



ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION

Incorporated February 6, 1981

1999-2000

Executive Reports

1975 ❄️ **OWHA** ❄️ 2000

Twenty-Five Years of Team Work

Ontario Women's Hockey Association
5155 Spectrum Way, Building #3
Mississauga, Ontario L4W 5A1

May 27-28, 2000

1999-2000 OWHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bryan Chappell
Fran Rider
Pat Nicholls
Suzanne Essex
Joan Dewdney
Connie Rice
Doug Nicholls
Denise Marjerrison
Elizabeth Stein
Les Drury
Bev Duffy
Betty Solomon
Peter Willis
Bill Williamson
Tony Bloomfield
Melanie McFarlane

Board of Regents
Board of Regents
Board of Regents
Board of Regents
Board of Regents
Board of Regents
Board of Regents

President
Executive Director
1st Vice-President
2nd Vice-President
3rd Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer/Past President
Regional Director – Northern
Regional Director – Eastern
Regional Director – Western
Regional Director – Metro Toronto
Regional Director – Central West
Regional Director – Central
Regional Director – Central East
OHA Delegate
Administrative Coordinator

Mayor Hazel McCallion
Professor Ed Ratushny
Kay Cartwright
Celia Southward
Frank Champion-Demers
Fran Rider
Carl Noble
Doug Nicholls

Rick Morphew
Laurie Taylor-Bolton

Director of Officiating
Referee-in-Chief



ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION

TABLE OF CONTENTS

President's Report	1
Executive Director's Report	2
Eastern Regional Report	4
Western Regional Report	5
Northern Regional Report	5
Central East Regional Report	6
Central Regional Report	7
Central West Regional Report	8
Metro Toronto Regional Report	9
Administrative Coordinator's Report	10
Registration Report	11
Injury Reports	14
New Membership	15
Certification Clinics (NCCP, HTCP, CHOP, CHIP)	16
OWHA Tournaments	17
Sanction Requests	17
Discipline Report	18
Certificate of Insurance	19
Provincial Championships	20
Ontario Winter Games	23
Esso Senior Women's National Championship	24
Central Canadian Championship	25
2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship	26
Canada's National Women's Team – 2000	29
Development Around the Worlds	30
General Notes	31
International MasterAthlete Winter Games – 2001	32
Canadian Hockey Association Report	
CHA Female Hockey Registration.....	33
Women's High Performance.....	34
Under 18 Challenge.....	36
Under-22 Team.....	37
Open Ice.....	38
National Coach Mentorship Program.....	44
Open Ice Initiatives.....	48
Harassment and Abuse.....	50
Light Weight Pucks.....	52
Playing Rule Changes.....	53
CHA Rules Emphasis.....	58
OWHA Marketing Report	59
Esso Fun Days – Pelly Bay	61

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our foundation has been and continues to be the **love** of the game of hockey.

A desire to share our **love of the game** has led to **increased opportunities**.

Increased opportunities have led to **enhanced life skills** in our players as people.

Enhanced life skills & hockey skills in our elite athletes give us outstanding **role models**.

These **role models** have brought **credibility &** showcased the positive values of female hockey.

The **credibility** of female hockey has expanded the **foundation**.

From the above, a skeptic may make the point that we're skating in circles. However, a realist might point out that women's hockey knows the true meaning of teamwork. Every individual is important as an athlete and as a person. The first answer to the question. "What do I get from membership in the OWHA?" – "You get the opportunity to give of yourself to make the game better for the next person, just like the person before you did for you." Each individual is an equal contributor on our Team!

We are proud of our accomplishments, as all our successes have been value driven. Our universal victories have been shared and have been both on and off the ice as we work in cooperation with our colleagues throughout Canada and the world. Our high performance players, young girls everywhere and our senior women are finally enjoying wide spread participation in hockey.

This executive report highlights the 25th year of operations within the Ontario Women's Hockey Association. This is the structure and network that has led the development for girls and women both domestically and throughout the world. Please note some highlights:

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association continues as the world leader in the growth and development of female hockey. Our players are an inspiration.
- Locally, our teams, associations and leagues throughout Ontario continue to grow and base their operations on very positive values.
- Provincially, a record number of teams participated in regional playdowns and provincial championships. The calibre of hockey was the best ever and the atmosphere in the arenas the most positive ever as Shared Respect initiatives were shared & respected!!!
- Regionally, the OWHA won two divisions in the Central Canadian Championship – Sault Ste. Marie won gold in Tier Two and Sudbury won gold in Tier Three.
- Nationally – congratulations to the Beatrice Aeros on winning the Esso Senior National Championship.
- Internationally, Team Canada won their sixth consecutive world championship. Ten OWHA players and one assistant coach were on the team.

Activities:

- The OWHA partnered with the Canadian Hockey Association and Host City, Mississauga in regards to the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship. The event was an overwhelming success. Thanks to Honourary Chairperson Mayor McCallion for her exceptional support. Thanks also to Pat Nicholls for representing the OWHA on the steering committee and for her tireless work in all areas of the championship in addition to her heavy workload with regular OWHA business.
- Thanks to Molson, the OWHA participated in the Open Ice sessions. This was a productive, overall look at the game of hockey. Organizers were criticized for not coming away with specific recommendations on female hockey, but we were very pleased with this result as most participants came from the NHL & other predominantly male hockey programs. Female hockey is unique and should be directed by those who work within this side of the game. The OWHA has proven this to be true.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the 1999-2000 season comes to a close, we can reflect on another season of growth and development for our sport.

We reached a milestone in registration this season surpassing the 20,000 mark in number of players. Of our total registration of 1556 teams, there are a remarkable 966 house league teams playing within the Ontario Women's Hockey Association. This grassroots figure alone comes close to matching the total team registration figure across the rest of Canada. Congratulations to all local volunteers on your continuing efforts to promote this great sport and for offering opportunities for girls & women in your community.

Congratulations to all teams on your participation in the 2000 OWHA Provincial Championships held in Sarnia, Kitchener, Brampton and Mississauga. Fans were treated to exceptional hockey. Sincere thanks to all volunteers who supported the championships with their time. Our thanks to the game officials, time-keepers and arena staffs for your efforts in making the 2000 Provincial Championships a success.

Special thank you to the host committee in Sault Ste Marie on a terrific Ontario Winter Games competition. Local fans were treated to exceptional hockey. All competing teams can be proud of their efforts.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to experience hockey at the national level this season. The first coming at the 2000 Esso Senior Women's National Championship in Sydney, Nova Scotia. The volunteers on the Nova Scotia host committee were, in a word, awesome. We were treated to great hospitality and even greater hockey. The championship is a showcase of the top female hockey players from across the country. Congratulations to the Beatrice Aeros on bringing the Canadian title back to Ontario. Despite some wide gaps in the scores of a few of the games, the players on the losing teams were thrilled with the opportunity to compete against some of the best women hockey players in the world. They know that by challenging themselves they will only become better hockey players. The success of the championship has been a great boost to the female hockey program in Nova Scotia.

The second opportunity to view hockey at the national level was at the recent Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Hockey Association. Tom Renney shared a special moment of the past season with the delegates. When the men's national team was competing in Russia, at a pre-Christmas tournament, speeches were made at the banquet. Canada relayed to the Russians how much we respect their players, teams and hockey program. When the Russian speech followed, they were grateful for the words and expressed the extraordinary words that Russia worships Canada's hockey program, our players & teams.

While the sport of female hockey has gained so much over the last decade, many challenges still face our game. Can we maintain the values and uniqueness of the game when many entrepreneurs are flocking to the sport, not for the players but for the almighty dollar? Our sport is special, our players are incredible and we must all work together to maintain a positive focus as we advance the game into the new millenium.

The OWHA was thrilled to have the honour of hosting the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship. From time to time, throughout the season, we were questioned about why we would host the event again. The OWHA has been the driving force behind the advancement of the game at the international level. We saw the 2000 championship as a great opportunity to boost the sport into the new millenium. Through the efforts of over 1,000 volunteers, the event was an overwhelming success. If there was any doubt before, the world certainly now knows of the great women's hockey volunteers & fans in Ontario. Congratulations to everyone involved (players, volunteers, officials, sponsors, media) on another great victory for women's hockey.

Special thanks to all sponsors of women's hockey at the local and provincial levels. They are a big part of our game now and recognize the uniqueness of our game, the players and volunteers.

Finally, my thanks to our dedicated members, the OWHA Board of Directors and office staff for all of your efforts over the past season. In preparing for the season ahead, we must be forward thinking and always looking to improve. We all look forward to the 2000-2001 season to help this sport become even bigger and better!

Bryan Chappell

EASTERN REGIONAL REPORT

Again this year, the eastern region has experienced more growth. We welcomed five teams in the new Ottawa Valley District Women's Hockey Association serving Pembroke and the surrounding smaller communities. Many associations also registered more teams this year. Despite this growth, many teams must still travel fairly long distances to play against teams in their same registered category. I am pleased to report that three associations sponsored developmental clinics this season and I sincerely hope that more teams and/or associations will seriously consider offering clinics for coaches, trainers and referees in the 2000-2001 season.

Fourteen tournaments took place in the region during the season and I was able to attend twelve of them. Tournament convenors and their committee members are to be commended for their hard work in carrying out their important tasks. I congratulate all those who put forth the time and commitment to host successful tournaments.

The National Capital Midget AA Raiders represented Eastern Ontario at the Ontario Winter Games in Sault Ste Marie in March and they won the gold medal. We salute your achievement!

Fewer teams were involved in Regional Playdowns this year. The teams were well matched and this resulted in many very close games. A total of forty-one teams from this region took part in Provincial Championships. Cornwall Senior A traveled to Sarnia in early February for the Provincial Championships for Senior AA & A and they made it to the bronze medal game. At the April Provincial Championships gold medals went to Rideau St Lawrence Peewee BB, Perth Midget BB, and Kingston Kodiaks Bantam B; silver medals were won by NCCP Peewee AA, NCCP Midget AA Raiders, and Kingston Comets Peewee C; bronze medals were won by: Kingston Comets Atom BB, Kanata Atom B, NCCP Bantam AA Raiders, Kingston Kodiaks Intermediate A, and Sheffield-Camden Senior C. Five other teams made it to bronze medal games. Well done one and all.

On a very short notice, the Cornwall Senior A team took part in the Central Canadian Championships in Boucherville, Quebec when another team withdrew. Although they only had a few players able to go, their willingness to do so at the very last minute was commendable.

A most sincere thank you to the countless dedicated volunteers who work so hard to provide female hockey opportunities for our players. A very special thank you to my District Reps and others who represented me at tournaments and playdown games. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer.

Elizabeth Stein

ICE SLIPS

From a letter to the OWHHA Registrar:

"One of my players is pregnant, please remove her from the rooster"

From an Appeal letter:

"I appreciate all my fiends in hockey"

- The Ontario Winter Games were held in Sault Ste. Marie with women's hockey being one of the most popular events.
- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association made a major office move over the summer months. We were challenged as we had to vacate on short notice but we had expected this at some point. Our former tenant had provided reasonable rates as space was available – this enabled us to build our financial stability for the time we would have to move. We faced costs that had not been budgeted, but we were able to counter these costs through savings in staff. It was challenging, but we were able to keep finances in line. We are now in the midst of revising our business plan, our staffing structure and our central operations, which includes board of directors and office operations. We appreciate the support of the membership as we work together to keep the game affordable for the players.
- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association web site became operational this year. In order to get this and email up and running, computer equipment and upgrades were necessary. Again, the capital costs are behind us and we will focus on putting resources towards the operation of the site. As a note, we had over 10,000 hits on the final provincial championship weekend.

Looking to the next season:

We look forward to the challenges facing us including

- Keeping positive Values at the forefront due to added prestige that now comes winning female hockey games and events
- Keeping the players needs as our prime objective with respect for the needs of the individual and the good of the team
- Building on the incredible unity of the female hockey network as we continue to operate and control the direction of our own game

Focusing on the ongoing growth and development of female hockey:

- Within Ontario – focus on the Values and continue to build on our past success & address the needs of our participants
- Within Canada – work with our colleagues to make the game better for all girls and women
- Internationally – assist in international growth and development to improve the overall game at the high performance level and to provide enjoyment in hockey for girls and women everywhere
- Universally – work with everyone to enhance the fun, friendships and positive life skills gained through participation in sport.

Thanks to everyone for your contributions. You and your work are sincerely appreciated! Special thanks to Melanie McFarlane for her outstanding work with the Ontario Women's Hockey Association. For nine years, Melanie has served the OWHA as Development Coordinator and Administrative Coordinator. She does outstanding work and has put in an incredible number of volunteer hours in addition to her heavy workload. Melanie serves with integrity, honesty and commitment and is a credit to the OWHA.

We congratulate the players, team staff, volunteers, parents, families, friends, fans, sponsors, media and all those who have made women's hockey the sport of the 90's and the leader into the new millennium.

Fran Rider

**PEOPLE MUST BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER, AND FEEL THAT IT CAN BE DONE;
IN THAT WAY WE ARE ENORMOUSLY STRONG.
WE ARE A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM**

CENTRAL EAST REGIONAL REPORT

Wow! Time does fly! This past season was a major eye-opener for me – the perennial volunteer who my wife says *looks for a meeting to attend*. There was no need for that this past year in Central East – Women's hockey is alive and well in this region and thriving like never before.

All of the Associations in Central East grew in numbers either at the house league level and/or the select level of competition. Each Association boasts phenomenally hard working volunteers and each has many success stories they could share.

Congratulations to all of the teams that participated in the Provincials. They all represented the region well. *Once the dust had settled*, Central East gathered in 8 gold, 6 silver and 2 bronze medals with a bunch of near misses.

The OWHHA sanctioned a record number of tournaments this year and virtually every Association in Central East sponsored one. They exemplified the ultimate in organization and competition. Congratulations to the 1000's of volunteers necessary to make this aspect of women's hockey so much fun for all the participants.

Communication is the ultimate key in an organization the size of the OWHHA. With Central East being one of the largest regions, both in numbers of participants and area, keeping the membership informed meant the phones, fax lines and e-mails were in constant use. Some glitches occurred but, all in all, *we did communicate* in Central East.

I have a new appreciation for the categorization process. Most teams found their way into the appropriate category. In some cases, *we were damned if we did or were damned if we didn't*. I guess what we all have to remember is that we need to put our players first – this might mean competing in a higher category that in the long run will only serve to improve our players' skills.

I'm retiring from teaching this June. I don't know whether or not this will provide more time for OWHHA activities as my wife suspects. Nevertheless, I have learned a great deal this year and I hope I have made a difference in Central East. In 2000-2001, together we will make Central East the best place in Ontario to play women's hockey.

Bill Williamson

....more ICE SLIPS

From the OWHHA draft report:
"*We've had a very busy season*"

From the CHA Female Council Agenda:
"*The Mentorship Report*"

WESTERN REGIONAL REPORT

The 1999-2000 season has been a very busy one for the OWHHA and female hockey. The western region had strong and positive growth in both house league and competitive teams. As a result of this we had one of the highest number of competitive teams in the province.

