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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This year's report is dedicated, as others have been throughout the years, to the true VIP's in our game. These are the Very Important Players.

These VIP's – the ones who played in relative obscurity many years ago, those who are currently playing for both fun and excellence and those who will join our game in future years are truly the experts and our leaders.

The people who surround these players – the coaches, trainers, parents, administrators, officials and other enthusiasts are also very important as they have a role to play in the safety and well being of both the individual player and the overall good of the game. These people are very knowledgeable and have much to offer.

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is a collective of these experts. We are all very fortunate to have the privilege to be part of this association. The victories we have won are many. The opportunities for the future are even greater.

As we come together for our AGM, this is a time to reflect on a season of success. Our executive reports outline many of our collective victories during the 2000/2001 season. Many more accomplishments will be shared during informal dialogue and also during the best part of our meeting agenda when we listen to success stories from around the province.

Our meeting is also an important time to analyze areas where we may have stumbled. Once we identify why we fell, we can get back on our feet, learn a better way and, with the help and support of our colleagues, move forward with greater abilities to help our Very Important Players.

Over this past year, we have again experienced exceptional growth and development.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

- Growing numbers of girls and women throughout Ontario now enjoy the opportunity to play hockey
- Associations operating very successful Hockey FUNDamentals programmes
- Many teams and associations discussing and implementing skill development sessions, taking into consideration the research on practice to game ratio.
- The positive contributions of our national team members and elite players who put so much back into the game serving as valuable role models for our youth. They regularly assist teams and players with skill development and advice.
- Associations such as Whitby contributing to the ongoing challenges of today's society. The hosting of the Pink Ribbon of Hope Game adds to the awareness and fund raising efforts as we fight the challenge of breast cancer.
- Provincial championships featured a record number of teams, exceptional hockey and an overall atmosphere of celebration. We were pleased to have the police and fire departments in attendance. They requested involvement in order to recruit more females into these outstanding careers.
- OWHHA teams captured the gold medals at the 2001 National Under 18 Challenge and all three divisions at the Central Canadian Championship. In addition, we won bronze medals at the ESSO National Championship.
- Team Canada won its seventh consecutive gold medal at the Women's World Hockey Championship. Over the years, many players developed through the OWHHA system have led Canada at this level. A special note of congratulations to Geraldine Heaney, the only player to participate in all seven events!
- Long-time superstar Angela James retired from the game as a player, but remains in the game as a coach and referee.
- The OWHHA continued to lead the way with high performance officials at the national and international levels.
- In the coaching area, the OWHHA hosted a Mentorship Training seminar.
- The OWHHA web site was renovated, becoming quite popular. We will continue to build on this great communication tool. Thanks to Betty-Ann Armstrong, web master.
- The OWHHA worked with our brother associations throughout Ontario and also with the Canadian Hockey Association nationally as we combine strengths for the overall good of hockey.
- The OWHHA participated in the Federal Government's regional conference on sport that was held in Hamilton, Ontario. Hopefully, some ideas will be implemented for the benefit of all sports.

FLICKERING LIGHTS

Unfortunately, we have had to spend far too much of the OWHHA's resources fighting outside sources for our right to continue to develop the game.

The most important statement that can be made in regards to the past progress, the present success and the future development of hockey for girls and women in Ontario, in Canada and in the world is:

The existence, the strength and the unity of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association.

There are three parts to this statement:

- One** The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is the only organization of its kind in the world and has led the way in the development of opportunities for girls and women – this is acknowledged by respected experts throughout the world.
- Two** Due to many factors including the acceptance of female hockey as an Olympic sport as well as the very positive image of female hockey as a value-driven leader in the sporting world, the public, the media, the sponsors and others are pleased to find a place in female hockey.
- Three** Incredibly, some individuals in the "male" hockey world are aggressively attempting to take control of "their" territory – a territory no one wanted until now. They want "their" territory because they want "the money", "the presence of their logos", the involvement of "their representatives at prestigious events" and the "control to let us do what we feel is right only when and if they want us to".

Interestingly enough, these leaders have also advised us that "the OWHHA is doing an excellent job" the "OWHHA is a leader", "we have not heard any concerns about the OWHHA", "we really don't know much about the inner workings of the OWHHA", "we do not want to change the way the OWHHA is run", "we do not want to run your program".

Why then, do they want our money and control of our game? Why then, is it important for them to be in the foreground and to be in control?

The answer appears relatively simple – for the self-serving reasons of financial gain, power, control and ego. This is a very, very sad reality for the state of hockey – a sport that is supposed to be a true part of Canada – a country that is supposed to be caring and giving – a country that is supposed to be a leader in women's rights.

