent a Club or Affiliated Group from operating a House League organization together with an associated group of competitive Teams, provided that the associated group of competitive Teams constitutes only one competitive organization that otherwise complies with all of the League's Rules.
- 5.2 Provision of By-laws to the League.** Each year when a Club, Division or Affiliated Group applies for membership in the League (and in the case of Clubs, applies for Teams), it shall submit to the League, together with its application for membership, a full and complete copy of its then current by-laws, or if the copy of the by-laws last submitted to the League remains current, a letter signed by one of its Officers confirming that. Whenever a Club, Division or Affiliated Group amends its by-laws during a Season, it shall, within 30 days of such by-law amendment becoming effective, file a copy of such by-law amendment with the League.
- 5.3 Provision of Annual Filings to the League.** Each year when a Club, Division or Affiliated Group applies for membership in the League (and in the case of a Club, applies for Teams), it shall submit to the League, together with its application for membership, a copy of the last Corporations Information Act Annual Return for Ontario Corporations that it has made to the Ontario Ministry of Government Services (MGS) as typically provided in Schedule 546 in annual T2 Corporate Income Tax return filings. Any Club, Division or Affiliated Group that is Federally incorporated shall provide the equivalent and corresponding Federal documents within the same time periods to the League.

- 5.4 Provision of a List of Members to the League.** Each year when a Club, Division or Affiliated Group applies for membership in the League (and in the case of a Club, applies for Teams), it shall submit to the League, together with its application for membership, a then current list of its members, except that if it has more than 25 members, it may instead submit a then current list of its Board of Directors or Executive Board or Committee. Whenever during the Season there is a change to the list submitted, the Club, Division or Affiliated Group shall deliver to the League Office a written notice of such changes within 30 days of such change occurring.
- 5.5 Provision of a List of Corporate Officers to the League.** Each year when a Club, Division or Affiliated Group applies for membership in the League (and in the case of a Club, applies for Teams), it shall submit, together with its application for membership, an up-to-date list of those persons who are its then current officers and directors for corporate purposes, unless it has already done so pursuant to Rule 5.4. In any filing made with the League pursuant to Rule 4.6 to designate the Registered Representatives of a Club, no person shall be designated in such filing as holding an office unless that person holds that office for corporate purposes. Whenever during the Season there is a change in the composition of its officers or directors, a Club, Division or Affiliated Group shall deliver to the League Office an updated listing of its officers and directors reflecting such change. Such notice shall be delivered to the League Office within 30 days of such change occurring.
- 5.6 Provision of Annual Declaration of Not-for-Profit Status.** Each year when a Club, Division or Affiliated Group applies for membership in the League (and in the case of a Club, applies for Teams), it shall submit, together with its application for membership, a letter signed by two of its Officers, including the Officer who is responsible for financial matters, that confirms that the Club, Division or Affiliated Group, as of its most recent fiscal year-end, has continued to operate as a non-profit organization. At the same time it shall also submit, to the League, a completed financial statements in the form attached as Schedule 'A' (Pages 1 to 3) thereto, as at its most recent fiscal year-end falling no later than within the prior calendar year. Financial statements are to be prepared on an accrual basis and must include (i) a Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets, and (ii) a Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position). Financial statements submitted need to be in final form and include at least one signature by a Club director approving the financial statements on behalf of the Club's Board of Directors. The financial statements of the

Club, Division or Affiliated Group shall be made available to any participant of the Club, Division or Affiliated Group upon request as indicated in Schedule B.

- 5.7 Provision of Club Policies.** Each Club shall prepare in writing a set of Club Policies in whatever format it deems appropriate. The Club Policies shall describe the Club's rules, policies and procedures with respect to the topics listed in Schedule 'B' to these Rules. The Club Policies must be made available to each player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians), prior to or at the time he/she signs a Registration Certificate. The player (including the parent or legal guardian to whom it has been provided), must be afforded an opportunity to review the Club Policies before a Registration Certificate is signed. Each Club will be required to file a copy of its then current Club Policies with the League prior to the League's try-out period. In order for a Team's Registration Certificates to be filed and accepted for registration by the League, each Club will be required to have a Club Official or a Team Official who has been involved with the signing of such Registration Certificate, certify that the Club Policies for such Club have been made available to each player who signs a Registration Certificate with the Club, and to such player's parent or legal guardian, prior to the signing of a Registration Certificate.
- 5.8 Disclosure Relating to Fees.** Each Club or Affiliated Group shall provide a player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians) prior to or at the time he signs a Registration Certificate, with a statement in writing disclosing the full amount to be paid to the Club or the Affiliated Group as fees for the Season and setting forth the goods, equipment and services that will be provided to the player for the fee. If a final fee amount cannot be provided, any element that is subject to adjustment, and the reason for that, should be clearly identified and described.
- 5.9 Disclosure of Payments to be made to Club or Team Officials.** Prior to or at the time a player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or his legal guardian) signs a Registration Certificate, the Club shall disclose to the player whether or not it is intended that:
- (i) any Club Officials or Related Parties are to be paid any amounts, beyond reimbursement of reasonable expenses. Such disclosure is to be made in the Club's Policies as described in Rule 5.7 and Schedule B.

- (ii) any Team Officials or Related Parties are to be paid any amounts, beyond reimbursement of reasonable expenses. Such disclosure is to be made in the estimated Team budget described in Rule 5.11(a). Similarly, if it is intended that a Team Official will receive, directly or indirectly, any payment from or on behalf of any parent(s) of the Team, the name(s) of the person(s) making such payments shall be disclosed to the player and will be promptly and separately reported to the League. Notwithstanding the disclosure of any such payment made by a parent to a Team Official or any other payment or assumption by a parent, directly or indirectly, of costs or expenses relating to the operation of a Team, including by way of sponsorship funding or otherwise, the proper Club and Team Officials must retain full control over and responsibility for all decisions relating to the operation of the Team and its activities, all dealings with players and their families, and the Team's budget, expenditures, rules and policies, in compliance with all League rules and regulations.

5.10 Mandatory Disclosure of Involvement of Club and Team Officials.

Where a Club or Team does, or intends to, purchase goods or services from a supplier who is a Related Party to the Club or Team, that fact is to be disclosed to each player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or his legal guardian) prior to or at the time he signs the Registration Certificate or as soon thereafter as it is decided that such purchase will be made. These disclosures are in addition to those required under Section 5.6.

5.11 Management of Team Finances. Each Club shall be responsible for ensuring that each of its Teams provides financial disclosure and financial controls with respect to the funding of the Team's activities in accordance with this Rule. Pursuant to this Rule, each Team shall:

- (a) provide an estimated budget for the Team to each player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians) receipt of which must be acknowledged in writing by the player or parent or legal guardian, as the case may be, (and such receipt to be retained by the Team in its records), prior to or at the time he signs a Registration Certificate, which estimated budget shall be in reasonable detail and shall specify in reasonable detail the things (such as practice ice, tournaments, on-ice skills instructors, etc.) on which Team monies will be spent and how it is proposed that they will be paid for;

- (b) except for items that were clearly indicated as being reasonable estimates and subject to finalization, no material adjustment shall be made to such budget or to the programme described in such estimated budget without the prior concurrence of the Team Officials and a majority of the parents of players;
- (c) provide interim financial updates within ten business days of September 30 and January 31 regarding the Team finances and the approved budget;
- (d) provide a final, year-end statement of Team revenues and expenses within four weeks of the last Team event for such Team;
- (e) require that there be at least three signing authorities for each Team bank account including at least one Team Official and at least two parents who are unrelated to and independent from any Team Official or Club Official;
- (f) require that at least two signatures be necessary for each Team cheque or withdrawal, including the signatures of at least one of the parent representatives referred to in (e) above;
- (g) require that the season-end financial statement referred to in (d) above be signed by at least two of the signing authorities, including at least one of the parent representatives referred to in (e) above; and
- (h) require that any surplus funds remaining with the Team at the season-end from normal operations be dealt with in accordance with the Club's stated Policies.
- (i) provide, at the time they are distributed to players, identical copies of the financial disclosures and financial controls provided for in Rule 5.11 to the Club Officials for review and retention. It is the Club's responsibility to assess the propriety and reasonableness of these disclosures and controls. The Club shall not be held liable for any errors or omissions in financial disclosures or financial controls.

5.12 Provision of Any Team Rules and Policies. To the extent that the Club Policies permit its Teams to establish certain rules or policies for their operation, the Club shall ensure that the Team provides to each of its players (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians) a statement in writing setting forth any such Team rules or policies prior to the player signing his Registration Certificate. Such Team rules and policies may be

amended or changed from time to time, with the concurrence of the Team Officials and the approval of a majority of the Team's parents, so long as any amendments or changes to the Team rules or policies are confirmed in writing to each player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians) prior to becoming effective.

5.13 Establishment of Club Dispute Resolution Process. Each Club and Affiliated Group shall establish a dispute resolution process within the Club's or Affiliated Group's structure. Such dispute resolution process shall permit a player (which for this purpose, where the player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or legal guardians) to seek to resolve any complaint about (i) any financial matter relating to the registration fees of the Club or Affiliated Group or payment thereof, (ii) any Team fees payable by the player or payment thereof, or (iii) any other problem related to compliance with the rules and policies of the Club, Team or the Affiliated Group, as specified in the Club or Team Policies or any documentation published by the Affiliated Group, and have such complaint resolved. The complaint shall be heard within 15 days of receipt of the complaint by one or more directors, officers or members of the Club or the Affiliated Group who are independent of the Team for which the player is registered. While the exact process to be used by the Club or the Affiliated Group shall be determined by the Club or the Affiliated Group, the details of the process shall be set forth in the Club Policies or in materials published by the Affiliated Group.

5.14 Review by Special Committee regarding Club Dispute Resolution Process. When a player (which for this purpose, where a player is under 18 years of age, shall include at least one of the player's parents or a legal guardian) submits a request for implementation of the Club or Affiliated Group's dispute resolution process, the Club or Affiliated Group must deal with such request according to the stated process. The Club or Affiliated Group shall promptly, upon reaching a decision, advise the player of the decision in writing along with the reasons for its decision.

When a Club or Affiliated Group renders a decision pursuant to its dispute resolution process (including a decision not to engage its dispute resolution process) and when, but only when, it has failed:

- (i) to follow its published dispute resolution process, or
- (ii) to enforce its published rules or policies,

a player may seek to have either or both items reviewed by a GTHL Special Committee.

That player must comply with the following review procedures: the application for review must be in writing, must set out the grounds that the player believes entitle him to a review and must be delivered to the League Office, and be copied to the Club or Affiliated Group, within seven days of the written decision being delivered by the Club or Affiliated Group to the player. An application under this Rule shall proceed in the same fashion as would an appeal pursuant to Rule 15.2 and, except as may be inconsistent with this Rule, the procedures in Rules 15.2 to 15.6 shall apply. In connection with any such review, the player shall agree to be bound by the conclusions of the Special Committee, which conclusions shall be final and not subject to any right of appeal. To the extent that the decision of the Club or Affiliated Group was based solely or in part on the exercise of reasonable discretion, the Special Committee shall not be entitled to substitute its discretion for that of the Club or Affiliated Group.

5.15 Sanctions. The following sanctions shall apply with respect to any breach of or failure to comply with the Rules or Articles indicated:

- (a) Rule 5.1 (Separate Incorporation): Any Club, Division or Affiliated Group that fails to comply with the requirements of this rule may have its membership suspended by the Board if it has not come into compliance within 30 days after the Board has delivered to it a written notice of such failure. The Board may enter into a written agreement, on terms set by the Board, that provides a Club, Division or Affiliated Group with a specified period of time to bring itself into compliance with such Rule.
- (b) Rules 5.2 to 5.6 (Provisions of By-laws, annual filings, list of members, list of corporate officers and declaration of not-for-profit status):
 - (i) Any Club, Division or Affiliated Group that fails to provide with its annual application for membership the documents required by these rules, may have its application for membership rejected and will not be considered for membership in the League until such documents have been provided to the League.
 - (ii) Each Club Official or Director or Officer of a Division or Affiliated Group who has knowledge of, or who acquiesces in a failure to provide the League with any updating documentation

required by these rules may be suspended by the Board, or by a Special Committee, for a period of up to one year.

- (iii) If at any time a Club, Division or Affiliated Group remains in breach of these rules 30 days after the League gives it written notice of such breach then the League shall be entitled to refuse to accept for filing its Registration Certificates until such breach has been rectified and all its Teams will be denied approvals for tournament applications that are submitted after the giving of such notice until it has made the required filings.
- (c) Rules 5.7 and 5.8 (Provisions of Club Policies to players/League and disclosure of fees to players/parents):
- (i) Each Club Official or Team Official who has knowledge of, or who acquiesces in, a Club or Team failing to comply with the disclosure requirements of these rules may be suspended by the Board or by a Special Committee for a period of up to one year. However, a Club Official or Team Official shall not be suspended if he or she is able to demonstrate that he or she made reasonable efforts to ensure that the Club or Team complied with these rules and that he or she did not participate in or acquiesce in the actual failure to make the required disclosure. For this purpose a current written directive from the General Manager of the Club to all Team Officials shall be sufficient evidence of compliance with this rule by the Club Officials.
 - (ii) Any Club Official or Team Official who supplies a false certificate pursuant to Rule 5.7 may be suspended by the Board or by a Special Committee for a period of not less than one year or none at all and up to three years. However, such suspension may be less than one year if the Club Official or Team Official is able to demonstrate that he or she exercised due diligence to ensure the certificate was correct and reasonably believed in good faith that it was correct.
 - (iii) Any Club that has not filed its then current Club Policies with the League as required by Rule 5.7 shall not be entitled to register any Registration Certificates until such filing has been made.
 - (iv) The Registration Certificates of any Team will not be accepted for registration until its Club has filed on its behalf the certifi-

cate required by Rule 5.7 certifying that the Club Policies have been provided to the players and parents of that Team.

- (d) Rules 5.9 and 5.10 (Disclosure of payments and of involvement with suppliers):
- (i) Any Club Official or Team Official who fails to provide the disclosure required by these rules, shall be suspended by the Board or by a Special Committee for a period of not less than one year and up to three years. However, such suspension may be less than one year if the Club Official or Team Official is able to demonstrate that he or she exercised due diligence to ensure the required disclosure was made reasonably and believed in good faith that it was made.
 - (ii) If any Club Official or Team Official or Related Party has received any payment that was not disclosed prior to such payment being made, as required by Rule 5.9, the Club Official or Team Official shall be suspended by the Board or a Special Committee for a period of not less than one year. Notwithstanding the term of such suspension, it shall not end until the amount so received has been repaid to the Team or the Club from whom such payment was made.
- (e) Rules 5.11 and 5.12 (Team finances and provision of Team rules/policies): Each Club Official who knowingly permits, or who acquiesces in, any of the Club's Teams failing to comply with the requirements of these rules may be suspended by the Board or by a Special Committee for a period of up to one year. Any Team Official who fails to comply with the requirements of these rules may, upon the request of the Club, be suspended by the Board or by a Special Committee for a period of up to one year.
- (f) Article 3.10 of By-law Number One: Any Club, Division or Affiliated Group that operates on a for-profit basis may be expelled from the League by the Board. Where the Board intends to so expel a Club, Division or Affiliated Group, the League shall notify the Club, Division or Affiliated Group in writing of such intention and the reasons for the intention and it shall be permitted an opportunity to appear and make representations before the Board.
- (g) If a Club Official or Team Official is unable to fulfil any obligation under Section 5 due to a cause beyond his control, then provided that he acts diligently and in good faith to fulfil the obligation, the

time period for fulfilling the obligation shall be extended by the time during which the cause prevents him from fulfilling the obligation.

- (h) Clubs will be liable for the payment of all fines owing by any of their Teams under the by-laws, rules and regulations of the League.

Section 6 - Teams

6.1 Composition of Teams.

- (a) All Teams, entered to play in the League in the 'AAA', 'AA' or 'A' category other than midget and Under 21 'AAA' Teams, must have a minimum of 15 Legitimate Players (See Rule 2.1 for definition), a certified coach (as per GTHL Regulation 7.13) and a certified Trainer (as per GTHL Regulation 7.14) registered prior to their first regular season game. Midget and Under 21 'AAA' Teams will be allowed until October 15 to register 15 Legitimate Players. After October 15, Midget and Under 21 'AAA' Teams must have a minimum of 15 legitimate Players, a certified coach (as per GTHL Regulation 7.13) and a certified Trainer (as per GTHL Regulation 7.14). Any Team that has a minimum of 15 Legitimate Players registered as of November 16 in any season shall be deemed to have 15 Legitimate Players registered for the balance of the Season.
- (b) All Teams, other than Midget 'AAA' and Under 21 "AAA" Teams, may at any time have registered a maximum of 19 players. Midget 'AAA' Teams may at any time have registered a maximum of 20 players. Under 21 "AAA" Teams may at any time have registered a maximum of 25 players.
- (c) For the purposes of determining whether or not a player is a Legitimate Player, a player carded on a Registration Certificate solely for the purposes of conforming to the minimum requirements of 6.1(a) is not considered a Legitimate Player. However, the League recognizes that, due to the competitive nature of minor hockey, it is not feasible to provide equal ice time in all cases to all players. Accordingly, the League does not intend to enforce a specific minimum of required ice time that any player must receive in order to be considered as a Legitimate Player. Clubs and Team Officials must be aware that a mandate of the League and its Clubs is to provide resources for the development of all players wishing to participate and develop their skills in minor hockey. Clubs and Team Officials must recognize this in preparing their specific Club/Team

programs. However, material participation in practice but not in games is not sufficient for a player to be considered as a Legitimate Player despite the consent of the player or his or her parents or legal guardian.

- (d) If a Club or Team wishes to dispute another Team's registration status with regard to Rule 6.1(a) or Rule 6.1(b), the Club or Team must do so by delivering a notice of dispute in writing to the League not later than December 1 during the Season for which the dispute is submitted. The notice of dispute must include full details of the alleged non-compliance with Rule 6.1(a) or Rule 6.1(b), including, where appropriate, the name of the player or names of the players whose status is being disputed. The League will investigate all documented allegations and take all actions and remedies it considers appropriate. Although the final date for any submission by a Club or Team is December 1 during the Season, the League reserves the right to act on its own initiative at any time during the regular season or playoffs by commencing such investigations and taking such actions as the League considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- (e) A Team wishing to receive special relief from Rule 6.1(a), owing to exceptional circumstances, may, by application made on its behalf by its Club, apply to the League for such relief. Such application must be made in writing prior to the date on which such Team would be in violation of Rule 6.1(a). Special relief will not be provided to any Team that has registered twelve or fewer Legitimate Players.
- (f) Unless it has been granted special relief prior to the playing of any game, a Team shall be fined \$100 for each game that it plays in violation of Rule 6.1(a). All such games will be recorded as a 1-0 victory in favour of the non-offending Team (except in the case of a game won by the non-offending Team, in which case, the actual score shall stand). Where both Teams participating in a game are found to be in violation of Rule 6.1(a), the score will be recorded as 0 - 0 with no points being awarded to either Team.
- (g) Any Team, other than Midget or Under 21 "AAA" Teams, that has registered twelve or fewer players as of September 15 will be treated as a withdrawn Team as of that date and will be subject to the withdrawal fee set out in Rule 4.5. In the case of Midget and Under 21 "AAA" Teams, such date will be October 15.

6.2 Goaltenders.

- (a) All AAA Teams in the Peewee age division and all Teams in age divisions higher than Peewee must register two goaltenders by the applicable date required by Rule 6.1(a). All other Teams (being AA and A Teams in the Peewee age division and all Teams in age divisions below Peewee) are required to register one goaltender, but may register two goaltenders. In order to be considered as a goaltender for the purposes of this Rule, a player must be registered on a Registration Certificate marked “GOALTENDER”.
- (b) A player registered on a Registration Certificate marked “Goal-tender” is not eligible to play any other position. Any player registered on a Registration Certificate that is not marked “Goaltender” is eligible to dress and play as a goaltender.
- (c) Injured goaltender replacements for Teams involved in regular season and playoff games must come from the Team’s Lower Affiliate Team (as defined in Rule 6.4 below).
- (d) Injured goaltender replacements for Teams involved in regional and national championships may come from other Teams upon application for assistance under applicable Hockey Canada Competition Regulations (B42, B43 and B44). Such requests must be made in writing by a Club Official and must be accompanied by a doctor’s certificate, certifying and describing the injury of the injured goaltender.
- (e) A Team wishing to receive special relief from Rule 6.2(a), owing to exceptional circumstances, may, by application made on its behalf by its Club, apply to the League for such relief. Unless it has been granted such special relief prior to the playing of any League or Playoff game, a Team shall be fined \$100 for each game that it plays in violation of Rule 6.2(a). All such games will be recorded as 1-0 victory in favour of the non-offending Team (except in the case of a game won by the non-offending Team, in which case, the actual score shall stand). Where both Teams participating in a game are found to be in violation of Rule 6.2(a), the score will be recorded as 0-0 with no points being awarded to either Team.

6.3 Maximum Number of Players to be Dressed.

- (a) In all League games, whether regular season or playoff, Teams in the age divisions from Minor Atom to Peewee inclusive may dress a maximum of 17 players for any game provided that two of the

players dressed are goaltenders. If only one goaltender is dressed, then the maximum number of players permitted to be dressed shall be 16.

- (b) In all League games, whether regular season or playoff, each Team in the age divisions from Minor Bantam to Minor Midget inclusive may dress a maximum of 17 players provided that two of the players dressed are goaltenders. If only one goaltender is dressed, then the maximum number of players permitted to be dressed shall be 16. However if at the time of a game a Team has registered 18 or 19 players, then the maximum number of players that the Team may dress shall be equal to the number of players that the Team has registered provided that two of the players dressed are goaltenders. If only one goaltender is dressed then the maximum number of players permitted to be dressed shall be 17 or 18, as applicable.
- (c) In all League games, whether regular season or playoff, each Team in the age divisions of Midget 'A' and 'AA' may dress a maximum of 19 players for any game provided that two of the players dressed are goaltenders. If only one goaltender is dressed, then the maximum number of players permitted to be dressed shall be 18.
- (d) In all League games, whether regular season or playoff, each Team in the age divisions of Midget 'AAA' and Under 21 "AAA" may dress a maximum of 20 players for any game, provided that two of the players dressed are goaltenders. If only one goaltender is dressed, then the maximum number of players permitted to be dressed shall be 19.
- (e) In all exhibition games, Teams in age divisions from Minor Atom to Midget inclusive may dress all of their registered players for such games and Teams in the age division of Under 21 "AAA" may dress up to 19 players for such games.

Affiliation of Teams

6.4 General Provision for Affiliation of Teams. Subject to Rules 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.10, each Team (for this purpose, the "Original Team") may be affiliated with:

- (a) one other Team in a lower age division or lower category (for this purpose, the "Lower Affiliate Team") for the purpose of permitting players from the Lower Affiliate Team to participate in the Original Team's regular season, playoff, exhibition or tournament games; and

- (b) one other Team that is in a higher category or higher age division (for this purpose, the “Higher Affiliate Team”) for the purpose of permitting players from the Original Team to participate in the regular season, playoff, exhibition or tournament games of the Higher Affiliate Team.

6.5 AAA Team Affiliations. For the purposes of Rule 6.4(a), AAA Teams may affiliate only with another AAA Team of a lower age division. For the purposes of Rule 6.4(b), AAA Teams may affiliate only with another AAA Team of a higher age division. Other than Under 21 “AAA” Teams, AAA Teams may not affiliate with any Team in the AA or A categories. Under 21 “AAA” Teams can affiliate with a Midget Team in the AAA, AA or A category.

6.6 AA Team Affiliations.

- (a) For the purposes of Rule 6.4(a), AA Teams may affiliate downward with a Select or A Team of the same age division or a Select, A or AA Team of a lower age division, or 19 Players at large from a House League Club that are from the same age division or lower.
- (b) When a Team is affiliating downward with a Select Team or 19 GTHL registered House League players at large, the names of those players must be filed with the League Office by November 15. If a player is listed on a game sheet as an affiliated player prior to November 15, the player must be included in the November 15 listing that is submitted.
- (c) For the purposes of Rule 6.4(b), AA Teams may affiliate upward with an A or AA Team of a higher age division. AA Teams may not affiliate with any AAA Team except that a Midget AA Team may affiliate with an Under 21 “AAA” Team.

6.7 A Team Affiliations.

- (a) For the purposes of Rule 6.4(a), A Teams may affiliate downward with a Select, A or AA Team of a lower category or age division or 19 players at large from one House League Club that are from the same age division or lower.
- (b) When a Team is affiliating downward with a Select Team or 19 GTHL registered House League players at large, the names of those players must be filed with the League Office by November 15. If a player is listed on a game sheet as an affiliated player prior to November 15, the player must be included in the November 15 listing that is submitted.

- (c) For the purposes of Rule 6.4(b), A Teams may affiliate upward with an AA Team of the same age division or an A or AA Team of a higher age division. A Teams may not affiliate with any AAA Team except that a Midget A Team may affiliate with a Under 21 “AAA” Team.

- 6.8 Affiliation with Midget Junior and Midget Senior Teams.** In instances in which a Club has been granted Midget Junior and Midget Senior Teams, that Club must “split” the Roster of the Lower Affiliate Team by identifying those players on the affiliation form and by assigning them as affiliated players to one of the two Higher Affiliate Teams.
- 6.9 Delivery of Affiliation Notice.** Before November 15 in any Season, each Club shall deliver to the League Office, or send by e-mail to the League Office’s e-mail address, an affiliation notice in writing which lists the affiliate Teams (both for the purpose of Rule 6.4(a) and for the purpose of Rule 6.4(b)) for each of the Club’s Teams. Where the affiliation notice indicates that a Club’s Team is affiliated with a Team from another Club, a copy of the affiliation agreement between the Clubs pertaining to such affiliation must accompany the notice of Team affiliations. A Club failing to file its affiliation notice by November 15 shall be assessed a fine of \$100 and will not be permitted to utilize any affiliated players after this date. All affiliation notices filed with the League Office will be available for review by any Club. No change to the affiliation notice can be made after November 15.
- 6.10 Automatic Termination of Affiliation Agreements.** All affiliation arrangements and designations terminate at the end of the Season, which for this purpose occurs when the higher category or age division Team completes its League and Playoff games.

Use of Affiliated Players

- 6.11 Limit of Ten Games.** A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to play for a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player’s registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player’s affiliated team, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. If a goaltender is brought up by the goaltender’s Higher Affiliate Team but does not play in any part of the game, this game shall not count as one of the ten games allowed provided that a Game Official has verified on the original copy of the game sheet that the goaltender did

not play. It is the responsibility of the Coach to make the request to the Game Official to make this notation.

For purposes of this Rule, only League and playoff games will count toward the 10 game limit.

- 6.12 Designation of Affiliated Players on Game Sheet.** The Team Official responsible for completing the gamesheet for any game in which a player participates as an affiliated player shall place the designation “AP” or “API” beside the name of such player, as appropriate, depending on whether or not the player is an import.