Through the hard work and dedication of numerous volunteers within our associations made this very enjoyable and successful for all our participants. The best example of this being the Bluewater Hawks Girls Hockey Association. In the past two seasons have shown a 45-50% growth rate and whose 1999-2000 and whose Provincial gold medal winning Intermediate AA team had a 75% placement rate for their players in major universities across Canada and the USA.

The WOAA also showed large growth rate with over 60 teams this season. I would like to congratulate the London World Championship Committee on a job well done and also the Sarnia Committee for the great job of coordinating the Senior AA & A Provincials.

Congratulations to all teams who participated in the Provincial Championships and thanks to the many volunteers who made it possible.

I would like to thank my District Reps John Courtney, Jamie Hughes, Mary L'Heureux, Paul Logan, Dave Templeman and all the members in my region for their cooperation and support throughout the season.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy and prosperous summer and look forward to the upcoming season.

Les Drury

NORTHERN REGIONAL REPORT

As another busy season ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who worked hard to develop individual and team skills while placing emphasis on the values of sportsmanship, fun and friendship. An increase in membership allowed more communities to host tournaments. Congratulations to Moose Factory for attending the Hamilton Tournament. For the first time, OWHHA clinics for officials and trainers were held in Thunder Bay.

As well, Sault Ste Marie hosted the Ontario Winter Games in March. I would like to thank Lorie Springall, District Rep, for her assistance in organizing the Midget AA competition. Many enthusiastic volunteers helped make the event a memorable success. Congratulations to the Sudbury Skeeters for capturing the Bronze Medal - a first for the North!

I would like to congratulate all those who participated in playdowns and those who advanced to provincials. An increase in competitive teams makes regional playdowns inevitable. In order to be better prepared and more cost efficient, Sudbury has offered to host their district playdowns next February. The North was well represented at Provincials. Gold medal winners were Midget AA - Thunder Bay Queens and Pee wee C - Little Current Ice Angels. The Sault Ste Marie Wildcats, Senior A placed first and the Sudbury Vees Senior BB second which qualified them to participate in the Quebec/Ontario Cup held in Montreal in April. Both teams brought home the gold medal! WOW!

During my participation at the female leadership seminar, goal setting, values and ways to advance the female program were discussed. Special mention was made of recruitment, recognition and retention of volunteers. I was privileged to be selected as a liaison for Team Canada at the World Championship in April. Being part of this elite competition was quite a thrill.

I would like to thank Phil Salatino and Brenda Torresan for their assistance as District reps. I hope everyone has a pleasant summer. I look forward to working with the dedicated OWHHA board members and to representing the North next season.

Denise Marjerrison

CENTRAL WEST REGIONAL REPORT

Well we had another year of growth across the province for female hockey and our region was no different in having an increase in player registration and volunteer participation. Congratulations to all associations for their hard work during the season. This meant I had more teams to watch and games and tournaments to attend. Unfortunately this also meant an increase in suspensions for our region. We must have better control over our players and coaches to reduce the number of suspensions being issued.

I think with our large region being split into two regions this year it made for better Provincial Playdowns for all involved. The play-down format of "three out of five" was the most common choice and therefore teams felt they had a better opportunity to advance to the Provincials. For the most part the play-downs were fairly even matches and I enjoyed all the ones I was able to attend. Thanks to Sue Gibson for her assistance again this year as your District Rep. Her help was much needed and appreciated. Congratulations to every team that participated in play-downs and to those that earned the right to represent our regions at the Provincials. You made us proud of your work and sportsmanship. This was the best year ever for the teams I represent in the quest for the medals at the end of the season.

The winning teams are:

Guelph	Novice BB	Bronze
Brantford	Novice C	Silver
Kitchener	Atom A	Gold
Kitchener	Peewee A	Silver
St. Catharines	Peewee B	Gold
Kitchener	Bantam BB	Silver
St Catharines	Midget C	Gold
Niagara Falls	Midget C	Gold
Cambridge	Intermediate A	Gold
Stoney Creek	Intermediate B	Bronze
Hamilton	Intermediate C	Silver
Stoney Creek	Senior CC	Bronze

A big pat on the back to Niagara Falls and Kitchener for hosting their Women's World Hockey Championship games. A tremendous amount of work is involved in putting on these games and you are to be commended for your dedication to women's hockey. Congratulations to Guelph for hosting their first ever tournament in January and thanks to Sue Vandergraaf for all her hard work while she was with the organization. Brantford celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary this year and I was proud to be part of this association for the time my two daughters played there.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those people who helped out and were very patient during my situation from January to April when I was hard to get on the phone. Your understanding was much appreciated. Thank you all for a great season and I look forward to seeing everyone next September but first I must get out on the golf course and beat David while I can.

Betty Solomon

CENTRAL REGIONAL REPORT

As a new Regional Director I wasn't quite sure what to expect. The first time I walked into my house and saw 200 feet of faxes piled up on the floor near my telephone, I immediately reached for my favorite beverage and advanced towards the unknown. One by one the faxes turned into a rewarding view of female hockey in Ontario. The OWHHA staff in the office helped out considerably, as did two veteran regional directors - Elizabeth Stein (Eastern) on technical matters and Bev Duffy (Metro Toronto) on practical applications.

The Central Region encompasses an area from Burlington to North Bay. That's a lot of hockey! Overall, each association reported a successful season: house-league registrations were up as new players joined the ranks; many competitive teams were reclassified to allow them to compete at a level more suited to their skills and abilities. A variety of tournaments provided every team with excellent competition.

Suspensions were up and in particular verbal abuse of referees. This is not to be taken lightly as it has no place in female hockey.

Many associations have been established for a very long time and some are just starting out, but every season brings a new set of surprises and opportunities for growth for all organizations.

Oakville discovered that an association can and should invoke their constitution to protect their philosophy, rules and regulations.

The Mississauga, Barrie and Orangeville associations demonstrated their ability to stay in touch with their entire membership and their presidents took a leadership role in providing the OWHHA with accurate information when needed.

Burlington impressed all those who participated in their tournament with the sheer volume of goodies for the players and their families as well as the work that went into making it such a positive experience.

Barrie's Sharkfest has become the second largest female hockey tournament in the country. Congratulations. Joanne Baetz and Marg Allen were instrumental in helping Barrie host one of the 2000 Women's World Hockey Championship games.

Dufferin-Simcoe Girls Hockey League was officially launched to function as the northern extension of North Metro. It includes at present Orangeville, Clearview (Creemore and Stayner), Orillia, Coldwater and Parry Sound. Midland will be on board for the 2000-2001 season. Gravenhurst may be on board next year. Barrie is entertaining the idea.

NIKE made it possible for female players to be included in the NHL Allstar 2000 Tournament which concluded for the finalists in a game at Maple Leaf Gardens and fulfilled the participants (and their parents') dreams.

Brampton once again hosted the largest tournament to date for female hockey in the world. Many congratulations to the Brampton organizers.

This year's provincial tournament was a real eye-opener for me. I would like to congratulate all the teams in the region for their success at the provincials whether they be gold, silver or bronze. I would like to thank Doug Nicholls for being so cool, calm and collected through the excitement of the games held at the Meadowvale arena. His quiet mentoring on the workings of tournament play instill confidence and understanding.

Remember - sports is communication! It's an opportunity to speak to another person - your daughter, your parent, your coach, your administrator, your refs.

Let's work, to show we love the game of hockey.

And as the best hockey player in the world said to me,

"The smile you get from playing lasts forever."

If you're doing the right thing do it.

If you love the game, make it a happy part of your life."

Peter Willis

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

As we entered the first hockey season of the new century, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association prepared for future growth by relocating to new office space. As with all moves, the challenges were many. Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted in making the move a smooth one. It's amazing how many more boxes we had to move in comparison to our last relocation in 1994. A sure sign of the amazing growth spurt of the 1990's. Any volunteers for our next move!?!

Preparation and distribution of team/player registration materials went smoothly. Sincere thanks to the players & volunteers from the Mississauga Girls Hockey League for helping stuff 2,000 registration packages.

The OWHA Fall General Meeting was well attended. The majority of registration packages were distributed at the meeting and greatly reduced shipping costs.

The OWHA website was introduced in the fall and we look forward to more effective communication through this vehicle. Extremely positive feedback was received about the posting of the provincial championship schedules & results.

This season also saw the introduction of a new accounting system. The new system enables us to produce computerized invoices, statements & cheques.

Cudos to the OWHA membership for recognizing how valuable the training of our coaches, trainers & officials is for the development and safety of our players. Member associations hosted a record fifty-five certification clinics in 1999-2000.

The OWHA was involved in the hosting of many exciting events in the 1999-2000 season.

- ❖ OWHA Senior AA & A Provincial Championships, Sarnia
- ❖ OWHA Senior AAA Provincial Championship, Kitchener & Brampton
- ❖ 2000 Ontario Winter Games, Sault Ste Marie
- ❖ 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship, Mississauga & six satellite communities
- ❖ OWHA Provincial Championships, Mississauga & Brampton

All events met with success. Special thanks to the volunteers & sponsors for their support. Each time a major event takes place the future becomes even brighter for our young players.

Numerous dreams have come true for female hockey and a great many more are certain to follow. Many superlatives have been used to describe the rapid growth of the sport in recent years..... incredible, unbelievable, astounding, extraordinary, amazing, remarkable, exceptional. If you read those words over again you will see that they can also be used to describe every player in the OWHA. The players have been, and must continue to be, the only focus we need.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Ontario Women's Hockey Association Board of Directors, volunteers, coaches, players and hockey friends for your support. I have been extremely fortunate to work with this great sport through an incredible growth phase.

My wish to everyone involved in this great game is to have FUN and to please keep the game in perspective. Girls and women play the game for the love of the sport and everyone (coaches, trainers, volunteers, administrators, referees and parents) has to work together to keep it this way. With teamwork, both on & off the ice, the possibilities are endless for this great sport. Please support each other as this game faces the challenges of the new millenium. Continued good luck & most of all.....have **FUN!**

Melanie McFarlane

METRO TORONTO REGIONAL REPORT

I am very pleased with North Metro Girls Hockey League's stand on adding suspensions to repeat offenders and to the coaches of these players. A trend has started with all Associations to do this to instill in their players and coaching staff unsafe play is not acceptable. Way to go Metro!

We're seeing the successful numbers we always wanted in female hockey and with it we see more competitive hockey than ever before. Suspensions as a result of checking from behind, cross checking, kicking, verbal abuse and fighting were many. Are we mistaking aggressive play for competitive play?

Hopefully coaches and trainers will continue to address the need to teach a proper way to check into corners or to tie up a player. The safety of the game must come first. No one likes to hear of players getting hurt. Let's not wait until a serious injury forces us to take action.

We saw close games again during playdowns as teams battled for position to attend the Provincial Championship. Congratulations to those who made it through and represented Metro at the Provincial level. Medallists from the Metro area include:

Gold: Beatrice Aeros Sr. AAA, Newtonbrook Sr. AA, Toronto Tornados Sr. BB,
Etobicoke Midget A, Etobicoke PeeWee AA

Silver: Willowdale Red Wings Atom AA, Etobicoke Atom B

Bronze: Wilde Rockets Sr. BB, Scarborough Intermediate AA, Scarborough Midget C

In most instances we saw the Province successfully categorized with many tied or 1 goal games at the Provincial Championships.

I'd like to encourage everyone to always provide their Division (i.e. PeeWee) and Category (i.e. A, B, C) on every game they play to help ensure categorizing is based on the correct team you are playing against.

Once again we were privileged to enjoy the World Championship at our doorstep. Fantastic hockey and a wonderful display of where female players can now look toward in their hockey careers. Dreams – goals – idols – role models – alumni.

I always get complaints about about bad refs and encourage groups to do something about it! Organize some of your older players to train as officials, host a certification clinic, help your existing pool of refs to upgrade. These volunteers are a very integral part of the game. We can't play without them! They play a huge role and we just keep yelling at them how bad they are! We need to encourage everyone to give them the same respect we expect when we do the best we can as a volunteer. Maybe we can enlarge our pool of officials this way.

Keep playing hard Metro, but let's keep it safe!

Bev Duffy

OWHA REGISTRATION – PLAYERS / DIVISIONS 1992-2000

TEAMS	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999-2000
Competitive	246	308	372	411	435	449	539	590
House League	165	249	321	443	526	644	855	966
Total Teams	411	557	693	854	964	1093	1394	1556

PLAYERS	1992/93	1993/94	1994/95	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999-2000
Senior	2485	2798	3122	3704	3880	4058	4295	5506
Intermediate	446	524	594	939	1367	1615	1710	1885
Midget	565	644	859	1138	1274	1500	1949	2061
Bantam	569	819	1110	1326	1324	1859	2372	2861
Peewee	898	1181	1580	2235	2380	2743	3378	3771
Atom	798	1124	1371	1679	1687	2665	3091	3461
Novice /Tyke	551	744	990	1270				
Novice					1373	1394	1955	2796
FUNdamentals/Initiation Prog.					330	215	364	574
Total Players	6,333	7,848	9,626	12,296	13,635	16,049	19,114	22,915

WHO'S JOB IS IT?

This is a story about four people named,
EVERYBODY, SOMEBODY, ANYBODY, NOBODY.

There was an important job to be done and
EVERYBODY was sure SOMEBODY would do it.

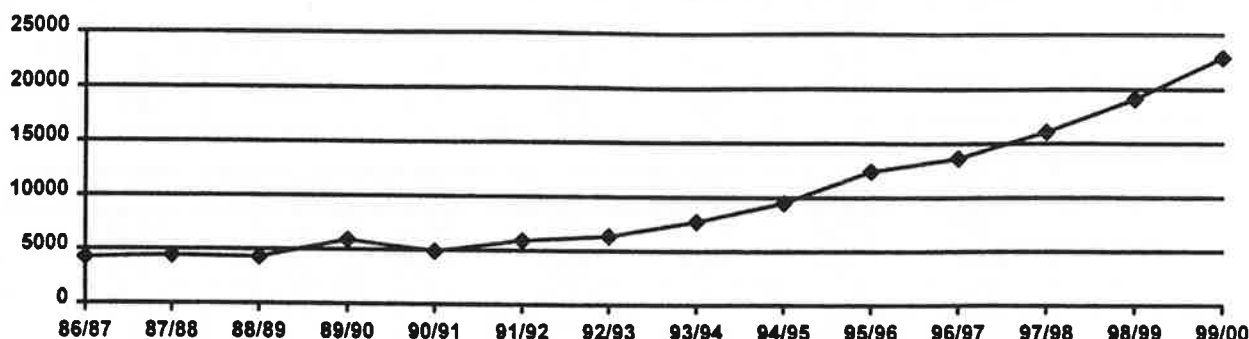
ANYBODY could have done it,
NOBODY did
SOMEBODY got angry about that,
Because it was EVERYBODY's job.

EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY could do it
But NOBODY realized
EVERYBODY wouldn't do it.

It ended up
EVERYBODY blamed SOMEBODY
When
NOBODY did what ANYBODY could have done.

REGISTRATION REPORT

OWHA GROWTH CHART (Players/Year)



Congratulations to all members of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association on another season of tremendous growth. Membership in the OWHA increased by an amazing 162 teams and 3,801 players in the 1999-2000 season. The Olympic impact combined with the enthusiasm of the OWHA membership in promoting the game locally, continues to fuel the growth.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- ☛ **Team Numbers** – Teams were re-assigned numbers this season. The new series of numbers will now remain with the team/association. Blocks of 100, 50, 20 & 10 numbers were allotted to associations/communities based on projected growth. A series of numbers were also allotted to independent teams and CIAU University teams. The implementation a team numbering system has brought a great improvement to the registration process and teams have responded well to including the number on all registration correspondence.
- ☛ **Intent to Register form** – Exceptional response received from teams/associations to meet the August 31st deadline.
- ☛ **Participant Registration form (Team Roster)** – Minor changes were made to the form this past season. Investigation continuing into the possibility of changing to an electronic registration system. Report is due from the CHA.
- ☛ **Participant Change of Information form** – process is working well. Close to 1,000 major roster changes (additions/deletions etc.) were received in 1999-2000.
- ☛ **Team Finances form** – The majority of the teams/ associations used the form. Good tool for teams to double-check their finances prior to submission of fees.
- ☛ **Association Finances form** – Form used by vast majority of associations. Greatly speeds up the balancing process for our bookkeeper. Good tool for also for associations to double-check their finances prior to submission of fees.

Many thanks to the hardworking local registrars/team managers for your patience and assistance as we continue to improve (and speed up) the registration process for everyone. Special thanks to Renate for your diligence and thoroughness with the 1999-2000 OWHA team/player registration.

INJURY REPORTS

Below are charts indicating the number of Canadian Hockey Association Injury Report forms &/or HDCO Injury Report surveys received at the OWHHA office in 1999-2000.

1999-2000 Reported Injuries – by Division

Division	Competitive	House League	Totals
Novice	0	2	2
Atom	6	3	9
Peewee	21	4	25
Bantam	17	0	17
Midget	18	2	20
Intermediate	6	3	9
Senior	16	12	28
Officials (On-Ice)	3	0	3
TOTALS	87	26	113

1999-2000 Reported Injuries – by Injury Type

INJURY	QTY	INJURY	QTY
Abdominal	1	Hip	2
Chin	1	Mouth	2
Collarbone	1	Thumb	3
Ear	1	Knee	7
Finger	1	Shoulder	9
Jaw	1	Foot	13
Ribs	1	Arm	14
Tailbone	1	Leg	20
Teeth	1	Head	24
Wrist	1	Neck	27
Face	2	Back	29
Hand	2		

A Working Code of Conduct - for - *A Great Team*

Help each other succeed
 Keep a positive mental attitude
 Brag about your OWHHA
 Stay focused on the facts
 Maintain your enthusiasm
 Whatever you want ... give it away
 Never, never ... never give up

HAVE FUN

OWHA PLAYER & TEAM DISTRIBUTION

CATEGORY	PLAYERS						TEAMS					
COMPETITIVE	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95
Senior AAA	115	83	88				6	5	5			
Senior AA	260	209	198	223	112	124	17	13	12	14	6	7
Senior A	423	467	460	526	210	203	26	30	29	34	13	13
Senior BB	249	263	182				16	17	12			
Senior B	338	275	204	151	503	489	22	18	12	9	33	33
Senior CC	158	147	199				10	10	13			
Senior C	374	337	318	343	356	360	26	26	22	22	22	23
Senior D					630	621					41	41
Intermediate AA	177	163					11	10				
Intermediate A	118	214	126	121	109	51	7	14	8	7	7	3
Intermediate BB *	135	n/a	n/a				8	n/a	n/a			
Intermediate B	149	135	198	n/a	49	76	9	10	12		3	5
Intermediate C	204	141	223	325	235	105	13	20	18	22	15	8
Midget AA	323	229					20	16				
Midget A	220	124	90	211	124	137	14	8	6	14	8	9
Midget BB	154	110	113				10	11	7			
Midget B	150	139	133	117	211	239	10	14	9	8	14	15
Midget C	286	159	196	263	221	206	19	10	13	19	15	14
Bantam AA	212	215					15	14				
Bantam A	278	207	119	312	218	151	18	15	8	21	14	10
Bantam BB	368	325	294				23	22	20			
Bantam B	283	267	138	188	227	194	19	18	9	13	15	13
Bantam C	405	323	355	285	470	335	26	22	25	21	32	23
Peewee AA	125	168					8	11				
Peewee A	347	379	174	236	201	162	22	25	11	16	13	11
Peewee BB	266	276	359				17	20	23			
Peewee B	430	342	307	189	366	335	29	24	20	13	24	22
Peewee C	497	311	319	356	533	503	33	23	22	25	37	35
Atom AA	90	121					6	8				
Atom A	195	180	116	214	151	118	13	11	7	14	10	8
Atom BB	292	213	125				19	14	8			
Atom B	271	245	248	110	266	225	18	16	16	8	18	15
Atom C	400	338	267	237	525	454	31	26	17	17	37	30
Novice A	89	108	98	109	83	100	6	7	7	8	6	7
Novice BB	186	100	93				13	10	7			
Novice B	133	100	120	148	185	142	9	7	8	11	13	10
Novice C	472	194	149	163	228	236	21	14	10	12	15	17
SUB TOTAL	9172	7607	6824	6,388	6213	5566	590	539	449	431	411	372
NON-COMPETITIVE	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	94/95
Senior Rec.	512	267	997	759	674	481	36	19	68	50	45	37
Senior HL	3077	2247	1412	1370	1224	783	209	181	103	93	83	53
Intermediate HL	1102	1057	965	734	546	377	77	73	65	52	38	28
Midget HL	928	1188	733	593	582	271	65	77	49	46	42	24
Bantam HL	1315	1035	755	396	411	449	91	71	52	33	32	37
Peewee HL	2106	1902	1463	1257	1135	565	151	155	107	96	84	50
Atom HL	2213	1994	1751	929	737	565	154	146	120	77	59	49
Novice HL	1916	1453	934	879			141	102	64	70		
Novice/Tyke HL					774	569					60	43
Hockey FUNdamentals (Initiation)	574	364	215	330			42	31	16	17		
SUB TOTAL	13,743	11507	9225	7,247	6083	4060	966	855	644	534	443	321
Grand Total	22,915	19,114	16,049	13,635	12,296	9626	1556	1394	1,093	965	854	693

OWHA CERTIFICATION CLINICS

The following list of certification clinics was coordinated through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in the 1999-2000 season. Special thanks to all local clinic hosts for their time spent developing our Coaches, Trainers, Officials and Hockey FUNDamentals (CHIP) Instructors.

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	NCCP LEVEL
Niagara Falls	June 12,19,20	Intermediate Level
Cold Creek	Sept 10,11	Coach Level
Durham West	Sept 11,12	Coach Level
Stoney Creek	Sept 18,19	Coach Level
Clarington	Sept 18,19	Coach Level
Brampton	Sept 18,19	Coach Level
Kingston	Sept 25,26	Coach Level
Aurora	Oct 2,3	Coach Level
Windsor	Sept 25,26	Coach Level
Peterborough	Oct 1,2	Coach Level
Whitby	Oct 16,17	Coach Level
St Thomas	Oct 16,17	Coach Level
Cornwall	Oct 16,17	Coach Level
Barrie	Oct 16,17	Coach Level
Cambridge	Oct 23,24	Coach Level
Oakville GHA	Nov 15-16, 20	Coach Level
Ottawa - Bel Air	Nov 19-20	Coach Level
Thunder Bay	Nov 27-28	Coach Level

HOCKEY TRAINER'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (HTCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	HTCP LEVEL
Durham West	Sep-19	1
Kingston	Sep-25	1
Hamilton (GHA)	Sep-26	1
Bowmanville	Oct-02	1
Mississauga	Oct-02	1
Windsor	Oct-03	1
Leaside	Oct-16	1
Barrie	Oct-16	1
St. Thomas	Oct-23	1
Aurora	Oct-23	1
Oakville	Nov 1 & 2	1
Hamilton (WHL)	Nov-20	1
Brampton	Nov-21	1
Whitby	Nov-21	1
Ottawa	Nov-21	1
Cornwall	Nov-27	1
London	Dec-12	1
Cambridge	Jan-00	1
Thunder Bay	Jan-00	1

CANADIAN HOCKEY OFFICIATING PROGRAM (CHOP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE(S)	CLINIC TYPE
Etobicoke	Aug-28	Jr & Sr
Cold Creek	Sep-12	Jr
Leaside	Sep-18	Jr & Sr
London	Sep-18	Jr & Sr
Whitby	Sep-18	Jr
Sun Parlour	Sep-19	Jr
Barrie	Sept 25	Jr
Durham West	Sep-25	Jr
Aurora	Sep 27 & 28	Jr
Hamilton	Oct-02	Jr
Aurora	Oct 4 & 5	Sr
Oakville	Oct 18 & 19	Jr
Hamilton	Oct-30	Jr & Sr
Mississauga	Nov-07	Jr
Thunder Bay	Nov-27	Jr & Sr

CANADIAN HOCKEY INITIATION PROGRAM (CHIP) CLINICS (OWHA Hockey FUNDamentals Program)

HOST ASSOCIATION	DATE	CERTIFICATION
Newcastle Mini-Blades	Sep-11	Hockey FUNDamentals Instructor
Whitby GHA	Nov-14	Hockey FUNDamentals Instructor
London DGHA	Dec-04	Hockey FUNDamentals Instructor

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Another busy year! At this point of the 1999/2000 season, 20 teams or associations have been approved and 8 denied. Thirty-four (34) teams successfully passed their one (1) year probation and one (1) team was put on an additional year probation.

Procedure: An application must be made to form a new team or association. Input is obtained from all OWHHA teams and Associations in the area of the group applying to learn the affect of a new team or Association to existing OWHHA member's programs. This is a very vital part of the decision making process. The Membership Committee then meet to decide on an application within 45 days of its receipt. A letter will be mailed to the applicant advising them they will be on a one (1) year probation if approved and if denied, the basic reasons why.

Once past the one (1) year point, the activities and participation of each team or association is reviewed and a letter will be sent to tell them they successfully passed their probation period or that they have been placed on probation for an additional length of time should this be found necessary.

As the following list will show, Female hockey is gaining popularity in the far North and in many small Ontario communities.

New Teams/Associations for 1999-2000

- Ancaster Assn.
- Aurora Sr. C Team
- N. York Bedfords Sr. C.
- Caledon WHA
- Carleton University
- Carlton Place Assn.
- Dubreuilville Sr. Rec
- Fort Erie Lady Hawks Sr. BB
- Gloucester Sr. C
- Humberview Huskies Sr AA
- Mt. Brydges GHA
- Ottawa Valley DWHA
- Toronto Rainbow Rocketts Sr. C
- Essex County FHA
- Sudbury Veas Sr. BB
- Sturgeon Falls GHA
- Thunder Bay Assn
- Vaughan GHA
- Western University
- St. Charles Assn.

It is our hope to assist new groups with the many challenges they face entering a new team in the OWHHA. Registration, obtaining ice, sponsorship, tournaments, rules, etc. We get questions about all of this and more and hope we can give them the support they need to ice successful teams.

DISCIPLINE REPORT

SUSPENSION	C. EAST	C. WEST	M. TOR.	CENT.	EAST	WEST	NORTH	TOTAL
Misconduct in 3 rd Period					4		1	5
Game Misconduct (GM)	7	3	6		29	5	8	58
Interference (Major)					1			1
Tripping (Major)					1			1
Abusive Lang (M/GM 21)	26	22	27	23	8	26	6	138
Inciting (M 22)			3	7				10
Verbal Abuse (GM 23)	1				2			3
Threatening Official (MP 24)			1		1			2
Molesting Official (GM 25)				1				1
2 nd Misconduct in Game (GM 26)	1		2					3
2 nd Major in Game (GM 27)		2		1				3
Fighting (GM 30)	5	17	3	15	8	7	11	66
2 nd Fight Same Stoppage (GM 31)		2		1				3
Third Man In (GM 32)		2		3		2		7
Failure to go to Bench (M 34)				1				1
Resp for Plyr Leaving Bench (GM 35)	1			1				2
Instigator (36)		1			1			2
Aggressor (37)		1						1
Intent to Injure (MP 40)					1	1		2
Kicking (GM 45)	3	2	7	8	3	4	1	28
Spearing (MP 46)			1		1			2
Head Butting (MP 47)				1				1
CFB (Min) (GM 50)	26	20	41	26	16	11	2	142
CFB (Maj) (GM 51)	10	8	7	5	2	6	1	39
CFB (MP 52)		1	1					2
High Stick (GM 53)	2	1	1	1	2	4	1	12
Cross Check (Maj) (GM 54)	7	7	17	6	2	2		41
Slashing (GM 55)	1	1	1	1	1		1	6
Game Ejection (56)	2	1		1	3			7
Body Check (GM 57)	1	6	5	2	6	1	1	22
Elbowing & Kneeing (GM 58)	1		1		1	1	2	6
Charging (Major) (GM 59)		1	1		1			3
Travesty of Game (GRM 60)	4	2	9	11		1		27
Obscene Gestures (GRM 61)	4		1			1	1	7
Discriminatory Slurs (GRM 63)	1	1	1				1	4
Trash Talking (GRM 64)	2		6	1	1		1	11
Miscellaneous (99)	1	3	9	6	1	2		22
TOTAL	106	104	151	122	96	74	38	691

ANALYSIS:

Summary for the Year:

1. Of all the suspensions, checking from behind was the worst with 27% or 183 of the 691 suspensions. The highest offender was the Metro Toronto Region with 49 of the 183 suspensions (27%), followed by Central East with 20% (36) and the Central Region with 18% (31).
2. Abusive language was the second highest of all suspensions with 141 or 20%. The Metro Toronto and Central Regions received the most with 21% (30), followed closely by the Central East Region with 19%, the Western Region with 18% and Central with 16%. The lowest Regions were Eastern and Northern, with 6%.
3. Suspensions were widely distributed among the regions, however the Metro Toronto Region was the highest with 22% or 151 suspensions. The Central Region received the next highest with 18% or 122 suspensions, followed by the Central East and Central West Regions with 15%. The Northern Region received the lowest number of suspensions with 38 or 6%.

TOURNAMENTS

A total of 122 tournaments were sanctioned for the 1999/2000 season. This represents a 10% increase again for a second straight season.

