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General Information

NOHA Office Hours

The NOHA office will be open to the public and available to answer your calls from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Monday to Friday.

If you require any service after these hours, please contact your NOHA District Council Director.

NOHA Officers and Council Directors

A listing of the NOHA Officers and Council Directors for the 2018-2019 season can be found on the NOHA Website under the [About tab](#). Please contact them with any concerns you have.

NOHA Website

Check out the NOHA website at <http://www.noha-hockey.com> for forms, tournaments, clinics, etc.

NOHA Initiation Program Policy

The NOHA Board of Directors fully supports the Initiation Program; it is the best program of its kind and is copied by other hockey governing bodies worldwide. To assist Associations in the implementation of the Program, and to ensure consistency throughout Northern Ontario, the NOHA Board of Directors has approved the policies below for the upcoming season.

For game rules and clarification of the Initiation Program please visit the [Initiation LTPD page](#) on our website.

NOHA Jamboree Policy

Please visit the [Tournaments page](#) on the NOHA website to obtain the NOHA Jamboree Policy.

NOHA Novice Half-Ice Information

Visit the NOHA website [Novice LTPD page](#) for information on half ice programming at Novice, including details on the OHF Player Development Model, Playing Up Policy, and other important information for parents and Minor Hockey Associations.

Respect in Sport – Parent Program

Each player in the NOHA must have one parent complete the Respect in Sport Parent Program by November 1st, 2018. If the player is attending a tournament prior to November 1st, the program must be completed before the tournament. Any player whose parents have not completed the program by November 1st will not be eligible to participate until the parent receives their certification.

NOTE: Bench Staff who has a child registered on a minor hockey team must also complete the Respect in Sport Parent Program. Speak Out or Respect in Sport Activity Leader do not substitute for the Respect in Sport Parent Program.

NOHA Video Review Policy

The Video Review Policy will again be in effect for the 2018-2019 season. The policy can be found on the NOHA Website under the [Bulletins page](#).

NOHA Game Sheets

Game sheets are available from the NOHA office at a cost of \$28.25 (HST included) per package of 100. Please contact Kiersten Maitland at kmaitland@noha.on.ca to order your game sheets!

Residential Move Form

This is a required registration document that must be completed and approved before a player's registration is validated. The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association, Club or single team entry, shall submit to the office of Executive Director of the NOHA, verifiable proof, in writing, of the residency of any player registered in the current season. In the case of disputed residency, the ruling of the President shall be final. Any player moving residency within their own association may submit a completed Residential Move form only. Please visit the [Forms page](#) on the NOHA website to obtain the Residential Move Form.

Exhibition Games

Please note that your Council Director must be informed of all exhibition games within NOHA jurisdiction a minimum of 48 hours prior to the event.

Please see NOHA Regulation 7.2:

No player or team shall be permitted to play exhibition games without the permission of their NOHA Council Director. Permission must be obtained 48 hours in advance of the scheduled game or 7 days in the case where an NOHA team is playing a team from outside the NOHA.

It is the home team's responsibility to make the request to their association. The game must be approved by your District Council Director through the NOHA Portal.

NOHA Affiliation

At the 2017 Hockey Canada Winter Congress Meeting new affiliation regulations were passed that affect the NOHA. 19 at-large is now the only affiliation type being used in the NOHA.

For more information on affiliation in the NOHA please visit the [affiliation page](#) on the NOHA website.

Body Checking in House League Hockey

NOHA Regulations States:

R.12.2.f No Rep Team will be allowed to play in a House League Tournament.

R.3.2 All teams or groups within the NOHA under the house league umbrella must play non-body checking.

Tournament Permit Request Form

The NOHA has gone to an online tournament permit request. Each Association/Single Entry Team has been given two (2) access accounts to request tournament permits. Please contact your Association for information on how this is being dealt with in your Association.

Hockey Tournament Sanction

R.12.1 A tournament sanction permit will be issued only to the Minor Hockey organization which is the recognized governing body in a centre and which is affiliated with the NOHA. The sanction fees, a copy of the tournament rules, and a copy of the invitation must accompany your application into the NOHA office 60 days prior to the tournament.

A list of teams who are entering the tournament must be forwarded to the NOHA office and the NOHA Council Director ten (10) days prior to the start of the tournament. The completed schedule can then be e-mailed when the final draft

is ready to be sent to all teams. All tournaments (house league and rep) are required to submit tournament reconciliation to the NOHA office sixty (60) days after the completion of the tournament. Tournament hosts must also submit all game sheets, tournament permits, final game schedule and HCR approved rosters to the NOHA office with their reconciliation. All tournaments are required to check the HCR approved rosters of each team participating to verify their eligibility.

Once everything has been submitted, the NOHA office will inform the Association of any missing documents that did not come with the Tournament Reconciliation, and they will then help the Association secure them.

If a sanctioned tournament changes anything on the tournament application that has already been approved, they must send the revised invitation and rules and regulations to all teams that have applied to notify them of the changes and allow them to withdraw with no penalty imposed.

