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LAKE ONTARIO REGION (REGULATION E46 – E82)

- E46 The Lake Ontario Region (LOR) is a geographic subdivision, for A and AA hockey from Minor Atom to Midget and for AAA hockey from Minor Atom to Minor Midget, that is made up of the following:
- (a) GTHL (Toronto, Mississauga and Vaughan); and
 - (b) the surrounding OMHA Centres including Oakville, Brampton, Richmond Hill, Pickering, and Ajax (each hereinafter referred to as an “OMHA LOR Centre” and these Centres’ AAA Zones); and
 - (c) Markham (see Markham Programs Regulation E64).

GENERAL RULES FOR LOR

- E47 Associations/Clubs that wish to add Teams in the LOR at A, AA and AAA above the base of one team per Category and Division/Sub-Division must apply to their Member by January 31, of the current season for the following season. Approval of all applications will be done by Minor Council.
- E48 A player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre from Minor Atom to PeeWee must tryout in his Centre/AAA Zone of residence.
- E49 A player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from Minor Atom to PeeWee requires a release from his Centre of residence at AAA to tryout at AAA, at AA to tryout at AA, and at A to tryout at A with other Teams in the LOR.
- E50 At the conclusion of each season, an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone resident player from Minor Atom to Minor PeeWee who has received a release and has participated with a Team in the LOR outside of his Centre/AAA Zone must return to his Centre/AAA Zone to tryout.
- E51 A player in the LOR on an AAA Waiver must comply with the AAA Waiver Regulations (E31-45).
- E52 At Minor Bantam through to Midget (with the exception of Midget AAA) the LOR is an open geographic subdivision. All players having graduated the PeeWee Division and above are released at the conclusion of the OHF Championships.

TRYOUTS/REGISTRATION (ALSO SEE OHF REGULATION G2)

- E53 A player who resides in an OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone from Minor Atom to PeeWee must have a release from his Centre/AAA Zone to be eligible to tryout with another Team in the LOR.
- E54 From Minor Atom to PeeWee, Teams must conduct tryouts and offer player registrations within the following timelines:



APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Weekend 1
				OHF Championships		
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
OHF Championships	*AAA - Day 1	*AAA - Day 2	*AAA - Day 3	*AAA - Day 4 <small>In order to retain a player the team must offer a player registration by the end of the fourth day.</small>	‡AAA - Day 5	‡AAA - Day 6
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13
‡AAA - Day 6	**AA - Day 1	**AA - Day 2	**AA - Day 3	**AA - Day 4 <small>In order to retain a player the team must offer a player registration by the end of the fourth day.</small>	‡‡AA - Day 5	‡‡AA - Day 6
Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20
‡‡AA - Day 7	**A - Day 1	**A - Day 2	**A - Day 3	**A - Day 4 <small>In order to retain a player the team must offer a player registration by the end of the fourth day.</small>	‡‡A - Day 5	‡‡A - Day 6
Day 21						
‡‡A - Day 7						



- (a) For Minor Atom to PeeWee the following legend applies:
- i. * Tryouts open only to players eligible by residency with the team, or, players that have been released by their residential team in that category, or, players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
 - ii. ‡ Tryouts open to all players providing they have attended the tryouts with their residential team in that category and have been released, or, players that are eligible on an OHF Waiver(s).
 - iii. ** Tryouts open only to players eligible by residency with the team, players who have been released by their residential team in that category or players eligible as an NRP (OMHA only).
 - iv. ‡‡ Tryouts open to all players providing they have attended the tryouts with their residential team in that category and have been released.

E55 A player from Minor Bantam to Midget (except Midget AAA) will require a Permission to Skate if changing Members. A Permission to Skate can only be withheld for outstanding fees or equipment.

E56 If a player has difficulty obtaining the necessary Permission to Skate from his or her LOR Organization, it can be obtained from the LOR Organization's Member (GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be) or from the OHF office.

E57 Any player who resides outside the LOR is not eligible to tryout with any team in the LOR, as they do not meet eligibility requirements to be able to register within the LOR. The only exception to this is a player who has AAA Waiver(s) (in this case, when the player has complied with the AAA Waiver Regulations, a player is eligible in compliance with E43 to participate in try outs and does not require the LOR Permission to Skate Form, as long as the player presents the AAA Waiver Form(s) at tryouts).