OWHA Sanctioned COMPETITIVE Tournaments – Locations

♦ ALGOMA	♦ HAMILTON GHA	♦ OTTAWA NCCP
♦ AURORA	♦ HAWKESBURY	♦ PARKHILL PARRY SOUND
♦ AYLMER	♦ HEARST	♦ PETERBOROUGH
♦ BARRIE	♦ HONEYWOOD	♦ PETERBOROUGH GHA
♦ BELLEVILLE	♦ ILDERTON	♦ PICTON
♦ BRAMPTON (Canadettes)	♦ KANATA	♦ PORT HOPE
♦ BRAMPTON (Cougars)	♦ KAPUSKASING	♦ RIDEAU ST LAWRENCE
♦ BRANTFORD	♦ KEMPTVILLE	♦ SARNIA
♦ BROCKVILLE	♦ KINGSTON	♦ SARNIA GHA
♦ BURLINGTON	♦ KITCHENER	♦ SCARBOROUGH
♦ CAMBRIDGE	♦ LEASIDE	♦ SCARBOROUGH GHL
♦ CHATHAM	♦ LINDSAY	♦ SMITHS FALLS
♦ CLEARVIEW	♦ LONDON	♦ SOUTHERN COUNTIES
♦ CLIFFORD	♦ LONDON (Devilettes)	♦ STONEY CREEK
♦ COBOURG	♦ MISSISSAUGA	♦ STOUFFVILLE
♦ COCHRANE	♦ MISSISSAUGA GHL	♦ STRATFORD
♦ COLD CREEK	♦ NEPEAN	♦ THUNDER BAY
♦ CORNWALL	♦ NEWTONBROOK	♦ UXBRIDGE
♦ DASHWOOD	♦ NIAGARA DGHA	♦ VAUGHAN (MARLIES)
♦ DURHAM WEST	♦ NIAGARA FALLS	♦ WARKWORTH
♦ FOREST	♦ NORTH YORK (Aeros)	♦ WHITBY
♦ FORT FRANCES	♦ OAKVILLE	♦ WILLOWDALE
♦ GLOUCESTER	♦ ORANGEVILLE	♦ WINDSOR
♦ GUELPH	♦ ORILLIA	♦ WOODSTOCK
♦ GUELPH UNIVERSITY	♦ OTTAWA	



**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**

OWHA Sanctioned HOUSE LEAGUE Tournaments – Locations

AKWASASNE
AYLMER
BARRIE
BRAMPTON (COUGARS)
BROCKVILLE
BURLINGTON
CAMBRIDGE
CLARINGTON
COLD CREEK
CORNWALL
DRYDEN
DUNNVILLE
EMBRUN
ETOBICOKE (Nike/NHL)
FORT FRANCES
GLOUCESTER
HAGERSVILLE
HAMILTON GHA
HAMILTON WHA
HEARST
KAPUSKASING
KEMPTVILLE
KENORA
KINGSTON
LAKE OF THE WOODS
LINDSAY
LONDON
LUCAN
MANITOUWADGE
MARATHON
NEPEAN
NIPIGON
OAKVILLE
OAKVILLE (Nike/NHL)
ORANGEVILLE
ORILLIA
OSHAWA (Nike/NHL)
OSHAWA GHA
PETERBOROUGH
SCARBOROUGH (Nike/NHL)
SCHREIBER
SOUTHERN COUNTIES
STONEY CREEK
STRATFORD
STRATHROY
THAMESFORD
THUNDER BAY
TILLSONBURG
TORONTO
UXBRIDGE
WARKWORTH
WATERDOWN
WOODSTOCK

SANCTION REQUESTS

A total of 1391 sanctions were requested

<i>Requests to:</i>	1998-99	1999-2000
Play U.S.A. teams	363	582
Play boys tournaments	48	18
Play men's tournaments	10	7
Play parent/daughter games	21	29
Play exhibition games against male teams	819	755

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Provincial championships were held at three separate times and several locations. From February 4th to 6th, in Sarnia, twenty-four teams competed at the Senior AA and A levels. February 16th to 20th, the Senior AAA championship was held in Kitchener, with two games in Brampton. On April 16th to 18th, twenty-two ice surfaces in Mississauga and Brampton showcased the remaining divisional competitions. Thanks to the cooperation of all the teams, executives, parents and volunteers, these events were a huge success!

As expected in such a huge undertaking, challenges occurred – especially when we had fire alarms go off for no apparent reason, a zamboni with a mind of its own that decided to just quit and stay in front of the net. The best news about these and other problems that came up was the great way they were handled by the volunteers running the arenas and the willingness of all teams affected to work with them to make things right.

We coordinated a contest during provincials based on the OWHHA's Values and the CHA's Shared Respect initiative. All anyone had to do was to answer the questions in order to qualify for a prize. Questionnaires were available at all facilities and were also included in team registration kits. Many people took time to read and return the forms. It was so nice to see that our fans can make us just as proud as our players on the ice with their positive values and attitude – displayed not only in their answers, but also in their actions. We will include a copy of this questionnaire, as you may also want to use it at your tournaments and games.

A sincere thank you to all on-ice and off-ice officials for your dedication to making the 2000 championships one of the best ever. It takes a team effort on everyone's part to make the events run smoothly.

Extra special thanks to Bob Rice and Don Nicholls for the incredible job they did of scheduling the games for the April Provincial Championships. Over 600 games were needed for the 324 teams to decide the winners. Don & Bob remained patient and kept their sense of humour even during the last minute changes.

The more reinforcement we give our players, coaches and fans to think about the positive values of our program and the effect their attitudes and actions have on the game, the more we're doing towards making women's hockey not just the best sport to be involved in, but the greatest activity to enjoy at all times.



**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**

4. The Midget level had the most suspensions with 156 of the 691 suspensions or 23%. The AA level took the most with 62 or 40% of all Midget suspensions. The Bantam level followed as the second highest level to receive suspensions with 148 or 22%. The A level received the most Bantam suspensions with 53 or 36%. The third highest to received suspensions was the Intermediate level with 118 or 18%. The AA level received the most with 41 or 35% of all Intermediate suspensions. The other levels were much lower with the Senior level receiving 85, PeeWee level with 78, Atom level with 41 and the Novice level with 7 suspensions.
5. Suspensions increased from 464 last year to 691 this year which represents an increase of 50%.
6. Aggression related suspensions represent more than half or 54% of the infractions (372 of the 691).

The suspensions in this category are:

Fighting	66	2 nd Fight same stoppage	3
3rd man in	7	Instigator	2
Threat/Molest Official	3	Kicking	28
Major Spearing	2	Checking from Behind	183
Major High Stick	12	Major Crosscheck	41
Body Checking	22	Charging	3

The Metro Toronto Region received 85 of these 372 suspensions or 23%. The Central West and Central Regions followed with 68 or 18%. The Central Region was next highest with 54 or 15%. The Northern Region received the lowest number of these types of suspensions with 17 or 5%.

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Many activities run by local teams/associations require a certificate of liability coverage from the insurance carrier for the Canadian Hockey Association. We receive "Certificate of Insurance" requests from municipalities, private facilities, shopping malls, etc.

Requests for Certificate of Insurance	
1997-98	21
1998-99	32
1999-00	40

PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS, COACHES, TRAINERS....EVERYONE!

Complete this QUESTIONNAIRE
and enter to win a
2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship Jacket.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is committed to providing POSITIVE hockey experiences. We challenge every single person at this year's championship to focus on the OWHHA Values of FAIR PLAY, FUN, EXCELLENCE, GOOD CITIZENSHIP, INTEGRITY & HONESTY and EQUITY. It is time we all take responsibility for ensuring the atmosphere in the arena, and in the stands, is positive & constructive. Players, officials, coaches, volunteers and parents deserve the right to enjoy hockey – whether a particular team wins or loses a game.

The Canadian Hockey Association's "**Shared Respect Initiative**" asks you to consider your role in showing "Respect" for the game, and for the people who make this the great game it is. How much do you RESPECT the game of hockey and all its participants? Take this simple test to see how you rate. Check off the statements that apply to you.

- ☐ The safety of the participants in the game is more important than the final score.
- ☐ I value the contribution of the coach in developing the players talents, even though I may not always agree with their methods.
- ☐ I understand that officials do not make the hockey rules, they only apply them.
- ☐ I understand that children learn from adults, and my behaviour reflects what I want children to learn.
- ☐ I understand that officials are responsible to ensure that the game is played in a safe and fair manner for all participants.
- ☐ I understand that players, coaches and officials are learning the game, and mistakes will be made in the learning process.
- ☐ I may not cheer for the opposition team, but I will also not cheer against them or verbally abuse them.
- ☐ I understand that the biggest reason for players, volunteers and officials quitting the game is abuse.

How did you rate? If you checked off:

0→2 Step back and check your motives for being involved in the game

3→4 you're on your way

5→6 you're almost there

7→8 OUTSTANDING

When players, coaches, parents and officials recognize the value of each person's contribution to the game, the game is better for everyone.

WHEN RESPECT IS SHARED, WE ALL WIN!

Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Division & Category: _____

Tel #: _____

Entry Deadline: 9:00 pm, Saturday April 15, 2000

Winners: Winner's Names will be posted Sunday morning at Iceland Arena

2000 OWSA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

Division	Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior	AAA	Beatrice Aeros	Brampton Thunder	Mississauga Chiefs
Senior	AA	Newtonbrook	Peterborough	Peel
Senior	A	Algoma	London Sharks	Thunder Bay
Senior	BB	Toronto Tornados	Sudbury	Toronto Wilde Rockets
Senior	B	Port Stanley	Cobourg	Temiskaming
Senior	CC	Brampton	Chatham	Stoney Creek
Senior	C	London	Thunder Bay	Sheffield-Camden
Intermediate	AA	Bluewater	Mississauga	Scarborough
Intermediate	A	Cambridge	Thunder Bay	Kingston
Intermediate	BB	Belleville	Erie Shores	Mitchell
Intermediate	B	Cobourg	Belmont	Stoney Creek
Intermediate	C	West Lorne	Hamilton	Elma Logan
Midget	AA	Thunder Bay	Ottawa	Sudbury
Midget	A	Etobicoke	Sault Ste Marie	Windsor
Midget	BB	Perth	Sarnia	Bluewater
Midget	B	Stouffville	Peterborough	St Catharines
Midget	C	Niagara Falls	Orangeville	Scarborough
Bantam	AA	Mississauga	Sudbury	Ottawa
Bantam	A	Sarnia	Oakville	Thunder Bay
Bantam	BB	Windsor	Kitchener	Sarnia
Bantam	B	Kingston	Peterborough	Clearview
Bantam	C	Ripley	Hearst	Port Elgin
Pewee	AA	Etobicoke	Ottawa	London
Pewee	A	Stouffville	Kitchener	Burlington
Pewee	BB	Rideau St Lawrence	Whitby	St. Thomas
Pewee	B	St Catharines	Wingham	Sarnia
Pewee	C	Little Current	Kingston	Windsor
Atom	AA	Mississauga	Willowdale	Brampton
Atom	A	Kitchener	Whitby	Sarnia
Atom	BB	Stouffville	London	Kingston
Atom	B	Sarnia	Etobicoke	Kanata
Atom	C	Peterborough	Cold Creek	Whitby
Novice	A	Mississauga	London	Brampton
Novice	BB	Aurora	Peterborough	Guelph
Novice	B	Oshawa	St. Thomas	Halton Hills
Novice	C	Parkhill	Brantford	Cobourg

ESSO SENIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Sydney, Nova Scotia - March 8-12, 2000

Congratulations to the North York Beatrice Aeros, a club team, on winning the 2000 Esso Women's National Championship. The championship began in 1982 and for the first time ever, the event was held in Nova Scotia. It was also the first time since 1982 that all 10 provinces (club or allstar teams) competed for national gold.

Game #	Pool	Team		Team	
1	A	Manitoba	0	Quebec	12
2	A	British Columbia	1	New Brunswick	2
3	B	Newfoundland	0	Alberta	7
4	B	Ontario	9	Saskatchewan	1
5	A	British Columbia	2	Manitoba	1
6	B	Saskatchewan	5	Prince Edward Island	0
7	B	Newfoundland	0	Ontario	10
8	A	New Brunswick	3	Nova Scotia	2
9	B	Prince Edward Island	0	Ontario	11
10	B	Alberta	3	Saskatchewan	0
11	A	Manitoba	0	New Brunswick	4
12	A	Quebec	5	Nova Scotia	0
13	B	Prince Edward Island	2	Newfoundland	4
14	B	Ontario	4	Alberta	1
15	A	New Brunswick	0	Quebec	7
16	A	Nova Scotia	4	British Columbia	3
17	B	Saskatchewan	10	Newfoundland	1
18	B	Alberta	11	Prince Edward Island	0
19	A	Quebec	6	British Columbia	0
20	A	Nova Scotia	4	Manitoba	0
21	Quarter-Final	Saskatchewan	8	New Brunswick	0
22	Quarter Final	Nova Scotia	0	Alberta	7
23	Qualifier	Prince Edward Island	2	Manitoba	3
24	Qualifier	Newfoundland	1	British Columbia	4
25	Qualifier	New Brunswick	3	Nova Scotia	2
26	Semi Final	Ontario	3	Saskatchewan	0
27	Semi Final	Quebec	1	Alberta	0
28	Bronze	Alberta	8	Saskatchewan	0
29	Gold/Silver	Ontario (Beatrice Aeros)	2	Quebec	1

1999 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship Awards

AWARD	PLAYER	TEAM
Most Sportsmanlike Player (voted upon by respective teams)	JUDY DIDUCK	Alberta
	JANINE FOISY	B.C.
	LEAH MULVIHILL	Manitoba
	JENNIFER REICKER	New Brunswick
	KRISTY DIONNE	Newfoundland
	SARA MATHESON	Nova Scotia
	CHERYL MURANKO	Ontario
	JENNIFER POWER	PEI
	JESSIKA AUDET	Quebec
	BRANDY WEST	Saskatchewan
Top Defenseman	THERESE BRISSON	New Brunswick
Top Forward	CASSIE CAMPBELL	Ontario
Top Goaltender	AMY HANDRAHAN	Nova Scotia
Mickey Walker Most Sportsmanlike Player	BRANDY WEST	Saskatchewan
Esso Isobel Gathorne Hardy Award	LINDA IRVING	PEI
Canon K Richardson - Most Sportsmanlike Team	TEAM PEI	PEI
Most Valuable Player	HAYLEY WICKENHEISER	Alberta

2000 ONTARIO WINTER GAMES

The Ontario Winter Games is a multi-sport competition which takes place every two years. The 2000 Ontario Winter Games was hosted by the city of Sault Ste Marie from March 16th to 19th.

Twenty top level OWHM Midget teams competed in regional playdowns for the opportunity to challenge for Ontario Winter Games gold medals. We had excellent representation from all teams participating, as all the games were closely contested and the hockey was outstanding. The eight qualifying teams entertained local sports fans with fast-paced, highly skilled hockey. By the last couple days of competition it was standing-room-only. The medal winners were Gold – Ottawa, Silver – Brampton, Bronze – Sudbury.

