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General Information

NOHA Office Christmas Hours

Closed – Monday, December 23 to Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (inclusive).
Normal business hours will resume on Thursday, January 2nd.

If you require any service after these hours, [please contact your NOHA District Council Director](#).

January 10 Release Date

Please note the final date to release players off the HCR is January 10th.

House League Tournament of Champions

The deadline to submit your Letter of Intent for the House League Tournament of Champions has been extended to January 3, 2020. Please submit your LOI to Lindsay Morell at lmorell@noha-hockey.com.

Age Division Name Change

HOCKEY CANADA ANNOUNCES CHANGE TO AGE-DIVISION NAMES
Changes to simplify the minor hockey system to go into effect next season

CALGARY, Alta. – At its Winter Congress this weekend in Montreal, the Hockey Canada membership approved a regulation change proposed by the board of directors to revise the naming of the age divisions used in minor hockey across Canada.

Following the recommendations of a task team, the age divisions will become U7, U9, U11 through to U21, impacting all minor and female hockey programs under the Hockey Canada umbrella. The change was initiated by Hockey Canada and its 13 provincial and territorial members and will be implemented nationally with their input and support for the 2020-21 season.

YEAR OF BIRTH
2014 and before

AGE ON DEC. 31
6 and under

AGE DIVISION
Under-7 (U7)

2012-2013	7-8	Under-9 (U9)
2010-2011	9-10	Under-11 (U11)
2008-2009	11-12	Under-13 (U13)
2006-2007	13-14	Under-15 (U15)
2003-2004-2005	15-16-17	Under-18 (U18)
2000-2001-2002	18-19-20	Under-21 (U21)

"We believe everyone should feel welcome in the game and in our on-going effort to make hockey more inclusive, the Members at the Hockey Canada Annual Meeting determined that the names of our age Divisions will change," said Michael Brind'Amour, chair of the Hockey Canada Board of Directors. "Following a comprehensive review, we believe this change will simplify the system for families who may be new to the game. The new age Division names will be implemented for next season."

For more information on Hockey Canada and its minor hockey programs, please visit HockeyCanada.ca or HockeyCanada.ca/MinorHockey.

Double Member Registration (HCR)

In previous seasons, Associations and Single Entry Teams were required to submit their request for unused registrations (insurance, assessments) by May 31 in order to receive a refund.

Moving forward, the NOHA will automatically reimburse Associations for unused or duplicate registrations. This process will begin soon after February 10 – the deadline for registrations – and there will be no need to submit the requests.

Should a participant be registered with two or more Associations, the refund will be split equally between them.

In an effort to alleviate the cost of officiating if an official is double carded as a player the registration fee will automatically be refunded to the official.

NOHA Affiliation

The deadline to add any players to your 19 at-large list is January 15th.

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

NOHA Website

Please visit the NOHA website at www.noha-hockey.com for forms, tournaments, clinics, etc.

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.

Player Pathway Feedback

We continue to seek feedback from our Minor Hockey Associations regarding the Player Pathway documents which were distributed on December 9, 2019. Should you have any comments, questions, concerns, please send them in to jmarchand@noha-hockey.com.

OHF Scholarship

The Ontario Hockey Federation is now accepting applications for the 2020 OHF Scholarship.

Each year, the OHF awards scholarships to outstanding young people who display an incredible amount of commitment both at the arena and in the classroom. The bursary recipients are determined on the basis of academic achievements, hockey involvement and community involvement.

To be eligible to receive one of 30 \$1000.00 scholarships you must be registered for three (3) years within the OHF in any capacity (player, trainer, coach, official), registered with the OHF during his/her application season, be a registrant in good standing with the OHF and enrolling in post-secondary full-time studies in Canada for the first time.

For more information and to download an application form, please visit <https://www.ohf.on.ca/awards/ohf-scholarship>.

NOHA AGM

The 101st 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

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Proposed Amendments

Proposed Amendments are due to the NOHA Office on February 1, 2020. Submissions are to be sent to jmarchand@noha-hockey.com.

Please download the blank motion form, located [here](#).

Elections

Nominations are available for the following positions, which are to be elected at the 2020 NOHA Annual General Meeting: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, District 2 Council Director, District 4 Council Director, District 6 Council Director, District 8 Council Director.

For further information on eligibility, and for the nomination form, please see the enclosed documents.

NOHA Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 100th NOHA AGM are available on the NOHA website.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
FROM THE NOHA EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE
STAFF.**