NOHA sanctioned tournaments will be added to the NOHA website once approved by the Council Director. It is suggested the earlier you submit your applications to the NOHA office, the more exposure your tournament will receive.

NOTE – Applications for Jamborees must be submitted using the new NOHA Jamboree application form.

Please visit the [Tournaments page](#) on the NOHA website to obtain the Tournament Sanction Form.

Volunteer Manual

Visit the [Safety and Risk Management page](#) to obtain the NOHA Volunteer Manual.

NOHA Information E-mails

If you are interested in receiving e-mails from the NOHA regarding important information such as clinics, promotional opportunities, events and other various activities within the NOHA please subscribe to our e-mail list on website. To register please enter your name and e-mail address on the right hand side of the main page of our website.

NOHA Forms Page

Visit the NOHA Tools page for all matters relating to forms for associations and transfers, NOHA bulletins, affiliation, appeals.

Contact noha@noha.on.ca if you have an questions or concerns.

Insurance/Risk Management

Transgender Inclusiveness Training

All bench staff within the OHF must complete the Gender Identity and Expression course. To sign up for the course please visit the OHF website at www.ohf.on.ca.

Each association is required to adopt the OHF Transgender Dressing Room Policy.

Pres-Season Chats

The OHF requires the "pre-season chat" specific to Gender Diversity to take place at the beginning of each season. Copies of the PowerPoint presentations and other important documentation has previously been shared with Minor Hockey Associations. Please contact your Association President to obtain this information.

Team Travel Insurance

Please read the attached memo from the Ontario Hockey Federation regarding travel insurance. It is highly recommended that teams traveling outside of the province obtain additional insurance and ensure that it covers sports-related injuries.

Injured Players on the Bench

The NOHA has received many calls about injured players being on the bench during hockey games.

Please be advised of the following Hockey Canada Playing Rule 9 (c):

"Only players in uniform and a maximum of five team officials shall be permitted to occupy the players' bench. These individuals shall be registered and entered on the Official game report. A maximum of five team officials may be recorded on the Official Game report."

Hockey Canada Booklets

The booklet "Safety Requires Teamwork/Safety for All" that outlines the Hockey Canada insurance program, risk management and harassment and abuse guidelines is now available on the NOHA website under Safety - Insurance. They will not be available in print format.

Hockey Canada Volunteer Insurance

There is no charge for HC Volunteer Insurance. Volunteers are covered for HC Liability Insurance only. These volunteers are not covered to be on the ice or on the bench. Visit the [Safety and Risk Management page](#) on the NOHA website for more information.

Registered Officials/Risk Management

To be on the bench as a registered official of a team, you must be a minimum of 16 years of age and at least two (2) years older than the team you are registered with. Once again this season, there will be no registering as a stickboy. All coaches, assistant coaches, trainers and managers must be certified to go behind the bench or on the ice and be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry. Visit the [Coaches page](#) on the NOHA website for all certification requirements and information including clinics.

Mouthguard Policy

The NOHA has a new mouthguard policy that was adopted at the 2017 NOHA AGM in North Bay. Mouthguards are no longer mandatory, but if worn, must be worn properly. Please review the attached NOHA Mouthguard Facts document.

Return to Play Guidelines

All players who experience a concussion must be seen by a physician as soon as possible. Please see the enclosed Concussion Education and Awareness information, which includes information on symptoms and signs of a concussion, as well as the **Six Step Return to Play Protocol** which MUST be followed. Coaches, Managers and Trainers are encouraged to download the Hockey Canada Concussion Awareness App, which is available from the Hockey Canada website, www.hockeycanada.ca.

Cyberbullying

Hockey Canada has teamed up with Kids Help Phone and PREVNet to bring you resources and tools to assist you with prevention of cyberbullying in the hockey environment and we urge you to review the information provided. For more information visit the following link: <http://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/Hockey-Programs/Safety/Cyberbullying>

Position Changes

For many years, the NOHA has allowed bench staff to change positions as long as it came with a letter from the Association President which confirmed that the person would no longer be performing the role that they were originally signed up for – which in 99% of the cases is to coach.

With that being said, it is very apparent that this policy has been taken advantage of and continues to be taken advantage of, whereby a person who has been changed from a coach to a trainer because they did not want to take a coaching clinic.

As such, the NOHA Board discussed this policy and have revised the position change policy to the following: Once registered for a position, that is the position that they must be registered as. No change of position shall be allowed, which will circumvent the clinic requirements. The NOHA Board and Office Staff can deal with errors and exceptions.

We recognize that there could be an error in the data entry on the HCR and these can be dealt with; however, any requests will be closely scrutinized.

Hockey Canada Rules 2018-2020

The new Hockey Canada playing rules that were approved at the 2017 Hockey Canada Winter Congress can be found on the NOHA Website [under Bulletins](#).

Fan Abuse Policy

The New NOHA Fan Abuse Policy can be reviewed under the [Bulletins page](#) on the NOHA website.