Our thanks to the local girls' hockey volunteers for their efforts in hosting a great event. Special thanks to Lorie Springall for her extra efforts in making the women's hockey event a success.

Congratulations to all teams, you represented your local communities and the OWHM proudly.

RESULTS - Women's Hockey



Pool A

Aurora
Brampton
Ottawa
Sudbury

Pool B

Bluewater
Burlington
Toronto-Leaside
Niagara Falls



<u>Date</u>	<u>Game #</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Home</u>		<u>Visitor</u>	
<i>Thursday, March 16</i>	1	12:00pm	Ottawa	6	Brampton	2
	2	1:30pm	Aurora	1	Sudbury	2
	3	3:00pm	Toronto-Leaside	1	Niagara Falls	3
	4	4:30pm	Bluewater	4	Burlington	4
<i>Friday, March 17</i>	5	7:30am	Sudbury	0	Ottawa	0
	6	9:00am	Aurora	1	Brampton	1
	7	10:30am	Burlington	1	Niagara Falls	1
	8	12:00pm	Bluewater	5	Toronto-Leaside	1
	9	3:00pm	Brampton	4	Sudbury	4
	10	4:30pm	Ottawa	7	Aurora	1
	11	6:00pm	Toronto-Leaside	2	Burlington	3
	12	7:30pm	Niagara Falls	0	Bluewater	3
<i>Saturday, March 18</i>	Quarter-Finals					
	13	8:00am	Ottawa	7	Toronto-Leaside	1
	14	9:30am	Aurora	0	Niagara Falls	3
	15	11:00am	Burlington	1	Sudbury	2
	16	12:30pm	Bluewater	1	Brampton	3
<i>Saturday, March 18</i>	Semi-Finals					
	17	4:30pm	Ottawa	4	Sudbury	2
	18	6:00pm	Brampton	3	Niagara Falls	1
<i>Sunday, March 19</i>	Bronze Medal					
	19	8:00am	Sudbury	3	Niagara Falls	1
	Gold Medal					
	20	10:00am	Ottawa	4	Brampton	1

2000 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP



MISSION STATEMENT

To leave a female hockey legacy through the organization of the best world championship providing a positive experience for all participants and expanding opportunities at all levels of the game

The 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship was an overwhelming success

FACTS AND FIGURES

- ▶ April 3 to 9, 2000
- ▶ Team Canada defeated Team USA in overtime to win their 6th consecutive women's world hockey championship gold medal (1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000)
- ▶ 20 games were played – 14 games – 13 at the Hershey Centre and 1 game at Iceland, Mississauga.
- ▶ Six satellite games were hosted in Barrie (OWHA, Aurora Girls Hockey Association, Clearview Girls Hockey Association, Orillia Girls Hockey Association, Stouffville Stars Girls Hockey Association), Kitchener (Kitchener Minor Hockey Association Girls Division), London (London Devilettes Girls Hockey Association), Niagara Falls (Niagara District Girls Hockey Association), Oshawa (Oshawa Girls' Hockey Association) and Peterborough (Peterborough Girls Hockey Association)
- ▶ IIHF Championship hosted by the Canadian Hockey Association and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association
- ▶ Host City: the City of Mississauga
- ▶ Host Facility: Hershey Centre
- ▶ Mayor Hazel McCallion served as the Honourary Chairperson – a hat trick for Her Worship who also served as Honourary Chairperson of the 1987 Women's World Hockey Tournament and the 1997 Women's World Hockey Championship
- ▶ Accredited media: 225
- ▶ Budget: \$1,000,000.00
- ▶ 4 games televised live on TSN – Canada vs China, Canada vs Sweden, Canada vs Sweden (semi final) & Canada vs USA (final)
- ▶ TSN's coverage of Sunday's Women's World Hockey Championship, which featured an overtime victory by Canada over the U.S., averaged 427,000 viewers, making it the most-watched women's hockey game in TSN's history. Viewership peaked at 604,000, minutes before the game-winning goal was scored (TSN).
- ▶ Fans at the final game included Lieutenant Governor Hilary Westin, Premier Michael Harris, Minister of Citizenship Culture and Recreation, the Honourable Helen Johns, Don Cherry, Ken Dryden, Brian McFarlane and members of the Tragically Hip.
- ▶ Coaching conference
- ▶ IIHF sponsors: Nike, Easton, Seiko, Mission
- ▶ CHA Premier Sponsors: Air Canada, Esso, Nike, Royal Bank
- ▶ Host Broadcaster: TSN
- ▶ Sponsors: Catelli, Cheerios (General Mills), Dodge (Chrysler), Energizer (Johnson Battery), Keri Lotion (Bristol-Myers Squibb), Molson Canadian, NHL, Oh Henry (Hershey Canada), Ontario Lottery Corporation, Panasonic
- ▶ Media Partners: Mississauga Booster, Mississauga News, Toronto Sun, Talk 640/Q 107 radio
- ▶ Host Hotels: Four Points Sheraton, Mississauga, Delta Meadowvale Inn, Novotel Mississauga

CENTRAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP - QUEBEC / ONTARIO CUP

April 28-30, 2000 Gilles-Chabot Inc Arena
Boucherville, Quebec

Sincere thanks to Hockey Quebec on an outstanding job hosting the Central Canadian Championship. Ontario's teams finished 3rd and 4th in Tier One, 1st and 4th in Tier Two and 1st and 2nd in Tier 3. The Tier Two final was an exceptional hockey game, tied at the end of regulation time and overtime. We congratulate players from all teams on a great championship.

Final Results

Friday, April 28, 2000

Time	Game #	Rink	Division	Visitor	Home
20:15	1	A	A	Reliure Excellence 4	Newtonbrook 3
20:20	2	B	C	Toronto 1	Sudbury 0
21:45	3	A	A	Axion Shack Café 3	Peterborough 1
22:00	4	B	B	Sault Ste-Marie 8	Cornwall 1

Saturday April 29, 2000

Time	Game #	Rink	Division	Visitor	Home
10:00	5	A	B	Sports aux puces 2	Beaver 2
11:00	6	B	C	Performe Plus 1	Sudbury 4
11:30	7	A	C	Pub l'Echourie 2	Toronto 5
12:30	8	B	A	Newtonbrook 3	Peterborough 1
13:30	9	B	B	Sault Ste-Marie 2	Sports aux puces 1
13:45	10	A	B	Beaver 3	Cornwall 0
15:00	11	B	C	Toronto 3	Performe Plus 2
15:15	12	A	C	Sudbury 2	Pub l'Echourie 1
16:30	13	B	A	Peterborough 1	Reliure Excellence 1
16:45	14	A	A	Axion Shack Café 3	Newtonbrook 1
18:00	15	B	B	Beaver 1	Sault--SteMarie 3
18:15	16	A	B	Cornwall 2	Sports aux puces 5
19:30	17	B	C	Performe Plus 4	Pub l'Echourie 5

Sunday, April 30, 2000

Time	Game #	Rink	Division	Visitor	Home	
9:30	19	B	C	Pub l'Echourie 4	Performe Plus 1	BRONZE
11:15	20	B	B	Beaver 2	Cornwall 0	BRONZE
11:30	21	A	C	Sudbury 2	Toronto 1	GOLD/SILVER
13:00	22	B	A	Newtonbrook 3	Peterborough 1	BRONZE
13:15	23	A	B	Sault-Ste-Marie 4	Sports aux puces 3	GOLD/SILVER
15:00	24	A	A	Reliure Excellence 2	Axion Shack Café 1	GOLD/SILVER

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association looks forward to hosting the 2001 Central Canadian Championship.

COMPETITION FACTS

- Canada, the United States, Finland, Sweden, Russia and China have qualified through this championship and will be seeded one to six respectively at the 2002 Winter Olympics
- Germany and Japan are promoted to the 2001 Olympic Game qualification for the remaining 2 Olympic berths
- Japan is relegated to the 2001 IIHF World Women's Championship Division B

PLAYER STATISTICS

Top Scorer	Krissy Wendal, USA	2 goals & 11 assists for 13 points
Top Canadian Scorer	Jayna Hefford	5 goals & 3 assists for 8 points
Top Goal Scorer	Karyn Bye, USA	8 goals
Top Canadian Goal Scorer	Danielle Goyette	6 goals
Assist Leader	Krissy Wendal, USA	11 assists
Top Canadian Assists	Hayley Wickenheiser	7 assists
Plus/Minus Leader	AJ Mileczko, USA	+ 15
	Angela Ruggiero, USA	+ 15
Top Canadian Plus/Minus	Jennifer Botterill	+ 10
Face Off Leader	Vicky Sunohara, Canada	76.54%
Leading Goaltender	Sami Jo Small, Canada	0.80 GAA & 95.65 save %

For complete statistical details of the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship, please visit the International Ice Hockey Federation website at www.iihf.com

SINCERE THANKS TO:	
<i>Team Canada</i>	<i>World Champions</i>
<i>All participants</i>	<i>Outstanding athletes & role models</i>
<i>Mayor McCallion, Honourary Chairperson</i>	<i>Our Role Model</i>
<i>City of Mississauga</i>	<i>First class city, first class facility</i>
<i>Canadian Hockey Association</i>	<i>For partnering with the OWSA</i>
<i>Sponsors</i>	<i>For making this championship possible</i>
<i>Media</i>	<i>For taking the female game to the world</i>
<i>Fans</i>	<i>For the support of the players & the game</i>
<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>For the countless hours & commitment</i>

2000 IIHF World Women Championship - Pool B

Liepaja & Riga, Latvia March 20 to 26, 2000

Final Ranking

1	Kazakstan	5	France
2	Switzerland	6	Latvia
3	Norway	7	Czech Republic
4	Denmark	8	Italy

Kazakstan promoted to 2001 IIHF World Women Championship
Kazakstan and Switzerland are also promoted to the Final Olympic Qualification Tournament
Italy relegated to 2001 IIHF World Women Championship Division 1 Qualification

2001 IIHF World Women Championship - Pool B Qualification

Dunaujvaros & Szekesferhevar, Hungary March 22 to 26, 2000

Final Ranking

1	DPR Korea	5	Netherlands
2	Slovakia	6	Hungary
3	Great Britain	7	Australia
4	Belgium	8	South Africa

DPR Korea qualified for the IIHF World Women Championship Division 1

- Grants: City of Mississauga, Main Street Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation, Sport Canada
- Friends of the Championship: Michael Burgess, Don Cherry, Ken Dryden, Ron Ellis, Jerry Howarth, Bob Hunter, Ron MacLean, Brian McFarlane, Ron Starr, Steve Stavro, David Taylor, Air Canada Centre, Astro Yogurt, A&P Stores, CN Tower, C.W. Shasky & Associates, Cawthra Lions Club, Cedar Valley Homes, Corporate Express, Crystal Springs, DSR, Derrydale Golf Course, Dominion Regalia, Dominion Stores, First Canadian Place, Gatorade, Great Canadian Bagel, Harvey's, Hockey Hall of Fame, Kodak, Loblaws Supermarkets Limited, Mississauga Cooksville Lions Club, Mississauga Central Lions Club, Mississauga Transit, Mississauga Ice Dogs, Morgan Scott, Norpak Foods, Officeland, Pepsi, Peter's on Eglinton Restaurant, Rogers Cable, Sear Whole Home Furniture, Select Sandwich, Streetsville Rotary Club, Super Puff, Tan Jay, Mr. John Hoey – Tim Hortons, Toronto Maple Leafs, Trophy Nuts

REFEREES AND LINESMEN

REFEREE		LINESMEN	
NAME	COUNTRY	NAME	COUNTRY
Isabelle Giguère	Canada	Julie Bissonnette	Canada
Anne Haanp	Finland	Sue Cassidy	Canada
Anu Hirvonen	Finland	Hennrieta Hujdusova	Slovakia
Krista Knight	USA	Marina Konstantinova	Russia
Jacqui Palm	Canada	Johanna Kuisma	Finland
Sarah Perkins	USA	Sandra Lischetti	Switzerland
		Megan MacKenzie	USA
		Gulile Meng	China
		Julie Piacentini	USA

FINAL STANDINGS

#	POOL	WINNER	SCORE	LOSER	SCORE
1	B	Finland	7	Russia	1
2	A	Canada	9	Japan	0
3	A	Sweden	1	China	1
4	B	USA	16	Germany	1
5	B	Finland	4	Germany	1
6	B	USA	15	Russia	0
7	A	Canada	8	China	1
8	A	Sweden	10	Japan	0
9	A	China	3	Japan	0
10	A	Canada	4	Sweden	0
11	B	Russia	7	Germany	2
12	B	USA	4	Finland	3
13		China	3	Germany	0
14		Russia	8	Japan	4
15	Semi Final	Canada	3	Finland	2
16	Semi Final	USA	3	Sweden	1
17	Olympic Qualifier	Russia	4	China	0
18	7 th /8 th	Germany	3 (Shootout)	Japan	2
19	BRONZE	Finland	7	Sweden	1
20	GOLD/SILVER	Canada	3 (Overtime)	USA	2

FAIR PLAY CUP WINNER (fewest penalty minutes): CANADA

DEVELOPMENT around the WORLDS!

IIHF INTERNATIONAL COACHING SEMINAR

March 31-April 2 Novotel Hotel, Mississauga

"Developing Excellence with Values"

NIKE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Iceland April 1-2, 2000

Camp was filled to capacity (72+). Participants enjoyed a weekend of FUN and skills. Team Canada Alumni Kathy MacCormack & Angela James assisted with the on-ice sessions.

INTERMISSION FEATURES

Intermissions were used throughout the Championship to demonstrate & promote the sport of female hockey. Many aspects of the sport were featured. Game day sponsors supported many of the features. We gave the Royal Bank Toonie Toss a try and it worked well. We found our young players to be great "picker-uppers"....now can they clean-up their bedrooms as well ?!

ESSO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Esso Schools Program had two components. Program #1 offered free tickets (4pm games) and the new Activity Books to 1750 students/staff per day. Program #2 offered 250 Students & staff game tickets, Activity Books and also the opportunity to participate in special activities designed to teach the students about the great sport of female hockey. Our thanks to Imperial Oil for their support and for making the "Activity Book" dream come true. Over 9,000 students (Grades 4-6) & staff had the opportunity to enjoy the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship courtesy of Imperial Oil. The Esso Kids Program also donated 250 tickets to the gold medal game and to each of the satellite games.

ESSO FUN DAYS

Wednesday, April 5th

Current OWHHA Peewee & Atom players were invited to "Bring a Buddy" to the Hershey Centre to give the game a try. The OWHHA players loaned their hockey equipment to their friend and then cheered them on from the team bench. Twenty-two young girls (Atom & Peewee aged) gave the sport a try for the first time. Team Canada Alumni players were on hand to assist with the on-ice session. Even the Esso Tiger got into the action!