Where do we go from here?

There is only one answer – the same place we have gone before. We know our game, we care about the players and we will continue to work for and with them. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has a structure, a system, strength and unity. We will get on with the job at hand in accordance with our values – values with integrity at the forefront.

THE BEACON IN THE DISTANCE

Strong leadership and the voice of the players is needed now, more than ever as we take the female game into new areas that can be established in a much different society. This is a society of split families, limited time, growing expenses, individual rights, financial challenges, women's rights and, good or bad – changing values. This is also a society that seems to be pulling away from some sports as spectator sports.

Where does the next phase of female hockey fit at the elite level?

Challenge

Do we focus on professional women's hockey? If so, is it part of the existing structure or do we leave it to private enterprise? Will values be sacrificed in order to draw fans? Will players benefit financially or will money go elsewhere? Will young stars sacrifice education in order to play, only to be injured or not good enough to continue? Is this a positive next step?

Opportunity

A new approach balancing people, sport and the current society is required. The direction should be driven by the players and be part of the existing hockey structure. We need to do more to support our elite players in a way that has a positive impact on grass roots and recreational hockey – this can be done. We need to do more to support all girls in

Canada and also in other countries. In this way our game is stronger and we have done our part as Canadians and as sporting leaders to show our care for all people.

Where does the next phase of female hockey sit at the recreational level?

Challenge

How do we keep the fun in the game? How do we maximize participation?

Opportunity

We need to continue to build on the strength of the game today utilizing players and leaders who understand the sport both on and off the ice. Widespread educational programmes are needed to focus on the positive values of sport and hockey. Senior hockey needs to remain part of the structure – this is a large part of the female game. We must build the image of house league hockey and lower levels of competition so the young girls gain the much needed self-esteem and confidence that will enhance their lives. Those choosing to play recreational hockey and those who are “not good enough players” to play higher levels are just as valuable to hockey and equally important to us as people. Everyone has a place in the game.

Challenge

How should education and hockey mix? How do we build on hockey opportunities within the Ontario education system? Is it a positive or a negative that players are “recruited” to USA institutions?

Opportunity

To increase communication to investigate new and improved ways to work together for the benefit of the person, the player and the student.

BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY

- 1) Looking at our VALUES as our base in everything we do.
- 2) Listening to our players.
- 3) Moving forward in a positive manner to make the big picture strong with pieces that fit.

The leadership opportunities are there. The enthusiasm is there. The expertise is there. The support network requires strengthening to allow female hockey to help female hockey.

We sincerely congratulate the many who give so much of themselves for the good of others. To add to the statement made at the beginning of this report, perhaps we should re-think our opening remarks. Yes, the players are our VIP's – but there are more. Remember, this is a Teams Effort. Let's add everyone who truly demonstrated the outstanding values of this respected association. You belong to this team – the Values Implementation Program.

Thanks again and best of luck in the future!

*At a Special Olympics track meet, a young girl had just won the 50-yard dash and was jumping up and down all excited.
She yelled out to her parents, “Look, Mom and Dad, I won.”
Her parents instantly burst into tears.
At the awards ceremony the young girl proudly stood there as a medal was placed around her neck.
Then she ran over to her parents, who were crying now even more than before.
The three of them hugged ... as the parents kept crying.
A Special Olympics official who had watched this whole scene became concerned and went over to the parents and said, “Excuse me, is there anything wrong?”
Through her tears, the mother said, “No, nothing's wrong. Everything's right ... We just heard our daughter speak for the first time.”*

PROVINCIAL REPORT – AROUND THE PROVINCE

Once again, another busy season in female hockey across the Province has drawn to a close.

In the combined provincials the team numbers totaled 372 – quite a showcase from all parts of Ontario. The hockey just keeps getting better and better! The parents and players in female hockey have expectations, goals and requirements. The goal your executive committee had was to assist and work hard to make those expectations and goals a reality.

The best promotion of our female game is showcasing its unique features and outstanding values. We have had the opportunity to do so at many events. We have been able to send girls from across the province to be part of the Esso Fun Days at the Air Canada Centre during the Maple Leafs Festival.

Older players were able to take part in the skills competition, and coaches and parents were invited to attend the mentoring sessions. We have also had the opportunity to have girls participate during intermissions at both the Air Canada Centre and the Corel Centre.