Section 7 - Registration, Eligibility and Releases

- 7.1 Players Must Be Registered.** All Teams must register each player on a Registration Certificate. A player is not eligible to participate in any League or Tournament game until the player is properly registered with the league. Teams must comply with the registration requirements for minimum and maximum number of players as set forth in Section 6. The GTHL Executive Director shall have the authority to decline the Registration of any player who is not in compliance with GTHL, OHF and Hockey Canada Regulations. This decision shall be subject to appeal as provided for in Regulation 15.2. The last day in any Season for registration of a Registration Certificate is January 15. If a Club is utilizing “on-line” registration, that Club is responsible for ensuring that each Registration Certificate is complete in its entirety and shall keep the Registration Certificates on file for a period of 3 years. “On-line” registration will not take place until the Club’s President, General Manager or Registrar is in possession of the properly completed Registration Certificate. Violation of this regulation will result in that Team losing one player’s registration certificate for the current season or one player’s registration certificate for the following season if the total allotment has been used for the current season and the Club will be fined \$500.00.

7.2 Team Officials Must be Registered.

- (a) All Team Officials must be registered on a Registration Certificate. A Team Official is not eligible to participate in any League or tournament game unless the Team Official is properly registered with the League. If a Club is utilizing “on-line” registration, that Club is responsible for ensuring that each Registration Certificate is complete in its entirety and shall keep the Registration Certificates on file for a period of 3 years. “On-line” registration should not take place until

the Club is in possession of the properly completed Registration Certificate. Violation of this regulation will result in that Team being permitted to register no more than four Team Officials for the current season.

- (b) Each Team may register up to five Team Officials in accordance with Rules 7.13 and 7.14. Where five Team Officials are registered, at least three of those Team Officials must have a coach or trainer's certification. A maximum of five Team Officials may appear on the bench during any game.

7.3 Release of Registration Certificates – Withdrawals. Registration Certificates for each Season will be released on a date set by the Board. Registration Certificates will not be provided to a Club until all the Club's account balance has been paid in full and the Club has paid a minimum of 25% of both entry fees and insurance premiums for all Teams under the Club's jurisdiction. Further post-dated cheques for the balance of monies owing towards the insurance premiums and for an additional 25% for Team entry fees must be provided, dated no later than May 31 of the current calendar year with an additional post dated cheque for the remaining 50% balance of the Team entry fees which is dated no later than November 1 of each calendar year. All Teams, other than Teams in the Midget and Under 21 age divisions, will be allotted a maximum of 20 Registration Certificates. All Teams in the Midget and Under 21 age divisions will be allotted a maximum of 25 Registration Certificates. Subject to the foregoing, all Registration Certificates will be released to the General Managers of Clubs on the same date.

Should the Club not pay its entry fees as required or should any postdated cheques not be cleared, then all Team approvals for the Club involved will be rescinded.

7.4 Players Under the Age of Nine. Except as provided in the following sentence, no person younger than 9 years of age (as of December 31 of the Season for which the person is to be registered as a player) shall be eligible to register as a player with any competitive Team in the League or in any of its Divisions. Minor Atom Teams in the League and the Divisions may register up to three players who will be 8 years of age (as of December 31 of the Season for which the player is to be registered). This rule applies to affiliated players. Where a Team has registered three underage players, no underage player may be played as an affiliated player.

7.5 Eligibility for Registration. Any person who meets the age requirements set forth in Rule 7.4 and who is an amateur in good standing shall be entitled to register as a player with a Team provided that:

- (a) such person is a resident within the defined boundaries of the League and/or is a bona fide import, and is registered with the League Office as provided in this Section 7;
- (b) such person has obtained any consent required from Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey Federation or any division of the Ontario Hockey Federation; and
- (c) such person complies with the OHF minor regulations regarding residential qualification

If, after registering with a Team, a player changes his habitual residency such that the player is no longer eligible to play in the League or if he moves after December 1 of any Season and such player attempts to re-enter the League's jurisdiction via "AAA" waivers, such player would remain eligible for the Team to which he was registered unless such player receives a release from the Club with which he was registered.

For the purposes of registration with Teams or Clubs in the League, a player must comply with Hockey Canada Regulation F.2 and applicable OHF policies (Not applicable to affiliated academic institutions).

7.6 Restriction on Registration at Older Age Levels. No person whose age makes such person eligible to participate in an age division from Minor Bantam to Midget (inclusive) may be registered as a player on a Team that is more than two years beyond the lowest age division in which such person is eligible to participate as a player. No person whose age makes such person eligible to participate in an age division from Minor Atom to Peewee (inclusive) may be registered as a player to participate on a Team that is more than one year beyond the lowest age division in which such person is eligible to participate as a player.

7.7 20-Year-Olds. An Under 21 "AAA" Team may register up to a maximum of six players who will become 20 years of age on or before December 31 of the Season. To be eligible, any such player must:

- (a) have been registered as a player with the League in the immediately preceding Season; or
- (b) have been registered as a player with an Under 21 "AAA" Team in the League in a previous Season; or

- (c) if not registered anywhere as a player in the immediately preceding Season, have been last registered as a player with a Team in the League; or
- (d) provide a justifiable rationale acceptable to the Board.

- 7.8 Signatures Required on Registration Certificate.** When a player is under 18 years of age at the time the Registration Certificate is signed by the player, the Registration Certificate must also be signed by the player's parent or legal guardian and the parent's or legal guardian's current residential telephone number must appear on the top of the front copy of the Registration Certificate.
- 7.9 Provision of Birth Certificate.** For all players participating in an age division where there is an age limit, each Team must provide a copy, certified or not as may be required by the League Office in its discretion, of each player's official birth certificate or other similar document. A copy of the birth certificate or other similar document need not be provided when it has previously been provided to the League Office.
- 7.10 Prohibition on the Provision of False Information.** No Team Official, player, parent or legal guardian shall knowingly provide or allow false information to appear on a Registration Certificate. See Rule 14.15 for penalty.
- 7.11 Registration with One Team Only.** Except for a player who has obtained a release in accordance with Rule 7.17 no player shall be registered with more than one Team in a single Season.
- 7.12 Dealing with two Registration Certificates.** If a player signs Registration Certificates with two Teams, the player shall be registered with the Team that first registers the Registration Certificate or completes the on-line registration process for such player with the League Office. The order of registration with the League Office shall be determined by the dates of League approval as stamped on the Registration Certificates or the submission time as determined by the on-line registration system; provided however, that a player who signs Registration Certificates with more than one Team shall be ineligible to commence play with the Team that first registers the Registration Certificate until January 1 of the applicable Season, unless relief is granted by a Special Committee after an appeal hearing at which the player demonstrates that there were special circumstances which justify such relief.

Notwithstanding the above, relief may be granted by the Chief Operating Officer in circumstances where it is clear that an error has occurred and both Clubs are in agreement as to which Club the player should be registered.

7.13 Team Officials. Except for persons who have received permission by the President or Executive Director to be a Team Official on more than one Team, no person may be registered as a Team Official with more than one Team or Club within the League or within the League and any of its Divisions. A person registered as a Team Official with a Club may participate as a Team Official in any game of any other Team of the Club with which the person is registered as a Team Official. A person registered as a Club Official or a Coach Mentor may participate as a Team Official in any game of any Team of that Club. In accordance with the policies of the OHF, all Team Officials must have completed a Hockey Canada Speak Out or Respect in Sport Activity Leader/Coach programme. The Head Coach of each Team must have certification in the Hockey Canada Body Checking Clinic. The Head Coach of each Team at the minor atom to atom “A” and “AA” categories must be Development 1 trained and at the minor peewee to midget “A” and “AA” categories must be Development 1 certified. The Head Coach of each Team in at the minor atom to peewee “AAA” categories must be Development 1 certified. The Head Coach of each team at the minor bantam to midget “AAA” categories must be certified at the High Performance 1 level. The Head Coach of each Under-21 “AAA” team is required to be Development 1 certified.

7.14 Trainer

- (a) Each Team must have a Trainer. Each Trainer must possess a valid HTCP Level I certificate (3 year validity period) or a higher valid HTCP certificate. The League recommends that all Trainers acquire Level 2 certification.
- (b) Each Team must have a first aid kit on the bench for all games. A \$25 fine will be levied against any Team found by the referee not to have an adequate first aid kit.
- (c) A Team’s Trainer must be on the bench at all games (unless attending to injured players from time to time). If the Trainer (or another Team Official who possesses a valid HTCP Level I certificate or higher valid HTCP certificate) is not present at the start of any game, the Team must request of the Head Coach of the opposing Team that its Trainer serve as the Trainer for both Teams in that game. Such consent must be granted by the Head Coach. If neither

Team's Trainer is on the bench, then the game will not proceed and it will be declared a defaulted game by both Teams.

7.15 Restriction on Team Officials Changing Clubs. A person who is registered as a Team Official in one Season may not, without the consent of the Club, Division or Affiliated Group with which such person is registered as a Team Official, be registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following Season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher age division of another Club, Division or Affiliated Group. In the case of Midget and Under 21 'AAA', this restriction also applies to Teams in the same age division. The consent of a Club, Division or Affiliated Group required by this Rule 7.15 must be sought and granted by that previous Club, Division or Affiliated Group prior to the new Club, Division or Affiliated Group announcing, publicizing and appointing an individual. The permission must be provided in writing, signed by a Club Official or by an official of the Division or Affiliated Group or be provided by e-mail sent by a Club Official or by an official of the Division or Affiliated Group to the e-mail address of the League Office. A Club, Division or Affiliated Group may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion, except that the Board or a Special Committee may grant relief from this Rule 7.15 in exceptional circumstances. The new Club, Division or Affiliated Group may not advertise (either in writing or orally) that a person who requires consent under this regulation will be a Team Official for that Club, Division or Affiliated Group nor is that individual permitted to participate in tryouts for the new Club, Division or Affiliated Group unless written consent has been granted by either the former Club, Division or Affiliated Group, the Board or a Special Committee prior to the advertising and/or tryouts being conducted. Any new Club, Division or Affiliated Group that violates this provision will be fined \$1,000 and the Team Official will not be permitted to register with that Club, Division or Affiliated Group for that season.

7.16 Team Official's Commitment Form. Any individual committing to accept a Team Official position with a Club, Division or Affiliated Group for the following season should sign a Team Official Commitment Form confirming such commitment. Any action to negate such commitment by the signatory, unless by mutual consent, will result in the signatory being ineligible for registration with any other Club Division or Affiliated Group for the season for which the commitment has been made. If the individual requires consent from his/her previous Club, Division or Affiliated Group as outlined in Regulation 7.15, such consent must be granted in writing prior to the individual signing the Team Official Commitment Form.

For the commitment to be enforced, the form must be filed by the Club,

Division or Affiliated Group with the League Office. The League will begin accepting these forms on January 15.

If a Team Official signs a Team Official's Commitment Form with two or more Clubs, Division or Affiliated Group, the Team Official's Commitment Form that is filed first with the League Office will be deemed to prevail. The consent of a Club, Division or Affiliated Group required by this Rule 7.16 must be provided in writing, signed by a Club Official or by an official of the Division or Affiliated Group or be provided by e-mail sent by a Club Official or by an official of the Division or Affiliated Group to the e-mail address of the League Office. A Club, Division or Affiliated Group may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion, except that the Board or a Special Committee may make a special ruling with reference to this Rule 7.16.

7.17 Releases During the Season. A release is valid only in the following four circumstances:

- (a) The first circumstance is where, after a player is registered with a Club and on or before October 1 of the current Season, a release is agreed upon in writing by the Club Officials and player (or his parent or guardian where the player is under 18 years of age) and (i) the release is then signed by the Club Officials, and (ii) the release is filed with and accepted by the League Office (within 7 days of being signed by the Club Officials).
- (b) The second circumstance occurs when, after October 1 and on or before November 15 of the current Season (or the first business day following November 15 when November 15 is a Sunday or statutory holiday): (i) the release has been signed by the Club Officials of the Club providing the release; and (ii) the release has been filed with and accepted by the League Office (provided that in any event a release will only be effective if it has been filed with the League Office within seven days of being signed by the Club Officials of the Club providing the release).
- (c) The third circumstance occurs when, after November 15, a player requests a release for a reason deemed reasonable and appropriate by the Executive Director and the Club with which the player is requesting the release has no objection to the release being granted.
- (d) The fourth circumstance occurs when, after a hearing, the release has been granted by the Board or a Special Committee.
A verbal release will not be accepted by the League Office.

- 7.18 Released Player is a Free Agent.** A player who has been released in accordance with the requirements of Rule 7.17 shall be considered a free agent within the League.
- 7.19 Player Not Released May Not Participate.** A player who has not been released from a Team may not participate in any game, whether regular season, exhibition, tournament or playoff, with another Team prior to his or her release being properly completed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 7.17 and being signed and registered with the other Team. No exceptions will be made to this Rule.
- 7.20 No Third Registration.** No Third Registration. A player may not register with more than two Teams in a single season without the prior approval of the Executive Director. If a Club wishes to release a player from his or her second Registration Certificate of the Season, then, prior to the release being approved, the Club and player/parents must provide written evidence and/or an explanation satisfactory to the Executive Director. If the Executive Director is satisfied with the written submission(s) then he may allow the release and allow the player to sign a third Registration Certificate for Season. Should the Executive Director consider the second release not to be appropriate or warranted, then the Club or player may appeal to the Board or Special Committee.
- 7.21 Releases At and After the End of Season.** All players are released from their Teams at the conclusion of each Season and, subject to compliance with all League Regulations, are free to Register with any Team in the League for the following season effective the first day of tryouts.
- 7.22 Outstanding Equipment and Registration Fees.**
- (a) Players accepting equipment from any Club must return same upon request. Any player failing to return a Club's equipment shall be indefinitely suspended until such time as said equipment is returned to the Club. Any player failing to return a Club's equipment within 14 days from the mailing of such request shall, in addition, be further suspended one week of regular league play for every week the equipment has not been returned in good condition after such request is made. Such requests must be made in writing to the player, quoting Rule 7.22 in its entirety, with a copy of such letter being forwarded to the League Office and such requests shall be considered sufficiently completed if mailed to the player's last known address. Failure on the part of the Club to notify the League Office of the date of return of the equipment shall invalidate any

suspension accumulated pursuant to Rule 7.22 and shall result in an automatic fine to the Club of \$50.

- (b) Any player who owes money (whether in respect of registration fees, Team dues or fund raising obligations) to a Club or any Team of that Club will not be eligible to have the player's Registration Certificate registered with another Club until such money has been paid, provided that the Club to which the money is owing has delivered a notice in writing, together with a statement of the monies owing, to the League Office on or before the end of the Season in which the failure to pay money has occurred. The League Office will promptly send a copy of the notice and statement of monies owing to the player at the player's registered address. The statement of monies owing provided by the Club shall include the amount of money that the Club states has been paid by or on behalf of the player and the amount of money that the Club states remains owing by the player. Any player who wishes to dispute that any money is owing to the Club, or any Team of the Club, or who feels aggrieved by the Club's claim of money owing shall be entitled to a hearing. If the notice required by this Rule is not delivered to the League on or before the end of a Season, the League Office will not, for that reason alone, refuse to register the Registration Certificate of the player for the following Season.
- (c) No Club, Team, Club Official or Team Official shall receive or demand or seek to obtain any payment of money, goods or services from a parent, player or other person or from any other Club or Team in connection with, or as a condition to, the granting of a release to a player. This prohibition shall not apply to development or development/release fees paid or payable by a junior Club or to any demand for payment of amounts due or the return of equipment pursuant to this Rule 7.22. Any Club, Team, Club Official or Team Official that is found to have received or demanded a payment prohibited by this Rule 7.22(c) shall be subject to a penalty that is determined by the Board or a Special Committee, in their sole discretion. Such penalty may include a suspension or a fine an amount not exceeding three times the amount of money or the value of the goods or services received or demanded, or both.

7.23 Return of Equipment, Collateral and Finances by Team Officials. Any Team Official who accepts equipment and/or collateral or who owes money to his Club must return such equipment and/or collateral or repay such funds upon request of the Club. Such requests must be made in

writing to the Team Official with a copy of such letter being forwarded to the League Office and such request will be considered sufficiently completed if mailed to the person's last known address. Failure to comply shall result in the Team Official being requested to appear before the Special Committee. Any person with outstanding equipment, collateral or amounts owing to his former Club will not be eligible to be registered as a Team Official with another Club.

7.24 Development Fees.

- (a) If a Team proposes to release a player to any junior Club, the Team must, as a condition of giving such release, require the junior Club to pay to the League a maximum development fee in accordance with the fee schedule listed in Rule 7.24(b)
- (b) The player release is automatically granted upon receipt of the maximum dollar figure paid by the new organization to the League. Teams can negotiate lower development fees only. A release is automatically granted upon receipt of the negotiated Development Fee with signed approval by the previous organization to the League. The League will not approve or process such release pending the physical receipt of the development/release fee from the junior Club by the League Office. The League will then immediately pay the player's former Club the amount received from the junior Club.

New Organization	Development Fee To Minor Hockey
OHL	\$1,000
Jr. A	\$750
Jr. B	\$500
Jr. C	\$400
Jr. D	\$300
Junior Home Community (Player in last year Midget Eligibility)	\$100

Note: No financial transactions will be permitted or tolerated on properly registered releases, transfers or registrations between minor hockey Teams.

- ## 7.25 Ineligible Players and Team Officials.
- An ineligible player or Team Official is defined to be a player or Team Official who is not in compliance with the Rules governing participation in the League including, but not limited to, membership or suspensions.

- 7.26 Conditions to Signing Players.** A Team Official or Club Official cannot, as a condition of signing and registering a player, demand or require such player to attend or participate in any private hockey school, educational institution or non-sanctioned Team event. Any Team Official or Club Official who is found, after a hearing by a Special Committee, to have made such demand will be suspended for at least one year.
- 7.27 Player Cannot Register with More Than One Team** A player, with the exception of players affiliating to Junior Hockey, may not register with or be eligible to play as an affiliated player (including a female development player) with any Team that is not a member of the League.

Section 8 - Tryouts and Tampering

8.1 Tryouts or Other On-Ice Sessions.

- (a) Tryouts will start on the Monday immediately following the OHF Championship weekend.
- (b) Tryouts will be held in sequential order with AAA tryouts being held first, then AA tryouts and finally A tryouts.
- (c) AAA tryouts, with the exception of the Under 21 age division, will commence first and be permitted for five consecutive days only. AA tryouts will commence immediately thereafter and be permitted for five consecutive days only. A tryouts will commence immediately thereafter and will be permitted for five consecutive days only. Under 21 age division tryouts will be permitted during the same period as the AA and A tryouts.
- (d) Tryouts may only be conducted and Teams may skate (including practices, on-ice sessions and exhibition games) during the allocated time set forth above. No tryouts shall be scheduled prior to 5:00 p.m. on a school day.
- (e) After the entire 15-day tryout period has ended, Teams may conduct practices and may continue to fill any positions that are available on their rosters. Any advertising for tryouts, practices and/or on-ice sessions for dates after the permitted tryout period will constitute a violation of this Rule. This rule will not prevent a Team from placing a "player wanted" advertisement after the tryout period, so long as the advertisement does not specify a specific tryout time. Under 21 Teams shall be exempted from this provision.

- (f) During the Season, no player who is registered with one Team will be entitled to participate in any practice or on-ice skating session conducted by or that is organized by or on behalf of a Team Official with any Team with which that player is not registered, except for players from Lower Affiliate Teams participating with their Higher Affiliate Teams.
- (g) The penalty for conducting tryouts and practices or any on-ice sessions outside the allocated time period, or allowing players registered with another Team to participate in practices or on-ice sessions as provided by this Rule 8.1, is as follows:
 - (i) the Head Coach shall be suspended for up to one year as is determined by a Special Committee and
 - (ii) the Club may be fined up to \$2,000.
- (h) During the Season, any player who, while registered with one Team, participates in practice or on-ice skating session of the kind prohibited by Rule 8.1 above that is organized by or on behalf of a Team Official with any Team with whom the player is not registered may not be permitted to register with that Team (or a successor team in the next higher age group) for the balance of the current season or the following season unless otherwise determined by the Board or Special Committee.

8.2 Prohibited Advertising.

- (a) Teams and Clubs shall not advertise the time, date or location of tryouts or the name of Team Officials for the following Season prior to March 15. For this purpose, any form of printed, whether public or private, solicitation (including promotional articles about existing Teams) that contains this information shall be considered as a form of advertising; however, responding to inquiries from individuals as to names of Team Officials for the following season will not be considered “advertising”.
- (b) Teams and Clubs shall not advertise “Players Wanted” anywhere until after the 15-day tryout period has concluded. No “Players Wanted” advertisement shall specify a specific tryout time. Under 21 Teams shall be exempted from this provision.
- (c) Any Team Official found responsible by the Board or a Special Committee for the publication of such prohibited advertising shall be suspended for a period of not less than 15 games or such further

period of time as is considered appropriate by the Board or a Special Committee.

- (d) Any Club Official found responsible by the Board or a Special Committee for the publication of such prohibited advertising shall be suspended for a period of not less than 60 days or such further period of time as is considered appropriate by the Board or a Special Committee.
- (e) Two or more individuals may be found responsible for the same publication.
- (f) The Club in respect of which the prohibited advertising has been placed will be fined up to \$500.

8.3 Tampering.

- (a) (i) Tampering is defined as any attempt or act, direct or indirect, by any Team Official(s) or individuals, to recruit a player away from the Team with which the player is currently registered.
- (ii) Tampering shall not exist when the action to recruit the player occurs after the applicable Club Official for the Team with which the player is registered has provided to the other Team Official or prospective Team Official a consent in writing, which authorizes him to speak with the player and/or the player's parent(s) for the purpose of recruiting the player to his Team.
- (iii) For greater certainty, tampering may include any skating session organized during the Season by or on behalf of a Team Official, a prospective Team Official or a person who becomes a Team Official at which one or more of the players on the ice is not registered with the Team with which the Team Official is registered, proposes to be registered or becomes registered. Tampering can occur regardless of whether the Team Official or prospective Team Official is on the ice and regardless of whether the ice rental for the skating session is in his name.
- (iv) Tampering shall not include any regularly scheduled skating session held by a legitimate skating or hockey skills instructor who in the ordinary course operates a school for the teaching of skating or hockey skills, provided that the skating session is part of the program ordinarily offered by the instructor and the skating session is made available to the general public and the skating session has been advertised publicly for not less than

60 days prior to being held and provided that the instructor or instructor's business is legitimately insured to protect the participants against injury or accident.

- (v) The exemption provided in paragraph (iv) above shall not apply if the skating or hockey skills instructor is a Team Official, or a prospective Team Official or becomes a Team Official and if any player at the skating session is in the age group for which he is registered, proposes to be registered or becomes registered. The Board or a Special Committee may, in its absolute discretion, choose to provide relief from this subparagraph (v).

- (b) In the event a Team is found to have violated any portion of Rule 8.3, the Club may be assessed a fine of up to \$1,000 and the Team Official(s) involved may be suspended for a period of up to one year. Any individual not currently registered with a Club or a Team, and who is found guilty of tampering or complicity in tampering, will not be permitted to register with any Club or Team for the balance of the current season and for the following season. In addition to the penalty provided in rule 8.3(b), any player who, while registered with one Team, participates in any training camp, practice or on-ice skating session of the kind prohibited by Rule 8.3(a) above that is organized by or on behalf of a Team Official with any Team with which the player is not registered shall be suspended for the period commencing with the start of the following Season to and including November 15 of that Season.

- (c) Any charge for an alleged violation of Rule 8.3 must be submitted in writing to the League Office within 60 days of the alleged violation, accompanied by a \$50 fee (refunded if the charge is validated) and including:
 - (i) nature of alleged infraction or charge;
 - (ii) date and location of alleged infraction;
 - (iii) names of individuals (players and Team Officials) involved;
 - (iv) names of Club(s)/Team(s) involved; and
 - (v) names of organization(s) involved.Any member of the Board or of the League's staff may initiate a complaint under this Rule 8.3 by following the same process as is provided in this paragraph 8.3(c) (other than payment of the \$50 fee).

Section 9 - League Play

9.1 Player Registration Fee. The Board shall determine the annual Player Registration Fee.

9.2 Game Times.

- (a) The League's schedule will specify the starting time for each game. A game may start prior to the scheduled starting time only when both Teams consent. In any event, no game may be started more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time.
- (b) The playing time for all games shall be stop time as follows:

	AAA			A & AA		
Minor Atom	12	12	12	12	12	12
Atom	12	12	15	12	12	12
Minor Peewee	12	12	15	12	12	12
Peewee	10	15	15	10	15	15
Minor Bantam	10	15	15	10	15	15
Bantam	15	15	15	15	15	15
Minor Midget	15	15	15	15	15	15
Midget	15	15	20	15	15	15
Under 21 "AAA"	20	20	20	–	–	–

- (c) (i) Three minutes are to be posted on the clock, for a warm up except for the Under 21 "AAA" division in which 5 minutes will be posted on the clock
- (ii) The Game Officials and Teams shall be at ice level at game time and the Game Officials are to order the clock started for the warm up period as soon as both nets are pegged and available for the Teams to begin their warm up. Teams must not enter the ice surface unless and until the Game Officials have entered the ice surface. When the Game Officials are not in the playing area it will be the responsibility of the Team Officials to ensure the compliance of their Teams. Game Officials are expected to be ready prior to the scheduled game time so that, if the Teams are ready, they will be available to permit the Teams to enter the ice surface. Should the League find that Teams and/or Game Officials are not acting reasonably, the League will take any necessary disciplinary action. Both the Teams and Game Officials are encouraged to get the game under way as expeditiously as possible.

- (iii) When two minutes have elapsed, or four minutes for Under 21 “AAA”, a Game Official will stand at centre ice and blow his whistle to let the Teams know they have one minute to get to their benches and get their starting lineup to centre ice. The clock shall keep running throughout the whole three minutes (or five minutes for Under 21 “AAA”), at which time the buzzer will sound. If one Team is, or both Teams are, not lined up and ready to start the game, the Team that is least ready to begin shall be assessed a delay of game penalty. Game Officials have no discretion when assessing this penalty and are directed to do so in every instance that a violation occurs.
- (iv) The timekeeper shall then set the time to the appropriate first period length for the age group.
- (v) Once the starting lineups are finally ready, the referee will drop the puck at centre ice to start the game.
- (vi) From the start of the third period onward, if the spread in the score is five goals or more at any time, the game shall be running time. If the goal spread in the score reverts to a three goal difference, the game clock will return to stop time unless the score becomes a five goal spread again, in which case the running time will resume.

9.3 Limit on Number of Games. No Team shall play more than three games in a calendar day.

9.4 Notice for League and Playoff Games. As a general rule, a minimum of 48 hours notice of any league or playoff game will be given. However, where circumstances are beyond League control, Teams must be prepared to play any game on 24 hours notice. Notification by fax transmission or e-mail is acceptable providing it has been confirmed by a telephone call as a backup.

9.5 Minimum Number of Players. All Teams must have a minimum number of 12 players in uniform for all regular season and playoff games by the start of the third period. Failure to comply shall result in a mandatory penalty of \$10 per player short of the minimum player requirement being levied against the offending Team. The game result will stand.