EXPERIENCE A DREAM

Players were selected from the list of players that brought a friend to the ESSO FUN DAYS.

OFFICIALS' CLINIC

Saturday, April 8

Guest Speakers: Marina Zenk & Laurie Taylor-Bolton

Level 1 & 2 OWHHA female officials and young girls planning to try officiating were invited to attend the Officiating Seminar. Laurie & Marina relayed their officiating experiences and what it took to make it to the Olympics. The registration fee (\$30) included a game ticket (value \$25) for the 1PM game (Canada vs Finland semi-final). Participants were paired up with a senior OWHHA official or supervisor to watch the game together. This provided a great opportunity to offer technical advice and to answer as many questions as the young officials wanted to ask. Positive feedback was received.





Canada's National Women's Team – 2000 WWHC

Player	Pos.	S	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	1999-2000 Team
Sami Jo Small	G	L	5'07	187	03/25/76	Winnipeg, MB	Brampton Thunder, ON
Kim St-Pierre	G	L	5'09	155	12/14/78	Châteauguay, QC	Mc Gill University, QC
Therese Brisson	D	R	5'07	150	10/05/66	Montréal, QC	Montréal Wingstar, QC
Delaney Collins	D	L	5'03	125	05/07/77	Pilot Mound, MB	Oval X-Treme, AB
Geraldine Heaney	D	R	5'08	140	10/01/67	Weston, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
Becky Kellar	D	L	5'07	150	01/01/75	Hagersville, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
Cheryl Pounder	D	R	5'06	145	06/21/76	Mississauga, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
Nathalie Rivard	D	L	5'08	160	01/21/72	Cumberland, ON	Mississauga Chiefs, ON
Kelly Béchard	F	R	5'09	140	01/22/78	Sedley, SK	Oval X-Treme, AB
Amanda Benoit	F	L	5'03	120	01/22/76	Welland, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
Jennifer Botterill	F	L	5'09	155	01/05/79	Winnipeg, MB	Harvard Univ., USA
Cassie Campbell	F	L	5'07	135	11/22/73	Brampton, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
Nancy Drolet	F	L	5'06	138	02/08/73	Drummondville, QC	Panthères de Ste-Julie, QC
Lori Dupuis	F	L	5'08	165	11/14/72	Cornwall, ON	Brampton Thunder, ON
Danielle Goyette	F	L	5'07	148	01/30/66	St-Nazaire, QC	Oval X-Treme, AB
Jayna Hefford	F	L	5'05	135	05/14/77	Kingston, ON	Brampton Thunder, ON
Caroline Ouellette	F	L	5'11	165	05/25/79	Montréal, QC	Montréal Wingstar, QC
T. L. Shewchuk	F	R	5'04	138	12/31/77	Saint-Laurent, QC	Harvard Univ., USA
Vicky Sunohara	F	L	5'07	170	05/18/70	Scarborough, ON	Brampton Thunder, ON
H. Wickenheiser	F	R	5'09	170	08/12/78	Shaunavon, SK	Oval X-Treme, AB

STAFF/PERSONNEL

Vice-President, Hockey	Tom Renney	CHA
CHA Director, High Performance	Denis Hainault	CHA
G.M., Women's High Performance Program	Gaëtan Robitaille	CHA
Head coach	Mel Davidson	Connecticut Coll., USA
Assistant coach	Karen Hughes	Univ. of Toronto, Ontario
Assistant coach	Wally Kozak	Oval X-Treme, Alberta
Video coach	Ryan Jankowski	CHA
Equipment manager	Rob Insley	Beatrice Aeros, Ontario
Sport physiotherapist	Lois Pohlod	Calgary, Alberta
Team physician	Dr. Christine Young	Toronto, Ontario
Sport psychologist	Jacques Plouffe	Montréal, Québec
Manager, Media Relations	André Brin	CHA

FUTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2000/2001 Four Nations Cup – Salt Lake City, Utah – fall, 2000
- 2001 Women's World Hockey Championship – Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota – April 2 -8, 2001
- 2002 Winter Olympics – Salt Lake City, Utah

2001 INTERNATIONAL MASTERATHLETE WINTER GAMES

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has sanctioned the 2001 International MasterAthlete Winter Games. Also, we have secured approval from the Canadian Hockey Association to host this event as an approved pilot project.

We see this as another major step in the growth and development of women's hockey. Senior hockey has been an integral part of the development of female hockey. It is recognized that there is much to gain for the adult teams and also for the OWHA through the ongoing membership and input of women's hockey as fully registered members of the OWHA.

The players who will participate in this championship include two basic groups:

- A) The players who have been part of the organized hockey for many years. They have overcome the struggles to play, but have had little or no opportunities at the national or international levels – these did not exist when they were young.
- B) The mature women, many who have longed to play hockey all their lives, but were never able to play the game as there were no opportunities and/or it was viewed as an unacceptable sport for girls and women. These players are now enjoying this great game.

We see this championship as a major opportunity for the participants and a positive program for the OWHA.

Dates: February 2-11, 2001

Places: Barrie & Orillia, Ontario, Canada

Sports: Alpine Skiing, Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Broomball, Cross Country, Cross Country Skiing, Curling, Hockey, Du Juts, Ringette, Swimming, Tennis (indoor), Track and Field (indoor), Triathlete, Volleyball, Weightlifting

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Divisions:	30 to 39	Competitive & Recreational
	40 to 49	Competitive & Recreational
	50+	Competitive & Recreational
Ages:	As of February 2, 2001	
Team composition:	Maximum of 16 players	
Registration:	By team or by individual registration	
	Individuals \$125.00	Teams \$500.00
Sanction:	OWHA sanctioned	CHA pilot project

For further information:

www.masterathletewintergames2001.com

OWHA office (905) 282-9980

GENERAL NOTES

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association regretfully accepted the resignation of our treasurer, Doug Reddon. Doug served for many years as a dedicated volunteer in many areas of the OWHA. Most recently, he served on our finance committee before moving to treasurer. Doug is missed and we wish him well.
- We were saddened by the loss of Eileen Phillips from Saugeen-Maitland. Eileen fought a valiant two-year struggle with illness. She was a dedicated volunteer and was awarded the OWHA's Volunteer of the Year award from the Ontario Centre of Excellence. This was presented to her shortly before her death. Shortly thereafter, Eileen's was voted the Ontario Hockey Federation Volunteer of the Year with the award being presented posthumously to her husband, Harry. Thanks to her contributions, many girls are enjoying hockey.

Canadian Hockey Association Updates

- The good news is that the CHA insurance fees have gone down. However, the CHA voted to add \$1.50 per person, which will go towards the mentorship program. Another \$1.00 per person which will go towards Technology, but this amount will be taken from the growth fund.
- International transfers – transfer costs for female hockey players shall be reduced by \$1000.00 as approved at the CHA AGM 2000! Thanks to the CHA Branches for their support in recognizing the importance of international development within women's hockey.
- The frustrating news is the method used by the CHA in selecting officials for national assignments. For female hockey events, the only recommending body for Ontario should be the OWHA. In this way, our officiating program is unified with officials being selected on merit, not their home location. We have expressed our strong concerns to the CHA on behalf of our officials.
- The OWHA is planning the process for the selection of two Under 18 teams to participate in the CHA Under 18 Challenge in February 2001.
- Plans are also underway for a National Under 22 Championship to be held in 2002
- The OWHA is looking for a host site for the 2000/2001 Central Canadian Championship
- The 2000/2001 Esso Senior Women's National Championship will be held in Summerside, PEI from March 7 to 11, 2001

Under 18 Challenge

Preparations are underway for the selection of the two teams to represent the Ontario Women's Hockey Association at the 2001 Under 18 Challenge. The top 40 OWHA players from the province will be selected for participation on these teams.

National Women's Hockey League

The National Women's Hockey League completed a very successful season with its 2 game championship final televised on WTN, March 18th and 19th, 2000.

The league expanded to include teams from Quebec and for the 1999/2000 season was divided into two divisions. In the championship, Beatrice Aeros defeated Sainte-Julie Panthères.

Hockey Quebec teams included: Montréal Wingstar, Sainte-Julie Panthères and Laval Le Mistral

Ontario Women's Hockey Association teams included: Beatrice Aeros, Brampton Thunder, Mississauga Chiefs, Ottawa Raiders, ClearNET Lightning and Scarborough Sting.

Possible expansion teams include Vancouver Griffins.

WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - CHA

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM

The focus of the National Women's Team from October was the Worlds Women's Championship scheduled for April 2000. Before getting to Mississauga, Ontario, the team went through four different activities.

Fall Evaluation Camp

The fall evaluation camp was held in Caledon (ON). A total of 41 players were invited to this first evaluation activity for the 1999-2000 season. The players selected for this camp were recommended after the spring evaluation camps and the Under 22 – Nike Elite Camp held in August.

From the 1999 World Women's Championship, 19 players reported to the coaching staff. France St.-Louis (retired) did not participate to the camp. From the Under 22 program, 9 players were invited to this camp.

3 Nations Cup

The coaching staff selected 23 players to participate in the 3 Nations Cup tournament in Sherbrooke and Montréal, QC. This tournament represented another evaluation step in forming the National Team. We brought thirteen 99' WWC Team players and ten new players for this tournament. The team ended the tournament with a 5-0 record. We defeated the host team Finland twice and USA three times including a win in shootout during the final game.

January Tour/TSN Challenge

From January 27 to February 4, the team played two intersquad games and a two game series against Team USA. The intersquad games were played in Toronto (ON) and the two games against Team USA were played in Buffalo (N.Y.) and the TSN Challenge at Air Canada Center in Toronto (ON). Against USA, the team lost the first game (1-4) and won the TSN Challenge (6-1). It was another opportunity for the coaching staff to evaluate different players. During this camp and the tour, we brought ten new players from the 3 Nations Cup Team for a total of 33. These players had a chance to catch the attention of the coaching and management staff.

Final selection

At the end of February and after the evaluation camp in October, the 3 Nations Cup and the Ontario/Québec Tour, the coaching staff selected 20 players for the Worlds Championship. We selected four new players from the 1999 World Women's Championship Team. This represents a 20% change in the team roster.

Pre-competition camp

The team regrouped in Sarnia (ON) for an eight-day camp, including two exhibition games against Team Germany and Team Sweden. After the first exhibition game, we had to replace Dana Antal who suffered an injury. We added Amanda Benoit from Welland (ON) to the Team line-up.

Women's World Championship

The team got to Mississauga, ON on April 2nd. In the preliminary round, we beat Team Japan (9-0), Team China (8-1) and Team Sweden (4-0) and ended up first in the A Group. We won against Team Finland (3-2) in the semifinal to access the Gold medal game against Team USA.

The Final Game result gave Canada a sixth world title. We defeated Team USA (3-2) in a great team effort. As the theme slogan says, we "enjoy the moment".

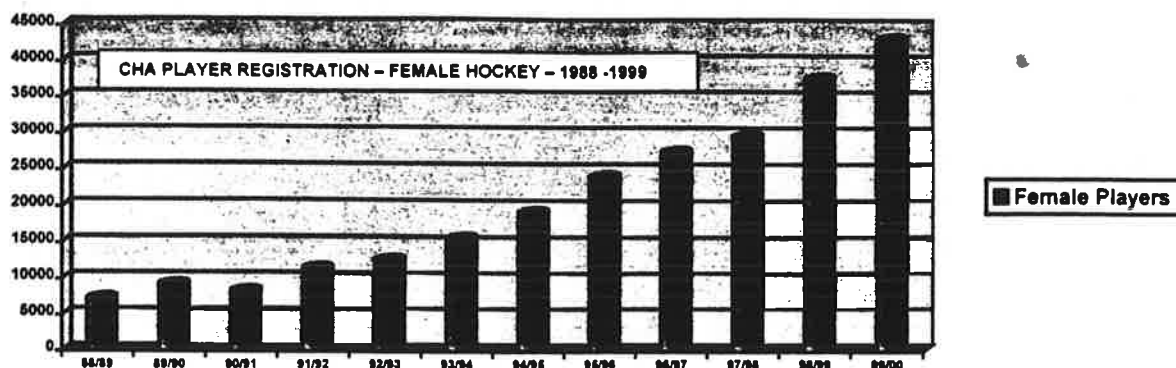
This year overall record (5-0) gives an all-time record of 30-0 to our National Women's Team during World Championships Competitions.

Coaching

The three National Women's Team coaches contracts all expired at the end of April. For the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 season, the Women's High Performance Policy Committee will name the Olympic Team coaching in June 2000.

CANADIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REPORT

CHA FEMALE HOCKEY REGISTRATION



The Ontario Women's Hockey Association continues to derive its official affiliation to the International Ice Hockey Federation through the Canadian Hockey Association. We are represented at the board level by the Ontario Hockey Federation and are supported by the Ottawa District Hockey Association and the Thunder Bay Amateur Hockey Association. The OWHA also has a delegate on the CHA Female Council.

REGISTRATION - WOMEN'S HOCKEY 1999/2000- CHA

Province		SR AAA & AA	SR. Other	**	INT.	MIDGET	BANTAM	PEEWEE	ATOM	NOVICE	I.P.	High School	TOTAL
BC	PLAYERS	103	1750		76	454	140	488	740 *				3751
	TEAMS	6	104		5	30	9	32	49 *				235
ALTA.	PLAYERS	37	1331		70	938	556	507	469	360	194		4462
	TEAMS	2	75		4	62	31	26	15	8	0		223
SASK.	PLAYERS	0	0	1703									1703
	TEAMS	0	0	121									121
MAN.	PLAYERS	0	293			546		672	629	303	332	136	2911
	TEAMS	0	17			36		39	33	7	0	11	143
OWHA	PLAYERS	375	5131		1885	2061	2861	3771	3461	2796	574		22,915
	TEAMS	23	345		125	138	192	260	241	190	42		1556
QUE.	PLAYERS	63	660		1326		690		195				2934
	TEAMS	3	44		78		46		13				184
N.B.	PLAYERS	0	196		6	61	135	204	122	143	123	422	1412
	TEAMS	0	11			4	8	12	7	8	7	26	83
N.S.	PLAYERS	0	61			163	275	259	145	214	152		1269
	TEAMS	0	4			9	11	9	0	0	0		33
P.E.I.	PLAYERS	0	121			183	4	167	105	56	65		701
	TEAMS	0	9			12	0	10	0	0	0		31
NFLD.	PLAYERS	0	9			24	33	62	80	111	53	342	714
	TEAMS	0	1									22	23
NWT/HA	PLAYERS	0	100		2	14	21	36	26	31	15		245
	TEAMS	0	5			0	0	4	0	0	0		9
TOTALS	PLAYERS	818	19111	5951	4504	8881	7981	11678	10941	7175	2086	1425	43017
	TEAMS	47	1188	364	348	575	499	732	656	369	83	93	2641

* British Columbia - Numbers under the Atom heading represent all players & teams under Pee wee

** Saskatchewan - Includes all female players

Manitoba - House League (Winnipeg) is represented under IP (initiation)

UNDER 18 WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM
Canadian Hockey Association
2001 Under 18 Challenge

THE EVENT

The 2001 Under 18 Challenge is an inaugural event providing an opportunity for the top 120 female participants in Canada to play best on best competition. This event is part of a National Strategy, to complement regional Program of Excellence efforts and prepare our participants to maintain Canada's position as a leading Nation in the game.

