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BULLETIN #2

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NOHA Office Christmas Hours

Closed – Friday, December 23, 2011 to Tuesday, January 3, 2012 (inclusive)

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.

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 and Risk Management - Insurance. They will not be available in print format.

Suspensions

The NOHA receives many inquiries about suspensions on a daily basis. The NOHA Office will only issue suspension notices to participants who receive at least a two game suspension. When a player receives a one game suspension the NOHA does not issue a suspension notice. It is the responsibility of each team to ensure these people serve their suspensions. People who receive suspensions are to sit out the minimum number of games as per the OHF suspension list until notified by the NOHA Office if there are more games to be served. Please ensure that you check the game sheet for suspensions and check the OHF suspension sheet to see how many games that person has to serve.

ESSO Medals of Achievement

The Esso Medals of Achievement program was launched on October 1st. Through the program, three medals of achievement – most improved player, most dedicated player, and most sportsmanlike player – are available to every hockey team registered with Hockey Canada. As well, each team can receive certificates of participation to recognize the efforts of every player. You can make your own Hockey card on this site. For more information and to order your medals check out www.essomedals.com.

2012 NOHA Program of Excellence (Under 17) Application

The 2012 NOHA Program of Excellence Under 17 Camp will be held in April 2012. **Enclosed is a copy of the player's application (sent only to Midget teams).** Player applications have also been sent directly to all players born in 1996. Enclosed also is a copy of the staff application form. Please ensure that your coaches, trainers, etc. receive a copy and apply to participate in the Under 17 camp.

Under 17 Dates & Location

Main Camp April 20-22, 2012 Temiskaming Shores

2012 Penalty Free Sweepstakes

See document attached

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.

Hockey Canada Volunteer Insurance

There will be 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.

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."

Injury Report Forms

Attached you will find an Injury Report Form. Have your team manager or coach fill in the team section and your Doctor/Dentist complete the back of the form. Parent is to complete the section regarding health insurance. **Forms will be returned if they are not fully completed.** The completed forms are to be sent by mail to the NOHA office along with any receipts or invoices within 90 days of the date of the accident.

Specialty Clinics

As part of the National Coach Mentorship Program (NCMP), Hockey Canada has developed a series of Specialty 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 five specialty clinics – Skills and Drills; Small Area Games; Shooting and Scoring; Puck Control; and Skating. Please contact Jason Marchand at 705-474-8851 or via email at jmarchand@noha.on.ca for further information.

Tournament Permit Request Form

Attached is a Team Tournament Permit Request form. This form is to be photocopied and used by both rep and house league teams. This form is to be completed in its entirety and submitted with payment to the NOHA office at least two (2) weeks prior to the tournament you are attending. At the NOHA AGM in May of 2007, a motion was passed stating that requests received after this **may** be subject to an additional charge of \$25.00. You DO need a permit to participate in all tournaments, including those in your home association. **WE WILL NOT FAX PERMITS OR ACCEPT FAXED REQUESTS.**

NOHA Annual Meeting – May 4-6, 2012

The 2012 NOHA Annual General Meeting will be held in Timmins. The Host Hotel is the Timmins Inn & Suites, 1800 Riverside Drive, Timmins, Ontario, P4R 1N7. For room reservations, please call 1-800-461-3795. The room rate is \$89.99/night (single or double) and \$129.99 for suites.

Resolutions/Amendments

Just a reminder to start thinking about any amendments you might want to put forth at the NOHA Annual Meeting. Deadline for submitting amendments is Friday, April 6th, 2012.

Ken Neeb – Angus Campbell – Rick F. Albert Awards

Just a reminder to all Associations to start thinking about these worthy awards. Every year we get very few nominations for these awards. Please look into this for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Deadline for submitting names for these awards is March 15th, 2012. The criteria and nomination form is on the NOHA website under NOHA Awards.

Harassment and Abuse

It has been brought to the attention of the NOHA Executive that some members of the NOHA have been verbally abusive to the NOHA Executive and NOHA office staff. **In today's society and with the HC Speak Out program, this type of** behaviour will not be tolerated. The NOHA Executive and office staff are here to

help you and by working together and communicating in a civil manner, this will benefit everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Late Payments

A motion was put forth at the September 1999 Executive Meeting “that the NOHA start charging an interest rate of 2% per 30 days on late due monies owed to the NOHA after a 30 day period.” The NOHA office will be enforcing this motion. Two percent per month will be charged on overdue accounts.