9.6 Uniforms.

- (a) For all regular season and playoff games, the HOME Team must wear light or white coloured sweaters and the VISITING Team must

wear dark coloured sweaters. Matching Team socks in Team colours must be worn at all times (Note: not applicable to goaltenders). The referee will make the final decision if Teams are unable to resolve any sweater conflict.

- (b) Sweaters must be complete with numbers and must be available at game time as called for by the League schedule. Failure to comply with Rule 9.6(a) will result in the offending Team being assessed a fine of \$50.
- (c) All players registered on competitive teams and all on-ice Officials shall be required to wear or have embossed on their jerseys a standard Canadian flag patch either on their left sleeve or upper right chest.

9.7 Game Officials Fees. The fees payable to Game Officials shall be determined annually by the Board. Game Officials fees shall be paid by Teams at the arena box office prior to games. Game sheets will not be released until both Teams have paid the Game Officials fees.

9.8 Completion of Game Sheets. Prior to each game, a Team Official shall complete the game sheet listing the players and Team Officials participating in that game. (Note: A Team Official who will not participate in a game by being on the bench during the game should not be listed on the game sheet). The Head Coach of the Team is responsible for ensuring that the game sheet has been correctly completed in accordance with the requirements of this Rule 9.8 and, even if the game sheet has been completed by another Team Official, shall verify such correctness by signing the game sheet in the box provided for verification. Players who are affiliated players should be designated as “AP” or “API”, as appropriate. Each Team shall be permitted to designate one captain and up to three alternate captains. Players who are designated as the captain or alternate captains shall be designated on the game sheet as “C” or “A”, as appropriate. While a Team may use pre-printed Team lists, the Head Coach shall ensure that players who do not participate in the game are crossed off on the list and that a Team list is affixed to every sheet that comprises the game sheet. Players and Team Officials not participating in a game should not be listed on a game sheet except in the case of a player who appears to be late and is expected to arrive and participate in the game, in which case, such player’s name should in accordance with Rule 9.10 be included on the game sheet prior to the game commencing. Players or Team Officials who are suspended should be listed as such in the appropriate location on the game sheet. Team Officials who are participat-

ing in the game by being on the bench should be prepared to present a government issued photo identification card for verification to the Game Officials. A Team Official who is not on the bench at the commencement of a game may not join the bench until a stoppage of play during which a Game Official has been notified of the Team Official joining the bench. When that Team Official joins the bench with the consent of the Game Official, the Team Official's name shall be added to the game sheet. Any failure to complete a game sheet in accordance with this rule shall, upon the first offence, result in a warning to that Team. Any subsequent such offence by the Team shall result in a four game suspension to the Head Coach.

- 9.9 Identification of Illegitimate Player.** If a Team suspects that a player in a game is not, in fact, the player listed on the game sheet, the referee will, immediately upon notification of such suspicion by the Team Captain or Alternate Captain, require that player to write his name and birth date on the back of the game sheet and then forward same to the League Office. Failure to sign as requested shall be noted on the game sheet by the referee, and the offending Team Official(s) and each player involved shall be subject to a game misconduct penalty.
- 9.10 Adding Player's Name to Game Sheet.** Where a player is late and the player's name has been included on the game sheet prior to the game, the player will be permitted to participate. When the player's name has been inadvertently omitted from the game sheet, the Game Official shall permit the name of such player to be added to the game sheet before the game has ended, provided that the player was in uniform and on the ice or the players' bench at the start of the game.
- 9.11 Supply of Pucks.** It is the home Team's responsibility to supply ample pucks in proper condition at all games. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in a two-minute bench minor penalty being assessed.
- 9.12 No Suturing on Bench.** Suturing or the administration of any form of medication to a player by any Team Official (including a trainer), other than a medical doctor or a parent, is forbidden. Any violation of this regulation may result in the immediate suspension of the administering individual and an accompanying fine to the Club concerned, the amount of which will be determined by the Board or President or Chief Operating Officer.
- 9.13 No Non-Registered Individuals on Bench.** Non-Registered individuals are not permitted under any circumstances on the Team's bench during a

game. Where it is found that a non-registered individual is on the bench and is participating in the game, the game shall be recorded as a 1-0 victory in favour of the non-offending Team except in the case of a game won by the non-offending Team, in which case the actual score shall stand. Further, the Team Official found responsible for permitting the non-registered individual to be on the bench will be suspended for six games.

9.14 Defaulted Games.

- (a) If a Team defaults a game, a fine of \$400 shall be levied, payable within 30 days to the League Office. Teams failing to pay fines within a reasonable time period may be removed from further competition and/or subject to whatever sanction is deemed necessary by the Board. Teams guilty of defaulting a game more than once in a season shall be reported to the President or the Chief Operating Officer for further disciplinary action.
- (b) The score for a defaulted game shall be 1-0 for the non-offending Team.
- (c) The Team Officials of any Team deliberately defaulting a game for any reason shall be indefinitely suspended until the case is reviewed by the President or the Chief Operating Officer.

9.15 Effect of an Ineligible Player or Team Official Participating in a Game. If any player or Team Official participates in a game while the player or Team Official is suspended or ineligible, then, in addition to any other penalties provided elsewhere in these Rules to the player or Team Official, except in the case of an ineligible player or Team Official participating as a result of an understandable mistake as referred to below, the game shall be recorded as 1-0 win in favour of the opposing Team except in the case of a game won by the non-offending Team, in which case, the actual score shall stand. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the opposing Team won the game in any event, then the actual game score shall stand. Where a Club or Team Official submits that the participation of an ineligible player or Team Official was the result of an understandable mistake (and not an error resulting from a failure to review the game sheet or the Team's roster form), and where the points lost by the Team as a result of this rule would exceed 6, the Club or Team Official may provide a written explanation to the Executive Director and request a hearing before a Special Committee to determine whether or not circumstances exist for relief from this rule.

- 9.16 Effect of Dressing more than the Permitted Number of Players.** If any player or Team Official participates in a game while the player or Team Official is suspended or ineligible, then, in addition to any other penalties provided elsewhere in these Rules to the player or Team Official, except in the case of an ineligible player participating as a result of an understandable mistake as referred to below, the game shall be recorded as 1-0 win in favour of the opposing Team except in the case of a game won by the non-offending Team, in which case, the actual score shall stand. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, if the opposing Team won the game in any event, then the actual game score shall stand. Where a Club or Team Official submits that the participation of an ineligible player was the result of an understandable mistake (and not an error resulting from a failure to review the game sheet or the Team's roster form), and where the points lost by the Team as a result of this rule would exceed 6, the Club or Team Official may provide a written explanation to the Executive Director and request a hearing before a Special Committee to determine whether or not circumstances exist for relief from this rule.
- 9.17 Games Included in Standings.** Only completed games, or games deemed to be completed, are to be included in the standings.

Section 10 - Playing Rules

- 10.1 Hockey Canada Rules to Apply.** Rules of Hockey Canada shall apply except as varied from time to time by the League. A referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. The referee's decision shall be final on all questions of fact and not subject to appeal.
- 10.2 Protective Equipment**
- (a) All players participating in regular season, exhibition, tournament or playoff games must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet with the chin strap properly fastened and a BNQ approved throat protector. All players must wear CSA approved full facial protectors properly affixed to the helmet and extending down to the chin. The straps of the facial protector shall also be fastened to the hockey helmet.
 - (b) During the course of play, if a player other than the goalkeeper, loses his or her helmet he or she shall immediately retrieve and properly fasten the helmet or proceed directly to his or her players' bench. Failure to comply shall result in a minor penalty being assessed. When a goalkeeper loses his or her helmet during the course of play, the referee shall immediately blow his whistle to stop play and signal

a faceoff at the nearest faceoff point. If a goaltender is adjudged by the referee to have deliberately removed his helmet, the referee shall assess a two-minute minor penalty for “delay of game”. If this deliberate action occurs when an opponent is on a breakaway over the centre red line, or occurs during the last two minutes of regular playing time, a penalty shot shall be awarded to the non-offending Team.

- (c) If a player deliberately removes his or her helmet to fight or to challenge an opponent to fight, he or she will be assessed a gross misconduct. (GRM31)
- (d) If, while two players are engaged in a fight, either player’s helmet is removed, intentionally or unintentionally and in any circumstances whatsoever, both players must cease fighting immediately. Any player who fails to do so will be assessed a gross misconduct penalty. (GRM31)
- (e) Where a player wears a helmet and/or facial protector in an offset position during play, play shall be stopped and a misconduct penalty shall be assessed to the player.

10.3 No Jewellery. All players participating in any regular season, exhibition, tournament or playoff game shall not wear any personal jewellery during such game. Violations will result in the offending player’s Team being assessed a bench minor and the offending player being prevented from participation until such time as the jewellery is removed.

10.4 Removing a Face Mask Any player who during play or any stoppage of play, whether as part of any fight or altercation or otherwise, deliberately removes the helmet of an opponent (which for this purpose shall not include the opponent’s helmet coming off as a result of a bodycheck), shall be assessed, in addition to any other penalties properly assessable to the player, a gross misconduct for removing a helmet (GRM31). Any player who as part of any fight or altercation removes his or her own helmet shall be assessed, in addition to any other penalties properly assessable to the player, a gross misconduct for removing a helmet (GRM31).

10.5 Zippered Pants. Hockey pants with a zippered inseam shall be worn with the zipper completely closed. If a zipper is broken or if the inseam of the hockey pants is torn, then the player will be required to tape or otherwise repair the pants to produce the same effect as the zipper being closed or the tear being fully repaired. If player comes onto the ice to participate in a game with pants that do not comply with this Rule, the player

shall be ordered off the ice as soon as a Game Official becomes aware of the problem. At that stoppage of play or the next stoppage of play (if this occurs during play), a warning shall be issued by a Game Official to both Teams. After such warning has been given by the Game Official to the Teams, any player who comes onto the ice to participate in the game with pants that do not comply with this Rule shall be assessed a misconduct penalty for illegal equipment.

- 10.6 Injured Players.** When, in the opinion of a Game Official, a player other than the goaltender is injured due to an infraction of the rules by an opponent and the offending player is assessed a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty or, alternatively, a Match penalty for deliberate injury for the infraction, the injured player shall retire to his players' bench or dressing room when the penalty/penalties are assessed and must remain out of the game for the next five minutes of playing time. If the injured player returns to the ice before the five minutes have elapsed, he shall be considered an ineligible player. If the presence of an ineligible player is brought to the attention of a Game Official prior to resumption of play following the first stoppage of play after the five minute restriction has expired, the offending Team shall be assessed a Bench Minor for 'Ineligible Player'. Additionally, any goal scored by the offending Team while the ineligible player is illegally on the ice shall not be allowed.

Section 11 - Playoffs

- 11.1 Rulings by Board or Special Committee.** The Board, or a Special Committee, the President or the Chief Operating Officer, may make any special rulings that may be required during or in respect of playoffs. All Teams participating in OHF/Hockey Canada playdowns will be required to register 15 players.

11.2 Breaking Ties

- (a) All ties for first place or the last playoff position shall be resolved in accordance with paragraph (b) below. All other ties shall be resolved in accordance with the tie breaking procedures set forth in paragraphs (c), (d), (e) or (f), whichever is applicable, below.
- (b) If at the end of the regular schedule, two Teams are tied for either first place or the last playoff position, the tied Teams will play a one-game playoff to determine which Team is awarded first place or the last playoff position, as the case may be. If at the end of the regular schedule, more than two Teams are tied for first place or the

last playoff position, the Teams will play a single-game elimination tournament to determine which Team will be awarded first place or the last playoff position. A coin toss will determine which Team will get a “bye” from the first game and will play the winner of an extra game between the other two remaining Teams. If more than two Teams tie for the last two playoff positions (similarly, if more than three Teams tie for the last three playoff positions, etc.), then the tie breaking formulas set forth below shall be used to determine all of the positions that are higher than the last playoff position and a playoff game or games in accordance with this paragraph (b) shall be used to determine the final playoff position. In all of these cases, a coin toss will be used to determine the home Team for each game.

- (c) When two Teams are tied for a playoff position at the completion of a balanced schedule:
 - (i) the Team with the most wins shall be awarded the higher position.
 - (ii) if still tied after (i) above, the Team having the most wins against the other shall be awarded the higher position.
 - (iii) if still tied after (i) and (ii) above, utilizing all games of the regular schedule, add the goals for and the goals against together and divide the total into the goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage being awarded the higher position.
 - (iv) if still tied after (i), (ii) and (iii) above, the Team that scored the first goal in the season series between the tied Teams is awarded the higher position.
 - (v) if still tied after (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above, a one-game playoff will be played to determine which Team is awarded the higher position.
- (d) When more than two Teams are tied for a playoff position at the completion of a balanced schedule:
 - (i) the Team with the most wins shall be awarded the highest position.
 - (ii) if all the Teams are still tied after (i) above, utilizing all games of the regular schedule played between the tied Teams, add the goals for and the goals against together and divide the

total into the goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage being awarded the highest position.

- (iii) if all the Teams are still tied after (i) and (ii) above, a single coin toss will determine which Team is awarded the highest position.

Once this method determines the Team to be awarded the highest position, the tie-breaking process is repeated from the beginning with the remaining Teams to determine which Team is awarded the next highest position. If only two Teams remain, Rule 11.2(c) should be used to determine which Team is awarded the next highest position. If more than two Teams remain, then Rule 11.2(d) shall continue to be used until only 2 Teams remain tied.

- (e) When two Teams are tied for a playoff position at the completion of an unbalanced schedule:
 - (i) utilizing the games between the two Teams, the Team that won the most games shall be awarded the higher position.
 - (ii) if still tied after (i) above, utilizing all games of the regular schedule played between the two Teams, add the goals for and the goals against together and divide the total into the goals for, with the Team having the higher percentage being awarded the higher position.
 - (iii) if still tied after (i) and (ii) above, the Team that scored the first goal in the season series between the tied Teams shall be awarded the higher position.
 - (iv) if still tied after (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a one-game playoff will be played to determine which Team is awarded the higher position.
- (f) When more than two Teams are tied for a playoff position at the completion of an unbalanced schedule:
 - (i) if the tied Teams have played an equal number of games against each other during the regular schedule, then the Team with the most wins in games between the tied Teams shall be awarded the highest position.

- (ii) if still tied after (i) above, utilizing all games of the regular schedule between the tied Teams, add the goals for and the goals against together and divide the total into the goals for, with the Team having the highest percentage being awarded the highest position.
- (iii) if still tied after (i) and (ii) above, a single coin toss will determine which Team is awarded the highest position.

Once this method determines the Team to be awarded the highest position, the tie-breaking process is repeated from the beginning with the remaining Teams to determine which Team is awarded the next highest position. If only two Teams remain, Rule 11.2(e) should be used to determine which Team is awarded the next highest position. If more than two Teams remain, then Rule 11.2(f) shall continue to be used until only two Teams remain tied.

11.3 Playoff Teams. The number of Teams that participate in the playoffs shall be as follows:

Number of Teams in Group	Number of Teams Making Playoffs
5 – 7	4
8 - 9	6
10-16	8
17 or more	12

11.4 Overtime in Playoffs

- (a) Overtime may take place in playoff games at the discretion of the President or the Chief Operating Officer. Only a maximum of two 10-minute, stop-time overtime periods can be played unless otherwise extended or authorized by the Board.
- (b) Where overtime is necessary and is advised by the League Office, each overtime period will be a 10-minute, stop-time sudden-victory period. Teams will not change ends before the first period of overtime but will change ends after each overtime period.
- (c) Despite 11.4(a) and 11.4(b) above, the League Office shall, for scheduling purposes, have the discretion to amend the overtime provisions, provided that in doing so the League Office shall

notify both Teams of the applicable overtime rules prior to the commencement of each game.

- 11.5 Players Eligible for Playoffs.** Only players who are registered with the League Office on Registration Certificates will be recognized in AAA, AA and A playoffs. Any Teams having player(s) who are not registered with the League Office are ineligible for playoff or playdown competition.
- 11.6 Variations in Playoff Format.** In special circumstances, the Executive Director, in conjunction with the Board may vary any playoff structure. In each playoff series, the Team that first reaches six or eight points, as designated prior to the commencement of the playoff series, shall be declared the winner.
- 11.7 Last Playoff Date.** Playoffs shall be completed by the last day of OHF Championship weekend.

Section 12 - Tournaments, Exhibitions and Overseas Trips

- 12.1 Exhibition Games.** Any Team wishing to play any exhibition game must first notify the League Office, advising the place, date, time and opponent for the game. If the exhibition game is outside the League boundaries, written application must be made to the League Office (on form provided) in order to be considered for approval. If a Team fails to obtain permission from the League for an exhibition game, the Team Official deemed responsible for the breach of this rule shall be indefinitely suspended until the President or the Chief Operating Officer reviews the case.
- 12.2 No Changes to Scheduled Games.** Regularly season games cannot be changed in order to play exhibition games for any reason whatsoever.
- 12.3 Filing of Game Sheets for Exhibition Games and Tournaments.**
- (a) Any Team playing an exhibition or tournament game must use an official game sheet and certified officials.
 - (b) A copy of each exhibition or tournament game sheet must be forwarded to the League Office. The responsibility of filing the game sheet with the League office is as follows:
 - I. For tournament games hosted by a GTHL Club, the game sheet(s) must be filed with the League Office as per GTHL Regulation 16.1(y).

- II. For tournament games hosted by an Organization other than a GTHL Club, the participating GTHL team must file a copy of the game sheet with the GTHL Office within 7 business days after the completion of the Tournament. Failure to do so will result in a \$500.00 fine being levied to the Club.
- III. For exhibition games involving two GTHL Teams, both teams must file a copy of the game sheet with the GTHL Office within 7 business days after the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in a \$500.00 fine being levied to the Club.
- IV. For exhibition games involving one GTHL Team, that team must file a copy of the game sheet with the GTHL Office within 7 business days after the completion of the game. Failure to do so will result in a \$500.00 fine being levied to the Club.

12.4 Overseas Applications. All applications for Overseas Trips must be received in writing by the League Office no later than 90 days prior to the Team's scheduled departure date. All such applications must comply with Section 12.5 and Hockey Canada overseas trip rules shall apply unless stated otherwise.

12.5 Content of Overseas Applications. Each overseas trip application must include the following:

- (a) Country or countries to be visited.
- (b) Copy of invitation from host country, such invitation to indicate affiliation with the I.I.H.F. or its branch.
- (c) Dates for leaving and returning to Canada.
- (d) Copy of financial arrangements and guarantees.
- (e) Copy of itinerary.
- (f) Application, to be accompanied by a \$150 sanction fee, plus a deposit cheque in the amount of \$1000, both cheques payable to the League.
- (g) A written statement acknowledging the guarantee of payment of travel, accommodation and meals for the official representative of the League or the Hockey Canada representative.
- (h) Non-compliance with these rules will result in approval being voided and forfeiture of the deposit.

- (i) Upon confirmation of the Team trip itinerary, purchase of overseas transportation and adherence to all parts of Section 12.5, the aforementioned deposit will be refunded to the applicant.

12.6 Hosting Overseas Teams. Teams wishing to host a Team from overseas must submit a formal letter of application to the League Office no later than ninety (90) days prior to the overseas Team's proposed arrival, such letter of application to include:

- (a) name, age level and classification of overseas Team.
- (b) name, age level and classification of hosting Team.
- (c) confirmation of affiliation with the I.I.H.F. or its Member Federation.
- (d) places and dates of proposed games, if available, at time of application.
- (e) hosting fee of \$150.
- (f) a listing of any other Teams the host will be contacting regarding playing a game against such overseas Team.

12.7 Inclusion of League or Hockey Canada Representative. Each Team wishing to travel overseas must include, at the Teams' expense, an appointed representative of the League or Hockey Canada (Transportation, private accommodations, meals).

12.8 Applications to Participate in Tournaments and for Other Schedule Exemptions.

- (a) Any Team wishing to have an exemption period from the League schedule may, no later than 5 weeks prior to the start of the period for which the application is being made, submit to the League Office a duly completed Schedule/Tournament Exemption Application Form signed by the Team's Club President or General Manager. Schedule Exemptions may be requested for Tournament Play, Religious Holidays or any other reason whatsoever. Any Team entering a tournament at any time, must first have an approved Schedule/Tournament Exemption form in order to be sanctioned to participate in such tournament.
- (b) When a Team has submitted a Schedule/Tournament Exemption Form in full compliance with Section 12.8, the League will schedule no conflicting games for that Team.

- (c) No Team shall be allowed to have more than three Schedule Exemptions during the regular season, whether or not they conflict with its scheduled games, with the exception of earlybird tournaments which are completed prior to the commencement of the regular season and Christmas tournaments. If a Club fails to make the application prior to the 5 week deadline, it may, once per season per Club, seek an exemption, provided that such request is made in writing to the League Office within 3 business days after the schedule has been posted on the schedule section of the GTHL website.
- (d) For each of the Canadian and American Thanksgiving weekends, no Club will be granted Schedule Exemption for more than the number of Teams stipulated herein. The number of Teams eligible for Schedule Exemption shall be determined by the total number of Teams that a Club has actively participating in League play for the current Season as follows:

Maximum Number of Teams Eligible for Schedule Exemption	Number Of Teams Actively Participating in League Play for the Current Season
1	1-6
2	7-12
3	13 or more

However, if a Club is hosting a sanctioned tournament, it may be granted Schedule Exemptions for any or all of its Teams providing they participate in that tournament.

- (e) A Team may not enter two tournaments operating at the same time.
- (f) Schedule Exemptions will not be granted during the last two weeks of the regular season schedule except as provided for in Regulation 12.8 (h).
- (g) Any Team eligible for, or participating in, a playoff series shall not participate in a tournament, with the exception of Regional or National Championships.
- (h) A Team may request schedule exemptions for a maximum of two days during the last two weeks of the Season and the League playoffs for recognized religious holidays as defined by the interfaith calendar (www.interfaithcalendar.org). A request will be granted only if it is made at least 5 weeks prior to the date for which an exemption is being sought.

- (i) Any Team entering a tournament must have a minimum of 12 players in uniform at the commencement of the tournament. For a violation of this regulation, the Club will be fined \$250.00.
- (j) Following completion of each tournament, a copy of the game sheet for each game played in the tournament must be submitted to the League Office as per Regulation 12.3 (b). For violation of this regulation, the Head Coach will be suspended for 3 games.
- (k) The Head Coach of any Team, once accepting an invitation to a tournament, who fails to notify the Tournament Chairperson that the Team cannot meet its obligation to the tournament at least 3 weeks before the tournament, or withdraws during the tournament, may be suspended up to 6 games. In addition, the Club may face a fine of up to \$500.

Note: Any Team that has been given a conditional tournament approval and fails to fulfill a commitment to the League by defaulting a League game as a result of participation in such tournament will for the current season or the following season, as determined by a Special Committee, lose one tournament approval and the Head Coach for such Team shall be suspended for up to 6 games as determined by a Special Committee (to be served as directed by the Special Committee so that the Team is not without Team Officials for any particular game).

- 12.9 Club Fundraising Night.** Each Club shall be entitled to designate one night during the season when none of its Teams will be scheduled to play a game in order to permit the Club to stage a Club event. The Club must designate such night to the League Office in writing no later than five weeks prior to the night requested.
- 12.10 Obligation to Play League Games.** Teams playing in tournament, exhibition or playdown games must first fulfill their obligations to the League.
- 12.11 Non-Application of Affiliation Rule.** The affiliation regulation does not apply to the status of a player participating in a tournament, e.g. Minor Bantam playing in a Bantam tournament.
- 12.12 Tournament Must be Sanctioned.** No Team whose players are registered with any Branch of Hockey Canada or with a town or city local League which is affiliated with a Branch, shall compete in any tournament unless that tournament has been granted a sanction permit by the Branch in whose territory the tournament is to be conducted or by the minor

committee or minor association which is recognized by the Branch for that territory.

- 12.13 Out-of-town Requests.** Requests for out-of-town trips shall be made to the League and not directly to the O.H.F.

Section 13 - Behaviour

- 13.1 Standard of Behaviour.** Spectators, Team Officials, Club Officials, Game Officials, Division Officials, League Officials and players are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all games, whether regular season, exhibition, playoff or tournament. Spectators, Team Officials, Club Officials, Game Officials, Division Officials, League Officials, Players, parents, Volunteers, or League employees shall not use any abusive, profane or discriminatory language or gesture that is directed at any other person or is related to any sanctioned hockey activity, including any such language that is posted on Internet chat lines, on social networking Internet sites such as “Facebook”, “Flickr”, “Instagram”, “Myspace”, “Twitter”, “Tumblr”, or via text messaging or other forms of electronic information transfer. Such behaviour will render any individual in violation of this regulation subject to discipline as provided in Section 11 of the GTHL Speak Out Policies and Procedures. Any act of physical violence, or threatened physical violence, by any spectator, Team Official, Club Official, Game Official, Division Official, League Official or player against any other person (other than physical acts that are part of the game of hockey), will not be tolerated. No Team Official, Club Official, Game Official, Division Official, League Official or player shall engage in conduct, whether on-ice or off-ice, that brings the League, any Club or Team into disrepute.
- 13.2 Ejection from Game.** Any spectator, Team Official, Club Official, Division Official, League Official or player who behaves in a manner that does not meet the standard described in Rule 13.1 may, in the Game Official’s discretion, be ejected from the game or the playing area of any game. In the case of any Team Official, Club Official or player participating in the game, any such ejection may be in addition to any penalty that may be imposed by the Game Official under the rules of hockey. In the case of any ejection of a spectator, the onus of ensuring that the spectator obeys the ejection falls upon the Team to which the spectator is related. The Game Official may delay any game until any ejection is complied with.
- 13.3 Damage to Arenas or Failure to Abide by Arena Rules.** Any spectator, Team Official, Club Official or player who causes any damage to any

arena or any property therein or who fails to abide by the arena's rules or regulations will be subject to such discipline as may be imposed by the Board or a Special Committee. The President or the Executive Director shall have the power to impose any interim discipline pending a hearing before the Board or a Special Committee. In addition, the player, Team Official or Club Official responsible for the damage may be assessed the expenses related to fixing such damage and may be barred from further competition.

- 13.4 Prohibition of Spectator.** Any spectator whose conduct is found by the Board or any Special Committee to be disruptive and not conducive to the well-being of the game may be prohibited from attending games and/or any arena(s) as determined by the Board or a Special Committee for a specified period of time. The President or the Executive Director shall have the authority to impose any interim prohibition pending a hearing. The onus of enforcing such a prohibition falls upon the Club to which the spectator is related. In any instance where the Club has difficulty enforcing the prohibition, the Board or a Special Committee may suspend the player to whom such spectator is related or may void his or her Registration Certificate.
- 13.5 Suspension of Team Officials, Club Officials and Players.** In addition to ejection from a particular game pursuant to Rule 13.2, any Team Official, Club Official or player whose conduct does not meet the standard required by Rule 13.1 may be required by the President or the Chief Operating Officer to appear at a hearing before the Board or a Special Committee. Upon completion of the hearing, the Board or the Special Committee shall be entitled to impose such further suspension or discipline as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate having regard to the behaviour of the Team Official, Club Official or player.
- 13.6 Suspension or Discipline of Game Officials.** Any Game Official whose behaviour does not meet the standard described in Rule 13.1 may be disciplined for such failure by the Co-Coordinator of Officials or may be required by the President or the Chief Operating Officer to appear at a hearing before the Board or a Special Committee. Upon completion of the hearing, the Board or the Special Committee will be entitled to impose such further suspension or discipline as it, in its discretion, considers appropriate having regard to the behaviour of the Game Official.
- 13.7 Prohibition on Food and Beverages.** In arenas that have snack bars, restaurants or other food and beverage facilities in operation before, during and after games, Teams are required to respect any requirement

by the arena management that Teams not bring food or drink into the arena. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension of the head coach of the Team by the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Board or a Special Committee.