The 2001 Under 18 Challenge will be comprised of 6 Regional teams (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario (2), Western and Pacific). This event is scheduled to be held during the month of February 2001 with a tournament format including (2) pools with a single round robin in each, followed by a seeding game (1) and two (2) medal games for a total of eighteen (18) games.

PROGRAM GOALS

To ensure the continuing growth and development of athletes and the female game this program offers a vehicle to assist in the development and promotion of hockey to players under 18 years of age.

By encouraging the formation of provincial teams, the Under 18 Female Program will assist the recruitment and development of players, coaches and administrators. The program will also focus on the promotion of female hockey to assist in attracting participants, government, media and private sector sponsors.

PARTICIPANTS

Team roster size will be twenty, two of whom must be goaltenders. Teams allowed to dress 20 players.

Female competitors under 18 years of age as of December 31, 2000.

All participants must be a minimum of 13 years of age as of December 31, 2000

STAFFING

Team staff to consist of

Head Coach – must be fully certified NCCP at the Advanced level

Assistant Coach (2) – must, at a minimum, be fully certified NCCP at the Intermediate level

Trainer – HTCP certified

Equipment Manager – HTCP certified

OWHA representative

Notes:

At least one member of the coaching staff must be female

Coaches must be certified not less than 60 days before the opening of the championship

COMPETITORS

All competitors must be CHA members in good standing

An athletes domicile or actual residence must be located, for at least 90 days prior to the opening of the tournament, within Ontario

Students attending school on a full-time basis outside of their province of permanent residence (where their parents live) during the year shall be permitted to compete for either their home province or the province in which the athlete attends school if the athlete is attending school in Canada.

If a non-student athlete attends a recognized national training centre outside of her province of permanent residence, the athlete is encouraged to represent her province of permanent residence. The athlete may, however, choose to represent the province in which they are attending the recognized training centre.

An athlete is permitted to try out for only one province or territory.

The eligibility of any athlete that is not clearly established by the Technical package shall be determined by the Women's High Performance Policy Committee.

HARRASSMENT AND ABUSE REPORT

PREVENTION OF HARASSMENT AND ABUSE - 2000 CHA AGM REPORT

Speak Out" Program continues to strive and to have positive effects on the game, its participants and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association.

MANDATORY COACH TRAINING

It was pointed out that this program is more designed around education than it is around penal action.

A recommendation approved by CHA Board of Directors at May 2000 AGM

The completion date for all coaches to have been trained in Speak Out "It's more than just a game" be moved to September 1, 2002.

MATERIAL REVISIONS

Feedback from instructors of Speak Out "It's more than just a game" workshops, minor amendments were made to the Workshop Guidelines and the Participants Workbook. It is hoped that by gathering feedback from the people teaching the workshops, we can constantly improve the material and make it more effective from year to year.

CHA Sub-Committee for the Prevention of Harassment and Abuse must approve any changes to the Speak Out workshop format.

FACILITATOR TRAINING

A proposal for Facilitator training has been implemented. The proposal introduced a training format of 30 hours as opposed to 120 hours in which a candidate could be trained to deliver the Speak Out workshop. Candidates who show interest in the training must go through a screening process that has been designed by the Red Cross prior to being accepted into the program. Once they have successfully completed the 30 hour training, they are able to deliver the Speak Out "It's more than just a game" workshop independently.

Feedback received, it was made clear that from a financial standpoint, it was more productive for Branches to train Facilitators within the Branch as opposed to the mass training structure. It was pointed out that Branch run sessions would allow Branches to train a larger number of facilitators than the mass training. It was also pointed out the branch training would create a more effective learning environment for the candidates.

Certification of participants of the 30 hour Red Cross Facilitator training will include a written exam and proper screening as described in the Red Cross Recruitment Package. The Sub-Committee also recommends an auditing process within the branch including peer support and on-going clinic evaluation.

Any Branch conducting the Red Cross 30 hour Facilitator training is entitled to assistance up to \$5000.00. In order to receive the assistance, Branches must submit a post event report stating the costs incurred and the number of participants trained to Todd Jackson.

OWHA HOCKEY TEAMS (Note: Not applicable to OWHA Teams - all girls)

Some Branches have had to deal with issues surrounding teams with both male and female players. Some parents feel the female players should be permitted to change in the same dressing room with their male counterparts and Branches have had to deal with creating policies. Issues exist at the younger age groups where players come to the arena dressed, and generally shower at home rather than at the rink.

At the initiation, novice and atom levels both genders may dress in the same dressing room at the same time with the presence of two adults. From the peewee level and up, players of mixed genders may not dress in the same room at the same time, and it is the responsibility of the coaches that all players are included in the pre and post game activities.

The CHA Committee would like to acknowledge the hard work of the ODHA as it has had to tackle this issue this season, and continues to experience challenges in this area. Although to many of us, this should not even be addressed, we can never assume that parents always have the best interests of their children at heart when they make requests, demands, or pursue legal remedies. Clearly, there comes a time when the dressing room is not a place for males and females to dress simultaneously. However, we, as hockey administrators, should ensure that all the participants have access to the dressing room, as someone should not be excluded from team activities. This can be accomplished by some common sense solutions, without placing anyone at risk, or in an embarrassing situation.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As the committee continues to look toward a new P.S.A., one of the main hurdles is accessing of pro players to shoot the footage required. The project will continue keeping in mind the possibility of a revised communications plan in the future.

"SPEAK OUT" WEB SITE

The Speak-Out web-site has been updated and made more user friendly. The web site can be accessed through www.canadianhockey.ca

HIGH PERFORMANCE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Committee is presently working on a Code of Conduct for High Performance Teams. It was also determined that if branches were to develop inventories of complaints they have received, it would assist in the creation of policies and procedures and a code of conduct.

#5 Branches submit a summary of cases handled to Todd Jackson by August 1 of each year to assist in the creation and maintenance of national policy and procedure.

FIVE YEAR PLAN

The Committee feels it is time to develop a 5-year plan and a communications strategy for the Speak Out Program. Issues identified in preliminary discussions were:

- How does the existing program need to change?
- Integration of material into existing development programs.
- Player education
- Parent education

#6 If a Branch chooses to mandate all Safety People to take the 3.5-hour Speak Out workshop, they can reduce the Safety Program module to cover only the portion directly related to being a Safety Person/Trainer. The CHSP Committee will direct topics that must be covered in the Safety Program.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

There has been concern about the state of policies and procedures in branches and associations across the country. Much of the CHA literature focuses on using established procedures and it is crucial that associations have these procedures in place. In order to get an indication of the status of procedures across the country, the Sub-Committee would like to request a status report on the number of associations with procedures in place.

#7 Branches submit a status report on the number of associations with harassment and abuse policies and procedures in place to Todd Jackson by October 31, 2000.

IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL

The manual will include logistical information, facilitator training guidelines, and other information directed at the administration of the Speak Out program. The manual is hoped to be completed by September 2000.

HARASSMENT AND ABUSE SPORT COLLECTIVE

STEERING COMMITTEE

One responsibility of Todd Jackson is to sit on the Harassment and Abuse Sport Collective Steering Committee. Presently, the Committee is investigating the development of an accord involving various different sporting organizations. The concept would entail governments, all levels of sport organizations and clubs agreeing to sign to a common standard of practices related to the prevention of harassment and abuse in the sport environment. The accord would be developed in consultation with the sports organizations including the CHA. The content could include an offender registry and a screening process. Our Committee would certainly be willing to assist, but would need much more information before becoming fully involved. It has to be made known that we would not be willing to agree to a lesser standard than what we already have in place.

CRIMINAL RECORD SEARCHES

The CHA continues to require all new members of the board, staff and those involved with high performance teams to undergo a criminal record check. The CHA also continues to recommend this procedure to branches for all members involved as staff and volunteers.

USE OF LIGHT WEIGHT PUCKS IN WOMEN'S HOCKEY

There has been discussion on the pros and cons of the use of a light weight puck for female hockey. There is a chance the 5.5 oz. puck may be used at the 2000/2001 Four Nations Cup. The CHA has coordinated research as follows:

Study Overview

Overall impact of various light weight pucks on player development (technically and tactically)

- Impact of light weight pucks on the speed of the game
- Impact of light weight pucks on goaltending
- Players, Coaches, Officials, Parents and Fan acceptance of light weight pucks in women's hockey
- Light weight puck impact on administration
- Light weight puck manufacturing and distribution
- Target study groups have been identified as Minor (9-18 years), University/College (19-21) and Senior (22+)
- Results to be presented at the 2001 AGM
- Researcher: Jeff Leiter, Masters Student at the University of Manitoba Kinesiology Department

SUMMARY of the PLAYING RULE CHANGES FOR 1999/2000 – 2000/2001

RULE 9 – (c) PLAYER'S BENCH

- Only players in uniform and a maximum of **five** team officials shall be permitted to occupy the player's 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

RULE 17 – (a) STARTING LINE-UP

- Before the start of the game the Official in charge of the Visiting Team must be the first to list her line-ups on the Official Game Report.

RULE 18 – (d) CAPTAIN OF THE TEAM

- Goaltenders or a replacement for a goaltender, **cannot be selected or named** Captain or Alternate Captain.

RULE 19 – (f) CHANGE of PLAYERS

- (Note 30:) When a goaltender leaves her goal area, and proceeds to player's bench for the purpose of substituting another player, she must be within 10ft. (3.05m) of the bench before the substitute may enter the game. If the substitute is made prematurely, the official shall stop the play immediately. There shall be no time penalty to the team making the premature substitution, providing their team has possession of the puck, but resulting face-off will take place in the centre face-off spot, **unless the offending team gains a territorial advantage, then the face-off shall take place where the stoppage occurred, unless otherwise stated in the rules.** If the offending team does not have possession of the puck at this time, a Minor penalty will be assessed.

RULE 20 – (b) INJURED PLAYERS

-an additional five minutes shall be allowed for a **total of fifteen minutes**

RULE 20 – (c) INJURED PLAYERS

- **Goaltender replacement shall be subject to the rules governing goaltenders and be allowed the goaltender's full equipment.**

RULE 21 – (a) STICKS

- All sticks (including goaltender's sticks) may be made of wood, fibreglass or aluminum and/or other material approved by the Canadian Hockey Association's Board of Directors. They must not have any projections, pockets, netting or other similar contrivance designed to give the player or goaltender undue assistance in the playing of the game. The end of the shaft of all sticks must be covered to protect against injury. **In the case of hollowed shaft sticks, the end of the shaft must have a protective cap as well as being covered to protect against injury.** A player may carry only one stick while participating in the play. A Minor penalty shall be assessed for a violation of this rule.

RULE 21 – (b) STICKS

- The stick shall not exceed **63 inches (1.60 m)** from the heel to the end of the shaft, and **12.2 inches (31.75cm)** from the heel to the end of the blade. The blade of the stick shall not be less than **2 inches (5.08 cm)** (within 2 inch (1.27cm) of the end) nor greater than **3 inches (7.62cm)** in width. The curvature of the blade of the stick shall not exceed **2 inch (1.27cm)** along any line of the measurement. To measure the curvature, a line is drawn from a fixed point at the heel of the stick to any number of points on the toe of the blade. The curvature will be measured between this line and the blade.

RULE 21 – (f) STICKS

- When requested, the Referee shall take the stick to be measured to the Referee's crease at the penalty bench, where the appropriate measurement will be made **using a tape measure or stick gauge.**

RULE 24 – (b) PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- While on the ice, **including the pre-game warm-ups**, all players, including goaltenders, shall wear a CSA approved hockey helmet, to which a CSA approved facial protector must be securely attached and not altered in any way. Any alteration to a CSA approved helmet or facial protector automatically destroys the certification.

The chinstrap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin. The strap of the facial protector shall also be securely fastened to the hockey helmet.

For violations during pre-game warm-ups, the referee shall report the infraction on the official game report to the President.

RULE 24 – (b), Note 2 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- The wearing of a CSA approved facial protector or visor for players registered with Senior **(recommended but optional for male adult recreational hockey)** and Junior hockey teams be compulsory. In all divisions of Female Hockey, the wearing of a CSA approved facial protector shall be compulsory.

RULE 24 – (b), Note 4 PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- All players while on the players' and/or penalty bench must wear their approved helmet and facial protector securely attached. **Any goaltender on the bench, as a minimum is required to properly wear the same protective head equipment as the players.** For a violation of this rule, a warning shall be issued to the offending team. The second and subsequent violations by the **same team** will result in a bench Minor penalty being assessed against the offending team.

RULE 24 – (d) PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Where a player wears a helmet and/or facial protector in an offset position during play, play shall be stopped **immediately** and a Misconduct penalty will be assessed to the player.

RULE 25 – (b) DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

- No player is permitted to wear a sweater or pants modified or altered, to gain an advantage or compromise safety.
b becomes c
c becomes d

RULE 25 – (e) DANGEROUS EQUIPMENT

- **For a violation of this rule a warning shall be issue to the team. Any subsequent violations to any player on the same team shall result in a minor penalty to the offending player.**

RULE 26 PUCK

- The puck shall be made of vulcanized rubber or other approved material. It shall be one inch (2.54 cm) thick and three inches (7.62 cm) in diameter and weigh not less than 5.2 ounces (156 g) and not more than 6 ounces (170g) and shall be black in colour. For all games played under the jurisdiction of the Association it is recommended the official CHA puck be used, **with the exception of Novice and below, where it shall be one inch (2.54cm) thick and three inches (7.62cm) in diameter and may weigh not less 4 ounces (113.4g) and be clearly identified.**

RULE 27 – (b) PENALTIES

- Any player or team official may be assessed penalties at any time before, during, or after a game, when an offense is committed on the ice or off the ice before entering the dressing rooms. Any altercations occurring off the ice must be reported to the President on the official game report by the referee. A player who is assessed any penalty in the pre-game warm-up shall automatically have her name placed on the Official Game report and be counted as one of the eligible players, as per Rule 16 (a) and (b) – Players in Uniform

(Note 1), The maximum of 5 players per team being assessed Game Misconducts (as per Rule 70 [c] Note 1 – Leaving the Players' or Penalty Bench) also applies to the pre-game warm-up.

(Note 2), Any unnecessary contact between opposing players after the whistle shall result in penalties being assessed as prescribed by the rules.

RULE 27 – (c) PENALTIES

- Delete Rule 27 c, Penalties
d becomes c
e becomes d

RULE 28 – (e) MINOR PENALTIES

- When coincident Minor or coincident Minors of equal duration are imposed against players on each team during the same stoppage of play, immediate substitutions shall be made for those penalties, and such penalties shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the delayed penalty. Any differences in time or total penalty time shall be served by one or more players on the ice at the time of the infraction.

