Proposed changes to the Roles of Operations;

1.1 Levels of Governance

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- Ontario Minor Hockey Association, hereafter OMHA

- Ontario Women’s Hockey Association, hereafter OWHA

- Ontario Hockey Federation, hereafter OHF

* Hockey Canada, hereafter HC

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LLFHL, to be added wherever these governing bodies are present.

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3.3 Registration of Players

(a) Subject to registration numbers, the Association will operate the following player groupings:

Boys program Girls program

Age as of Age as of

Classification December 31st December 31st

Tyke/mite 7 and under not available

Novice 8 8

Atom 9 & 10 9 & 10

Peewee 11 & 12 11 & 12

Bantam 13 & 14 13 & 14

Midget 15, 16 & 17 15, 16 & 17

Juvenile 18, 19 & 20 18, 19 & 20

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**Age as of Age as of**

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Initiation 6 and under not available

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3.8 Registration Refunds

(a) Refunds will be granted according to the date the written application is received by MFMHA and the following table:

Up to September 30 - 90%

During the month of October - 75%

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(c) Fundraising lottery tickets will not be refunded until tickets are received back. Absolutely NO fundraising tickets will be refunded, after September 30th.

* 1. Affiliation

(b) Tyke aged players will only be allowed to affiliate to the Novice additional entry team or the Novice local league. If no Novice AE team is being offered in the current season, then this restriction is waived

To read:

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(b) Tyke aged players will no longer be allowed to affiliate to the Novice age groups, due the structuring of the Pre Novice Hockey Canada format. Refer to the Hockey guide for ruling.

5.5 Representative Teams

(d) Before tryouts, an updated registration list consisting of players wanting to try out for Rep teams will be given to each Rep. Coach for the division they are coaching. Any new registrants after this time will be told by the Registrar to contact the coach to get on this list.

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   1. Mite and Tyke player movement

c) Tyke I players (6 year olds) are not permitted to try out for novice rep. They are to play tyke. Coaches’ discretion as to movement between tyke I and tyke II.

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c) IP players (6 year olds) are not permitted to try out for novice rep. They are to play in the Initiation program. Coaches’ discretion as to movement between IP levels and with the approval of the board, the possibility to move to Tyke,

1. Preschool (4 year olds) are not permitted to try out for novice rep. They are to play in the Initiation program. Coaches’ discretion as to movement between the Initiation levels, as per the OMHA guidelines.

**6.0 Coaches Selection**

d) The coach applicant will also complete and submit a criminal record check, together with any required supporting documentation, with the coaching application. This will allow Minor Hockey to proceed with a criminal record check once the successful coaching applicant is selected. If requested to provide a fingerprint for identification as part of the criminal record check the coach applicant has 15 days to provide the fingerprint.

The completed criminal record checks of coaching applicants who are not selected will be held by a designated representative of minor hockey. Once the results of the criminal record checks are received for the successful coaching applicants and no further actions are required then the criminal record checks of the unsuccessful coach applicants shall be destroyed.

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The completed criminal record checks of coaching applicants who are not selected will be held by a designated representative of minor hockey. Once the final Coach selections have been made, the criminal record checks of the unsuccessful coach applicants shall be destroyed.

7.2 Player Injuries

(a) The Head coach of the team is responsible for forwarding a copy of the “Canadian Hockey injury Report” to the OMHA/OWHA as required. A copy must be forwarded to the Board of Directors for association record keeping.

(b) For serious injuries, the President should be notified as soon as possible so proper and timely notification can be made to the WOAA, OMHA or OWHA

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12.1 Referee Assignor and Notification

(a) Team Officials are responsible for contacting the Referee Assignor to have referees scheduled for their home games during the regular season and the playoffs. The exception being in playoffs when neutral referees are required for games per WOAA, OMHA or OWHA regulations. The team’s manager will notify the Referee Assignor who will in turn contact the appropriate office.

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(a) Team Officials must notify the Town Contact regarding home exhibition games. This information must be relayed on to the teams WOAA Convenor for insurance reasons and in the case of any suspensions resulting from these games.

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(a) Parents of the team should assist the gatekeeper when it appears that the other teams are ignoring the gatekeeper.

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19.3 Individual Awards

1. Each year the following individual awards may be presented for each team if requested.

-Hardest Worker (HW)

-Sportsmanship Award (SA)

-Most Valuable Player (MVP)

-Best Forward (BF)

-Best Defense (BD)

(b) Team Officials will be requested to submit names for these trophies to the Banquet organizer by a date communicated to them.

(c) Each year the following Association awards will be presented.

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  2. Rick Hopkins Award
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  4. Girls Classic Award ( Excellence in Women’s Hockey)