Please note this very special letter received from one lucky player:

"This is Stephanie Higgins from the Cornwall Atom A Typhoons. I had the most wonderful time in Toronto! You gave me and my dad a lifetime opportunity to go to the Air Canada Centre. I was able to skate on that ice, meet new girls, make new friends and have a great weekend in T.O. with my best buddy, my dad!! I skated with 11 girls across Ontario and 11 goalies!! We saw the Leafs skate and we did skills on the ice as well. I did 5 skills that got me 23 points altogether and for that, I earned 2nd place. We stayed in a hotel and took cabs because we had a train ride there and back! The train ride was also a lot of fun! So all of this to say that my dad and I had a great weekend of fun, excitement, joy and pleasure."

We have also included players and their buddies to be part of an Esso Fun days during team Canada's pre competition game prior to the world championship. In addition, Esso provided tickets for 500 school children and one parent per child to attend Canada's game against Finland. The enthusiasm, excitement and gratitude shown by the parents and players that were given these opportunities were very positive.

We take every opportunity to make these programs available to our players. All of these promotions are not only exciting for our players to be part of but also give other young girls not involved a look at the opportunities available within our game. Female hockey is growing rapidly, and initiatives like these help us to make everyone aware.

Every OWHa region has been very busy this year with 118 tournaments sanctioned throughout the province. These gave players a chance to test their skills against players from other areas. They also gave people an opportunity to learn more about each other and make new friends.

The growth of and operation of many different leagues for our teams to play in is appreciated. It is great to see leagues working together to provide more opportunities for the players. All Star games were set up to showcase players and expose them to exciting and different competitive events. Many regions hosted Under 18 camps, which gave more players the opportunity to participate, as travel was not a factor.

The OWHa congratulates teams and association officials' efforts to keep fun in female hockey. Some associations are taking the lead by hosting clinics for their coaches, referees, and trainers, as well as running Fundamentals programme to give their players the correct start to hockey.

Associations are also taking responsibility for their teams' conduct. Repeat offenders are being dealt with and players and coaches are being encouraged to provide good sportsmanship, fair play, and promote safety. Statistics show that players who say their hockey is FUN stay playing longer!

The United Nations has designated 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers and we would like to thank everyone who gave his or her time, skills, patience and enthusiasm to assist an individual, team or organization.

Congratulations to all of the organizations and players who participated in the Under 18 Evaluations Camps held across the Province to the finale in February 2001 in Trois Rivières, Quebec.

A special thank you goes out to all of the teams, who participated in play downs, to the teams that qualified for Provincials and to the teams that went on to win in April. Congratulations to all teams.

A Regional House League Championship is being looked at as a trial in the Northwestern part of the province for next March. This will provide opportunity for girls that live in very remote areas a chance at playing in a competitive event with other communities.

Many thanks go out to all District Reps who have been so helpful over the past season as well as all the other members who helped whenever asked.

We all wish you a safe and happy Summer.

This report was compiled from information received from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association's executive committee who have been honored to serve our members from all parts of the Province.

Special Note from Les Drury, Regional Director, Western:

I have enjoyed my years as Regional Director as it has been a pleasure working with all of you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the OWHHA for their Leadership, the Associations for their cooperation and to all the volunteers that make Women's Hockey unique in Ontario.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

Seventeen new teams or associations have been approved over the 2000-2001 season and only 5 were denied.

All new teams and associations are reviewed once they pass their one (1) year probation and if necessary, a further one (1) year probation will be issued. This allows the committee to take another look at them, offer assistance if needed and help create a positive atmosphere for the girls.

Every area has their own unique environment. House League hockey is strong in the larger cities, there may be a ratio of 3 House League teams to every 1 competitive or Rep team. Other areas have one or two house league teams who play other house league teams in the area on each other's ice.

One thing we've learned is the girls want to play female hockey regardless of the structure because it is fun! We're also experiencing a competitive edge as girls want to get the most out of their hockey including the many opportunities now available to them that weren't before.

Thank you to those who contribute input when asked about a new team or group in their area. Without your input it would be impossible to know the impact of a new entry.

Have a good summer and remember to Play Safe!

New Team 2000-2001

Chesswood Lady Bugs Sr. BB
Hastings Int. C Team
Iroquois Falls Jr. Assn.
Lady Marlies Sr. A Team
Leamington W.H.A.
London Sr. BB Team
Madoc Atom C Team
New Liskeard Jr. Assn.
Port Perry Jr. Assn.

Schrieber North Stars Jr. Assn.
Smith Falls Yellowjackets Sr. C. Team
Sundridge Chaos Sr. C. Team
Tilbury Jr. Assn.
Twin Centre Jr. Assn.
Waterloo Jr. Assn.
Waterloo Eagles Sr. A Team
Woolwich Jr. Assn.