Coaches/Development

Respect in Sport Certification

HC/OHF/NOHA regulations require all Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Trainers and Managers to complete the Respect in Sport – Activity Leader program online component. Respect in Sport is available on the NOHA Website. Link: <https://noha.respectgroupinc.com/secure/>

Coaching Subsidy (Development 1/High Performance 1)

Through the Coaching Association of Ontario (CAO), there is a subsidy available to Coaches who attend a Development 1 and/or High Performance Clinic.

Coaches can receive up to \$300.00, they will reimburse up to 60% of the clinic fee.

We would encourage Associations that reimburse their Coaches for clinics to ensure that they apply for this subsidy first.

For further information, please visit: <http://coachesontario.ca/qfg/bursary-program/>.

NCCP Instructional Stream

As part of the National Coach Mentorship Program (NCMP), Hockey Canada has developed a series of Instructional Stream Clinics to offer coaches a practical session on teaching various skills, tactics and systems. The Northern Ontario Hockey Association is pleased to offer the following four Instructional Stream Clinics – Skills, Small Area Games, Developing Defensemen, and Skating. Please contact Andrew Corradini at 705-474-8851 or via email at accorradini@noha.on.ca for further information.

Instructional Stream – Checking

As passed at the 2018 NOHA AGM checking certification is now only required at the Pee wee, Bantam, and Midget Rep level.

Hockey Trainers Certification Program – Level I and Level II Refresher

Please see the attached information regarding the Trainers program.

Hockey Canada Skills Camps

Hockey Canada Skills Development Camps are a one-day or two-day event open to boys and girls playing in the Atom or Pee wee division (9-12 years of age).

Annually, Hockey Canada holds more than 100 camps from coast to coast, in partnership with Hockey Canada branches and minor hockey associations.

Should you wish to host a Hockey Canada Skills Development Camp, please contact the NOHA office or visit <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/players/skills-camps>.

Hockey Canada Skills Camps

Visit the NOHA Coaches page for all certification requirements, clinics, how to become Development 1 Certified, and the Hockey Canada Network.

Contact Andrew Corradini at acorradini@noha.on.ca if you have any questions.

100th NOHA AGM

The 100th NOHA Annual General Meeting for 2019 will be held in Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt from May 3-5, 2019.

The NOHA has secured rooms at the following properties. Please reference the NOHA 100th AGM to book a room in the reserved block. The Waterfront Inn has already been filled.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Address: 998029 Highway #11, Temiskaming Shores, ON P0J 1P0
Phone: (705) 647-8282

Quality Inn

Address: 998009 ON-11, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0
Phone: (705) 647-7357

Econo Lodge

Address: 998006 ON-11, New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0
Phone: (705) 647-6705

100th Anniversary AGM Banquet Tickets Available

The Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) is very pleased to announce that tickets for the 100th Anniversary AGM Banquet, to be held at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena in Temiskaming Shores on Saturday, May 4, 2019, are now available for purchase.

All guests in attendance will receive a marché-style dinner with several food stations, have the ability to participate in various draws and auctions, and will finish the evening with lively entertainment by Taw Connors.

Taw Connors, the son of the legendary Stompin' Tom Connors, decided to begin touring to honour his father. Taw has already gained a name for himself across Northern Ontario, with many speechless at his ability to channel the original spirit of Stompin' Tom's music.

The set he performs includes many songs featuring Northern Ontario, including: Sudbury Saturday Night, Little Wawa, Fire in the Mine, Big Joe Mufferaw and Reesor Crossing, among others.

Contact the NOHA Office or go online today to participate in what is sure to be an unforgettable night of history and celebration of hockey in Northern Ontario.

For tickets:

Call the NOHA Office – (705) 474-8851

Purchase online via [this site](#). Tickets are \$50.00 per person. Doors open at 6pm.

Tickets purchased will either be shipped to the individual(s) or can be picked up at the venue on May 4, 2019.

100th Anniversary Golf Tournament

SAVE THE DATE!

**NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
100TH ANNIVERSARY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

JULY 6TH, 2019

**TIMBERWOLF & CEDAR GREEN GOLF
COURSES - SUDBURY**

**\$175.00 PER GOLFER
4 PERSON SCRAMBLE PLUS CART, GIFT,
AND BUFFET DINNER**

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE SOON!

NOHA Award Winners

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Angus Campbell Merit Award	Jim McLoughlin, Sudbury
Ken Neeb Memorial Award	Dan Ranger, Capreol
Rick F. Albert Memorial Award	Pierre Lebrecque, Sudbury
	John Zubyck, Temiskaming Shores
Tom Pashby Trainers Award	David Losier, Kapuskasing

HC/NOHA Officials Awards

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Most Deserving Official – Owen Rigg – South Porcupine
Jim Connors Memorial Award – Matthew Redmond – Mindemoya
Most Improved Official – Braden Bynres – South Porcupine
Keith Barton Memorial Award – Jaye Harrington – Powassan

NOHA Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 99th NOHA AGM are available on the NOHA website.