E58 Teams will be required to present to the Member Registrar any required forms for the player to be eligible with the player registration for validation. Teams who fail to do so or provide documentation that contradict the regulations will be subject to the following penalties:

- (a) The Head Coach of the offending Team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games: and
- (b) The offending LOR Organization will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00 which is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid; and
- (c) Any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (d) The subject player will not be eligible to sign, (or affiliate) with any team in the LOR Organization affiliated with the offending team.

RELEASES

E59 For Minor Atom to PeeWee, in order to retain a player requiring a written release, the OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone with which the player is registered must offer the player an opportunity to an unused roster spot for the upcoming season which must be delivered by Personal Service (if disputed verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery) to the player and parent in accordance with Regulation E54. A player at Minor Atom to PeeWee who is provided a registration offer from a Team and does not accept will not be provided a release for that Category. An LOR Organization at each Division and Category may make the Maximum Number of Offers. A Team must intend to sign and play every player to whom it extends an offer. If a Team withdraws



an offer previously made, the player is released and the Team will forfeit one (1) player registration as outlined in Playing Regulation C7, for each such player.

- E60 An LOR Organization that has made a Maximum Number of Offers may extend further offers to additional players if any of the Maximum Number of Offers are declined. Any OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player who is in compliance with E61, to whom an offer above the Maximum Number of Offers is thereafter made, and who declines such offer, will be entitled to an immediate release upon request.
- E61 An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone player at Minor Atom to PeeWee who does not attend the majority of tryouts and/or does not make themselves available to be offered a roster spot with their Centre/AAA Zone will not automatically be provided a release for that Category.
- E62 No Team/LOR Organization may release a player registered in the LOR after November 15 of the current season, however Members (GTHL and OMHA) are able to release a player until January 10.
- E63 For Minor Atom to PeeWee if a player's OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone does not provide a Team in a specific Division and Category then a player having fully participated in a majority of the Team's tryout sessions is automatically released for that Division and Category. If the Centre/AAA Zone does not provide tryouts for a team in a specific Division and Category then the player is automatically released for that Division and Category.

MARKHAM PROGRAMS

- E64 Markham is unique in the LOR, as there are GTHL clubs and an OMHA Association operating in the same residential community. The GTHL and OMHA both offer AAA, AA and A programs. The status of Markham residents is as follows:
 - (a) Markham residents are always non-imports to Markham Teams.
 - (b) A Markham resident player who has not previously participated at the AAA, AA, A level from Minor Atom to PeeWee may play with either Markham Minor Hockey Association or Markham GTHL Team.
 - (c) Markham resident players, Minor Atom to PeeWee, having registered with either the Markham OMHA or Markham GTHL in any given season, will require a release from that team in order to register with the other Markham Member in the following season.
 - (d) Markham resident players without an identified import status (all Minor Atom players and any player who has not previously participated in the LOR at the AAA, AA or A category) must be released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders in order to register with an LOR team outside of Markham. Having been released by both Markham Waxers and Markham Majors/Islanders, the player's import status will be defined based on the first LOR team the player registers with at the AAA, AA or A category, Minor Atom to PeeWee.
 - i. If the player registers first with any team within the OMHA he is an import to the GTHL.
 - ii. If the player registers first with any team within the GTHL he is an import to the OMHA.
 - (e) Markham resident players, having established their import status to either the OMHA or the GTHL may have their import status reversed by playing one full season on a Team with the Markham organization where they would be defined as an import if playing on a Team outside of Markham.



- (f) Markham resident players, Atom to PeeWee, wishing to play in the LOR outside of Markham require the following release each season based on their import status.
 - i. Import status to the GTHL:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for either Member in the LOR outside of Markham.
 - ii. Import status to the OMHA:
 - 1. Release required from Markham Waxers to play for an OMHA LOR team outside of Markham.