New 1999-2000

Ancaster Assn.
Aurora Sr. C Team
N.York Bedfords Sr. C. Team
Caledon WHA
Carleton University
Carlton Place Assn.
Dubreuilville Sr. Rec
Essex County FHA

Fort Erie Lady Hawks Dr.BB
Gloucester Sr. C Team
Humberview Huskies Sr. AA Tm
Mt. Brydges GHSA
Ottawa Valley DWHA
Tor. Rainbow Rocketts Sr. C
Sturgeon Falls GHSA
St. Charles Assn

Sudbury Vees Sr. BB
Thunder Bay Assn
Vaughan GHSA
Western University

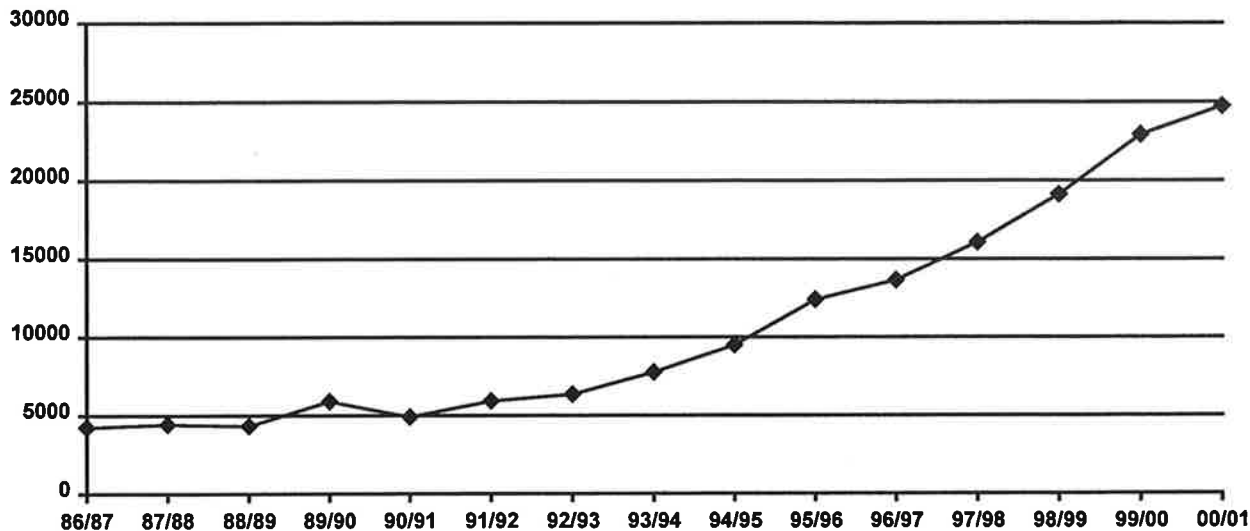
It is our hope to assist new groups with the many challenges they face entering a new team in the OWHA. Registration, obtaining ice, sponsorship, tournaments, rules, etc. We get questions about all of this and more and hope we can give them the support they need to ice successful teams.

WELCOME TO TEAM OWHA

REGISTRATION REPORT

Congratulations to all members of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association on another season of tremendous growth. Membership in the OWHA increased by **118 teams** and **1,817 players** in the 2000-2001 season. The growth can be directly attributed to the dedication of the OWHA membership towards promoting the game in their local communities combined with the incredible enthusiasm of the players.

OWHA GROWTH CHART (Players/Year)



OWHA REGISTRATION – PLAYERS / DIVISIONS 1992 → 2001

TEAMS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	2000-01
Competitive	246	308	372	411	435	449	539	590	643
House League	165	249	321	443	526	644	855	966	1,031
Total Teams	411	557	693	854	964	1,093	1,394	1,556	1,674

PLAYERS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	2000-01
Senior	2485	2798	3122	3704	3880	4058	4295	5506	5,229
Intermediate	446	524	594	939	1367	1615	1710	1885	2,334
Midget	565	644	859	1138	1274	1500	1949	2061	2,153
Bantam	569	819	1110	1326	1324	1859	2372	2861	3,028
Peewee	898	1181	1580	2235	2380	2743	3378	3771	4,461
Atom	798	1124	1371	1679	1687	2665	3091	3461	3,929
Novice /Tyke	551	744	990	1270	---	---	---	---	---
Novice	---	---	---	---	1373	1394	1955	2796	3,122
FUNDamentals/Initiation Prog.	---	---	---	---	330	215	364	574	476
Total Players	6,333	7,848	9,626	12,296	13,635	16,049	19,114	22,915	24,732