RULE 32 – (b) GAME EJECTION / GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

- A player, or team official incurring a "Game Misconduct penalty" shall be ordered to the dressing room for the remainder of the game and shall be reported to the President for further action. A substitute for a penalized player shall be permitted immediately.

RULE 32 – (c) GAME EJECTION / GAME MISCONDUCT PENALTIES

In Minor and Female Hockey, in the last ten minutes of the third period (or at any time during overtime), any player or team official who is assessed a GM shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/playoff game or seven days....

RULE 35 – (b) PENALTY SHOT

The goaltender must remain in her goal crease until the designated player touches the puck at centre ice, and in the event of a violation of this rule...

RULE 35 – (f) PENALTY SHOT

If, while the Penalty shot is being taken, any player of the opposing team shall have by some actions interfered with or distracted the player taking the shot, and because of such action that shot should have failed, a second attempt shall be permitted and the Referee shall assess a misconduct penalty to the player. If the interference is from a team official, a game misconduct shall be assessed.

RULE 42 – (d) LINESMAN

Linesmen shall point out the offender and report to the Referee at the first stoppage, their version of any infraction of the rules, which incurs a **double minor penalty for Rules 49 b, (Head-butting) d, (Grabbing / pulling hair or head/facial protection) f, Butt-ending and g, (Spearing) as well as any infraction which incurs a Major or Match penalty or any conduct calling for a Bench Minor, Misconduct, Game Misconduct, or Gross Misconduct penalty.**

RULE 47 – (f) ABUSE OF OFFICIALS, UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT/MISCONDUCT

Any player who engages in verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty for a first infraction and a Gross Misconduct for a second infraction in the same game by the same player.

A team official who is assessed a penalty under this Rule shall be assessed Game Misconduct immediately for the first infraction.

Notwithstanding the above, at the discretion of the Referee, a Gross Misconduct penalty may be assessed for a first infraction to any player or team official.

(Note), Officials must complete a game report and report to the President any penalty incurred under this section of the Rule.

f becomes g,
g becomes h,
h becomes l
l becomes j.

RULE 49 – (f) ATTEMPT TO INJURE OR DELIBERATE INJURY

A match penalty shall be assessed any player or team official who deliberately butt-ends or deliberately attempts to butt-end an opponent by jabbing her forcefully with the butt-end of the stick, or who injures an opponent by any butt-ending actions.

At the discretion of the Referee, a double minor penalty or match penalty shall be assessed to any player who attempts to butt-end an opponent with the butt-end of her stick.

A minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who uses the shaft of the stick above the upper hand to hold or hook an opponent

RULE 50 – (a) BOARDING AND BODY CHECKING

A Minor or Major penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, based upon the degree of violence of the impact with the boards, shall be assessed any player who body-checks, cross-checks, elbows, charges or trips an opponent in such a manner that causes the opponent to be thrown violently into the boards. If a player is injured a Major penalty **plus a Game Misconduct must be assessed.**

RULE 52 – (b) CHARGING

A Major penalty **plus a Game Misconduct** shall be assessed any player who charges a goaltender while the goaltender is within his crease or who injures an opponent as a result of a charge.

(Note), A goaltender is not "fair game" just because he is outside the goal crease area. A penalty for interference or charging (Minor or Major) shall be called where an opposing player makes unnecessary contact with a goaltender, likewise Referees should be alert to penalize goaltenders for tripping, slashing or spearing in the vicinity of the goal.

RULE 55 – (e) DELAY OF GAME

If in the last two minutes of regular playing time or anytime in overtime, a team is penalized for any of the following infractions, A Penalty Shot shall be awarded against the offending team: Deliberate Illegal Substitution- 19 (f); Protective Equipment- 24 (c); Deliberately Knocking the Goal Net from its Position – 55 (c); Refusing to Start Play- 78 (a).

(Note) In overtime, a Penalty Shot shall be assessed under this rule, except in the case of Rule 78 (a) – Refusing to Start Play, in which case a Penalty Shot and a Major Penalty shall be assessed.

RULE 56 – (b) ELBOWING AND KNEEING

A Major penalty **plus a Game Misconduct** shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by elbowing or kneeing.

RULE 57 – (i) FACE-OFFS

When a goal is illegally scored as a result of the puck being deflected off the Referee or Linesman directly into the net, **the face-off shall take place at the nearest end-zone face-off spot.**

RULE 60 – (c) GOALS AND ASSISTS

The goal shall NOT be allowed if the puck has been directed into the net as a result of a distinct kicking motion by an attacking player.

RULE 60 – (d) GOALS AND ASSISTS

If the shot of an attacking player has been deflected into the goal by striking the stick, skates or any part of the body of an attacking player, the goal shall be allowed and the player off whom the puck deflected shall be credited with the goal and the player making the shot shall be credited with the assist.

The goal shall NOT be allowed if the puck has been kicked into the net by an attacking player. The goal shall not be allowed if thrown or deliberately directed into the net by any part of the body of an attacking player other than his skate.

RULE 60 – (h) GOALS AND ASSISTS

Any goal scored, other than as covered by the official Rules, shall not be allowed. The resulting face-off shall be determined as per Rule 57 (e), (f) & (l).

RULE 61 – (a) HANDLING THE PUCK

When a player simply closes her hand on the puck and immediately drops it to the ice, without gaining or attempting to gain an advantage by this action, play shall be **allowed to continue.**

RULE 65 – (e)2 ICING THE PUCK

The "Icing the puck" infraction shall not be called and play shall continue when:

- 1 – the puck has touched any part of an opposing player, her stick or skates.
- 2 – the puck has touched the goaltender, her skates or stick at any time before crossing the line.

RULE 75 – (a) PUCK OUT OF BOUNDS OR UNPLAYABLE

When the puck goes outside the playing area or strikes obstacles above the playing surface (with the exception of the side boards, glass or wire netting), play shall be stopped. The resulting face-off shall be where the puck last touched a player, her skates or stick, or an official, except when otherwise stated in the rules.

CHA RULES EMPHASIS

CHA Rules Emphasis used in 1999-2000 will remain unchanged for 2000-2001

- Shared Respect – Abuse of Officials
- Obstruction
- Checking from Behind
- Stick Work
- High Hits
- Restraining Fouls
- Face-Off Encroachment
- Roughing After the Whistle

Hockey “Fax”!

Transmission records from the OWHHA office fax machine

1999-2000 Season Totals

May 14, 1999 → May 11, 2000

Transmission Type	# Pages	Total Time Hrs:Mins:Sec	Daily Average (# pages)
Received	23,531	165:20:31	64.83
Sent	17,479	215:04:04	48.16
<i>Yearly Total</i>	41,010	380:24:35	112.98

COMPARISON

98-99 season / 99-00 season

Hockey Season	Pages Received	Pages Sent
1999-2000	23,531	17,479
1998-1999	11,170	21,518
+/-	+ 12,361	- 4039

The lower number of pages sent in 99-00 can be attributed to the addition of e-mail beginning in October 1999.

Total usage from November 1994 → May 2000

Transmission Type	Pages	Total Time Hrs:Mins:Sec
Received	47,535	637:50:54
Sent	85,212	1041:18:53
<i>Grand Total</i>	132,747	1,679:09:47

MARKETING REPORT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association had another very productive year in the marketing area. This season we focused on general sponsorship as well as taking the opportunity to build our sponsor relationships and capitalize on promotion through the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association sincerely thanks our sponsors for the 1999/2000 season:

Canadian Tire

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association partnership with Canadian Tire has been adjusted as noted in the following correspondence.

IMPORTANT UPDATE – CANADIAN TIRE ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION AFFINITY MASTERCARD

At the beginning of the 1999/2000 hockey season, Canadian Tire and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association announced a partnership that included the launch of a new affinity MasterCard.

Canadian Tire has a long tradition of supporting hockey. One of the ways that Canadian Tire does this is by offering assistance to young players through their hockey association. The Canadian Tire/OWHA MasterCard was introduced as one way to help young girls and women throughout Ontario to experience the joy of playing hockey.

However, after a detailed and lengthy review of the Affinity MasterCard program, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and Canadian Tire have decided that better opportunities exist through which Canadian Tire could extend its support to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and its members.

Effective immediately, the Affinity program will be cancelled and replaced with a sponsorship program. Effective June 9, 2000 the Canadian Tire Ontario Women's Hockey Association Affinity MasterCard will be cancelled. All cardholders will receive individual notification of the options available to them in terms of replacing their Affinity MasterCard.

Canadian Tire will continue to support the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and its members by donating sponsorship funds to the OWHA over the next two years. While both Canadian Tire and the OWHA believe that the Affinity MasterCard concept was a good one, we also believe that this is a more effective way to show our mutual support of local hockey.

On behalf of Canadian Tire and the OWHA, we thank you for your support of the programs we've developed together. We look forward to continuing to contribute towards the development of amateur hockey throughout Ontario.

Cheerios (General Mills)

OWHA Sanctioned tournaments received a gift product package for volunteers
General Mills provided cash support for the OWHA

Chevrolet (General Motors)

Involvement in the Chevrolet Safe and Fun Hockey program – clinics, etc.
General Motors provided cash support for the OWHA

Choice Hotels

Members of the OWHA are eligible to receive specially negotiated rates at over 125 participating Comfort, Quality, Clarion, Sleep, Econo Lodge and Rodeway Inns, hotels and suites across Canada. In addition, 48 Ontario properties furnished the OWHA with a \$3.00 rebate, per room, for each paid room.

Bell Hockey Hotline

A 1-800-TIPS-303 telephone featured information and hockey tips

Merchandise

OWHA crested merchandise continues to be a big hit at provincial championships. Members and their friends proudly wear the OWHA logo.

World Championship sponsors and supporters are listed under the World Championship report.

We are currently in the process of revising our business plan as a result of our success over the past two years.

The future looks very promising!

We sincerely thank these companies for their valued support. Please remember their names when shopping!
Special thanks to Keith McIntyre for his work with the OWHA.

Proud Sponsors of the OWHHA

Oh Henry!

Cheerios



Panasonic



Keri



Sincere thanks to many who donated much needed equipment which was shipped to the Northwest Territories for their female hockey program. After you read this letter, perhaps we should be the ones thanking Sonia!

Pelly Bay Esso Fun Days

By Sonia Ihakkaq

(with help from Jill Suzanne Sparks)

I have always wanted to play hockey. Two years ago my cousin let me borrow his old equipment. I was so excited to start playing. I quit after two practices. The boys didn't want me there, and I didn't want the boys there. I was the only girl who had equipment; although many girls wanted to play.

Last year I asked for hockey equipment for Christmas. My parents bought me all brand new stuff. I still didn't want to play with just boys. My mom told me to try is again and I did. I quit after one practice.

This year my teacher, Jill Suzanne Sparks, told us we were going to get equipment for a girls hockey team. She said the equipment would be for only the girls and we would have our own team! I told my mom that day and she said not to get too excited because all that equipment would cost a lot of money. She didn't think Jill could get it. I signed up with all my friends for the Esso Fun Days right away. Mine was the first name on Jill's list, of course my little sister's was second. It seemed forever for the equipment to come. Everyday we asked Jill when we could play. She kept saying she would tell us soon. More and more girls wanted to play, and the boys were getting more and more jealous.

Then came the big day. When Jill told us the plane was coming in with twenty boxes of equipment for just girls all my friends ran up to the school to help. There were two trucks full of boxes for us! Even the boys helped take the boxes in to the school. All the girls were going crazy. It was the most exciting day. Jill told us we weren't allowed to open the boxes until she got them all sorted, so I went home to brag to my mom that Jill had got the equipment. And, best of all it was free! People from down south had given it to us. Even though I didn't need equipment, it meant I could play hockey because all the other girls could play now.

We bugged Jill everyday that week till we could get our own sets of equipment. We also bugged the boys about all the equipment we had, including brand new sticks that were especially made for us. On Thursday afterschool all the girls got to walk around the room getting different pieces of equipment. I helped teach the girls how to get dressed and told them if something fit them or not. We took pictures of whole thing. It was so much fun. All of us couldn't wait till we got to play on Saturday.

On Saturday we were to meet at the school to pick up our equipment and cut and tape sticks by 11:00am. By 10:00am all my friends had called and we decided to be early instead (this surprised Jill as she knows we are always late for school). A woman from Edmonton, Darlene, showed us how to cut and tape our stick. Kalon, Jeff, and Mike also helped get everything organized.

I think the funniest part of the whole weekend was watching the girls get dressed. None of them knew what went on when. Jill showed them how to get dressed piece by piece. I laughed at my sister who looked like a snowball more than a hockey player. I was dressed first and ready to go, but we had to all go out together. The practice was so much fun. I could have stayed out

there all day. We begged Jill to let us play more, but she said we had lots of fun for the day and we would get some more ice on Sunday. After practice some of the girls went to my house. My mom kept telling us to be quiet. All we could talk about was hockey.

On Sunday we played for two hours. I scored my first goal during five on five. Jill said I couldn't keep the puck though. We got our pictures taken all together for the people who sent us the equipment. I have never sweated so much before, but I had so much fun. Most of the girls liked playing five on five the best. I liked playing with girls so much better than with the boys. All the girls were trying their best and no one laughed at you. We all laughed a lot though because none of us had played before so we made a lot of mistakes. It didn't matter though because we were playing to have fun. Jill told us that it didn't matter if we couldn't play really good because we were out there to have fun.

On Monday the whole school had to give a cheer during the announcements for all the girls who played for Esso Fun Days. It felt really good to have the whole school cheer for the girl's hockey team. We watched the movie about the Women's Olympic Team. It was so cool. Our favourite players were Angela James and Vickey Sunheria. The boys watched it too. At first they didn't believe Jill when she said it was girls playing. They thought it was boys.

Now we practice every Tuesday and Thursday. We ask Jill everyday though if we can practice. We call our team the Pelly Bay Polar Bears. More girls want to play now, but we don't have enough equipment for everyone, so a lot of times we share. Most of my friends asked for hockey equipment for Christmas. We might go for a tournament to Gjoa Haven or Taloyak, we hope anyways. Jill coaches us still. At the end of every practice she taps each of us with her stick and says "Good work!" I get embarrassed everytime she does it, but we have lots of fun.

At the end of the year we want to challenge the boys to a game. Two years from now I'm going to try out for the Arctic Winter Games. It would be cool to play for the Nunavut team. I think I will play for a long time. I am having so much fun!



OWHA Mission Statement

*Through a provincially unified, collective voice,
the OWHA promotes, provides and develops
opportunities for girls and women to play female
hockey in Ontario.*



ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION

OWHA Values

FAIR PLAY
FUN
EXCELLENCE
GOOD CITIZENSHIP
INTEGRITY AND HONESTY
EQUITY