- 13.8 Prohibition of Air Horns, Whistles and Laser Pencils** On-ice Game Officials may stop play immediately whenever any spectator is found using a whistle, air horn or a laser pencil to disrupt play. The offending spectator may be ordered to leave the arena by the on-ice Game Official(s). Play will not resume until the spectator leaves.
- 13.9 The use of All Tobacco Products** No participant (player, Team Official or Game Official) may use tobacco products, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes during any league, playoff, exhibition or tournament game, or practice (on or off ice) sanctioned by the League.

Any player or Team Official found to be using tobacco products, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes in any arena during a game will be ejected from that particular game.

Section 14 - Suspensions and Penalties

- 14.1 Responsibility of Team Officials to Enforce Suspensions.** It is the responsibility of Team Officials to ensure that any suspended player or Team Official fully serves his or her suspension. Any player or Team Official who incurs a suspension, whether in a regular season game, an exhibition game or a tournament game, must, except as provided in this Section 14, serve the suspension with the Team with whom the player or Team Official is registered in the next following regular season or playoff games and, until the suspension has been fully served, the player or Team Official will not be eligible to participate in any tournament or exhibition games of the Team with whom the player or Team Official is registered or any affiliated Team with whom the player is eligible to play or the Team Official is eligible to act as a Team Official.
- 14.2 General Provision for Suspensions.** Any player, Team Official, Division Official or Club Official found by the Board or a Special Committee to have violated the League's Constitution, By-laws, Rules and Regulations or Policies may be suspended for a period as determined by the Board or Special Committee.
- 14.3 Allowing Participation of Suspended Team Official.** Any Team Official who knowingly participates in a game while that Team Official is suspended or with another Team Official of the same Team who has been

suspended will be automatically suspended for a period of six games for each game in which this occurs.

14.4 Allowing Participation of Suspended or Ineligible Player or Team Official. Any Team Official who participates in a game and allows a suspended or an ineligible player or Team Official to participate in a game shall be automatically suspended for a period of two games for each game in which the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official participates. If, after a hearing, it is determined that any Team Official knowingly allowed a suspended or ineligible player or Team Official to participate in a game, that Team Official shall be suspended for a minimum of six games for each game in which the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official participated. The Board or Special Committee may determine which Team Official was responsible for permitting the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official to participate in the game. If the Head Coach has participated in the game, he will be found to be the Team Official responsible for permitting the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official to participate in the game and the onus will be placed upon him to provide compelling evidence as to why another Team Official should be held responsible for permitting the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official to participate in the game. Where the Team Official deemed responsible for permitting the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official to participate in a game believes that the participation of the suspended or ineligible player or Team Official was the result of an understandable mistake (and not an error resulting from a failure to review the game sheet or the Team's roster form or a failure to clarify the nature of the penalty awarded with the Game Official), the Team Official deemed responsible may submit a written explanation to the Executive Director and request a hearing to determine whether or not circumstances exist for the Team Official's suspension to be reduced below the number of games that would otherwise apply. The Executive Director shall submit the request to a director for review and the director may or may not, in his or her discretion, grant a hearing before a Special Committee for the explanation to be heard. The Special Committee, upon hearing the explanation, may, in its discretion and upon being satisfied that the circumstances demonstrate that an understandable mistake occurred, reduce the suspension to a number of games that is less than the number of games that would otherwise apply.

14.5 Suspension of a Player. A player who participates while suspended or ineligible, shall be required to appear before a Special Committee. If, after a hearing, it is determined that the player knowingly participated in

a game while the player was suspended or ineligible, that player shall be assessed an additional one game suspension for each game in which the player participated while suspended or ineligible. The player shall also be required to serve the total suspension that was originally assessed.

14.6 Failure to Report. Any Team Official who is found by the Board or a Special Committee to have knowingly permitted his Team to play against ineligible players and to have not reported such ineligibility to the League Office shall be suspended for a period determined by the Board or a Special Committee. Such report shall be made to the League Office by the close of business on the second business day following the day of such game.

14.7 Dressing More Players than Permitted. If a Team dresses more than the maximum number of players permitted for a game, then, in addition to the effect on the outcome of the game provided in Rule 9.16, the offending Team shall be fined \$100 and the Team Official who is found by the Board or a Special Committee to be responsible will receive a six game suspension.

14.8 Minimum Suspensions – Probation

- (a) All minimum suspensions shall be in accordance with the GTHL Minimum Suspension List. This list may be found in the League's Yearbook and is posted on the League's website. If there is any discrepancy between the GTHL Minimum Suspension List posted on the League's website and the copy appearing in the Yearbook, the list posted on the website shall prevail. If there is any discrepancy between the GTHL Minimum Suspension List and the OHF Minimum Suspension List, the GTHL Suspension List shall be applied, provided that the sanction imposed by the GTHL Minimum Suspension List exceeds the sanction imposed by the OHF Minimum Suspension List in relation to the same offence.
- (b) In accordance with the GTHL Suspension List, all suspensions will commence with the next scheduled game immediately following the game in which the suspension was incurred. In all cases the game in which the violation occurred will not count as part of the suspension assessed.
- (c) Clubs will be notified by the League Office of all suspensions levied which are in excess of those specified in the GTHL Minimum Suspension List. Notification will be given within 24 hours of the ruling(s) and prior to the completion of the related automatic

minimum suspension. Clubs may appeal all suspensions in excess of the minimum suspensions as described in the GTHL Minimum Suspension List.

- (d) Minimum suspensions that are provided in the GTHL Suspensions List cannot be appealed unless an appeal is brought forward pursuant to the provisions contained in the League's Policy on Review of Video. The length of suspensions which, according to the GTHL Minimum Suspension List, are "indefinite" will be determined after a hearing by a Special Committee or any two members of the Board, and such decisions will be final and not appealable, except where permitted by the OHF By-Laws.
- (e) Where multiple minimum suspensions are issued to a player or Team Official, all suspensions are to be served consecutively and not concurrently.

Infraction	Suspension
GM21	3 games
GRM24	3 games
GM34	2 games
Total:	8 games

In this example, the individual must serve all eight games. Further, because this is an accumulation of minimum suspensions, they are not appealable, either in whole or in part.

NOTE: Player's and/or Team Official's discipline records indicating an unacceptable accumulation of game misconduct penalties may result in further discipline to the player and/or Team Official.

- (f) A player, Team Official, Division Official, Club Official or Club "on probation" may expect that any further infractions occurring during the probationary period will be dealt with more severely than if not on probation.

14.9 No Activity During Suspension. When a Team Official is assessed a suspension he or she will not be allowed to participate in the League sanctioned games from the time of the assessment of the suspension(s) until the suspension(s) have been served in their entirety.

14.10 Team Officials and Club Officials not to Participate while under Suspension. Any Team Official or Club Official under suspension will not be permitted to direct a Team during any game that is played during his

or her suspension. A Team Official or Club Official under suspension must not be in the vicinity of the dressing room or players' bench before, during or after any game in which the suspension is being served. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a suspension of six games pursuant to Rule 14.3, or such other number of games as determined appropriate by the Board or a Special Committee.

- 14.11 Players not to Participate while under Suspension.** A player must not be in the vicinity of the dressing room or players' bench before, during or after any game in which a suspension is being served. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a further suspension of a length as is determined appropriate by the Board or a Special Committee, but which shall in any event not be less than one game.
- 14.12 Ejection from Game for Four Penalties.** Any player assessed a total of four penalties of any kind in any game (whether regular season, exhibition, tournament or playoff) shall be ejected from that game only notwithstanding any suspensions that may occur as a result of the assessment of another type of game ejection penalty as the fourth penalty or subsequent penalties in the same game.

14.13 Serving Suspensions

- (a) Any player or Team Official who incurs a suspension, whether in a regular season game, an exhibition game or a tournament game, must, except as provided in either paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) below, serve the suspension with the Team with which the player or Team Official is registered in regular season or playoff games and, until the suspension has been fully served, the player or Team Official will not be eligible to participate in any tournament or exhibition games of the Team with whom the player or Team Official is registered or any affiliated Team with whom the player is eligible to play or the Team Official is eligible to act as a Team Official.
- (b) A player or Team Official who incurs a suspension in an exhibition game or in a regular season game and who has not fully served his or her suspension prior to his or her Team participating in a Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament (which for this purpose includes an approved international tour or series of games) for which the Team obtained a tournament approval prior to the occurrence of the event (except as provided in (g) below) giving rise to the suspension shall not participate in any such tournament game until the Team has played the same number of tournament games as equals the

number of games remaining in the suspension immediately prior to the commencement of the tournament. Once the Team has played that number of tournament games, the player or Team Official may participate in any remaining games in that tournament. However, if the suspension is not fully served by the time that the tournament ends, the player or Team Official must serve the number of games remaining in the suspension in the next following regular season games. The relief granted by this paragraph (b) is not available with respect to any tournament that is not a Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament. In order to access the relief granted by this paragraph (b), game sheets for the tournament games must be submitted to the League Office within three business days following completion of the tournament.

- (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b) above, a player who has incurred a suspension as a result of being assessed a Match Penalty shall, for all purposes, be and remain suspended until the President or the Chief Operating Officer has made a determination as to whether or not to impose any suspension in excess of the suspension imposed by the GTHL Suspension List. Accordingly, a player who incurs a suspension as a result of being assessed a Match Penalty shall not be eligible to participate in a Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament game, notwithstanding having served the number of games specified in the GTHL Suspension List, if prior to the commencement of such tournament the President or the Chief Operating Officer has not made a determination as to whether or not to impose a suspension be greater than the minimum prescribed by the GTHL Suspension List.
- (d) 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 into League games. However, if the suspension is not fully served by the time that the tournament ends, the player or Team Official must serve the number of games remaining in the suspension in subsequent League games (whether regular season or playoff).
- (e) A player or Team Official who is suspended in a tournament game and whose suspension is not fully served by the time the Team commences participation in a subsequent Hockey Canada sanctioned tournament shall be entitled to apply the rule provided in paragraph

- (b) above with respect to any games remaining in the suspension at the commencement of such subsequent tournament.
- (f) Any suspension received as a result of a Match Penalty prior to participation in a Branch or Provincial Playdown must be fully served prior to such Player being deemed eligible for participation in such Playdown.
- (g) Any suspension incurred by any player or Team Official during a tournament shall be reported to the League Office prior to the close of business on the third business day following the last day of the tournament. Any Team failing to report any suspension within this period of time shall be fined \$500. Any tournament game used to serve a suspension will not count for the purpose of League play until such time as the game sheet for such tournament game has been submitted to the League Office. (Example: If a player completes serving a suspension in games in a weekend tournament, and his Team has a League game scheduled for the following Monday, the relevant game sheets must be submitted to the League Office on Monday for the player to be eligible to play Monday evening.) Suspensions may be reported for the purposes of this rule to the League Office by phone call, voicemail or email, provided such notice is received during normal business hours.

14.14 Serving Suspensions at the End of the Season

- (a) Except as provided below, if a player or a Team Official receives a suspension that is not served fully by completion of League play and playoffs (including the Clancy or Founders' Cup tournaments), that suspension will "carry over" for the next Season with the player or the Team Official to the Team with which the player or Team Official registers for the following Season. The player or the Team Official is eligible to participate in tryouts, but once the player or Team Official signs a Registration Certificate, the suspension is revived following tryouts and the player or Team Official is not eligible to participate in any Hockey Canada on-ice event until the suspension has been served.
- (b) If at the time of completion of League play and playoffs (including the Clancy or Founders' Cup tournaments), a suspended player or Team Official still has suspensions not fully served, the player or Team Official may serve such suspended games as follows:

- (i) to the extent provided in paragraph (d) below and provided that the requirements of that paragraph are satisfied, the player may serve the suspension as an affiliated player with the player's Higher Affiliate Team during the Higher Affiliate Team's playoff games; or
 - (ii) the player or Team Official may serve the suspension in a sanctioned post-season tournament
- (c) In order for a player to serve a suspension following completion of League play and playoffs (including the Clancy or Founders' Cup tournaments), as an affiliated player with the player's Higher Affiliate Team during its playoff games, the player must have, prior to the incurrence of the suspension, participated as a Legitimate Player with the Higher Affiliate Team. The playoff games of the Higher Affiliate Team in which the player is listed on the gamesheet of the Higher Affiliate Team as a suspended player will only reduce the number of "carry over" suspension games for the player to the extent of the number of playoff games of the Higher Affiliate Team in which the player subsequently participates as a Legitimate Player (i.e. a player with a two-game suspension at the end of League play and playoffs may by serving the suspension with the player's Higher Affiliate Team eliminate the carry over aspect of the suspension provided that the player sits two games and then plays in two playoff games with the Higher Affiliate Team. If the player sits two games but only plays in one playoff game, the carry over aspect of the suspension would only be reduced by one game). The player must attend the games of the Higher Affiliate Team in which the player is listed on the gamesheet as a suspended player and the player must sign the gamesheet as evidence of the player's attendance. Finally, before the player is eligible to participate in any playoff game for the Higher Affiliate Team, the Club must apply in writing to the League Office for confirmation of the player's eligibility and provide the League Office with copies of all relevant gamesheets to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of this paragraph (d). The League Office will review the material and confirm eligibility within two business days of receipt of all written material.
- (d) Prior to completion of League play and playoffs (including the Clancy or Founders' Cup tournaments), a player may not utilize the provisions of paragraph (d) above to serve a suspension with a Higher Affiliate Team.

- (e) A player who receives a suspension while playing as an affiliated player after the completion of his registered Team's League play and playoffs (including the Clancy or Founders' Cup tournaments), will be permitted to serve all or part of the suspension with the affiliate Team as if he were a member of the affiliate Team. Any unserved portion of the suspension will "carry over" to the next Season as per Rule 14.14(a).
- (f) Carry over suspensions may be served at the beginning of a Season in sanctioned pre-season tournaments.

14.15 Providing False Information. Any Team Official or player who allows false information to appear on a player's or Team Official's Registration Certificate or who knowingly make a false representation to the League shall be suspended for a period to be determined by the President, the Chief Operating Officer, the Board or a Special Committee. Where the false information is provided by or allowed to appear on a Registration Certificate by a parent or legal guardian required to sign the Registration Certificate, any suspension shall apply to the player.

Section 15 - Protests and Appeals

15.1 Right to Appeal Grievance. Any player or Team Official who feels aggrieved with regard to his status with a Team, a Club or the League may appeal his situation as set out below. Such appeal will be heard either by the Board or a Special Committee, at the discretion of the President or the Chief Operating Officer. Such appeal must be accompanied by an appeal fee of \$250. A Special Committee may provide for a refund to the appellant of such fee in whole or in part if, based on the evidence presented at the appeal hearing, such refund is warranted in the Committee's discretion. The player or Team Official must appear at the hearing and the hearing will not proceed in the absence of the player or Team Official unless otherwise determined by the Board or Special Committee hearing the matter.

15.2 Notice and Appeal Fees.

- (a) Appeals to the League from a decision of the President or Executive Director or from an automatic sanction with a right of appeal as outlined in the League Regulations shall be filed with the League Office within seven days of receipt of notice of any such decision or sanction and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. An administration fee of \$20 will be charged for all hearings under this

Regulation, with payment to be made to the League separately from the deposit that is to accompany each appeal.

- (b) Decisions rendered by a Special Committee that are enumerated in OHF By-Law 5.9 shall be eligible for appeal to the Board and shall be filed with the League Office within seven days of receipt of notice of any such decision and must be accompanied by a deposit of \$50. An administration fee of \$20 will be charged for all hearings under this Regulation, with payment to be made to the League separately from the deposit that is to accompany each appeal.
- (c) Decisions rendered by the Board shall be final and not subject to appeal unless any such appeal is permitted under OHF By-Law 5.9.

15.3 Appeal Procedures. The following procedure shall be adhered to in the case of appeals:

- (a) Appeals may be heard by the Board or a Special Committee, if the required appeal deposit accompanies the appeal. Appeals will not be considered unless accompanied by the required deposit.
 - (i) All copies of the documentation provided to the League Office, by the player and/or the player's family or by the Team or Club as the case may be, shall be faxed, e-mailed or couriered to a Club Official of the Club involved or to the player or the player's family, respectively.
 - (ii) The Club shall be required to fax written or e-mail confirmation to the League Office indicating receipt of the documentation.
 - (iii) The League Office shall set a date for a hearing not sooner than 72 hours after it has received confirmation from the Club involved that it has received the documentation.
 - (iv) Written documentation which has not been provided to the League Office prior to the time at which the League Office sends notification to the parties of the date for a hearing shall not be introduced as evidence during the hearing by a party unless consented to by the other party prior to or during the hearing, or agreed to be accepted by the Board or Special Committee conducting the hearing.
 - (v) The League Office shall use reasonable efforts to determine whether any parties other than the player, Team Official or Club initiating an appeal, or the persons or Club against whom

any appeal is brought, are reasonably likely to be affected by the decision of the Board or Special Committee in connection with the appeal, and if so and if considered appropriate by the President or the Executive Director, will notify them of the date of the hearing and advise them that they might be affected by a decision of the Board or Special Committee and therefore will have an opportunity to make submissions at the hearing to the extent determined necessary or appropriate by the Board or Special Committee.

- (b) Where a player has been suspended and an appeal hearing has been requested, the League shall schedule a hearing not fewer than three days and not more than seven days (three days during playoffs) after receipt of the request from the Club involved. The Player must appear at the hearing and the hearing will not proceed in the absence of the player.
- (c) Where a Team Official has been suspended and an appeal hearing has been requested and granted, the League Office shall schedule a hearing not fewer than three days and not more than seven days (three days during playoffs) after receipt of the request from the Club involved.
- (d) Any Club/Team or respondent who is required to appear at a hearing and who withdraws or cancels a scheduled hearing less than 48 hours from the time scheduled for the hearing, or fails to appear at the hearing, will be assessed a fine of \$250.00 (except for exceptional circumstances).

15.4 Retention of Deposit. The League will retain the deposit that accompanies an appeal if the appeal is disallowed.

15.5 Appeals of Past Decisions.

- (a) Appeals of automatic sanctions, where such appeals are permitted by Regulation, or appeals from decisions made by the President or the Chief Operating Officer, may be heard either by a Special Committee or by the Board as a whole, the choice of forum to be at the sole discretion of the Officers of the League.
- (b) Any Club, Team Official or player who may feel aggrieved by a decision of a Special Committee or the Board may appeal to the Ontario Hockey Federation in accordance with League Regulation 15.2 and the OHF By-Laws, unless:

- (i) in the case of an appeal of a decision by a Special Committee, the President or the Chief Operating Officer determines that the matter will be heard first by the Board as a whole (in which case that Board decision may then be submitted for appeal to the OHF); or
- (ii) the matter is one that is not appealable to the Ontario Hockey Federation by virtue of OHF By-Law 5.10.

Where a matter is submitted to the Ontario Hockey Federation and the Coordinator of the OHF Appeals Committee determines, under OHF By-Law 5.16, that the matter does not qualify for a hearing pursuant to OHF By-Law 5.9, the matter shall not be subject to any further appeal to the GTHL Board.

- (c) Appeals to the Ontario Hockey Federation must conform to the requirements of the OHF Appeals Committee and be filed within 15 days from the date the decision sought to be appealed was sent to the appellant and must be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$300.

15.6 Forfeiture of Appeal Fee.

- (a) Where any appeal, protest, defence or charge is accompanied by a stipulated fee and such written documentation is withdrawn by the sender after being submitted to the League Office, the accompanying fee will be forfeited.
- (b) Failure to attend any hearing without due cause will result in the appeal fee being forfeited.

15.7 Procedures for Protests. The following procedures shall be required for any protest, except during the playoff schedule, where the Playoff Bulletin, containing Protest Procedures during Playoffs, shall prevail. Protests made regarding games played must be made in writing. Documentation relating to any protest, including a summary of any evidence to be submitted and a list of any witnesses to be called, shall be prepared in triplicate (one copy for the League Office and one copy to the opposing Team and one copy for the protesting Team). The following procedures shall be followed for any protest:

- (a) **TIME:** Protests must be submitted to the League Office, to the attention of the Executive Director, and a copy must be provided to the opposing Team, within 48 hours of the scheduled time of the game being protested. If the protest documentation cannot be delivered

to the League Office during regular business hours, the Executive Director shall be notified by telephone during regular business hours that the protest is being submitted and a copy of the protest documentation shall be delivered to the League Office, by hand, facsimile or e-mail within the 48-hour period. For the purposes of this rule, if the 48-hour period would end on a Sunday or statutory holiday, the 48-hour period shall be extended to the same time on the business day next following the Sunday or statutory holiday.

- (b) **THE PROTEST:** The protest shall specify the regulations or rules, by number, pursuant to which the protest is being made. The protest shall be signed by a Club Official of the Club of which the protesting Team is a representative. The protest shall include a summary of the evidence to be submitted. Any letter of complaint submitted to the League Office which may result in a penalty to the Club whose conduct is being protested must be submitted under this protest procedure.
- (c) **PERSONAL DELIVERY:** For the purposes of this rule, the copy of the protest to be delivered to the opposing Team will be considered to have been delivered to the opposing Team if it has been delivered to a Team Official of the opposing Team or to a Club Official of the Club of which the opposing Team is a representative. A fax or e-mail transmission of the protest shall be deemed as personal delivery if verified as being received by the opposing Club Official.
- (d) **DEFENCE:** The Team against whom a protest has been submitted shall be allowed 96 hours from the published time of the game under protest (except in playoffs) to file its defence, together with copies of documentary evidence, if any, to be used at the hearing and a list of the witnesses to be called by the defence. Delivery shall be in the same manner as provided for in the delivery of protests. If no defence is filed within the proper time frame, the protest(s) will be automatically upheld. For the purposes of this rule, if the 96 hour period would end on a Sunday or statutory holiday, the 96 hour period shall be extended to the same time on the business day next following the Sunday or statutory holiday.
- (e) **FEES:** Each protest must be accompanied by a payment of \$50. The \$50 payment will be forfeited to the League should the protest be disallowed. Each defence must be accompanied by a payment of \$25. The \$25 payment will be forfeited to the League should the protest be sustained.

- (f) **THE HEARING:** Both Teams will, by notice given to a Club Official of the Club to which the Team belongs, be notified by the League of the date and place of the hearing. Each Team may be represented at the hearing of the protest. The General Manager of the Club, or any other Club Official, may also participate in the hearing. All protests will be heard by the Board, the Executive Committee or a Special Committee. The hearing shall take place within seven business days after all of the parties have been notified that a protest has been filed.
- (g) **REFEREE'S DECISION:** A protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question respecting interpretation of the rules of the game.
- (h) **THE PARTIES:** Except for a protest relating to residence qualifications, only the two competing Teams shall have the right to file a protest with respect to any game.

15.8 Appeals from a Division. A person, team or Association aggrieved by a final decision of a Division of the GTHL in relation to any dispute, difference or question and who was party to that decision may appeal the following standing issues to the League when or where:

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

15.9 Non Appealable Division Decisions. The following decisions made by a Division, provided that any such decision is not contrary to Hockey Canada, OHF or the GTHL Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations, shall be final and not appealable to the GTHL:

- a) any decision by a Division as to the outcome of any game or games;
- b) any decision relating to the classification of Teams within the jurisdiction of a Division;

- c) any decision relating to a tournament or exhibition game sanctioning;
- d) any suspension of fewer than seven (7) games;
- e) any suspension pursuant to the Minimum Suspension List.

Section 16 - Hosting Tournaments

16.1 Hosting Tournaments

- (a) League approval must be obtained in order for any Club, or group of Clubs, to host a tournament. A Club wishing to host a tournament that will begin at any time between pre-season and December 31, inclusive, must submit its "Tournament Hosting Application" form no later than January 31 of the calendar year in which the tournament is to be hosted. A Club wishing to host a tournament that will begin between January 1 and April 15, inclusive, must submit a "Tournament Hosting Application" form to the League no later than the March 31 preceding the tournament date. Each Tournament Hosting Application shall be accompanied by the applicable tournament sanction fee.
- (b) For each O.H.F. Branch Tournament (GTHL, O.M.H.A., Alliance Hockey, N.O.H.A.) the applicable tournament sanction fee shall not be less than the amount that is equal to \$10 times the number of Teams that will, as set forth in the Tournament Hosting Application, be participating in the Tournament and an additional \$10 for each Team from outside Canada.
- (c) The Tournament sanction fee shall also include a payment to the League of \$50 of which \$25 will be a donation to the Doctor Pashby Sports Safety Fund and \$25 will be a donation to the GTHL Legacy Fund. Such amount shall be included with the initial payment accompanying each Tournament Hosting Application.
- (d) All Tournaments sanctioned by the League must designate a Discipline Committee, the Chairperson of which shall be approved by the League.
- (e) No Tournament sanctioned by the League shall include the involvement or participation of any unrecognized (non-Hockey Canada) hockey organization unless approved by the Board. Non-compliance

will automatically terminate the application, the Hockey Canada tournament permit and all rights conferred thereby.

- (f) No tournament sanctioned by the League shall offer a cash prize to be paid to a Team or Club or a cash sponsorship donation to be made to a Team or Club based, in either case, on the Team's results or placing in the tournament. This Rule shall not prohibit gift certificates or merchandise being awarded to a single member of a Team who is selected as the "player of the game" (or equivalent) or the giving of gift certificates or merchandise donated by sponsors for distribution to all players or Team Officials participating in the tournament.

The Tournament Chairperson must send written confirmation of acceptance or non acceptance to the tournament to all applicant Teams at least six weeks in advance of the tournament. Failure to comply may result in a fine of up to \$500. If the hosting organization decides to cancel a category for any reason, it must offer a full refund to any Team that did not cause the cancellation. Full refunds must also be given to Teams which decline to play up a category.

- (g) A preliminary schedule must be submitted to the League Referee Co-coordinator four weeks prior to the start of the tournament. The final schedule must be submitted no later than 7 days prior to commencement of the tournament. Failure to comply will result in an administrative fee of \$500. No changes will be permitted within one week of the start of the Tournament.
- (h) For each international tournament, there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$100 plus \$50 for each Team from outside of Canada.
- (i) For each inter-branch tournament there shall be a minimum sanction fee of \$50 plus a fee of \$10 for each Team from outside the Hosting Branch.
- (j) All League Executive Passes must be honoured as a paid admission to all tournaments sanctioned by the League. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement will be a forfeit of all tournament sanctions for the following season.
- (k) All Clubs that have hosted tournaments are required to submit a financial statement of income and disbursements jointly signed by the Tournament Chairperson and President(s) of the Hosting Club(s), to the League within 60 days following the tournament.