Video Recorders – Cell Phones

The NOHA has banned the use of video recorders, including cell phones and other electronic devices with video capabilities (still and motion) from the bench area at all NOHA sanctioned events.

E-Bulletin – Rink Report

For those of you that we have an email address for, you have been receiving the NOHA Rink Report (weekly e-bulletins). This has been developed to help keep our membership informed. If you would like to receive this email bulletin, please email noha@noha.on.ca.

Host Locations Announced for the 2012 OHF Championships

CAMBRIDGE, ON – The Ontario Hockey Federation is pleased to announce the selection and approval of the OHF Championship host communities. The OHF Championships are a peak event which marks the end of the playing season for 500 players. All participating players are given the opportunity to compete at a high level of championship rivalry while the host centre can showcase their community and rich hockey history. The OHF Championship hosts are selected based on a rotation schedule within the participating minor hockey Member Partners. The minor hockey Member Partners select a host based on a set of criteria. These selections are then presented to the OHF Championship Committee for approval. The 2012 OHF Championships will begin on Friday, April 13th, 2012 and will wrap up with Championship games taking place on Sunday, April 15th, 2012. A welcome banquet will take place on Thursday, April 12th, 2012.

The following are the 2012 OHF Championships host Associations:

- Atom A Cobourg Minor Hockey Association
- Atom AA Kitchener
- Atom AAA Mississauga Rebels
- PeeWee A Clarkson Hurricanes
- PeeWee AA Nickel City Sons
- Bantam A Hearst Minor Hockey Association

Bantam AA Vaughan Rangers
Midget A Greater London Hockey Association
Midget AA Tecumseh Shoreline Minor Hockey Association
Juvenile Toronto East Ender Ticats

In addition to the above events, the 2011-2012 playing season will conclude with Waterloo hosting the All-Ontario Peewee AAA Championship from April 9 - April 14, 2012, the Vaughan Kings hosting the All-Ontario Bantam AAA Championship from March 26 – March 31, 2012 and Sault Major Hockey Association hosting the Central Region Midget AAA Championship from April 2 - April 8, 2012.

All championship information is available online at www.ohf.on.ca.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR BAUER DESIGN-A-MASK CONTEST

CALGARY, Alta. – Two winners have been announced in the Bauer Design-A-Mask contest, which for the ninth year in a row will allow the winners to see their designs worn by Canada's National Junior Team goaltenders during the 2012 IIHF World Junior Championship, Dec. 26, 2011 to Jan. 5, 2012 in Calgary and Edmonton, Alta. In the 12-and-under category, Curtis Abernethy of Cambridge, Ont., was chosen as the best design, while Justin Ross of Lucan, Ont., is the winner in the 13-to-18 category. Close to 1,000 entries were received for the Bauer Design-A-Mask contest. Apart from the thrill of having their designs chosen by the hockey industry's top goaltender aficionados and worn by Canada's netminders, Curtis and Justin will also receive their very own duplicate, custom-painted Bauer mask, which will be autographed by members of Canada's 2012 National Junior Team. "I'd like to congratulate Curtis and Justin on being chosen as this year's winners of the Bauer Design-A-Mask contest," said Brad Pascall, Vice-President of Hockey Operations/National teams for Hockey Canada. "This contest gives young Canadians – whether they are players, fans or aspiring artists – the chance to be a part of Canada's National Junior Team." Past winners have seen their masks worn by the likes of NHL first-overall selection Marc-André Fleury and gold-medal-winning netminders Jeff Glass, Justin Pogge, Steve Mason and Dustin Tokarski.



NOHA Website

Please visit the NOHA website at www.noha.on.ca for forms, tournaments, clinics, etc.

NOHA Tournament of Champions

Please find enclosed an updated listing of NOHA Tournament of Champions host sites and teams participating.

Exhibition Games

Please note that your Council Director must be informed of all exhibition games a minimum of 24 hours prior to the event. This also includes House League teams. An exhibition game request form can be found on the NOHA website under Downloadable forms.

NOHA Game Sheets

Game sheets are available from the NOHA office at a cost of \$25.00/100.

Attached:

- **Under 17 Player Application (Midget teams)**
- **Under 17 Staff Application**
- **Travel Insurance**
- **Injury Report Form**
- **Tournament Permit Request Form**
- **NOHA Tournament of Champions Host Sites and Teams**
- **One Goal Starter Kits and Sticks**
- **Penalty Free Sweepstakes**

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