OWHA PLAYER & TEAM DISTRIBUTION

CATEGORY	PLAYERS						TEAMS					
COMPETITIVE	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96
Senior AAA	112	115	83	88	119	—	6	6	5	5	7	—
Senior AA	227	260	209	198	223	112	15	17	13	12	14	6
Senior A	388	423	467	460	526	210	26	26	30	29	34	13
Senior BB	236	249	263	182	200	—	15	16	17	12	13	—
Senior B	369	338	275	204	151	503	24	22	18	12	9	33
Senior CC	—	158	147	199	209	—	—	10	10	13	13	—
Senior C	448	374	337	318	343	356	28	26	26	22	22	22
Senior D	—	—	—	—	—	630	—	—	—	—	—	41
Intermediate AA	223	177	163	103	—	—	13	11	10	6	—	—
Intermediate A	198	118	214	126	121	109	12	7	14	8	7	7
Intermediate BB *	198	135	n/a	n/a	187	—	12	8	n/a	n/a	12	—
Intermediate B	92	149	135	198	n/a	49	6	9	10	12	—	3
Intermediate C	215	204	141	223	325	235	14	13	20	18	22	15
Midget AA	390	323	229	235	—	—	24	20	16	15	—	—
Midget A	138	220	124	90	211	124	9	14	8	6	14	8
Midget BB	264	154	110	113	90	—	17	10	11	7	6	—
Midget B	151	150	139	133	117	211	9	10	14	9	8	14
Midget C	295	286	159	196	263	221	20	19	10	13	19	15
Bantam AA	231	212	215	198	—	—	15	15	14	13	—	—
Bantam A	360	278	207	119	312	218	23	18	15	8	21	14
Bantam BB	391	368	325	294	143	—	25	23	22	20	11	—
Bantam B	407	283	267	138	188	227	28	19	18	9	13	15
Bantam C	404	405	323	355	285	470	27	26	22	25	21	32
Peewee AA	132	125	168	121	—	—	9	8	11	8	—	—
Peewee A	419	347	379	174	236	201	27	22	25	11	16	13
Peewee BB	392	266	276	359	342	—	25	17	20	23	23	—
Peewee B	400	430	342	307	189	366	26	29	24	20	13	24
Peewee C	536	497	311	319	356	533	36	33	23	22	25	37
Atom AA	137	90	121	158	—	—	9	6	8	11	—	—
Atom A	168	195	180	116	214	151	11	13	11	7	14	10
Atom BB	270	292	213	125	197	—	18	19	14	8	13	—
Atom B	478	271	245	248	110	266	31	18	16	16	8	18
Atom C	481	400	338	267	237	525	32	31	26	17	17	37
Novice A	153	89	108	98	109	83	10	6	7	7	8	6
Novice BB	150	186	100	93	74	—	10	13	10	7	5	—
Novice B	120	133	100	120	148	185	8	9	7	8	11	13
Novice C	348	472	194	149	163	228	23	21	14	10	12	15
SUB TOTAL	9921	9172	7607	6824	6,388	6213	643	590	539	449	431	411
NON-COMPETITIVE	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	96/97	95/96
Senior Rec.	1415	512	267	997	759	674	97	36	19	68	50	45
Senior HL/University	2034	3077	2247	1412	1370	1224	142	209	181	103	93	83
Intermediate HL	1408	1102	1057	965	734	546	94	77	73	65	52	38
Midget HL	915	928	1188	733	593	582	67	65	77	49	46	42
Bantam HL	1235	1315	1035	755	396	411	88	91	71	52	33	32
Peewee HL	2582	2106	1902	1463	1257	1135	182	151	155	107	96	84
Atom HL	2395	2213	1994	1751	929	737	165	154	146	120	77	59
Novice HL	2351	1916	1453	934	879	—	165	141	102	64	70	—
Novice/Tyke HL	—	—	—	—	—	774	—	—	—	—	—	60
Hockey FUNdamentals (Initiation)	476	574	364	215	330	—	31*	42	31	16	17	—
SUB TOTAL	14,811	13,743	11,507	9,225	7,247	6,083	1,031	966	855	644	534	443
Grand Total	24,732	22,915	19,114	16,049	13,635	12,296	1,674	1,556	1,394	1,093	965	854

*FUNDamental "team" number is based on the standard calculation of 15 participants/team. The OWA currently has 15 centres running the FUNDamentals (CHA Initiation Program)

TOURNAMENTS

A total of 118 tournaments were sanctioned for the 2000-2001 season.