THE EXTENDED BOUNDARIES OF THE LOR AAA ZONES OF RICHMOND HILL AND MARKHAM

- E65 The LOR has extended boundaries from the normal association boundaries. This is due to the AAA zones of Richmond Hill and Markham, which are both LOR areas, but which, for AAA programs only, have players eligible in other centres as part of their AAA zone. The extended areas are as follows:
- (a) The area of NobleKing Minor Hockey, and the area of the Town of Caledon Minor Hockey Association, are all part of the Richmond Hill AAA zone. Players from these areas as part of the Richmond Hill AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams and are non-imports to OMHA perimeter centres of the LOR at AAA only.
 - (b) The area of Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is part of the OMHA Markham AAA Zone. Players from this area as part of the Markham OMHA AAA zone are imports to AAA GTHL teams and are non-imports to OMHA perimeter centres of the LOR at AAA only.

COACHING MOVEMENT

- E66 A person who is registered as a Team Official in one season may not, without the written consent of the LOR Organization with which such person is registered as a Team Official, be registered or appear on the bench in the immediately following season as a Team Official for a Team in the immediately higher age division or sub-division (where applicable) of another LOR Organization. Such written consent must be signed by an LOR Organization Official and provided to the GTHL, OMHA and OHF Offices. An LOR Organization may withhold its consent in its sole and absolute discretion. A Team Official may appeal to the Member of the team that is withholding the consent. Reports of any team Officials who may be in violation of this policy should be immediately reported to the GTHL, OMHA or OHF office as soon as possible.

IMPORTS

- E67 The import quota system applies only to teams in an area known as the LOR. It does not apply to other Associations/Clubs outside this area.
- E68 An import is defined as a player who:
- (a) resides in the LOR and plays for a Team in the Member (i.e. GTHL or OMHA) in which the Player is not a resident.
 - (b) resides in the AAA Zones of Burlington, Halton Hills, Grey-Bruce, York Simcoe, Central Ontario and Whitby who plays in the GTHL on the Waivers.
- E69 A player remains an import as long as he registers with a non-residential team. He does not lose his import status after one, two, three etc. years as an import with a team.



- E70 A team registering an import shall place on the submitted registration the word “IMPORT” and the player’s registration shall be further validated as such by the Member and the OHF to be considered registered as defined in OHF Regulation E1.
- E71 If an import player has not been identified as an import by the team in accordance with OHF Regulation E70 and is registered by the Member and the OHF as a non-import player and is subsequently designated an “import” by the Member or OHF, such player shall be deemed to be registered on the date of designation.
- E72 If, as a result of such designation or a team has registered more than the allotted number of import players, the priority of registration as determined by the OHF Regulation E70 shall prevail and import players must be released in reverse order of registration. Example: the last player designated as an import would be the first to be released. If two or more players are designated on the same day, then players shall be released in reverse order based on the date of their original registration. This release order would continue until the team has reached its proper import quota.

IMPORT QUOTAS (LOR ONLY)

- E73 Teams may only register a total allotment of imports under the following guidelines:
- (a) for AAA no more than four (4) imports;
 - (b) for AA and A teams, no more than three (3) imports.
- E74 Teams in the LOR may have registered at any one time, no more than the allowed import number for that team.
- E75 If a team registers too many imports, the players shall be released in reverse order of when their registration was approved by the Member until the team complies with the proper quota. That is, the last player whose registration was approved would be the first released.
- E76 AAA, AA, A clubs or teams in the LOR shall submit, through their Member, a current Team List to the OHF:
- (a) on October 15 of each playing season, all registered players for the current season with notation of Import players
 - (b) on January 15, clubs will submit, through their Member, on the appropriate form, any further changes to their team list making its current Team List final.

IMPORT PLAYERS USED AS AFFILIATED PLAYERS IN THE LOR

- E77 Subject to the following, a team may dress as Affiliated Players (AP’s) both non-imports and imports, even if that means that the team is dressing more imports than its quota for any particular game.
- E78 An import can dress for a maximum of ten (10) games. If the affiliate team has fewer registered imports than its quota, an import may play an unlimited number of games after his registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs. HC Reg. E35 (a).
- E79 If an import after his registered Team completes its regular Season and playoffs is dressed by a team whose quota is full (even if the number of imports dressed for any particular game within the quota), that team will default such additional games and pay a fine to be determined by the Member.
- E80 If a team legitimately loses an import (e.g. through a season ending injury or illness, or withdrawal), it can apply to the OHF for relief to replace that player with an affiliated import with the understanding that HC Regulation E35 (a) and (b) and OHF Regulation D5 apply.
- E81 The GTHL or OMHA, as the case may be, has the right to intervene, and, if necessary, discipline or penalize any of its teams which, on the basis of a formal complaint, is found to be using an import



as an AP on a continual or regular basis so as to cause any player, either import or non-import, on the immediately higher category/division team to be inactive for unreasonable periods of time.