- (l) Failure to comply with (k) above, shall result in a fine of \$200 and shall also result in the refusal to sanction any further tournaments until the fine has been paid.
- (m) During the league schedule, there will be no more than one tournament on any given weekend for a specific age division and category.
- (n) Clubs must apply for a specific number of Teams. If the tournament falls short of the specific number of Teams requested, the tournament request for the following season may possibly only be approved for the number of Teams that participated the previous season.
- (o) Any approved Tournament can increase the number of approved Team entries by applying the following formula:
 - (i) For tournaments with 6 to 39 Teams, up to 2 extra Teams.
 - (ii) For tournaments with 40 to 60 Teams, up to 4 extra Teams.
 - (iii) For tournaments with 61 to 80 Teams, up to 6 extra Teams.
 - (iv) For tournaments with 81 to 120 Teams, up to 8 extra Teams.
 - (v) For tournaments with more than 120 Teams, up to 10 extra Teams.

However, any such an increase must be reported to the League four weeks prior to the commencement of the tournament. Should the Tournament wish to increase by more than the optional limit, then the approval of the Executive Director is required and must be applied for at least six weeks prior to commencement of the tournament. Clubs which host tournaments and exceed the number of Teams sanctioned without first having received permission from the Executive Director will be fined the amount equal to the total tournament entry fees for the number of teams it accepted above the number in which they were sanctioned and for the subsequent two seasons the host will only be sanctioned to host the number of teams it was originally sanctioned for, less the total number of teams it exceeded in hosting.

- (p) No tournament will be allowed to accept applications from Teams of divisions and/or categories other than the tournament divisions/categories approved by the League without permission from the

Executive Director or, in the absence of the Executive Director, the Executive Committee.

- (q) No Club/association/group may host a tournament division and/or category in which it does not have an identical division/category Team(s) participating in the same season. The Don Mills Flyers Minor Pee wee, Mississauga Reps Novice, North York Hockey League Minor Midget & Novice and the Timmy Tyke are all excepted.
- (r) Permission to fill a vacancy in any tournament by a lower category Team will be based on that Team's standing at the time the request is made. It is recognized that in some instances tournaments may be in need of a limited number of non-category aligned Teams to "round-out" scheduling for the sake of economy and efficiency. Therefore,
 - (i) In the case of a Select Team participating in an A tournament, the Select Team must be within the top four Teams in the standings in its own category at the time of its application to the tournament. In the case of early bird tournaments, the Select Team must have been one of the top four teams at the completion of the previous season. For the purposes of this section, "Select Team" would additionally include a Mississauga Hockey League "Red" Team.
 - (ii) In the case of an A Team participating in a AA tournament, the A Team must be within the top four Teams in the standings in its own category at the time of its application to the tournament. In the case of early bird tournaments, the A Team must have been one of the top four teams at the completion of the previous season.
 - (iii) In the case of a 'AA' Team participating in a 'AAA' tournament, the 'AA' Team must be within the top four Teams in the standings in its own category at the time of its application to the tournament. In the case of earlybird tournaments, the 'AA' Team must have been one of the top four Teams at the completion of the previous season.
 - (iv) In the case of a 'AAA' Team participating in a 'AA' tournament, the 'AAA' Team can only be from the age group immediately below the tournament category within which it is seeking participation.

NOTE: Clubs hosting tournaments that accept non body checking teams must make the division(s) of the tournament in which those teams participate non body checking. The tournament organizers have the option to accept or refuse a non body checking team.

- (s) The host organization(s) may include such non-aligned category Teams in their Tournaments at their own discretion based on the following formula:
 - (i) For tournaments with 6 to 39 Teams, up to 2 such Teams
 - (ii) For tournaments with 40 to 60 Teams, up to 3 such Teams
 - (iii) For tournaments with 61 to 80 Teams, up to 4 such Teams
 - (iv) For tournaments with 81 to 120 Teams, up to 5 such Teams
 - (v) For tournaments with more than 120 Teams, a maximum of 8 such Teams.
- (t) Tournaments are to be hosted only by and for the benefit of the GTHL, Clubs, Divisions or Affiliated Groups and not for the benefit of private enterprise or non-related organizations. In situations where a third party is used to organize, market and advertise a tournament on behalf of a Club, Division or Affiliated Group, at the time of application for such tournament the third party involved must be named and evidence must be provided that the ice contract is or will be in the name of the Club, Division or Affiliated Group. Furthermore, the tournament must be advertised on the website of the Club, Division or Affiliated Group.
- (u) Tournament hosting applications will be approved on the basis of longevity of the tournament. If a tournament does not operate in any given year or loses its sanction, it loses its seniority.
- (v) No approval will be given to any new hosting Club(s) for a tournament which will compete/conflict with The Paul Coffey, Don Mills Flyers, NYHL Novice & Minor Midget, or the Bauer Challenge Cup Tournaments during the Christmas break, unless any of the tournaments mentioned above have reached capacity or do not operate in a particular year.
- (w) No Team or Player may compete in more than three tournament games in one day.
- (x) The Executive Director, or in the absence of the Executive Director, the Executive Committee will convey to each pertinent member Club

within seven calendar days a written decision as to its tournament Application.

- (y) Tournament hosts must submit all game sheets to the GTHL Office within 48 hours of completion of the tournament. Game sheets having Major, Match or Game Misconduct Penalties must have the penalties highlighted so the League Office can review them. For tournaments between December 26 and January 1, such game sheets must be brought into the GTHL Office on the first business day the office opens in January. Failure to comply with this regulation may result in a \$500.00 fine being levied on the Club hosting the tournament.

Section 17 - House League and Select Operating Guidelines

- 17.1 House League Guidelines.** The purpose of this Section is to establish operating guidelines for House League Organizations in order to ensure the integrity and success of their house league and house league select programmes. These guidelines are intended to provide general principles that House League Organizations should apply in a manner appropriate to their community, size and the best interests of their members. By complying with these guidelines, House League Organizations can ensure that their house league programmes and house league select programmes are legitimate and meet the required standards of their governing bodies. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as preventing a House League Organization, with respect to either its house league or house league select programmes, or an affiliated division, operating a tournament or house league select league, from imposing stricter standards than as set out in this Section.
- 17.2 Compliance with House League Guidelines.** No House League Organization, nor house league select programme, may operate under any guideline less strict than as set out in this Section unless it has obtained the prior written approval of the League.
- 17.3 Definitions for House League Guidelines.** Hockey Canada defines a “House League” as “a community oriented minor hockey programme structured to provide development and competition at the recreational level”. For the purposes of this Section, “House League Organization” means an organization that operates a House League as defined by Hockey Canada. For the purposes of this Section, a “House League Select Programme” is a programme where in order to be eligible to play select hockey a player must be registered with a recognized (sanctioned) House

League Organization and accordingly be an active participant in a recognized (sanctioned) schedule of House League games. For the purposes of this Section, a “Minor Development Programme” is a programme that is not a House League Select Programme and is not competitive (i.e. AAA, AA, A, B, C, D etc.). The guidelines in this Section fit these definitions and recognize both the community-oriented and recreational nature of House League programmes and House League Select Programmes. These guidelines also reflect the distinction made by the League between House League Select Programmes and competitive programmes.

- 17.4 Philosophy Related to House League Select Programmes.** The House League Select Programme is a hockey programme that is based in the House League and should be an extension of that programme. Players and their families that choose to participate in a House League Select Programme do so because it reflects the attitudes and community affiliation of the House League to which they belong and in which they participate. Therefore, the focus of a House League Select Programme should not be to emulate higher levels of competitive hockey (A and above), but to offer the values of House League programmes to a group of House League players participating in an advanced programme.
- 17.5 Registration of House League Players and Team Officials.**
- (a) House League organizations must ensure that each player is Registered in the Hockey Canada Registry or submit a standard player’s Registration form as issued by the League. Players may be Registered up to January 15 in any Season.
 - (b) Team Officials of all House League and House League Select Programme Teams affiliated with the League must be Registered in the Hockey Canada Registry or on the House League Registration forms and be Registered with the League Office prior to the commencement of participation in the House League or Select Programme.
- 17.6 Penalty for Failure to Register Participants Properly.** Any House League Organization that fails to comply with Regulation 17.5 shall be assessed a fine of \$1,000.
- 17.7 Payment of Insurance and Assessment Fees.** House League organizations are required to pay 25% of their Insurance and Assessment Fees (based on the previous year’s registration numbers) prior to being provided with access to the Hockey Canada Registry or Player Registration Certificates for the subsequent season. The balance of the fees (based on the previous year’s registration numbers) are due on or before November

1 of the current season. A reconciliation will occur after the last registration date of January 15 with either the balance owing being due upon receipt of the invoice or the League issuing the appropriate refund.

17.8 Operating Guidelines for House Leagues

- (a) **Residency.** A House League is a community-oriented programme and therefore the residency of its membership should reflect the geographic area surrounding its home arena or organizational base.
- (b) **Solicitation.** A House League may solicit new registrants by way of general advertising. While players registered with other House League Organizations in the previous season are not prohibited from choosing to move to a different House League Organization for the next season, such players should not be specifically and individually solicited by a House League Organization or any of its officials or representatives, including select coaches, officials or representatives.
- (c) **Acceptance of Players.** All applicants should be accepted to play in a House League, subject to any significant physical limitation and ice availability.
- (d) **Player Registration.** All players must be registered on a recognized House League Registration Certificate. A player may play in one House League and may sign only one House League Registration Certificate in a Season (subject to release provisions).
- (e) **Team Membership.** House League players should play on the same Team all Season, subject to transfers within the House League Organization for Team balancing purposes which should be completed by a date set by each individual House League Organization. This date should be as early as possible and in any event no later than January 1.
- (f) **Team/Division Organization.** House League divisions should be organized based upon the age of the players. It is recognized that some large House League Organizations (i.e. Mississauga Hockey League) group players of various divisions into separate subdivisions based upon skill levels. This format is acceptable provided it complies with these guidelines.
- (g) **Ice Time.** All players should receive equitable ice time during games.

- (h) **Skill Development.** Younger players should be offered the Hockey Canada Initiation Programme or other skill development programme.
- (i) **Number of Teams.** A House League division or a subdivision/tier must consist of a minimum of three Teams, whose players may be of more than one birth year.
- (j) **Team Sweaters.** House League Teams should each have their own distinctive numbered sweaters, and these should be distinct from the House League Organization's select Team sweaters.
- (k) **Game Schedule.** The posted schedule should consist of a minimum of 16 regular season games plus playoffs. All Teams should play at least once each week, if ice availability permits. If there is a bye Team, it should not go more than one week without a game.
- (l) **Playoffs.** All Teams should qualify for playoffs in order to reflect a House League's spirit of inclusiveness and equal play.
- (m) **Officials.** All games should be refereed by a minimum of two HCOP-certified officials.
- (n) **Game Sheets.** All games should be properly recorded on legitimate game sheets that are retained by the House League Organization's convener for each division or subdivision.
- (o) **Membership Fees.** There should be a fixed fee for House League membership that is separate and apart from any fee related to participation in the House League Select Programme.

17.9 Operating Guidelines for House League Select Programmes

- (a) Intent of House League Select Hockey. Teams participating in House League Select Programmes, while considered more competitive than House League Teams, are an extension of the House League and are intended to reflect the same spirit of community-oriented recreational hockey. Therefore, they should seek to be inclusive and provide as much opportunity as possible for House League players to participate.
- (b) House League Membership. All House League select players must be registered and active participants in a legitimate House League that is sanctioned by the League. The prime and important considerations are that:

- (i) Each player in a House League Select Programme is playing on a legitimate House League Team whose membership is substantially different from the membership of the House League select Team.
 - (ii) Each player in a House League Select Programme is playing on a bona fide and posted schedule of a minimum of 16 regular season House League games, plus playoffs, that are separate and distinct from the House League Select Programme games, practices and skill sessions.
- (c) Tryouts: All House League players should be invited to try out for their own House League Select Programme. A player must be registered in the House League in the immediate prior Season or for the coming Season prior to being eligible to participate in any tryouts for that House League Organization. In accordance with Rule 17.8(b), a Programme and its coaches, officials and representatives should not solicit players who were registered with another House League Organization in the previous Season, whether or not such players also played in a Programme. A Programme shall not conduct tryouts, nor finalize Team selection until after the conclusion of “A” Tryouts as defined in Regulation 8.1, and then, only with the provision that players have been registered with the League Office. Failure to comply with any of these provisions shall nullify the eligibility of the offending Team to participate in any aspect of the Programme.
- (d) Number and Membership of Select Teams. The ideal norm is viewed as one select Team coming out a single age House League division of at least four House League Teams. In these circumstances, the select players would constitute approximately 25% (less if more than four Teams) of the total number of House League players in the House League division. While this is regarded as the ideal norm, it is recognized that access to participation in the House League Select Programme should not be unduly restricted in situations where a House League Organization has a lesser number of House League players in certain birth years. Further, it is recognized that there are situations where it may be appropriate for a second select Team to be formed out of the same birth year. In order to accommodate these situations, the following variations from the ideal norm will be acceptable provided that the House League programme and the House League Select Programme are fully in compliance with both the letter and spirit of these guidelines:

- (i) In accordance with Rule 17.8(i), the minimum number of House League Teams in a House League is three. In this situation, one select Team is permitted to be formed from House League players in that division and the select players may not constitute more than 40% of the total number of House League players in the three Team House League division.
 - (ii) In a situation where there are four House League Teams in a combined-age division, there may be a maximum of two select Teams from that division, usually with one select Team being for the older age group and the other select Team being for the younger age group.
 - (iii) In circumstances involving a House League division of four or more House League Teams, the select players in the House League may not constitute more than 50% of the total number of House League players in the House League division.
- (e) **Size of Teams.** Select Teams must carry a minimum of 13 players (including goalies) and should try to carry as full a roster as possible (consistent with the number and skill level of applicants) in order to reflect the inclusive nature of House League Select Programmes.
- (f) **Ice Time.** All players should receive equitable ice time during games.
- (g) **Attendance at House League Games.** A House League Select Programme player is expected to attend all House League games unless for reasons of illness or injury. A House League Select Programme player should miss no more than three regular season House League games because of attendance at tournaments and should not miss any House League playoff games because of tournaments. A House League Select Programme player who attends less than two-thirds of his or her House League games will be considered ineligible for further participation in the House League Select Programme. House League Organizations may apply to the Board of the applicable Affiliated Division that is operating the House League Select Programme's league for relief from this provision due to illness or injury of the player.

17.10 Affiliation. Applications by a House League Organization for affiliation with the League must be submitted by September 1. Each application must be accompanied by the applicable affiliation fee and insurance premium as outlined in the application form.

17.11 Intermediate Fees. The affiliation fee for an Intermediate House League is \$100.

17.12 Volunteers. All affiliated House Leagues must register all other associated volunteers on special forms provided by the League.

Section 18 - Insurance

18.1 Mandatory Fees. Accident and Liability Insurance and associated participation fees are mandatory for all Teams and affiliates (including House League Teams) in the League. Coverage is effective from September 1 of each year to August 31 of the following year.

18.2 No Registration Certificates until Insurance Premiums are Paid. The League will not deliver Registration Certificates to Teams until the applicable insurance premiums for all players and Team Officials for its Teams have been paid.

18.3 House League Fees. House Leagues and Affiliated Groups that have not submitted their player/Team Official registrations and insurance premiums prior to regular House League season commencement may forfeit their membership in the League and shall be assessed a fine of \$100 for late payment.

18.4 Tournaments.

(a) There will be no insurance coverage for exhibition or tournament games unless written permission to participate in such tournament or exhibition games has been received from the League Office. This does not apply to those Teams using their practice ice for an exhibition game, provided that the Team has notified the League Office of the date, time, arena and opponent for the game.

(b) A copy of the Insurance Policy is available in the League Office for perusal.

18.5 Filing of Insurance Claims. All insurance claims must be accompanied by a legible copy of the game sheet relating to the game in respect of which the claim is made.

Section 19 - Media

19.1 Permission Required for Broadcasting, etc. Permission to televise or broadcast any League game, or any part of a game, which shall include publishing video to the Internet, must first be obtained in writing from the League. All requests must be in writing addressed to the Executive Director. Non-authorized auxiliary lighting will not be permitted in any arena.

19.2 Photography and Video

- (a) Only the following persons are permitted to take photographs and/or video at any game (including the warm-up) or practice occurring in any facility being used by the League or any of its Member Clubs:
 - i) a parent, grandparent, sibling or any other direct relative of a player participating in such game or practice;
 - ii) Team Officials and Club Officials of the Team(s) participating in such game or practice;
 - iii) Officers, Directors, Life Members and employees of the League;
 - iv) individuals assigned to do so by the League; and
 - v) recognized media outlets or other qualified persons expressly authorized in writing by the League in its absolute discretion.
- (b) These provisions are subject to, and shall not diminish, any rules and/or restrictions imposed by a municipality or an owner or operator of a facility.
- (c) Any permission noted above may be withdrawn at any time by the League in its absolute discretion.
- (d) Any Team Official who violates Rule 19 may be suspended by a Special Committee or the Board for a maximum of six (6) games. Any Club Official who violates Rule 19 may be suspended by a Special Committee or the Board for a period not to exceed 30 days. Any other person who violates Rule 19 may be barred from entering arenas and facilities leased by the League for a period of time determined by a Special Committee or the Board.
- (e) The taking of photography and/or video in the players' dressing room is strictly prohibited. Any individual(s) found to have violated this provision will be suspended indefinitely until such time as that

individual(s) appear before a Special Committee. The Special Committee may impose a suspension of no less than 6 games for each violation.

- 19.3 Use of League Marks.** Use of the League logo or any other current or former marks of the League on any website or any advertising or other promotional materials is strictly forbidden without written authorization from the League.

Section 20 - Champions, Awards and Recognition

20.1 Awards.

- (a) A Team trophy and a set of individual awards will be provided in all series of the GTHL Regular and Greater Toronto 'A' Playdowns to those Club Officials and players who are registered with their respective Teams by the League Office. A maximum of two additional awards may be purchased in addition to those registered.
- (b) All Cups and playoff trophies will be presented at times to be determined by the Board. Any Team Official or Division Official who refuses to allow a Team to remain on the ice for a league, Provincial or National trophy presentation, or any other presentation sanctioned by the League, shall be suspended for the balance of the season and not have his or her Registration Certificate accepted for the following Season.

- 20.2 Return of Trophies.** All playoff trophies of the League, including the Clancy Series must be returned to the League Office not later than December 1, of each hockey season. The General Manager or contact person is responsible for the return of all trophies. Failure to return trophies by December 1 (no extension) will result in a \$100 fine being levied against the Club or organization for each such trophy plus the cost of replacement if the trophy is lost or is not returned by February 1 of the following year.

Schedule A — Financial Disclosure Statements

Schedule A (Page 1 of 3)		(Name of Club)	
Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)			
As at ____ 30, 201A and ____ 30, 201B			
(Prepared on an Accrual Basis)			
	201A	201B	
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash and short term investments			
Accounts receivable			
Loans- related parties			
Prepaid expenses (registration, deposits)	_____	_____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Furniture and Equipment			
Other			
	_____	_____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Accounts payable and accruals			
Loans- related parties			
Deferred revenues (player registrations etc.)	_____	_____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Net Assets /Reserve/Fund Balances			
	_____	_____	
	\$ _____	\$ _____	
Approved on Behalf of the Board:			
	_____	(Signed)	

Schedule A (Page 2 of 3)

(Name of Club)

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets/Reserves/Fund Balances

Years Ended ____ 30, 201A and ____ 30, 201B

(Prepared on an Accrual Basis)

	201A	201B
Revenues		
Registrations-House league/Select		
Registrations- GTHL		
Tryouts		
Tournaments (Schedule A page 3)		
Sponsorships		
Banquets-club nights		
Ice sales		
Fundraising		
Investments		
Miscellaneous		
	\$ _____	\$ _____
Expenses		
Ice rentals		
Ice rental- GTHL home ice surcharge/subsidized ice		
Uniforms and equipment		
Referees, officials and timekeepers		
Pictures, trophies		
Training		
Advertising		
Insurance-GTHL		
Insurance-other		
Registration fees -GTHL		
Banquets and club nights		
Tournaments (Schedule A page 3)		
Bookkeeping		
Telecommunications		
Travel		
Advertising and promotion		
Office		
Payments to Related Parties		
	\$ _____	\$ _____
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____
Reserve- Net Assets/Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	\$ _____	\$ _____
Reserve- Net Assets/Fund Balances - End of Year	\$ _____	\$ _____

Schedule A (Page 3 of 3)

(Name of Club)

Statement of Tournament(s) Revenues and Expenses
 Years Ended ____ 30, 201A and ____ 30, 201B
 (Prepared on an Accrual Basis)

	201A	201B
Revenues		
Entry fees		
Gate admissions		
Sponsor fees		
Publications		
Other		
Total revenues, carried forward to Schedule A (page 2)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Expenses		
Ice rentals		
Referees, officials and timekeepers		
Advertising		
Trophies, awards		
Printing		
Advertising		
Tournament fees		
Hospitality, meals		
Travel		
Payments to Related Parties		
Telecommunications		
Other		
Total expenses, carried forward to Schedule A (page 2)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____

MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN CLUB HANDBOOK

1. Governance and Scope

- Incorporation / Legal status
 - Incorporated as a non-share corporation, operating as a non-profit organization, with current up-to-date government filings and by-laws. List the Officers and Directors and whether they are elected or appointed and for what term.
- Mission Statement
 - Define the mission statement of the Club or Organization.

2. Club Officials and Responsibilities

- Responsibilities of the President and General Manager
 - Describe the roles and responsibilities of the President and General Manager within the Club or Organization.
- Teams registered within the GTHL
 - Describe the number and levels of Teams registered in the GTHL.
- Registration fees
 - Set out the Club or Organization's registration fee and what is included in this fee.
- Equipment provided by the Club and return policy
 - State what equipment is provided by the Club or Organization and the policy for the use and return of equipment.
- Dress code
 - Define the dress code, if one is required by the Club or Organization. (This may be defined at Team level).
- Use of Affiliated players
 - Set out the Club or Organization's policy on use of affiliated players.
- Complaint procedures
 - Describe the process of complaint procedures within the Club or Organization.
- Financial assistance
 - State if the Club or Organization provides any financial assistance, and describe the process to obtain that financial assistance.
- Releases
 - Only the President and General Manager of the Club or Organization can grant Releases as set out in the GTHL Yearbook. Describe the process for a player to request a Release from the Club or Organization.

- Refund policy
 - State the Club or Organization's refund policy.
- Permission to Skate
 - State the Club or Organization's policy on Permission to Skate Forms.
- Use of Club name and logo
 - State the Club or Organization's policy with respect to the use of its name and/or logo.
- Disputes over Team Finances
 - Describe the Club or Organization's process for dispute resolution over Team finances.
- Payments to Club members or other Related Parties
 - State the Club's intention of making payments to or for the benefit of Club members or other Related Parties (as defined by Rule 2.1), beyond reimbursement of reasonable expenses. State that all such payments are duly disclosed separately in the Club's annual financial statements described in Rule 5.6
- Club Financial Statements
 - State the annual financial statements of the Club, as described in Rule 5.6, are available to any participant of the Club, upon request. State the timing of delivery of the financial statements to the requesting participants, which shall not exceed 10 days.
- Club Officials Commitment To Fairness
 - Statement of Club Officials commitment and responsibility to regularly inform their Team Officials of GTHL tampering rules, and their commitment to diligently investigating any allegation of tampering by any Team Officials in their organization that they become aware of.

3. Team Officials and Responsibilities

- Definition
 - List the Team Officials and their roles and responsibilities within the Team.
- Ice Time Policies
 - State the Team policy on ice times.
- Team Budgets and Financial Statements
 - Estimated Team budgets are to be presented in writing to the players and parents prior to the signing of a Registration Certificate, with full disclosure of anticipated Team fees for the year. Three interim financial updates and the final year-end statement are required to be published.
- Payment of Team Officials
 - Disclosure of any payments made, or to be made, to any Team Official or related parties.

- Team Bank Account
 - There must be no fewer than three signing authorities on each Team bank account; Team cheques or withdrawals require signatures of at least two people (at least one of whom is a Team parent who is not a Team Official or related to any Team Official).
- Team Meetings
 - State the frequency of Team meetings.
- School Hockey
 - State the Team's policy with respect to players' participation in school hockey programs.
- Code Of Conduct
 - State the Clubs expectation that all team officials will respect the League's code of conduct including honouring GTHL Rules against tampering.

4. Parent or Guardian Code of Conduct and Responsibility

- Payment of Fees
 - State the payment terms of the Team fees.
- Standard Code of Conduct
 - State the Team Code of Conduct that the Parents/Guardians must adhere to.
 - Sanction for Misconduct
 - State the sanction for any misconduct of the Parents/Guardians.

5. Players' Code of Conduct and Responsibility

- Player's Obligation
 - Describe the player's obligation and responsibilities to the Team.
- Standard Code of Conduct
 - State the Team Code of Conduct that the player must adhere to.
- Player Injury
 - State the Team policy if a player is injured and the policy for return to play.
- Sanction for Misconduct
 - State the sanctions for player misconduct.

Responsibilities of Coaching Staffs in Arenas

Unfortunately there are occasions where isolated areas of conflict develop between teams and arena managers simply because of a lack of understanding, or common sense, poor communication, or outright carelessness on the part of one individual member of a coaching staff. The following brief points hopefully will assist you in avoiding any problems with arenas and lead to providing a positive relationship throughout the hockey season:

1. Remember that you and your team are responsible for any damage to an arena dressing room in which you were the last known occupant. Flooded floors, marked walls and/or damaged plumbing facilities are usually the source of most complaints received by the GTHL. It is your responsibility to check your assigned dressing room first to ensure that no damage has been caused by a previous user. If something causes you concern, it should be reported to the senior maintenance person or manager on duty immediately. Similarly, one member of the coaching staff should be the last person to leave the dressing room after a game to make certain that no damage has been caused by any of your players, (e.g. debris in toilet, running water, marked wall, etc.). Any team deemed responsible for causing damage will have its Club invoiced by the League for the repairs and will risk further disciplinary action.
2. Team Officials are expected to provide a safe and comfortable dressing room environment with proper supervision for the players in accordance with the Ontario Hockey Federation's Policy on Dressing Room Supervision. The OHF's policy states that when any player under the age of 19 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, a minimum of two of the following shall be present in the dressing room(s) or immediately outside the dressing room(s) with the door ajar: two Team or Club/ Association Officials, properly screened or one such Official and an adult person associated with the team. In the situation of U21 hockey the coach may use an adult player over the age of 19 to be the second adult associated with the team. Any person found to be in violation of this policy will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence. **Note:** this policy does not apply to a player and his/her parent or legal guardian.
3. One of the greatest single complaints received by the GTHL relates to coaches (or parents) sneaking beverages into their team's dressing room either before or after a game. In arenas that have snack bars in operation, beverages or any other foodstuffs are not to be taken into the dressing room except in special circumstances where the arena manager has granted prior

approval. Arenas rely heavily on their snack bar sales to provide additional revenue, which in turn helps keep their ice cost increases to a minimum. Abuses by teams in sneaking beverages and food into a dressing room only reflect as an increased ice cost the following season, not to mention the occasional demand from an arena that the offending team be scheduled to another arena. During the season, any reported abuses will result in a fine being levied against the offending team's Club plus possible further action if deemed necessary. It is also a coach's responsibility to ensure that parents do not violate this policy.