OWHA Sanctioned COMPETITIVE Tournaments – Locations

❖ AURORA	❖ HAWKESBURY	❖ PARRY SOUND
❖ BARRIE	❖ HEARST	❖ PETERBOROUGH
❖ BELLEVILLE	❖ HUNTSVILLE	❖ PICTON
❖ BRAMPTON (Canadettes)	❖ IROQUOIS FALLS	❖ PORT ELGIN
❖ BRAMPTON (Cougars)	❖ KANATA	❖ PORT HOPE
❖ BRANTFORD	❖ KINGSTON	❖ SARNIA
❖ BROCKVILLE	❖ KITCHENER	❖ SARNIA GHA
❖ BURLINGTON	❖ LEASIDE	❖ SAULT STE MARIE
❖ CAMBRIDGE	❖ LONDON	❖ SCARBOROUGH
❖ CHATHAM	❖ LONDON (Devilettes)	❖ SCHREIBER
❖ CLEARVIEW	❖ MISSISSAUGA	❖ SIMCOE
❖ COBOURG	❖ MT BRYDGES	❖ SMITHS FALLS
❖ COLD CREEK	❖ NEPEAN	❖ STONEY CREEK
❖ CORNWALL	❖ NEWTONBROOK	❖ STOUFFVILLE-MARKHAM
❖ DUNNVILLE	❖ NIAGARA DGHA	❖ STRATFORD
❖ DURHAM WEST	❖ NIAGARA FALLS	❖ SUDBURY
❖ ELMA LOGAN	❖ NORTH BAY	❖ THUNDER BAY
❖ FLAMBOROUGH	❖ NORTH YORK (Aeros)	❖ TORONTO-LEASIDE
❖ GLOUCESTER	❖ OAKVILLE	❖ UXBRIDGE
❖ GUELPH	❖ ORANGEVILLE	❖ VAUGHAN (MARLIES)
❖ HAGERSVILLE	❖ ORILLIA	❖ WHITBY
❖ HALTON HILLS	❖ OSHAWA (GHA)	❖ WILLOWDALE
❖ HAMILTON GHA	❖ OTTAWA (NCCP)	❖ WINDSOR
		❖ WINGHAM
		❖ WOODSTOCK

OWHA Sanctioned HOUSE LEAGUE Tournaments – Locations

AYLMER
 BARRIE
 BRAMPTON
 BRAMPTON (COUGARS)
 BURLINGTON
 CAMBRIDGE
 CLARINGTON
 COLDWATER
 CORNWALL
 DRYDEN
 EMBRUN
 EXETER
 GLOUCESTER
 HALTON HILLS
 HAMILTON GHA
 HAMILTON WHA
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 HUNTSVILLE
 KANATA
 LAKE OF THE WOODS
 LONDON
 NEPEAN
 NEW LISKEARD
 NEWTONBROOK
 NIAGARA FALLS
 OAKVILLE
 OSHAWA GHA
 PETERBOROUGH
 SAUGEEN SHORES – PORT ELGIN
 SCHREIBER
 SMITHS FALLS
 STONEY CREEK
 STRATHROY
 SUDBURY
 TILLSONBURG
 WINGHAM
 WOODSTOCK

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.



**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**

Requests for Certificate of Insurance

1997-98	21
1998-99	32
1999-00	40
2000-01	28

DEVELOPMENT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association supports the ongoing training of players, coaches, officials, volunteers, parents and other participants in the game.

The Canadian Hockey Association has developed outstanding programs that the OWHA delivers. We sincerely congratulate the many who have hosted and/or advanced through the various levels.

A list of clinics hosted by the OWHA is included in this report. In addition, please note some updates and general information. We sincerely thank Diane Boles for her work as OWHA Clinic Coordinator.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Close to 40 players and 10 volunteers participated in an ESSO FUN DAYS held in conjunction with the Team Canada vs Team Finland Game in Brampton
- The Toronto Maple Leafs wish to improve female and minor hockey in Canada. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association was very pleased to participate in the Skills First Challenge. Sincere thanks to the Leafs for their support.
- Congratulations to Sheila Eckford and the supporters in Kemptonville on hosting a successful NIKE Skills session
- The NIKE Skills binders continue to be a popular item of great benefit to team staff and players

HOCKEY FUNDamentals (Initiation Program)

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association took a different approach this year by registering participants in the FUNDamentals as "Programme" participants rather than in teams. This proved to be a very positive way to attract interest in this outstanding development session. Players learn the skills while having Fun!
- We distributed copies of the Canadian Hockey Association's Initiation Program manual and CD. This also proved to be a beneficial way to interest people in the value of the material which can be adapted to players of all ages.
- Congratulations to the OWHA's Hockey FUNDamentals supporters:
 - **Aurora, Burlington, Cornwall, Gloucester, Hawksbury, Kanata, Kingston, London, Nepean, Newcastle, Orangeville, Oshawa, Stoney Creek, Whitby and Woodstock**
 - We sincerely appreciate your efforts!!

