



## NORTHERN ONTARIO HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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**BULLETIN #1**

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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 2019-2020 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 Office Staff E-Mails

Please note the NOHA office staff have new e-mails, please update your contacts accordingly.

Jason Marchand – Executive Director – [jmarchand@noha-hockey.com](mailto:jmarchand@noha-hockey.com)

Andrew Corradini – Technical Director – [acorradini@noha-hockey.com](mailto:acorradini@noha-hockey.com)

Kiersten Maitland – Office Manager – [kmaitland@noha-hockey.com](mailto:kmaitland@noha-hockey.com)

Lindsay Morell – Member Services Coordinator – [lmorell@noha-hockey.com](mailto:lmorell@noha-hockey.com)

Adam Morell – Officiating Program Coordinator – [amorell@noha-hockey.com](mailto:amorell@noha-hockey.com)

### NOHA Constitution

The NOHA Constitution is available online on the NOHA Website under the [Resources tab](#). Constitutions have also been included for all Associations and rep teams.

## **OHF Handbook**

The OHF Handbook will be shipped out to associations and rep teams in the near future. In the meantime, it can be found at [this link](#).

## **Hockey Canada By-Laws/Regulations**

The Hockey Canada By-Laws and Regulations is available online on the [Hockey Canada Website](#). The Hockey Canada By-Laws and Regulations have also been included for all Associations.

## **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.

## **Atom Player Pathway**

As a follow up to the recent implementation of the Initiation Program, beginning in the 2020-2021 season all Hockey Canada Members will be mandated to follow the Novice and Atom Player Pathways. The Player Pathways are progressive, learn to play development guides that support the player development continuum from Initiation Programming through to Atom. The Pathways outline optimal seasonal structures and age appropriate development guidelines.

## **Novice Tiering**

Please see the enclosed letter regarding Novice tiering.

## **Respect in Sport – Parent Program**

Each player in the NOHA must have one parent complete the Respect in Sport Parent Program by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. If the player is attending a tournament prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>, the program must be completed before the tournament. Any player whose parents have not completed the program by November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2019-2020 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-hockey.com](mailto:kmaitland@noha-hockey.com) 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.

## **2019-2020 NOHA Officiating Rates**

The [2019-2020 NOHA Officiating Rates](#) were approved at the 100<sup>th</sup> AGM in Cobalt. These are the rates to be used based on total game length in minutes and are non-negotiable.

## **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 both 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**

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.

## **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](http://www.ohf.on.ca).

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

### **Pre-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.

### **Rowan's Law**

The Ontario Government has enacted Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), 2018, S.O. 2018, c. 1 ("Act"). Ontario Regulation 161/19, the Act requires all sport organizations as defined in the Regulation ("Sports Organization"), which includes the Ontario Hockey Federation ("OHF"), to have a Concussion Code of Conduct. This Concussion Code of Conduct must require participants, as set out in the Act, to review the Ontario Government's issued Concussion Awareness Resources on an annual basis.

A participant is subject to a Concussion Code of Conduct for each Sports Organization a participant registers with. Applicable age appropriate Concussion Awareness Resources are located at [www.ontario.ca/concussions](http://www.ontario.ca/concussions).

The OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and the appropriate Concussion Awareness Resources must be reviewed before you can register/participate in the OHF.

- [10 and Under Concussion Awareness Resource](#)
- [11-14 Concussion Awareness Resource](#)
- [15 and Over Concussion Awareness Resource](#)

Find the OHF Acknowledgment Form [HERE](#)

### **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](http://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-hockey.com](mailto:accorradini@noha-hockey.com) 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-hockey.com](mailto:acorradini@noha-hockey.com) if you have any questions.

## **NOHA AGM**

The 101<sup>st</sup> NOHA Annual General Meeting for 2020 will be held in Sault Ste. Marie from May 1-3, 2020.

### **Quattro Hotel and Conference Centre**

Address: 229 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4Z2

Phone: (705) 942-2500

### **NOHA Award Winners**

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Angus Campbell Merit Award  
Ken Neeb Memorial Award  
Rick F. Albert Memorial Award  
Tom Pashby Trainers Award  
NOHA Life Membership

Claude Denomme, Temiskaming Shores  
Shannon Baumhour, Valley East  
Glen Campbell, North Bay  
Chris Seguin, Val Caron  
John Jamieson, Lively  
Hugh Riddle, Garson

### **HC/NOHA Officials Awards**

Congratulations to the following award winners:

Most Deserving Official  
Jim Connors Memorial Award  
Most Improved Official  
Keith Barton Memorial Award

Christian Gratton – Hearst  
Ashton Sullivan – Timmins  
Hillary Brennan – North Bay  
Travis Assiniwe – Wikwemikong

### **NOHA Annual Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the 100<sup>th</sup> NOHA AGM are available on the NOHA website.