4. Team Officials are responsible for any damage inflicted in an arena by their team when it is en route between the dressing room and players' bench.
5. Players and/or Team Officials identified as initiating or being party to fighting in an arena hallway must appear before the President or Special Committee before being permitted to take part in any future sanctioned games.
6. Please remember that any player or Team Official who accosts a Game Official (verbally or otherwise) following a game risks being assessed a minor or major penalty and/or being put on report. While the GTHL is proud of the multitude of coaches who donate their time to our sport, some still require a reminder that their personal deportment in an arena is expected to be that of a first class individual regardless of whatever the prevailing emotions or conditions might be. Irrational actions/emotions by any adult on a coaching staff only contribute to, create or initiate similar actions by the players.

GTHL Teams should be reminded that there is only one choice.

“FIRST CLASS or NO CLASS”

Thank you for your co-operation!



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SECTION SEVEN

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CHAMPIONS
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GTHL HOCKEY

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Promoting Positive Hockey Behaviour

The entire Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct Policy can be found on the GTHL Website at <http://www.gthlcanada.com/policies-and-forms>

Code of Conduct

1. The Greater Toronto Hockey League (“GTHL”) is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect.
2. During the course of all GTHL activities, athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers, officials, parents, directors, officers, volunteers, employees or chaperones and others within the GTHL and each of the GTHL Member Associations (defined as the Clubs, Divisions and Affiliated Groups accepted for membership in the GTHL from time to time):
 - a) shall conduct themselves, at all times, in a fair and responsible manner and refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, the GTHL will not tolerate behaviour that constitutes harassment or abuse or bullying;
 - b) shall avoid behaviour which brings the GTHL and/or its Member Associations, or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to the abusive use of alcohol and/or non-medical use of drugs;
 - c) shall not use unlawful performance enhancing drugs or methods, nor shall they engage in any activity or behaviour that endangers the safety of others; and
 - d) shall at all times adhere to the Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation (“OHF”), GTHL and its Member Associations’ operational policies and procedures, to rules governing Hockey Canada, OHF, GTHL or Member Association events and activities and to rules governing any competition in which they participate on behalf of Hockey Canada, the OHF, GTHL or GTHL Member Association.

3. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the loss or suspension of certain or all privileges connected with the respective Member Association and/or GTHL including the opportunity to participate in Hockey Canada, OHF, GTHL and its Member Association activities. Such discipline may include the removal or ban from an arena, games, practices and other Team activities.

Introduction

The Policy document includes Policies and Procedures that enhance the Hockey Canada and Ontario Hockey Federation Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct Policies and Procedures. All GTHL Member Associations are obligated to adhere to these Policies and Procedures as stated.

The following policies have been approved by the GTHL Board of Directors. It is the obligation of all GTHL Member Associations to adhere to these policies.

Please refer to the following for more information:

1. GTHL Policy on Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct – www.gthlcanada.com/policies-and-forms/harassment
1. Hockey Canada Policy on Harassment and Abuse – www.hockeycanada.ca
2. OHF Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct Policy – www.ohf.on.ca
3. OHF Code of Conduct – www.ohf.on.ca
4. Hockey Canada “Safety for All” Booklet – www.hockeycanada.ca

Hockey Canada Co-Ed Dressing Room Policy

The following is the policy of Hockey Canada with respect to coed dressing in which the OHF will adhere to:

Hockey Canada firmly believes in accommodating both genders in our great game. We further believe in balancing this goal with the safety, privacy, modesty and wishes of all our members without compromising the aspects of camaraderie, social integration and bonding inherent in a team sport. This policy attempts to meet all these goals while providing a safe and respectful environment for our participants.

1. Hockey Canada stresses the importance of coaches in ensuring both male and female players have equal access to pre and post team sessions and to all team related activities.
2. Hockey Canada recognizes the physical limitations of some facilities and encourages our members to work with local facility management to ensure that appropriate changing facilities are available to both genders.
3. Hockey Canada allows co-ed dressing room situations to exist at the initiation Program, novice and atom levels, 5-10 years of age provided participants in a co-ed situation either arrive in full equipment or wear at a minimum gym shorts or long underwear as well as a full t-shirt (no tank tops) all of which must be in good condition and without holes/tears.
4. At the PeeWee (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:
 - Females and males will change in separate rooms
 - Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
 - The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
 - The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.
 - When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.

It is the belief of Hockey Canada that these provisions adequately address issues of team unity/camaraderie and provide for the modesty/privacy of all participants.



Ontario Hockey Federation Policy on Dressing Room Supervision

To provide a safe and comfortable dressing room environment with proper supervision for the player and team officials.

Dressing Room Policy:

It will be the Policy of the Ontario Hockey Federation that, when any player under the age of 18 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, a minimum of two of the following shall be present in the dressing room(s) or immediately outside the dressing room(s) with the door ajar: two team or club/association officials, properly screened or one such official and an adult person associated with the team.

In the situation of Juvenile or U21 hockey the coach may use an adult player over the age of 19 to be the second adult associated with the team.

Sanctions:

Any person found to be in violation of this policy will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.

Notes:

1. This policy does not apply to a participant and his/her parent or legal guardian.
2. This policy to include "tryouts".

Effective Date:

Effective date was November 1, 2013.

For more information please visit www.ohf.on.ca and/or contact:

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GTHL Concussion Policy

STEP 1: Identifying a suspected concussion and removal from play

- a) **What is a concussion?** A concussion is an injury to the brain caused by a blow to the head or to another part of the body that causes the brain to move inside the skull. All players who experience any concussion signs and symptoms (Figure 1) following a blow to the head or another part of the body is considered to have a suspected concussion and must stop participation in the hockey activity immediately. A hockey activity is defined as any GTHL on-ice or off-ice team function.
- b) **A suspected concussion can be identified in three ways:**
- Self-reported signs and symptoms – Even if only one symptom (Figure1)
 - Observed signs and symptoms from the team officials
 - Peer-reported signs and symptoms from players, parents, and/or team officials
- c) **Who is responsible for removal from play?** If a suspected concussion occurs, it is the responsibility of all team officials (coach, assistant coach, trainer, assistant trainer, manager, assistant manager or executive member) to remove the player from participation in the hockey activity immediately. When present, team trainers hold the final decision to remove players with a suspected concussion. If there is doubt whether a concussion has occurred, it is to be assumed that it has. If in doubt, sit them out. *If a player experiences a sudden onset of any of the “red flag symptoms”, 911 should be called immediately. (Figure 2)

Figure 1: GENERAL CONCUSSION SYMPTOMS

Headache	Feeling mentally foggy	Sensitive to light
Nausea	Feeling slowed down	Sensitive to noise
Dizziness	Difficulty concentrating	Irritability
Vomiting	Difficulty remembering	Sadness
Visual problems	Drowsiness	Nervous/anxious
Balance problems	Sleeping more/less than usual	More emotional
Numbness/tingling	Trouble falling asleep	Fatigue

Figure 2: RED FLAG SYMPTOMS

Headaches that worsen	Can't recognize people or places
Seizures or convulsion	Increasing confusion or irritability
Repeated vomiting	Weakness/tingling/burning in arms or legs
Loss of consciousness	Persistent or increasing neck pain
Looks very drowsy/can't be awakened	Unusual behavioural change
Slurred speech	Focal neurologic signs (e.g. paralysis, weakness, etc.)

STEP 2: Completion and submission of the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form (Page 5)

a) Monitoring the player, and recommend seeing a medical professional:

Team trainers are responsible to monitor the player with a suspected concussion until a parent/guardian is contacted or on-site. Team trainers are also responsible to recommend to the individual's parent or guardian that they see a medical professional immediately. A medical professional includes a family physician, pediatrician, emergency room physician, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner.

**If no team trainer is present for 2(a) and 2(b) order of next most responsible individuals:*

- i. An individual with trainer certification
- ii. Team headcoach

b) Completion of the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form: Team trainers are responsible for completing the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form immediately after a concussion is suspected.

c) Submission of the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form: If a suspected concussion occurs, the team trainer is responsible for completing and reviewing the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form and giving one copy of the report to the individual's parents/guardian and another copy to the GTHL head offices (mfata@gthlcanada.com or Fax: 416- 636-2035). *If the form was completed by another individual with trainer certification or team head coach (as trainer was not present) the trainer is responsible for reviewing and submitting to GTHL head offices.

STEP 3: Seeing a medical professional, obtaining appropriate diagnosis and documentation

- a) **Seeking a medical professional:** If a player has been deemed to have had suspected concussion, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to take the player to see a medical professional immediately.

A medical professional includes a family physician, pediatrician, emergency room physician, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner.

***Documentation from any other source will not be acceptable.**

- b) **Obtaining appropriate diagnosis and documentation:** Written documentation must be obtained from one of the medical professionals listed above if a concussion has occurred or not.

STEP 4: Submission of medical documentation of concussion diagnosis

- a) If a medical professional determines that the player with a suspected concussion **did not have a concussion:**
- Parent/guardian must take the written documentation from the medical professional (highlighting that the player did not have a concussion), and give this document to the team trainer.
 - It is the responsibility of the team trainer to submit all documentation to the to the GTHL head offices before the player is permitted to return to a GTHL hockey activity (mfata@gthlcanada.com).
 - Parent/guardian should continue to monitor the player for at least 24-72 hours after the event, as signs and symptoms may take hours or days to appear.
 - Team trainers have the right to refuse a player to return to any GTHL hockey activity if they deem the player unfit to do so.
- b) If a medical professional determines that the player with a suspected concussion **does have a concussion:**
- Parent/guardian must take the written documentation from the medical professional (highlighting that the player has been diagnosed with a concussion), along with the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form to the team trainer

- ii. It is the responsibility of the team trainer to submit all documentation indicating concussion diagnosis, in addition to the Hockey Canada Injury Report Form, to the to the GTHL head offices (mfata@gthlcanada.com or Fax: 416-636-2035).
- iii. The player is to begin Step 1 of the GTHL Return to Play Protocol.

STEP 5: GTHL Return to Play Protocol (Page 7-10)

- a) The player with a concussion must complete each step of the GTHL Return to Play Protocol. Players in no body checking leagues are to follow the no body checking protocol (Page 7 & 8); players in body checking leagues are to follow the body checking protocol (Page 9 & 10).
- b) Parent/guardian and the player are responsible to ensure that each step of the GTHL Return to Play Protocol recommendations is followed appropriately and the required signatures are completed at each stage. Players must be able to participate in each step's activities for a minimum of 24 hours without experiencing any symptoms during or after the activities BEFORE moving onto the next stage.
- c) If the player experiences any symptoms during OR after the activities in any stage, the player should stop that activity immediately, rest for 24 hours and return to the previous successful stage before trying those activities again.
- d) Once Steps 1-5 of the GTHL Return to Play Protocol have been completed, the player must receive medical clearance to proceed to Step 6: Full Team Practice (body checking or no body checking). A player is not permitted to return to Step 6 until written permission by a medical professional. A medical professional for medical clearance includes a family physician, pediatrician, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner. Documentation from any other source will not be acceptable.
- e) Once medical clearance for Step 6 is obtained, the parent/guardian must take the written documentation from the medical professional (highlighting player is safe to return to full team practice) and the completed GTHL Return to Play Protocol with signatures completed by parent, player and coach/trainer to the team trainer.
- f) It is the responsibility of the team's trainer to submit medical clearance and GTHL Return to Play Protocol with signatures completed to the GTHL head offices.
- g) Team trainers have the right to refuse a player to return to any GTHL hockey activity if they deem the player unfit to do so.

- h) For more information of concussion management strategies please visit gthlcanada.com/concussions

Special Considerations:

This concussion policy aims to ensure that players with a concussion do not participate in GTHL hockey activities before medically cleared to do so. The above steps relate most directly to a player who sustains a concussion during a GTHL hockey activity and this injury is identified immediately. Not all concussions will be identified immediately and not all concussions will take place during GTHL hockey activities. Two alternative scenarios are presented below:

Scenario 1: A suspected concussion from a GTHL activity is not identified and/or reported until days or weeks after the GTHL activity. Enter at Step 2. Immediately upon the concussion being identified and/or reported to GTHL team officials, the team trainer is to complete the GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form and recommend that the player see a medical professional immediately.

Scenario 2: A player is diagnosed with a concussion from a non GTHL activity (i.e. school, other sports, non GTHL related games or training). Enter at Step 4. Upon receiving from parent/guardian, the trainer is to submit medical documentation to GTHL offices. As the concussion did not happen at the GTHL activity, no GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form is needed.

Referring Documents:

1. GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form (Page5)
2. GTHL Concussion Policy Summary (Page6)
3. GTHL Return to Play Protocol No Body Checking (Page 7 &8)
4. GTHL Return to Play Protocol Body Checking (Page 9 &10)

* If you have any questions or concerns regarding the 2016-2017 GTHL Concussion Policy please contact the GTHL Office:

Phone: 416-663-6845

Email: mfata@gthlcanada.com

Fax: 416-636-2035

This 2016-2017 GTHL Concussion Policy is available at:
gthlcanada.com/concussions

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GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form

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Player Name: _____ Player DOB: _____

Date & Time of Injury: _____ Club Name: _____

Division: _____ Level: _____ Game/Practice Location: _____

Injury Description:**Reported Symptoms (Check all that apply):**

<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling mentally foggy	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive to light
<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea	<input type="checkbox"/> Feeling slowed down	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensitive to noise
<input type="checkbox"/> Dizziness	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty concentrating	<input type="checkbox"/> Irritability
<input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty remembering	<input type="checkbox"/> Sadness
<input type="checkbox"/> Visual problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Drowsiness	<input type="checkbox"/> Nervous/anxious
<input type="checkbox"/> Balance problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping more/less than usual	<input type="checkbox"/> More emotional
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbness/Tingling	<input type="checkbox"/> Trouble falling asleep	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue

Red Flag Symptoms (Check all that apply): Call 911 immediately with a sudden onset of any of these symptoms

<input type="checkbox"/> Headaches that worsen	<input type="checkbox"/> Can't recognize people or places	Was 911 called? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Seizures or convulsions	<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing confusion or irritability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Repeated vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> Weakness or numbness in arms/legs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of consciousness	<input type="checkbox"/> Persistent or increasing neck pain	
<input type="checkbox"/> Looks very drowsy/can't be awakened	<input type="checkbox"/> Unusual behavioural change	
<input type="checkbox"/> Slurred speech	<input type="checkbox"/> Focal neurologic signs (e.g. paralysis, weakness, etc.)	

Are there any other observable/reported symptoms: Yes No

If yes, what: _____

Is there evidence of injury to anywhere else on body besides head? Yes No

If yes, where: _____

Has this player had a concussion before? Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, how many: _____

Does this player have any pre-existing medical conditions? Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, please list: _____

Does this player take any medication? Yes No Prefer not to answer

If yes, please list: _____

I [name of trainer completing this form]: _____ recommended to the player's parent or guardian that the player sees a medical professional immediately. A medical professional includes a family doctor, pediatrician, emergency room doctor, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner.

Signature _____ Date: _____ Team Official Role: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

PLEASE NOTE: This form is to be completed by the team trainer or any team official with training certification in the event of a suspected concussion in any GTHL activity. If no trainer certification individual is present, it is the responsibility of the team's head coach to complete and send to trainer to review. Once this form is complete, give one copy of this report to parent/guardian and the other to GTHL head offices: EMAIL: MFATA@GTHLCANADA.COM or FAX: 416-636-2035



STEP 1: A suspected concussion has been identified and player is removed from play
When present, team trainers hold the final decision to remove players with a suspected concussion

STEP 2: Trainer completes GTHL Suspected Concussion Report Form and provides a copy to:

1) Parent/Guardian AND recommend they see a medical professional immediately

2) GTHL Office: MFATA@GTHLCANADA.COM
 Fax: 416- 636-2035

STEP 3: Seeing a medical professional and obtaining appropriate diagnosis

If player is experiencing any 'Red Flag' Symptoms:

- Headaches that worsen
- Seizures
- Repeated vomiting
- Looks very drowsy/can't be awakened
- Unusual behavioural change
- Slurred speech
- Can't recognize people or places
- Increasing confusion or irritability
- Weakness or numbness in arms/legs
- Persistent or increasing neck pain
- Change in stage of consciousness
- Focal neurologic signs (e.g. paralysis, weakness, etc.)

If player is experiencing any general concussion symptoms:

- Physical:** Headaches, nausea, dizziness, sensitivity to light and noise
- Mental:** Fogginess and difficulty thinking, feeling slowed down, difficulty concentrating and remembering
- Sleep:** Sleeping more or less than usual, difficulty falling asleep and staying asleep
- Emotional and Behavioural:** Sadness, anger, frustration, nervousness/anxious, irritable

***Medical professional includes:** family physician, pediatrician, emergency room physician, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner. Documentation from any other source will not be acceptable

Go to nearest Emergency Department

Schedule an appointment immediately with a medical professional.* Go to nearest Emergency Department if 'Red Flag' symptoms appear.

STEP 4: Was a concussion diagnosis received at medical appointment?

Send medical documentation of diagnosis to team trainer to send to GTHL office

Yes

No

Parent monitors for 24-72 hours in case symptoms appear or worsen

Send medical documentation of no diagnosis to team trainer to send to GTHL office **BEFORE** on-ice activity

Receive clearance from team trainer

Return to game play

STEP 5: Enter Stage 1 of GTHL Return to Play Protocol

*Modified from Parent's Pathway for Child and Youth Concussion for York Region
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GTHL Return to Play Protocol

NO Body Checking

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Stage 1: Rest and energy conservation (at least 24 hours)*Strategies: hollandbloorview.ca/concussionhandbook

- Rest your brain and body (stop studying, working and playing).
- Conserve your brain and body's energy, it is needed to feel well and allow the brain to heal.

Stage 1: Signature of completion (requires player & parent/guardian signatures)I confirm that _____ completed Stage 1 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____

MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)_____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)**Stage 2: Light general exercise (at least 24 hours)**

- Off-ice activities. NO contact.
- Begin with a warm up (stretching/flexibility) for 5-10 minutes.
- Start a cardio workout for 15-20 minutes which can include: stationary bicycle, elliptical, treadmill, fast paced walking, light jog, rowing or swimming (50% intensity).

Stage 2: Signature of completion (requires player & parent/guardian signatures)I confirm that _____ completed Stage 2 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____

MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)_____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)**Stage 3: General conditioning and hockey specific skills work done individually (at least 24 hours)**

- Off-ice activities. NO contact.
- Begin with a warm up (stretching/flexibility) for 5-10 minutes.
- Increase intensity and duration of cardio workout to 20-30 minutes.
- Begin hockey specific skill work: individual stick handling and shooting drills.
- 50-60% intensity.

Stage 3: Signature of completion (requires player & parent/guardian signatures)I confirm that _____ completed Stage 3 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____

MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)_____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)**Stage 4: General conditioning and hockey specific skill work done with a teammate (at least 24 hours)**

- Can begin on ice activities. NO contact.
- Increase duration up to 60 minutes. Begin resistance training including neck and core strengthening exercises.
- Begin on-ice skating warm-up: forwards, backwards, stop and start, cones.
- Begin on-ice practice of hockey drills with a partner: passing, shooting on goalie and other position specific drills like face-offs and deflections. Skating intensity 50%.
- Goalies begin in net with a coach shooting pucks in a controlled manner (e.g. progressing from shots to the pads/along the ice, glove shots then shots to the corners).

Stage 4: Signature of completion (requires player, parent/guardian & trainer signatures)I confirm that _____ completed Stage 4 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____

MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)_____
(Parent/Guardian Signature)_____
(Trainer)

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GTHL Return to Play Protocol NO Body Checking

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Stage 5: General conditioning, hockey specific skill work and team drills (at least 24 hours)

- On the ice. No Contact. No Scrimmages.
- Resume pre-injury duration of practice and team drills.
- Practice team passing, shooting drills and individual defensive skills.
- Practice break-out drills, 3 on 2's/2 on 1's and defensive coverage drills.
- Practice offensive and defensive plays.
- Skating intensity 75%.
- Goalies begin in net for controlled player drills (e.g. facing a single puck in play or players shooting one at a time). No drills that require a skater to drive hard to the net, to minimize accidental contact.

Stage 5: Signature of completion (requires player, parent/guardian & trainer signatures)

I confirm that _____ completed Stage 5 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____
MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Trainer)

(Physician signature or see attached)

MEDICAL CLEARANCE REQUIRED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STAGE 6

Stage 6: Full team practice (at least 24 hours after medical clearance)

- Participate in a full practice to get yourself back in the line-up (scrimmages)
- If completed with no-symptoms, discuss with coach/trainer about returning to full game play.
- Coaches/trainers must make sure that the player has regained their pre-injury skill level and is confident with their ability to return to game play.
- Skating intensity 100%.
- Goalies return to full team practice with hard driven shots, drives to the net and puck battles around the net.

Stage 6: Signature of completion (requires player, parent/guardian & trainer signatures)

I confirm that _____ completed Stage 6 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____
MM/DD/YY

(Player Signature)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Trainer)

Stage 7: Return to game play

- **Players must spend a minimum of 24 hours at each stage, however most individuals should spend longer.**
- Required signatures must be completed BEFORE moving to the next stage. If the player experiences any symptoms during OR after the activities in any stage, the player should stop that activity immediately, rest for 24 hours and return to the previous successful stage before trying those activities again.
- A medical clearance must be from a family physician, pediatrician, sports-medicine physician, neurologist or nurse practitioner. *Documentation from any other source will not be acceptable.
- For further resources on concussion management strategies please visit gthlcanada.com/concussions

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GTHL Return to Play Protocol Body Checking

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- Can begin on-ice activities. NO contact. NO body checking.
- Increase duration up to 60 minutes. Begin resistance training including neck and core strengthening exercises.
- Begin on-ice skating warm-up: forwards, backwards, stop and start, cones.
- Begin on-ice practice of hockey drills with a partner: passing, shooting on goalie and other position specific drills like face-offs and deflections. Skating intensity 50%.
- Goalies begin in net with a coach shooting pucks in a controlled manner (e.g. progressing from shots to the pads/along the ice, glove shots then shots to the corners).

Stage 4: Signature of completion (requires player, parent/guardian & trainer signatures)

I confirm that _____ completed Stage 4 for minimum of 24 hours with no symptoms on _____
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- Practice offensive and defensive plays.
- Review body checking and protection techniques.
- Skating intensity 75%.
- Goalies begin in net for controlled player drills (e.g. facing a single puck in play or players shooting one at a time). No drills that require a skater to drive hard to the net, to minimize accidental contact.

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(Trainer)

(Physician signature or see attached)

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- On-ice activities with body checking.
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- Coaches/trainers must make sure that the player has regained their pre-injury skill level and is confident with their ability to return to game play.
- Skating intensity 100%.
- Goalies return to full team practice with hard driven shots, drives to the net and puck battles around the net. .

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Revised - May 30, 2016

Background

Minor hockey has always been concerned about the safety of participants. To this end, various items of safety equipment have been mandated by Hockey Canada for players and on-ice Officials. Chief among these is helmets.

Unfortunately, being careful or being an experienced skater is no guarantee against having an accident on the ice that could be fatal or leave a Team Official or on-ice volunteer with serious physical impairment for the rest of his or her life.

Policy

All Team Officials and on-ice volunteers under the jurisdiction of the GTHL will be required to wear a C.S.A approved helmet during all on-ice activities, including tryouts. During the course of a game, a Trainer or any other Team Official who is attending to an injured player at the direction of the Referee is considered exempt from this policy.

Sanctions for non-compliance:

- 1) The first infraction by a Team under the policy results in a suspension of 2 weeks, or a minimum of 3 League games, to the Head Coach and the Club shall be fined \$250,
- 2) For a second infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from participation in all hockey activity for one month and the Club shall be fined \$500, and
- 3) For a third infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from participation in all hockey activity for a period of 1 year and the Club shall be fined \$2,000.

GTHL SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Issued: As of June 1, 2016

1. Definitions

- “GTHL” means the Greater Toronto Hockey League.
- “League” means the GTHL and its Member Associations.
- “Member Association” or “Member” means any Club, Division, Affiliated Group or Sports School or any other body accepted for membership in the League from time to time.
- “Participant” means any Player, Team Official, Game Official, parent or legal guardian, director, officer, volunteer, employee, spectator or chaperone associated with a Member.
- “Team Official” means the coach, assistant coach, manager, trainer or other team official registered with a team that has been accepted by the League.

2. Introduction

The GTHL recognizes the importance of participating in online interactions and wants to ensure that all Participants associated with the League receive guidance on how to participate in social media in a positive and responsible manner.

This Social Media Policy (the “Policy”) aims to provide everyone associated with the League with guidelines to follow when engaging in communications and/or sharing content via any form of social media that can be linked to or in any way associated (whether directly or indirectly) with the League. The guidelines set out in the Policy are designed to protect the League as well as its Participants and others associated with them from illegal, unauthorized, irresponsible or abusive use of social media.

3. Scope of the Policy

All Members and Participants are required to comply with the Policy when participating or engaging in communications in social media personally or as an official representative of the League. Players and Team Officials alike are reminded that they continue to act as representatives of the League, even outside the hockey arena, and should conduct themselves in accordance with the Policy guidelines at all times.

The conduct of any Player or Team Official that violates the Policy, which may be linked to or perceived to be linked to or associated with the League, may result in disciplinary action taken by the League. The Policy is intended to enhance and supplement, and is not intended to replace or supersede, any existing policies of the League including those in force and effect of Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation.

4. Definition of Social Media

The term “social media” includes any media used for web-based, digital or mobile social interaction. Social media applications allow individuals to create and share user generated content with others. When used inappropriately or for questionable motivations social media interactions can be harmful and can cause substantial harm to the League and those involved with or otherwise associated with them.

Examples of social media covered by the Policy include, but are not limited to:

- Social Networking Sites (i.e. Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn);
- Micro-blogging Sites (i.e. Twitter, Tumblr, Reddit);
- Online Video and Photo Sharing Communities (i.e. YouTube, Flickr, Vimeo, Tumblr);
- Online Discussion Forums;
- Website Encyclopaedias (i.e. Wikipedia);
- Online User Review Forums (i.e. TripAdvisor, Yelp!);
- Personal or Corporate Blogs.