COACHING

- The OWHA hosted a National Coach Mentorship Program in September. We are working on establishing a system that will maximize the benefits of the mentorship programme within female hockey.
- The CHA launched the Folgers Coaches Club in October 2000. The site is an interactive site that gives coaches access to articles, tips, drills, chat sessions and much more. For membership information please check out the Canadian Hockey Association web site.
- Practice to Game Ratio – An Off-Ice Training video is currently in final editing stages. The video will emphasize the importance of off-ice practice and practice alternatives coaches may wish to utilize when ice time is not available. The video is focused on off-ice training drills and their transferability to on-ice skills and abilities
- The OWHA hosted a very successful coaching seminar in cooperation with the CHA prior to the Team Canada vs Team Finland game in Brampton. We sincerely thank Wally Kozak of Team Canada and the Finnish coaching staff for an excellent session.

PARENTS

- The Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey Program has a very important Parent Education component.

SPEAK OUT PROGRAM

- The OWHA continues to work with our colleagues on the delivery and monitoring of the Speak Out Program. It is important to ensure all individuals are aware of this program.
- It is important to stress the importance of effective screening in creating a safe environment for our athletes. Screening is a continuum of steps taken over time, designed to identify any person; paid or unpaid; volunteer or staff, who poses a risk to children, youth or other vulnerable persons.

OFFICIATING

- The 2001/2002 season is a rule change year. We have included the changes in this report.
- Proposed Rules Emphasis for 2001-2002 include High Hits, Slashing, Reducing length of stoppages, checking from behind and "SHARED RESPECT"

We are disappointed with the CHA's approach to some aspects of the officiating program. The OWHA has, for many years had a strong focus on the development of female hockey officials. In addition, the OWHA has taken a very progressive approach to the recruitment, development and supervision within the entire female hockey officiating programme.

We respectfully submit that, in our strong opinion, the action taken in May 2000 with the establishment of the Development Co-ordinators for Female Hockey Officials should have been discussed with the Female Hockey Council prior to implementation. The initiative has had a needless negative impact on the Ontario Women's Hockey Association's officiating programme that has been in place for well over 20 years. The OWHA has demonstrated a very long history of promoting and developing opportunities for female officials. There was no need to knock a programme back in order to move forward.

Congratulations to the following officials who were recommended/represented the OWHA for the following events:

EVENT	OFFICIAL
Women's Final Olympic Qualification	Jacqui Palm, Referee
World Senior Women's Championship	Chantal Champagne, Referee Julie Bissonnette, Lines
ESSO National Championship	Chantal Champagne, Referee Jacqui Palm, Referee Julie Bissonnette, Lines Sue Cassidy, Lines Michelle Sachowski, Lines
Women's Under 18 Challenge	Brenda Andress, Referee Chris Pellerin, Referee Deb Hands, Lines Zenobie Loach, Lines Susan Mitchell, Lines
CIAU Women's Championship	Val Burrell, Referee

SINCERE THANKS TO THE MANY WHO HAVE GIVEN OF THEMSELVES TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF PARTICIPANTS AS ATHLETES AND AS PEOPLE

OWHA CERTIFICATION CLINICS

The following list of certification clinics was coordinated through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in the 2000-2001 season.

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	NCCP LEVEL
Brampton	Sep 10, 16-17	Intermediate
Etobicoke	Sep 16-17	Coach
Aurora	Sep 23-24	Coach
Barrie	Sep 30-Oct 1	Coach
Cornwall	Sep 30-Oct 1	Coach
Mississauga	Sep 30-Oct 1	Coach
Belleville	Oct 21-22	Coach
St Thomas	Oct 21-22	Coach
Hamilton	Oct 28-29	Coach
Oakville	Nov 6-7, 11	Coach
Cambridge	Nov 18-19	Coach
Thunder Bay	Jan 13-14	Coach

HOCKEY TRAINER'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (HTCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	HTCP LEVEL
Peterborough	Oct 21	1
Stoney Creek	Oct 21	1
Oshawa	Oct 22	1
Chatham	Oct 22	1
London	Oct 28	1
St Thomas	Oct 28	1
Niagara Falls	Oct 29	1
Toronto	Oct 29	1
Mississauga	Oct 29	1
Belleville	Nov 4	1
Oakville	Nov 12	1
Aurora	Nov 12	1
Hamilton	Nov 18	1
Cambridge	Dec 1	1
Thunder Bay	Jan 21	1