E82 To assist teams in complying with the above, and to assist in the statistical analysis of the arrangements for the LOR, an import player dressing for his affiliated team shall be designated as “AP (I)” on the game sheet. No designation is required on a game sheet for an import playing for his registered team.

GRANDFATHERING CLAUSE

There are three components of the Grandfathering Clause.

1. An OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone Player who participated in the GTHL or OMHA in 2016-2017 at:
 - a. Minor Atom and Atom may continue to play in the GTHL or OMHA without going back to their Centre/AAA Zone each year in compliance with E50, providing that Player stays with the same Team. Such Player will be recorded as a Status Import and will be included in the total Import Quota.
 - i. If the Player wishes to tryout at a higher category the player must return to his residential OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone and tryout. In returning to tryout at a higher category the Player does not negate the Status Import and may return to the same Team he participated with the previous year.
 - ii. If the Player tries out in their residential OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone at the same Category as the Player participated in the previous season the Status Import is removed and they come in line with the current regulations.
 - b. Minor PeeWee may continue to play anywhere in the GTHL or OMHA without going back to their residential OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone to tryout in compliance with E50. Such Player will be recorded as a Status Import and will be included in the total Import Quota.
 - i. If the Player tries out in their residential OMHA LOR Centre/AAA Zone the Status Import is removed and they come in line with the current regulations.
2. A Team that had a full allotment of imports during the 2016-2017 season that is greater than the allowable imports for the 2017-2018 season may continue to register the full allotment of imports as long as they retain the exact same players. If the Team releases an Import or an Import leaves the Team, the Team would revert to the allowable imports for the 2017-2018 season.
 - a. Teams that were granted an additional Import in 2016-2017 through the Mediation Committee process will not be granted Import spots above the maximum number allowed for 2017-2018 and if wishing to apply the Grandfathering Clause would need to choose five of the Imports from their 2016-2017 Team in order to qualify.
3. An LOR Organization that during the 2016-2017 season operated an additional Team in a Category at a specific birth year may continue to operate such additional Team in that Category for that specific birth year without further approval under E47. If the LOR Organization decides to discontinue the additional Team during any future season it would need to reapply under E47. The following is a list of Teams that are grandfathered:



Oakville Representative Teams

Birth Year	Division	Grandfathered Teams Above the Maximum Teams	Can retain a Player with Offer Ω	Additional Teams Approved for 2017-2018	Can retain a Player with Offer Ω
2008	Minor Atom				
2007	Atom			1 - A Team	No
2006	Minor Peewee			1 - A Team	No
2005	Peewee	1 - A Team	Yes	1 - AA Team	No
2004	Minor Bantam	1 - A Team	N/A	1- AA Team	N/A
2003	Bantam	1 - AA Team	N/A	1 - A Team	N/A
2002	Minor Midget	1 - A Team 1 - AA Team	N/A		
2001-2000	Midget	1 - A Team	N/A		

Ω Can retain a player with Offer – if yes means that if offered a card they don't have to be release, if no they can offer a card but the player is not required to accept the card and a release cannot be withheld.

New Definition to be added to the Regulations

LOR Organization - an Association/Club in the case of the GTHL or LOR Centre/AAA Zone in the case of the OMHA.

Personal Service – is the act of making an offer of a registration to a player and their parent face to face with a witness. This act can occur immediately following a tryout or at another time as set by the coach or association. The verification by affidavit is only required when an offer of a registration is disputed.

Maximum Number of Offers – refers to the number of offers a Team in a Division and Category is eligible to make. the number is equal to the lesser of:

- maximum number of player registration certificates allowed by Hockey Canada for a Team in the particular Division or
- the maximum number allowed by the Member.