5. Social Media Guidelines

When using social media it is important for all those associated with the League to exercise common sense and good judgment. The guidelines set out in the Social Media Policy Guidelines hereto are intended to aid those associated with the League when using social media. In addition to the guidelines set forth in the Social Media Policy Guidelines all Players, Team Officials and anyone else associated with the League and its operations are expected to adhere to all other policies applicable to the League including, but not limited to: the GTHL Harassment, Abuse, Bullying and Misconduct Policy; the GTHL Code of Conduct; the GTHL's Rules, Regulations and Policies; and the Rules, Regulations and Policies of Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation.

6. Social Media Best Practices

Below are best practices to help protect the League's brand and goodwill in the social space. Adhering to them will aid in reducing situations that could lead to disciplinary action:

Use Discretion

Use discretion both when shooting photography and video content and when choosing to share it on the Internet. Under no circumstance should any photo or video taken within a dressing room be posted on any social media platform. Seemingly harmless photos and video of this kind can cause substantial harm to and may even ruin reputations and as such are strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Photos taken and shared via social media could inadvertently reveal confidential, proprietary, private and personal information. Any shared content that can be considered detrimental to the safety, well-being, or reputation of anyone associated with the League may be subject to disciplinary action.

Be Courteous

Always be courteous and respectful online. If you need help with a particularly difficult situation, contact the GTHL Executive Director or the President of your Member Association, as applicable.

Use Common Sense

Anything you put online is there to stay. Confidential, proprietary, private and personal information concerning the League or any person associated with the League must remain strictly confidential. Even if you remove a Facebook post, tweet or video, it could already have been saved or shared by another user. All such communications are discoverable under the federal laws of Canada and the provincial laws applicable in Ontario.

Respect the Privacy of Everyone

Simply put, some things do not belong on the Internet. This includes, but is not limited to, discussions or other communications about the League. Any violations or breaches of the Policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension and/or formal removal and termination from the League. Any such determination made by the club may be made in its sole discretion at any time.

When in Doubt, Ask

Whether you have a question about how to properly respond to a request from a fan, sponsor, player, staff member or any other person associated with the League, ask the League's manager of corporate partnerships and communications for resources or direction.

Alert Club Management If Needed

If you see something concerning in the social media space that could impact the League or anyone associated with the League, contact the League’s manager, corporate partnerships and communications or your club president immediately. Concerns or issues should be addressed as soon as possible to minimize potential damages caused by inappropriate or prohibited content.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY GUIDELINES

1. DO NOT post, shoot video or take photos inside any dressing room or mode of transportation used by or in connection with the League without the prior written consent and approval from either the League’s manager of corporate partnerships and communications or your club president.
2. DO NOT divulge secrets, confidential, proprietary or personal and/or health information or status concerning any aspect of the League, whether concerning you or anyone else associated with the League.
3. ALWAYS comply with all laws, including those relating to libel, copyright, trademark and data protection, and regulations, including those made or issued by Hockey Canada and the Ontario Hockey Federation.
4. ALWAYS remember that even in your private communications, your actions and/or words — in any media — may reflect on the League and may cause irreparable harm to the League and its Members. Remain courteous and professional at all times.

Your social media and any other online content is permanent and accessible to anyone. If you have any questions regarding compliance with the social media policy, please contact either the League’s Manager, Corporate Partnerships and Communications or your club president before you post.

If you become aware of any breach of the social media policy by any person associated with the League, please contact either the GTHL Executive Director or the President of your Member Association before you post. Please save images or videos, or use a screenshot to capture any apparent breach of this Policy.

GTHL Code Of Conduct

1. The Greater Toronto Hockey League (“GTHL”) is committed to providing a sport environment in which all individuals are treated with respect.

2. During the course of all GTHL activities, athletes, coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers, officials, parents, directors, officers, volunteers, employees or chaperones and others within the GTHL and each of the GTHL Member Associations:
 - a) shall conduct themselves, at all times, in a fair and responsible manner and refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, the GTHL will not tolerate behaviour that constitutes harassment, abuse, bullying or misconduct;
 - b) shall avoid behaviour which brings the GTHL and/or its Member Associations, or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to the abusive use of alcohol and/or non-medical use of drugs;
 - c) shall not use unlawful performance enhancing drugs or methods, nor shall they engage in any activity or behaviour that endangers the safety of others; and
 - d) shall at all times adhere to the Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation (“OHF”), GTHL and its Member Associations’ operational policies and procedures, to rules governing Hockey Canada, OHF, GTHL or GTHL Member Association events and activities and to rules governing any competition in which they participate on behalf of Hockey Canada, the OHF, GTHL or GTHL Member Association.
3. Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, the loss or suspension of certain or all privileges connected with the respective Member Association and/or GTHL including the opportunity to participate in Hockey Canada, OHF, GTHL and its Member Association activities. Such discipline may include the removal or ban from an arena, games, practices and other team activities.

GTHL Harassment, Abuse, Bullying & Misconduct Policy

This policy can be accessed at:

[http://gthl.uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/gthl/2013/10/22195124/GTHL- Harassment-Abuse-Bullying-Misconduct-Policy-FINAL.pdf](http://gthl.uploads.s3.amazonaws.com/app/uploads/gthl/2013/10/22195124/GTHL-Harassment-Abuse-Bullying-Misconduct-Policy-FINAL.pdf)

GTHL Policy on Review of Video

May 1, 2015

Background

The use of video is becoming more prevalent in minor hockey. Parents may record games on video for enjoyment purposes, while Teams may record games on video for use as a development or strategic tool.

With that in mind, the issue of the League viewing such videos for situations that may occur during a game continues to be an issue. By way of this policy, the League wishes to communicate its position on when it is appropriate and responsible for the League to do so.

Both Hockey Canada and the League have very specific rules regarding the On-Ice Official's judgment.

Hockey Canada Playing Rule 5.1 (d) reads: "A Referee shall have full authority and the final decision in all matters under dispute. His decision shall be final on all questions of judgment and not subject to appeal."

GTHL Regulation 15.7 (g) reads: "REFEREE'S DECISION: A protest on a referee's decision will not be considered unless it concerns a question respecting interpretation of the rules of the game."

Policy

Video That Will Not Be Reviewed

The League will generally not view videos for the purpose of reviewing on-ice officials' calls or non-calls, nor for the purpose of reviewing the on-ice officials' penalty selection unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

The League will generally not view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any individual player unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

The League will generally not view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct or actions of any Teams during any game unless otherwise outlined in this policy.

Rationale: The on-ice officials have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations.

Video That May Be Reviewed

The League may view videos for the purpose of identifying the correct player in situations in which an incorrect player may have been identified by the on-ice officials and issued a penalty resulting in a suspension.

The League may view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of Game Officials during altercations, specifically when use of force is concerned.

The League may view videos for the purpose of reviewing a game situation that results in a serious injury to any player whether or not a penalty was assessed. The Executive Director or his designee may use this video when determining the appropriate length of a suspension to any player or players who may have been directly involved in a player being seriously injured, whether or not a penalty was assessed at the time of the injury.

The League may view videos for the purpose of reviewing the conduct of spectators and parents.

Rationale: The on-ice officials may not have rules at their disposal to penalize these situations or may not be able to make the appropriate assessment of the cause or severity of an injury. Illegal plays resulting in severe injuries to players should not go un-penalized just because an on-ice official may not have been able to assess the appropriate penalty at that moment in time.

Review of Misapplication of a Rule or Judgment Resulting In Suspension

The League will view videos for the purpose of the appeal of a suspension when it is the contention of the Club/Team that a rule has been misapplied or that the official erred in his/her judgement when assessing a penalty that results in a suspension of two or more games.

The review will be considered by the League when the following has been submitted to the League Office:

- A copy of the video in its entirety
- A deposit of \$250.00. The deposit is refundable only in instances in which the appeal is upheld in whole or in part. If the appeal is denied, the deposit is forfeited
- A copy of the Game Sheet
- A statement outlining what penalty is being appealed which is signed by the General Manager or President of that Team's Club.

- The submission takes place within 5 business days of the game being played.

Procedure:

Upon receipt, the GTHL Executive Director or his designee will review the appeal and make one of the following determinations:

- 1) The review is inconclusive. A review may be deemed to be inconclusive if (among other things), in the opinion of the Executive Director or his designee, the video recording does not provide a sufficiently clear view of the incident.

In this case the suspension(s) as a result of the penalty or penalties assessed by the official will remain in effect and the deposit is forfeited.

- 2) The review is conclusive that the official misapplied the rule and/or used incorrect judgement. In this case the corresponding suspension(s) is/are revoked.
- 3) The review is conclusive that the official applied the rule correctly and/or used correct judgement. In this case the suspension(s) as a result of the penalty or penalties remain in effect and the deposit is forfeited.

This review is not subject to any further appeal.

Submission of Video

If a Team wishes to submit video for review, the following procedure must be followed:

- 1) The video, along with a letter signed by the General Manager or President of that Team's Club must be delivered to the League Office.
- 2) The letter must outline specifically what the Team wishes to have reviewed.
- 3) The video must be cued to the point at which the incident occurred or there must be an indication in writing of what time in the game the incident occurred and where on the submission it can be located.



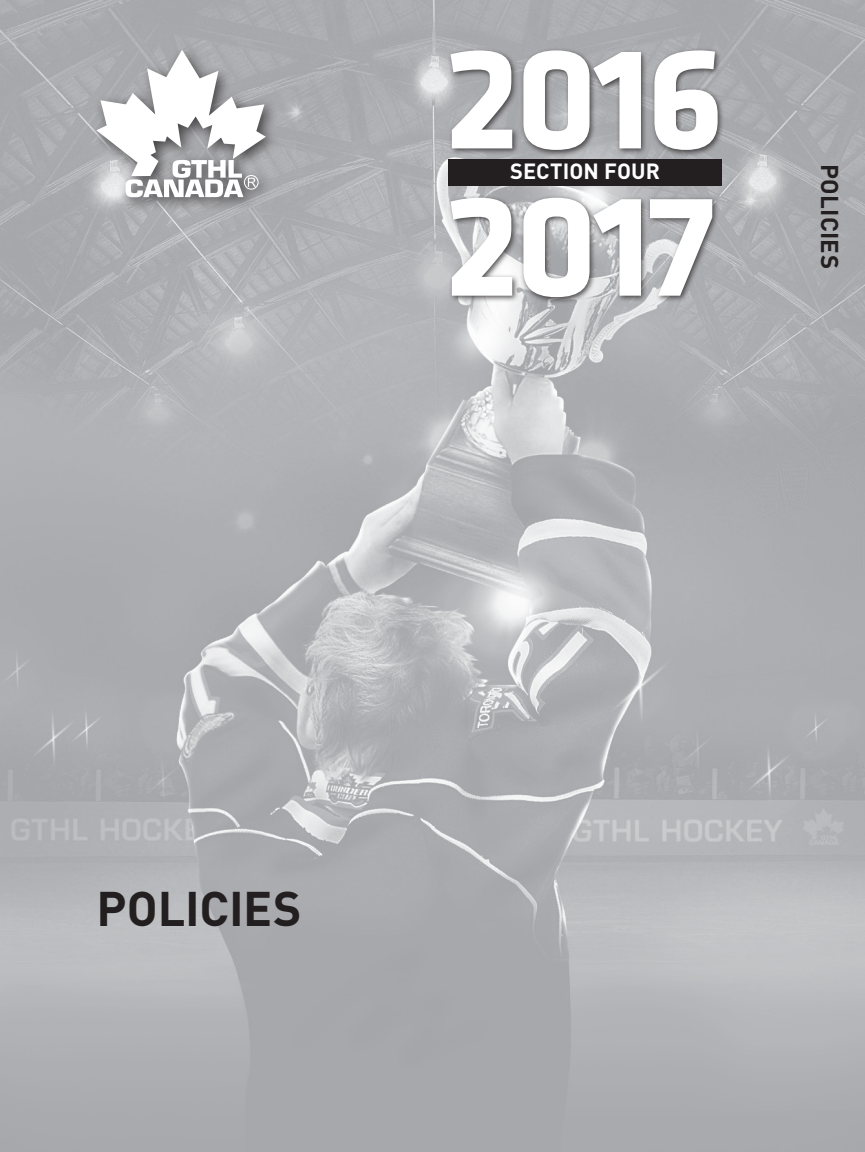
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POLICIES

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Rule 6.5 Head Contact

- (a) In Minor and Female, a Minor Penalty shall be assessed to any player who accidentally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck with his stick or any part of the player's body or equipment.
- (b) In Minor and Female, a Double Minor Penalty or a Major and a Game Misconduct Penalty, at the discretion of the Referee and based on the degree of violence of impact shall be assessed to any player who intentionally contacts an opponent in the head, face or neck with her stick or any part of the player's body or equipment.
- (c) In Junior and Senior, a Minor and a Misconduct penalty, or a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who checks an opponent in the head in any manner.
- (d) A Major and a Game Misconduct penalty, or a Match penalty shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent under this Rule.
- (e) A Match penalty shall be assessed any player who deliberately attempts to injure or deliberately injures an opponent under this Rule.

Note: All contact above the shoulders (neck, face and head) is to be called Head Contact under one of the above (in Minor and Female).

THIS RULE CHANGE WILL COME INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY

Clarifications On Head Contact For Junior & Senior Hockey ONLY

Referees should be aware of the tragic consequences of head injuries and concussions and strictly enforce the rule. It is the responsibility of players, Team Officials and Referees to make every attempt possible to reduce the incident of this frightful injury. Team Officials can teach players legitimate methods of checking an opponent, while players can be educated to the dangers of checks to the head. The Referee has the responsibility to penalize players who contact an opponent in the head. If the Referees are consistent and strict in calling infractions that may lead to concussions, then along with the cooperation of players and Team Officials, these type of fouls and the chances of a player suffering such injuries can be significantly reduced. The Head Contact penalty is based on the "degree of violence of impact" and can be defined in three categories: minimal, moderate and severe.

Minimal impact would be called under other appropriate rules. e.g. elbowing, highsticking, roughing, roughing after the whistle, etc. A glancing blow or minimal impact to the head where a penalty is warranted. Moderate impact would be a more significant degree of violence without

injury that warrants a Minor and Misconduct penalty under the Head Contact rule. Severe impact would be a high degree of violence, with or without injury, that warrants a Major and Game Misconduct or a Match penalty, at the discretion of the Referee under the Head Contact rule. What previously may have been considered a legal check with a shoulder check to the head shall now be penalized as Head Contact if moderate or severe impact is made. These Head Contact infractions can occur anywhere on the playing surface as a result of the initial contact to the Head. Head Contact could also be the result of an open ice hit, with or without the fouled player's head being down. Body checking has not been removed from the game, but high hits or targeting the head shall be penalized. A fight is still to be called a fight, not Head Contact. Referees are to strictly enforce penalties that call for infractions as a result of low hits as these types of infractions may increase. The penalty signal for "Head Contact" will be patting flat (open palm) of the non-whistle hand on the side of the head.



2016-2017 GTHL Minimum Suspension List

Minor Hockey

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

Misconducts

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Minimum Suspension
M10	Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench	9.2 (d)	0 Games
M11	Failure to go to Penalty Box Captains	2.4 (c)	0 Games
M12	Failure to go to the Player's Bench or Neutral Area	6.7 (f)	0 Games
M13	Refusing to Surrender Stick for Measurement	3.3 (f)	0 Games
M14	Throwing Stick Over Boards	9.8 (d)	0 Games
M16	Facemask Offset	3.6 (d)	0 Games
M17	Throat Protector	3.6 (f)	0 Games
M18	Mouth guard	3.6 (g)	NA (GTHL)
M20	Disputing Call of Official	9.2 (a)	0 Games
M21	Harassment of Official/Unsportsmanlike Conduct	9.2 (b)	0 Games
M22	Inciting	9.2 (e)	0 Games
M23	Entering Referee's Crease	9.2 (g)	0 Games
M69	Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)	0 Games

Misconducts and Game Misconducts

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Suspension
GM20	Disputing Call of Official (AS)	9.2 (a)	3 Games
GM21	Disputing Call of Official: Verbal Abuse of Game Official (AS)	9.2 (b)	3 Games
GM30	Fighting (AS)	6.7	3 Games
GM31	2nd Fight, Same stoppage of play (3rd, 4th, etc.)	6.7 (h)	3 Games
GM32	Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th Player into Fight	6.7 (h)	3 Games
GM34	Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box	9.5 (b)	4 Games
GM35	Leaving the Penalty Box and incurring a Minor, Major or Misconduct penalty	9.5 (c)	5 Games
GM361	Coach whose player is penalized under GM34 and/or GM35	9.5 (a,b,c)	4 Games
GM37	Goaltender Leaves Crease to join a Fight	4.11 (d)	4 Games
GM38	Instigator of a fight (Minor + Game Misconduct). (If player has received GM39 as first offence refer to AS121/AS122)	6.7 (b)	3 Game
GM39	Aggressor of a fight (Minor + Game Misconduct). (If player has received GM38 as first offence refer to AS121/AS122)	6.7 (b)	3 Games
GM41.01	Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6	2 Games
GM41.02	Elbowing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6	2 Games
GM41.03	Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)	2 Games
GM41.04	Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (a)	2 Games
GM41.05	Cross Checking Above Shoulders (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (b)	2 Games
GM41.06	Cross Checking Goalie in Crease (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (c)	2 Games

GM41.07	Cross Checking Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (d)	2 Games
GM41.08	Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (a)	2 Games
GM41.09	Slashing Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (b)	2 Games
GM41.10	Boarding (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.2	2 Games
GM41.11	Body Checking (Major + Misconduct)	6.2	2 Games
GM41.12	Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.3	2 Games
GM41.13	Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.5 (d)	2 Games
GM41.14	Tripping (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (a)	2 Games
GM42	Hair Pulling, Grab Face Mask/Helmet/Chinstrap (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.1 (d)	2 Games
GM43	Roughing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (k)	2 Games
GM44	Roughing Deliberate Contact After Whistle (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (l)	2 Games
GM45	Holding (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.1 (a)	2 Games
GM46	Holding Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.1 (b)	2 Game
GM47	Hooking (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.2 (a)	2 Games
GM48	Hooking Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.2 (b)	2 Games
GM49	Interference (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (a)	2 Games
GM50	Interference of a Goaltender (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (b)	2 Games
GM51	Interference from the Bench	7.3 (d)	2 Games
GM52	Interference Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (e)	2 Games
GM53	High Sticking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.3 (a,b)	2 Games
GM54	Slewfoot Standing Still (double minor + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (b)	2 Games
GM55	Checking from Behind (Minor + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)	1 Game
GM57	Goaltender Drop Kick Puck (with injury – Major + Game Misconduct)	4.11 (f)	2 Games
GM58	Kick Shot (with injury – Major + Game Misconduct)	9.4	2 Games
GM62	Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)	9.5 (i)	2 Games
GM63	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation	9.5 (i)	2 Games
GM64	Team Official Interference/Distraction during Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)	1 Game
GM65	Bench Official on the Ice Without Permission of Official	9.5 (f)	1 Game
GM70	Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game Misconduct)	10.14 (a)	Indefinite*
GM72	Refusing to Leave the Players Bench (Major + Game Misconduct)	10.14 (e)	1 Game
GM76	Second Misconduct – Same Game	4.5 (c)	1 Game
GE101	Game Ejections	4.6	0 Games

1 GM36 – 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 GM34 and/or GM35, coach not to be ejected as a result of this penalty being assessed.

Pre or Post Game Altercations

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Suspension
PG101	Any player involved where Major and Game Misconducts are assessed		2 Games
PG102	Coach of team whose players are so penalized		Indefinite*
PG103	Any team involved in a pre or post game brawl		Indefinite*

Gross Misconducts

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Suspension
GRM13	Goaltender Refusing to remove mask for Identification	3.5 (d)	3 Games
GRM21	Discriminatory Slur (AS)	9.2 (f)	Indefinite**
GRM23	Travesty of the Game	4.7	3 Games
GRM24	Obscene Gesture	4.7	3 Games
GRM30	Fighting with Team Official	6.7 (i)	3 games
GRM31	Removing Helmet and/or Chinstrap	3.6 (c)	6 Games
GRM82	Head Butt – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	6.1 (b)	3 Games
GRM83	Butt End – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.1	3 Games
GRM84	Spearing – Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.5	3 Games

** Note: All Gross Misconducts listed as “Indefinite” must be dealt with by the Member Partner President in accordance to Hockey Canada Rule 4.7. The Member Partner may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 2 games which is in compliance with the Hockey Canada Minimum Suspension List for Gross Misconducts assessed under 9.2 (f).

Match Penalties

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Suspension
MP20	Threatening an Official	9.6 (a)	6 Games
MP21	Physical Abuse of an Official – Intentional Contact	9.6 (b)	Indefinite±
MP22	Physical Abuse of an Official – Deliberate Striking	9.6 (c)	Indefinite±
MP40.00	Attempt to Injure (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP40.01	Head Butting (AS)	6.1 (b)	4 Games
MP40.02	Kicking (AS)	6.1 (c)	4 Games
MP40.03	Grabbing Face Mask / Helmet / Chinstrap (AS)	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP40.04	Hair Pulling (AS)	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP40.05	Spearing (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP40.06	Butt Ending (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP40.07	Boarding (AS)	6.2	4 Games
MP40.08	Body Checking (AS)	6.2	4 Games
MP40.09	Charging (AS)	6.3	4 Games
MP40.10	Kneeing (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP40.11	Elbowing (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP40.12	Spitting (AS)	9.7	4 Games
MP41.00	Deliberate Injury (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP41.01	Head Butting (AS)	6.1 (b)	4 Games
MP41.02	Kicking (AS)	6.1 (c)	4 Games
MP41.03	Grabbing Face Mask / Helmet / Chinstrap (AS)	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP41.04	Hair Pulling (AS)	6.1 (d)	4 Games
MP41.05	Spearing (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP41.06	Butt Ending (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games

MP41.07	Boarding (AS)	6.2	4 Games
MP41.08	Body Checking (AS)	6.2	4 Games
MP41.09	Charging (AS)	6.3	4 Games
MP41.10	Kneeing (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP41.11	Elbowing (AS)	6.1	4 Games
MP41.12	Spitting (AS)	9.7	4 Games
MP41.13	High Sticking (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP41.14	Cross-Checking (AS)	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP41.15	Facial Protector as Weapon (AS)	6.1 (e)	4 Games
MP42	High Sticking Attempt to Injure	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP43	Cross-Checking Attempt to Injure	6.1 (f)	4 Games
MP44	Facial Protector as Weapon Attempt to Injure	6.1 (e)	4 Games
MP45	Fighting – Ring or Tape on Hand(s)	6.7 (e)	4 Games
MP48	Slewfooting	7.4 (b)	4 Games
MP50.1	Checking from Behind (AS)	6.4 (a, b)	6 Games
MP50.3	Head Contact (AS)	6.5 (d)	6 Games
MP50.4	Head Contact Attempt to Injure (AS)	6.5 (e)	6 Games

± ± **Note:** All Match Penalties listed as “Indefinite” must be dealt with by the Member Partner President in accordance to Hockey Canada Rule 4.8. The Member Partner may establish a set number of games that may not be lower than 4 games which is in compliance with Hockey Canada Rule 4.8.

Player Accumulation Sanctions

Majors Under Rule 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 6.6, 7.4, 8.2, and/or 8.4.

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Majors in the same season

			HC rule No.	1 st Major	2 nd AS104	3 rd AS105	4 th AS106
AS104	GM41.01	Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6				
AS105	GM41.02	Elbowing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6				
AS106	GM41.03	Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)				
	GM41.04	Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (a)				
	GM41.05	Cross Checking Above Shoulders (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (b)				
	GM41.06	Cross Checking Goalie in Crease (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (c)				
	GM41.07	Cross Checking Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (d)	4 Games	4 Games	Indefinite*	Indefinite*
	GM41.08	Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (a)				
	GM41.09	Slashing Injury (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (b)				
	GM41.10	Boarding (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.2				
	GM41.11	Body Checking (Major + Misconduct)	6.2				
	GM41.12	Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.3				
	GM41.13	Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.5 (d)				
	GM41.14	Tripping (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (a)				

Player Accumulation Sanctions**Two (2) Match Penalties Under Rule 6.1, 6.2, 6.3**

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Match Penalties in the same season

			HC rule No.	Suspension	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
	MP40.00	Attempt to Injure	6.1			
	MP40.01	Head Butting	6.1 (b)			
	MP40.02	Kicking	6.1 (c)			
	MP40.03	Grabbing Face Mask / Helmet / Chinstrap	6.1 (d)			
	MP40.04	Hair Pulling	6.1 (d)			
	MP40.05	Spearing	6.1 (f)			
	MP40.06	Butt Ending	6.1 (f)			
	MP40.07	Boarding	6.2			
	MP40.08	Body Checking	6.2			
	MP40.09	Charging	6.3			
	MP40.10	Kneeing	6.1			
	MP40.11	Elbowing	6.1			
	MP40.12	Spitting	6.1			
	MP41.00	Deliberate Injury	6.1			
AS107	MP41.01	Head Butting	6.1 (b)	4 Games	8 Games	Indefinite*
	MP41.02	Kicking	6.1 (c)			
	MP41.03	Grabbing Face Mask / Helmet / Chinstrap	6.1 (d)			
	MP41.04	Hair Pulling	6.1 (d)			
	MP41.05	Spearing	6.1 (f)			
	MP41.06	Butt Ending	6.1 (f)			
	MP41.07	Boarding	6.2			
	MP41.08	Body Checking	6.2			
	MP41.09	Charging	6.3			
	MP41.10	Kneeing	6.1			
	MP41.11	Elbowing	6.1			
	MP41.12	Spitting	9.7			
	MP41.13	High Sticking	6.1 (f)			
	MP41.14	Cross-Checking	6.1 (f)			
	MP41.15	Facial Protector as Weapon	6.1 (e)			

Player Accumulation Sanctions**Two (2) Match Penalties Under Rule 6.4 and/or 6.5**

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Match Penalties in the same season

			HC rule No.	Suspension	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
	MP50.1	Checking from Behind	6.4			
AS108	MP50.3	Head Contact	6.5 (d)	6 Games	11 Games	Indefinite*
	MP50.4	Head Contact Attempt to Injure	6.5 (e)			

Player Accumulation Sanctions

Two (2) Match Penalties Under Rule 9.2

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Match Penalties in the same season			HC rule No.	1st	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
AS110	GM20	Disputing Call of Official	6.1 (d)	Minimum Suspension	7 Games	Indefinite*
	GM21	Disputing Call with Official: Verbal Abuse of a Game Official	9.2 (b)			
AS111	GRM21	Discriminatory Slur	9.2 (f)	Indefinite	Indefinite	Indefinite

Coaches Accumulation Sanctions

Code	Infraction	HC rule No.	Suspension
AS112	Any team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions		1 Game
AS113	For a 2nd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions		3 Games
AS114	For a 3rd violation of a team receiving a combination equaling 3 major penalties in the same game from a major penalty, match penalty or fighting infractions		Indefinite*
AS115	Any coach who received 2 Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	9.2	4 Games
AS116	Any coach who receives 3 Game or Gross Misconducts under rule 9.2 in a season	9.2	Indefinite*

Player Accumulation Sanctions

Majors Under Rule 6.7

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Majors in the same season			HC rule No.	1st GM30	2 nd AS117	3 rd AS118	4 th As119
AS117							
AS118	GM30	Fighting	6.7	3 Games	4 Games	Indefinite	Indefinite
AS119							

Player Accumulation Sanctions

Majors Under Rule 6.7(b)

Accumulation Sanctions apply for any collective accumulation of the below Match Penalties in the same season			HC rule No.	1st	2 nd Offense	3 rd Offense
AS121	GM38	Instigator of a fight (Minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)	3 Games	4 Games	Indefinite
AS122	GM39	Aggressor of a fight (Minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)			

* All Indefinite Suspensions are pending a hearing.

