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Frequently Asked Questions - GTHL Postponed Season Clarifications

1. Now that we have returned to our residential team from the GTHL, there is no position for my child who is a goalie of AAA caliber. What are my options?
 - a. As per OHF Return to Hockey Framework, you are eligible to play with your residential Association or wait until the GTHL has resumed sanctioned activities in January. We advise working with your residential Association to find opportunities within that Association or an adjacent Association that may have an opportunity at a similar caliber.
2. Our GTHL team has said that practices will continue despite the GTHL postponing any sanctioned activities, do we still have insurance coverage for these practices?
 - a. NO! Hockey Canada Insurance coverage is not available to GTHL Clubs or Associations and their teams while sanctioned activities are postponed GTHL.
3. How does this policy apply to players that are NOT registered with the GTHL for the 20/21 season? The policy only describes various types of players that have registered with the GTHL for the 2020/21 season.
 - a. The OHF Non-Sanctioned Leagues Policy is in place as written for all players and coaches that reside outside of the GTHL's jurisdiction. The principle of these clarifications apply to residents of the GTHL jurisdiction that have not registered yet and are considering at a later date.
4. GTHL residence, waivers and LOR players how does this apply to them?
 - a. A GTHL resident that is playing outside the GTHL on a AAA Waiver or through LOR Regulations for the 2020-2021 would be subject to the OHF Non-Sanctioned League Policy.
5. Can a Markham resident registered to the Islanders/Majors now go play for the Waxers under this?
 - a. A Markham resident playing for the Islanders/Majors or any other GTHL Team has the ability to return and participate with the Markham OMHA organization.
6. At present we don't have a league for our players to play in, so, if they join up with non-sanctioned leagues will those players face any discipline suspensions or otherwise on January 1st, 2021?
 - a. Players resident of the GTHL not eligible to register with any other OHF Member who choose to participate on non-sanctioned teams will be eligible return when the GTHL returns to sanctioned activities for the 2020-2021 season, so long as they return to sanctioned activities when they resume. Players are not eligible to participate in both sanctioned and non-sanctioned activities at the same time. Please note that OHF Bulletin - Participation in Non-Government Compliant Programs is in place for non-sanctioned activities that do not follow Government protocols.



7. I entered the GTHL on a waiver last season, now I am out a team until they resume. Am I permitted to participate in Non Sanctioned Leagues until the GTHL resumes?
 - a. You have the option to continue to sit out or return to your residential AAA Zone/Centre for participation. If you do return to your residential AAA Zone/Centre and they do not have opportunity for you then you permitted to participate in non-sanctioned activities and return to the GTHL similar to a GTHL resident. If your residential AAA Zone/Centre does have an opportunity and you decide to participate in non-sanctioned programming then the September 30 date would apply.
8. Two options are provided for Female Players Residential to the GTHL Jurisdiction, are these options in addition to the option provided to GTHL Resident Players described in the remainder of the bulletin, or if these are the only options being provided to female players who are currently residential players within the GTHL?
 - a. Female Players Residential to the GTHL Jurisdiction must follow the two options available unless the OWHA does not offer a comparable level of hockey in that area. For this purpose, the highest level of GTHL programming (AAA) equates to the highest level of OWHA programming (AA).
9. In the section labelled Non-GTHL Resident LOR Players, the bulletin states that should the player not be able to play in a category similar to the one they were registered in with the GTHL, they would be able to revert back to participating under the guidelines of the OHF Non-Sanctioned League Policy for the GTHL. Since the OWHA does not provide hockey at the AAA level, then are female players who participate at the AAA level in the GTHL permitted to seek opportunities to play in unsanctioned hockey events after September 30th?
 - a. Female Players Residential to the GTHL Jurisdiction must follow the two options available unless the OWHA does not offer a comparable level of hockey in that area. For this purpose, the highest level of GTHL programming (AAA) equates to the highest level of OWHA programming (AA).