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.

Penalty Coding

2	Minor Penalty (2 Minutes)	GM	Game Misconduct Penalty
5	Major Penalty (5 Minutes)	GRM	Gross Misconduct Penalty
10	Misconduct Penalty (10 Minutes)	MP	Match Penalty

OHF Official Game Report Abbreviations

Penalty Coding

2	Minor Penalty (2 Minutes)
5	Major Penalty (5 Minutes)
10	Misconduct Penalty (10 Minutes)
GM	Game Misconduct Penalty
GRM	Gross Misconduct Penalty
MP	Match Penalty
GE	Game Ejection

Minor & Major Penalty Abbreviations

AGG	Aggressor of a fight
BC	Body Checking
BDG	Boarding
BM	Bench Minor
BRS	Broken Stick
BUTT	Butt Ending
CC	Cross Checking
CFB	Checking from Behind
CHG	Charging
DE	Dangerous Equipment
DG	Delay of Game
ELB	Elbowing
FI	Fighting
FLPB	First to Leave Players'/Penalty Bench
FMSK	Face Masking
FOP	Falling on the Puck
GLC	Goalie Leaving Crease
HB	Head Butting
HC	Head Contact
HKG	Hooking
HO	Holding
HP	Handling the Puck
HS	High Sticking
IE	Illegal Equipment
IP	Ineligible Player
INS	Instigator of a fight
INT	Interference
INTGT	Interference/Protection of Goalie
KNE	Kneeing
LPB	Leaving Penalty Bench
PS	Penalty Shot
RAW	Roughing After the Whistle
RH	Removes Helmet
RO	Roughing
SL	Slashing
SP	Spearing
TMP	Too Many Players
TR	Tripping
TS	Throwing the Stick
USC	Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Gross Misconducts

Code	Infraction	HC Rule #
GRM60	Travesty of the Game	4.7
GRM61	Obscene Gesture	4.7
GRM62	Removing Helmet and/or chinstrap	3.6 (c)
GRM63	Discriminatory Slur	9.2 (f)
GRM66	Head Butt - Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	6.1 (b)
GRM67	Butt End - Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.1
GRM68	Spearing - Team Official (Double Minor + Gross Misconduct)	8.5
GRM69	Goaltender Refusing to Remove Mask for Identification	3.5 (d)

Match Penalties

Code	Infraction	HC Rule #
MP24	Threatening an Official	9.6 (a)
MP25	Physical Abuse of an Official	9.6 (b, c)
MP29	Spitting	9.7
MP38	Fighting - Ring or Tape on Hand (s)	6.7 (e)
MP40	Attempt to Injure	6.1
MP41	Deliberate Injury	6.1
MP42	Butt Ending	8.1
MP43	Grabbing Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap	6.1 (d)
MP44	Hair Pulling	6.1 (d)
MP45	Kicking	6.1 (c)
MP46	Spearing	8.5
MP47	Head Butting	6.1 (b)
MP48	Kneeing	6.6
MP52	Checking from Behind	6.4
MP57	Boarding	6.2
MP58	Body Checking	6.2
MP59	Charging	6.3
MP71	Head Contact	6.5 (d,e)



OHF Official Game Report Penalty Codes

Code	Infraction	HC Rule #
M10	Throwing Stick Over Boards	9.8 (d)
M11	Refusing to Surrender Stick for Measurement	3.3 (f)
M12	Player Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)
M13	Goalkeeper Violation/Infraction During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)
M14	Equipment/Facemask Worn Incorrectly	3.6 (d, f)
M20	Disputing Call of Official	9.2 (a)
M21	Harassment of Official/Unsportsmanlike Conduct	9.2 (b)
M22	Inciting	9.2 (e)
M23	Entering Referee's Crease	9.2 (g)
M34	Failure to go to the Players' Bench or Neutral Area	6.7 (g)
M35	Failure to go directly to Penalty Bench	9.2 (d)
GM20	Disputing Call of Official	9.2 (a)
GM21	Disputing Call with Official: Verbal Abuse of a Game Official	9.2 (b)
GM26	Second Misconduct – Same Game	4.5 (c)
GM28	Interference from the Bench	7.3 (c,d)
GM30	Fighting	6.7
GM31	2nd Fight, Same stoppage of play (3rd, 4th, etc...)	6.7 (h)
GM32	Player(s) 3rd, 4th, 5th Player into Fight	6.7 (h)
*GM33	Leaving the Players bench or Penalty Box	9.5 (a, b, c)
*GM33	Coach identified as having the 1st Player leave the players' bench or penalty bench and GM34	9.5 (a, b, c)
GM34	Leaving the Penalty Box to start a fight	9.5 (a)
GM35	Coach whose player is not identified as the first to leave the players' or penalty bench during an on-ice altercation	9.5 (i)
GM36	Instigator of a fight (minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)
GM37	Aggressor of a fight (minor + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (b)
GM39	Hairpulling, Grab Face Mask/Helmet/Chin Strap (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.1 (d)
GM48	Elbowing/Kneeing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.6
GM50	Checking from Behind (Minor + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)
GM51	Checking from Behind (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.4 (a)
GM53	High Sticking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.3 (b)
GM54	Cross Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.2 (a,b,c,d)
GM55	Slashing (Major + Game Misconduct)	8.4 (a,b)
GE56	Game Ejection	4.6
GM57	Boarding (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.2
GM58	Body Checking (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.2
GM59	Charging (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.3
GM64	Verbal Abuse/Gestures/Taunting of or by any Team Official or Player	9.2(a, b)
GM68	Kick Shot (with injury - Major + Game Misconduct)	9.4
GM71	Head Contact (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.5 (b,d)
GM73	Slew Footing/Tripping (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.4 (a,b)
GM74	Interference (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.3 (a,b,e)
GM75	Holding (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.1 (a,b)
GM76	Hooking (Major + Game Misconduct)	7.2 (a,b)
GM77	Roughing (Major + Game Misconduct)	6.7 (k,i)
GM78	Goaltender Drop Kick Puck (with injury – Major + Game Misconduct)	4.11 (f)
GM79	Refusing to Start Play (Coach – Major + Game Misconduct)	10.14 (a)
GM80	Team Official Interference/Distraction During Penalty Shot	4.9 (f)
GM81	Leaving the Bench without Clearance from the Referee (Assessed to coach if altercation results in penalties at end of game)	9.5 (i)

***GM33 :** Coaches' penalty will be noted on the front and back of the game sheet of the Official's copy only. Penalty to Coach is automatic as a result of a player receiving a GM33. Coach not to be ejected from the current game as a result of this penalty being assessed.



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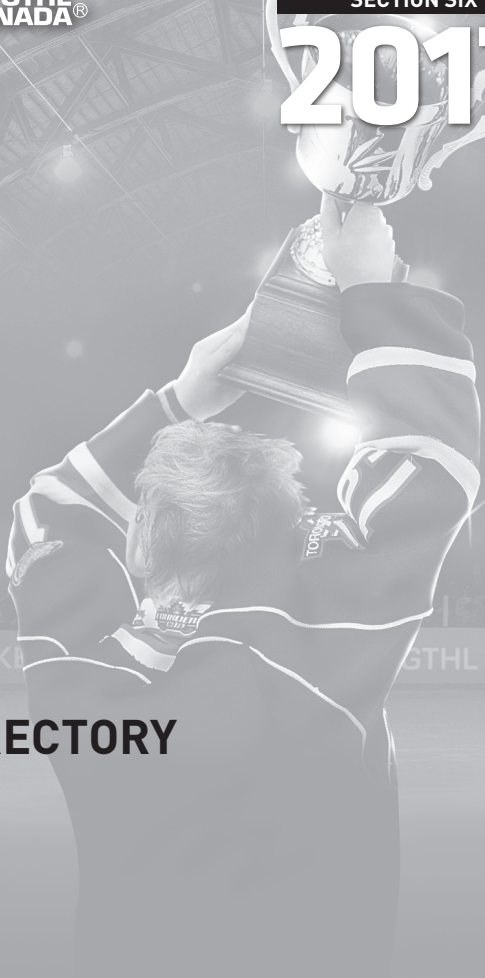
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2015-2016 Scotiabank GTHL Playoff Champions

2016 SCOTIABANK GTHL PLAYOFFS - A

Division	Champions	Finalists
Minor Atom	Vaughan Rangers	Forest Hill
Atom	Vaughan Panthers	North Toronto
Minor Peewee	Ted Reeve Thunder	Vaughan Panthers
Peewee	Leaside Flames	Avalanche
Minor Bantam	North Toronto	Toronto Wolverines
Bantam	Leaside Flames	Vaughan Panthers
Minor Midget	Toronto Aeros	Vaughan Panthers
Midget Jr.	Hillcrest Canadiens	Vaughan Rangers
Midget	Duffield Devils	North Toronto

2016 SCOTIABANK GTHL PLAYOFFS - AA

Division	Champions	Finalists
Minor Atom	Streetsville Tigers	North Toronto
Atom	Vaughan Rangers	North York Knights
Minor Peewee	Scarborough Young Bruins	Vaughan Rangers
Peewee	Mississauga Terriers	Ted Reeve Thunder
Minor Bantam	Streetsville Tigers	North York Knights
Bantam	Mississauga North Stars	Toronto Aces
Minor Midget	Ice Warriors	Ted Reeve Thunder
Midget Jr.	Goulding Park Rangers	Mississauga Jets
Midget	Mississauga Jets	Duffield Devils

2015-16 Scotiabank GTHL Playoff Champions

2016 SCOTIABANK GTHL PLAYOFFS - AAA

Division	Champions	Finalists
Minor Atom	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Toronto Marlboros
Atom	Toronto Marlboros	Toronto Young Nationals
Minor Peewee	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Mississauga Rebels
Peewee	Don Mills Flyers	Toronto Young Nationals
Minor Bantam	Toronto Marlboros	North York Rangers
Bantam	Mississauga Rebels	Mississauga Reps
Minor Midget	Mississauga Rebels	Toronto Marlboros
Midget	North York Rangers	Mississauga Rebels
Under-21	Mississauga Braves	Toronto Colts

2015-16 Kraft Cup Champions

2015-16 KRAFT CUP WINNERS - A

Division	East Champion	West Champion
Minor Atom	Forest Hill	Vaughan Rangers
Atom	North Toronto	Vaughan Rangers
Minor Pee wee	Ted Reeve Thunder	Avalanche
Pee wee	Leaside Flames	Avalanche
Minor Bantam	North Toronto	Toronto Eagles
Bantam	Leaside Flames	Vaughan Panthers
Minor Midget	Toronto Aeros	Vaughan Panthers
Midget Jr.	Goulding Park Rangers	Avalanche
Midget	North Toronto	Vaughan Panthers

2015-16 KRAFT CUP WINNERS - AA

Division	East Champion	West Champion
Minor Atom	North Toronto	Vaughan Rangers
Atom	North York Knights	Mississauga North Stars
Minor Pee wee	Scarborough Young Bruins	Mississauga Braves
Pee wee	Ted Reeve Thunder	Mississauga Terriers
Minor Bantam	North York Knights	Streetsville Tigers
Bantam	Toronto Aces	Mississauga Jets
Minor Midget	Ted Reeve Thunder	Ice Warriors
Midget Jr.	Greater Toronto Capitals	Mississauga Terriers
Midget		Duffield Devils

2015-16 KRAFT CUP WINNERS - AAA

Division	Champions	Division	Champions
Minor Atom	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Minor Bantam	Toronto Marlboros
Atom	Toronto Marlboros	Bantam	Mississauga Rebels
Minor Pee wee	Toronto Jr. Canadiens	Minor Midget	Toronto Marlboros
Pee wee	Don Mills Flyers	Midget	North York Rangers
		Under-21	Mississauga Braves

2015-2016 GTHL Champions

2016 King Clancy Tournament Champions

Division	Champion
Minor Atom A	Pickering Panthers (OMHA)
Minor Atom AA	Ted Reeve Thunder
Atom A	Toronto Aeros
Atom AA	Markham Waxers (OMHA)
Minor Pee wee A	Toronto Eagles
Minor Pee wee AA	Toronto Wolverines
Pee wee A	Duffield Devils
Pee wee AA	North York Knights
Minor Bantam A	Mall Lightning
Minor Bantam AA	Toronto Wolverines
Bantam A	Ted Reeve Thunder
Bantam AA	Vaughan Rangers
Minor Midget A	Toronto Eagles
Minor Midget AA	Humber Valley Sharks
Midget Jr. A	East Enders Ticats

2015-2016 GTHL Champions

2016 GREATER TORONTO 'A' CHAMPIONS

Division	Champions
Minor Atom	Vaughan Rangers
Atom	Vaughan Panthers
Minor Peewee	Ted Reeve Thunder
Peewee	Leaside Flames
Minor Bantam	Meadowvale Mohawks
Bantam	Leaside Flames
Minor Midget	Toronto Aeros
Midget	Erindale Spitfires
Midget Jr.	Hillcrest Canadiens

2016 Founder's Cup Tournament Champions & Finalists

Division	Champions
Minor Atom A	Goulding Park Rangers
Minor Atom AA	Vaughan Panthers
Atom A	Markham Waxers (OMHA)
Atom AA	Toronto Eagles
Minor Peewee A	North Toronto
Peewee A	Don Mills Mustangs
Peewee AA	Ice Warriors
Minor Bantam A	Richmond Hill Stars (OMHA)
Minor Bantam AA	Toronto Aeros
Bantam A	Pickering Panthers (OMHA)
Bantam AA	Mississauga Terriers

George Chamandy Memorial Trophy



George Chamandy Award, presented to Don and Shirley Bamford by GTHL President Don West.

The George Chamandy Memorial Trophy is presented to the individual (non GTHL Executive) who, in the opinion of the GTHL Board of Directors, has contributed a supreme effort during the years to the fostering and promotion of Minor Hockey in Greater Toronto. This trophy is the highest award presented to any individual by the GTHL.

Year	Winner
1953	Jim Brown (Boy's Brigade)
1954	George Barber (Corner Boys)
1955	Jack Abel (Ted's Pals H.C.)
1956	R.J. (Bert) Sharpe (Scarborough Lions H.L.)
1957	A.A. "Al" Grossi (Little T.H.L.)
1958	Jack Stafford Jr. (Humber Valley H.A.)
1959	Carmen Bush (Columbus Boys Club)
1960	Ken Gough (Toronto Ramblers)
1961	Roy Turner (East York H.A.)
1962	Earl Robertson (Ted Reeve H.A.)

Year	Winner
1963	R.J.W. Warden (George Bell H.A.)
1964	Bob and Wally Huff
1966	Mrs. Carmen Harper (Toronto Red Wings H.C.)
1967	David Grieve (Ted Reeve H.A.)
1969	George L. Kitchen (Scarborough Central H.L.)
1970	Sam Shopsowitz (Sponsor)
1971	Bill Treadway (Scarborough Central H.L.)
1972	Harry Nash (Northern Etobicoke H.A.)
1974	John Hospodar (Mississauga Reps)

Year	Winner	Year	Winner
1975	Donald Linthwaite (Wexford Toronto H.C.)	1999	Bob Law (posthumously) (North York Canadiens)
1977	George Dufton (Don Mills Flyers H.C.)	2000	Herb Ebisuzaki (GTHL Technical Director)
1978	Paul Sanders (N.Y.H.L.)	2001	Mike Dixon (posthumously) (Mississauga Rebels)
1979	George W. Legge (Toronto Marlboros)	2002	Gary & Sheila Punchard (Toronto Young Nationals)
1980	Bill Denny (Goulding Park H.A.)	2003	Sylvia Jacobs (Markham Islanders)
1981	Bill Peeling (Mississauga H.L.)	2004	Jim Nicoletti (Toronto Marlboros)
1982	Raymond Heslop (J&R Hawks H.C.)	2005	Marilynn Della Rosa (Goulding Park Hockey Association)
1984	Joe Maire (Wexford Toronto H.C.)	2006	Don Montgomery (President SHA)
1985	Brant Snow (Goulding Park)	2007	Ernie Lopez (Toronto Eagles)
1986	John McKay (Ted Reeve)	2008	John FitzPatrick (East Enders)
1987	Lloyd Stockley (Mississauga Jets)	2009	Neil Blanchard (Streetsville Tigers)
1988	Anne & Garry O'Toole (Toronto Aeros)	2010	Carmen Cummings (SYB)
1989	Vern Ward (Young Nationals)	2011	Neil Painchaud (Streetsville Tigers)
1990	Dr. Thomas Pashby (Sports Safety)	2012	Gus Stathopoulos
1991	Ian Traill (Goulding Park)	2013	Al Doria (Vaughan Kings)
1993	Gord Murphy (Mississauga Braves)	2014	Nick Manzo
1994	Jack Harper (Toronto Red Wings)	2015	Barry Harte (City of Vaughan Hockey Association)
1995	Ken Cox (Faustina Sports Club)	2015	Barry Harte
1996	Joe Schembri (Mississauga Terriers)	2016	Don & Shirley Bamford
1997	Peter Johnson (Mississauga North Stars)		
1998	Peter MacInnis (Don Mills Flyers)		

George F. Dufton Scholarship Award



George F. Dufton Scholarship Award presented to Jonathan Sharir-Smith by Lou DelBrocco and 1st Vice President Ken Smith.

The George F. Dufton Scholarship Award is presented annually to the Midget Major Player who achieves a high standard of excellence in hockey and school. George Dufton was the Don Mills Flyers founder and first President who, as a young man excelled in both academics and athletics. The Award is presented to assist players who wish to pursue educational opportunities.

Year	Winner
1993	Charlie Retter
1994	Stephen Choi
1996	Jeffrey Robert Boyes
1997	Dennis Stathopolous
1998	Gasper Galati
1999	Jamie Adoniadis
2001	Matt George
2002	Jared Putterman
2003	Alessandro Lupo
2004	Francesco Caporusso
2005	James Murdoch

Year	Winner
2006	Alan Reynolds
2007	Robert Brennan
2008	Adam Blando
2009	Andrew McLennan
2010	Derrick Johnson
2011	Patrick Piacentini
2013	Stefan Losberg
2014	Oliver Jacobs
2015	Leo Bourgeois
2016	Jonathan Sharir-Smith

Gus Gordon Memorial Officials Award



Gus Gordon Memorial Officials' Award Presented to Rob Brown by GTHL Director Andrew Kidd, Karen Gordon-Priest, and GTHL 2nd Vice-President Gordon McDonald.

Presented annually by the GTHL Supervisors to the official who displays a balance between positive attitude, dedication, competence, and improvement.

Year	Winner
1990-91	Scott Sheriff
1991-92	Hank Bangild
1992-93	Sandy Stenhouse
1993-94	Dean Warren
1994-95	Ralph Sparks
1995-96	Jacqui Palm
1996-97	Cris Kalangis
1997-98	Rob Palm
1998-99	Richard Dutton
1999-00	John Levantis
2000-01	David Berger
2001-02	Dave O'Sullivan
2002-03	Rob Padt

Year	Winner
2003-04	David Lichacz
2004-05	Nick Spiro
2005-06	Philip Switzer
2006-07	Don Haag
2007-08	Ben Venditti
2008-09	Norm Belyea
2009-10	David Montgomery
2010-11	James Cosgriffe
2011-12	Brian Coles
2012-13	Steve Wallace
2013-14	Mark Titus
2014-15	Joseph Zimmerman
2015-16	Rob Brown

Ray Heslop Under 21 Dedication Award

The Ray Heslop Award — Not Presented in 2016.

Established in 2005, the Ray Heslop Under 21 Dedication Award was developed to recognize a Under 21 Player or Team Official best exemplifies the true spirit of Under 21 hockey.

Year	Winner
2006	Stephen Gregoire
2007	Chris Morton
2008	Peter Cappadocia
2009	William Maxwell
2010	Fabio Sacchetti
2012	Patrick Birchall
2015	Kyle Pember

Herb Ebisuzaki Coaching Award



Herb Ebisuzaki Coaching Award Presented to Richard Brewda by Herb Ebisuzaki, GTHL President Don West, and GTHL Director Wally Turner.

Established in 2005, the Herb Ebisuzaki Coaching Award was developed to recognize an outstanding minor hockey coach. The Award is presented to the GTHL Coach (competitive, select or house league) who best exemplifies the true spirit of coaching.

Year	Winner
2005	John Green
2006	Mark Willis
2007	Glynn Uhlman
2008	Thomas McDonell
2009	Gary Weatherup
2010	Jonathan Fine
2011	Mike Durland
2012	Jordan Ungerman
2013	Rob Stanley
2014	Tom Priest
2015	Bryan Whittaker
2016	Richard Brewda

Len Barrett Midget House League Scholarship Award



The Len Barrett Midget House League Scholarship Award was presented to Liam Donaghy by Dan Barrett and GTHL Immediate Past President John Gardner.

Established in 2005, the Len Barrett Midget House League Scholarship Award was developed to recognize a Midget House League Player who achieves a high standard of excellence academically and in hockey.

Year	Winner
2005	Mark De Montis
2006	Richard Adair
2007	Meagan Perry
2008	Stephen Vescio
2009	Amrit Singh Rai
2010	Peter Ferell
2011	David Adair
2012	Keegan Miller
2013	Riley Groskopf
2015	Adam Delfico
2016	Liam Donaghy

Frank D. Smith Midget 'A' Scholarship Award



The Frank D. Smith Midget "A" Scholarship Award is presented to Matthew Kotansky by 1st Vice-President Ken Smith, Life Member Alf Johnston, and GTHL Director Wally Turner.

Established in 2005, the Frank D. Smith Midget 'A' Scholarship Award was developed to recognize a Midget 'A' Player who achieves a high standard of excellence academically and in hockey.

Year	Winner
2005	Peter Panacos
2006	Mark Rosen
2007	Daniel Clarke
2008	Chris McGuire
2009	Erik Snucins
2010	Matthew Robert Lepore
2011	Robers Farrow
2012	John Krakofsky
2013	William Eddie
2014	Shyan Van Heer
2015	Zak Ali
2016	Matthew Kotansky

J. Norman Sharpe Midget 'AA' Scholarship Award



The J. Norman Sharp Midget "AA" Scholarship Award is presented to Alexander Antonini by GTHL President Don West and GTHL Director David Leathem.

Established in 2005, the J.Norman Sharpe Midget 'AA' Scholarship Award was developed to recognize a Midget 'AA' Player who achieves a high standard of excellence academically and in hockey.

Year	Winner
2005	Tyler Barrack
2006	Nigel Morton
2007	Daniel Tinto
2008	Antonio Lombardi
2009	Angus McLean
2010	Nathan Mooney
2011	Peter W T Johnson
2012	Andrew MacCulloch
2013	Soo Hyung Choe
2014	Michael Crews
2015	Tyler McGurk
2016	Alexander Antonini

Gord Hughes Minor Midget 'AAA' Scholarship Award

(Formerly the St. Michael's Majors Minor Midget 'AAA' Scholarship Award)



The Gord Hughes Minor Midget 'AAA' Scholarship Award is presented to Daanyal Chaudry by GTHL Life Member Gordon Hughes and GTHL 2nd Vice-President Gordon McDonald.

Established in 2006, the Minor Midget 'AAA' Scholarship Award was developed to recognize a Minor Midget 'AAA' Player who achieves a high standard of excellence in hockey and school.

Year	Winner
2006	Luke Reda
2007	Omar Kanji
2008	Frederick Hamilton
2009	Adam Shibuya
2010	Daniel David Milne
2011	Nicholas Santoro
2012	Bennet Morrison
2013	Rocky Kaura
2014	Eric Wong
2015	Ben Jones
2016	Daanyal Chaudry

GTHL Special Recognition Award

Special Recognition Awards — Not Presented in 2016.

Established in 2001 by GTHL President John Gardner, the GTHL Special Recognition Award is presented to GTHL Players in order to recognize inspirational courage displayed in overcoming adversity, while maintaining a dedication and commitment to competing in hockey.

Year	Winner
2001	Michael Fish & David Nicoletti
2003	Dan Aziz & Andrew Mizzoni
2004	Billy George, Michael Seccareccia, Chris Purchase
2005	Phil Hipkiss
2006	Colin Campbell, Jordan Emmanuel, Morgan Oliver, Chase McEachern (Posthumously), Adrian Krmeč and Stuart McKenzie
2007	Evan Wall, Jakob Schilz
2008	Sean Cordes
2010	Mark DeMontis
2012	Stefan Petrobono
2013	Liam Cunningham
2014	Sam Garten
2015	Ethan Martins, Ali Khaleghi

Cooper Humanitarian Award



Cooper Humanitarian Award presented to Joseph D'Angelo by GTHL President Don West and GTHL Director Chick Evans.

Presented in recognition of lengthy and dedicated service to minor hockey and the youth who are the benefactors of the individual's efforts.

Year	Winner
1977	John Gardner
1983	Crawford Fisher
1985	Sylvia Jacobs
1989	George Dufton
1995	Rick Rye
1996	Chick Evans
1999	John Fitzpatrick
2003	Paul Heffernan
2004	Upper Canada College's Horizon Program
2005	Norm Clements
2006	Helen Neville
2007	Peter MacInnis
2008	Jordan McNiel
2010	Al Spicer
2013	Paul Cohen
2014	Alistar Kennedy
2015	Rich Ternieden
2016	Joseph D'Angelo

Gary Roberts Training Scholarship Award

Gary Roberts Training Scholarship Award — Not Presented in 2016.

Presented for the first time in 2014, the Gary Roberts Training Scholarship Award is presented annually to a Minor Midget AA or AAA player who exemplifies hard work and dedication both on and off the ice, achieves a high standard of excellence in school and who, along with his family, has made significant personal sacrifices to continue to play hockey at a high level. The scholarship winner will be invited to participate in the Gary Roberts Senior Off-Season Program.

Gary Roberts played 21 seasons in the NHL for the Calgary Flames (1989 Stanley Cup winner), Carolina Hurricanes, Toronto Maple Leafs, Florida Panthers, Pittsburgh Penguins, and Tampa Bay Lightning. Since his retirement, Gary has become a leader in high performance training and nutrition for both amateur and professional athletes.

Year	Winner
2014	Craig Uyeno
2015	Lucas Ianno

Dr. Tom Pashby Regional Trainer of the Year Award

Dr. Tom Pashby Regional Trainer of the Year Award — Not Presented in 2016.

This award signifies outstanding achievement in the area of safety and risk management and contribution to the Hockey Trainers' Certification Program.

Year	Winner
2012	Lea Kyle, Dr. Johanna Carlo (Provincial Winner)
2013	Elisa Fidani
2014	Doug Johnston
2015	Frank Pietrobono



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