CANADIAN HOCKEY OFFICIATING PROGRAM (CHOP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE(S)	CLINIC TYPE
Aurora 1	Sep-09	Jr
Etobicoke	Sep-09	Jr & Sr
Aurora 2	Sep 12 & 14	Sr
Chatham	Sep-16	Jr
Thunder Bay	Sep-16	Jr
Peterborough	Sep-17	Jr
Barrie	Sep-23	Jr
London	Sep-30	Jr
Durham West	Oct-01	Jr
Hamilton 1	Oct-14	Jr & Sr
Mississauga 1	Oct-15	Jr
Windsor	Oct-15	Jr
Whitby	Oct-15	Jr
Hamilton 2	Oct 29	Jr & Sr
Oakville	Nov 20-21	Jr
Mississauga 2	Dec-16	Jr

CANADIAN HOCKEY INITIATION PROGRAM (CHIP) CLINICS

HOST ASSOCIATION	DATE	CERTIFICATION
Newcastle Mini-Blades	Sep-09	Hockey FUNdamentals Instructor

CANADIAN HOCKEY MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

HOST ASSOCIATION	DATE	CERTIFICATION
OWHA	Sep-15, 16, 17	Mentor Coach

SPEAK OUT

HOST ASSOCIATION	DATE
Niagara Fall	Mar - 05

OWHA SANCTION REQUESTS

A total of 1021 sanctions were requested

<i>Requests to:</i>	<i>1998-99</i>	<i>1999-2000</i>	<i>2000-2001</i>
Play U.S.A. teams	363	582	647
Play boys tournaments	48	18	12
Play men's tournaments	10	7	2
Play parent/daughter games	21	29	7
Play exhibition games against male teams	819	755	352

HEALTH CARD WARNING!

Local Administrators are advised of the privacy & confidentiality of the Ontario Health cards. Some teams, as a matter of convenience for players who might require hospital attention, have collected player's hospitalization numbers. Apparently, it has been discovered that requesting OHIP numbers has now been illegal for a number of years. The requesting of OHIP numbers is to be discontinued immediately and it is recommended that any such records in possession of a team be destroyed.

Teams traveling to the U.S. or other foreign country are advised to make certain that each player is carrying their own Ontario Health Card.

For more information check out the Government of Ontario Web Site www.gov.on.ca

PREVENTION SERVICES – SPEAK OUT

Speak Out, the Canadian Hockey initiative on harassment and abuse brought forth the need to educate and advocate to all those involved in hockey on the issues related to the prevention of harassment and abuse. The OWHA has worked together in cooperation with the OMHA & OHA on the Prevention Services Program. The goal of the program is simple – education and advocacy. Through education, the Prevention Services Program will promote what is acceptable and teach what is unacceptable behavior within the context of hockey and life. The advocacy portion of the program will provide policies & procedures for addressing concerns as they arise.

Prevention Services clinics are now being offered. To host a clinic in your area please contact OWHA Prevention Services clinic coordinator Diane Boles at (905) 227-7548

HOST CENTRE GUIDELINES

Clinic Booking:

- Minimum four hours of classroom instruction (Weekday evenings).
- Minimum of 25 participants, recommend no more than 50.
- Participants must be 16 years of age or older.

Facilities:

- Room large enough to accommodate 50 persons.
- A Representative of the Host Team/League/Association should be present to assist as required.
- Tables and chairs for participants. Table and chair for Instructor
- VCR and minimum 24" Monitor
- Overhead Projector & Projection screen

***If you make every game a life-and-death proposition
You're going to have problems
For one thing – you'll be dead a lot***

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Discipline continues to be a necessary function of your executive. Discipline committee meets as often as required to enforce the playing rules and regulations of your Association.

A sincere thank you to the membership who have assisted the executive committee in this process. We do need to seriously focus on our efforts to keep our game safe and fun and cut down on suspendable occurrences. However, when looking at the statistics, we consider there has been a continued growth in the number of teams and increase in the number of games this year.

A special thank you to Sue Cooper who, for the past four years has compiled discipline reports for the executive committee. Thanks also to the regional directors and to all others who assisted. A summary follows:

Summary for the Year:

1. Of all the suspensions, checking from behind was the worst with 30% or 239 of the 795 suspensions. Abusive Language was the second highest of all suspensions with 16% or 128 suspensions.
2. Aggression related suspensions represent more than half or 56% of the infractions (447 of the 795). Included in this category is: Roughing, Inciting, Fighting, 2nd Fight Same Stoppage, Third Man In, Instigator, Aggressor, Intent to Injure, Deliberate Injury, Kicking, Spearing, Checking from Behind, High Sticking, Cross Checking, Slashing, Body Check, and Charging.
3. Suspensions were widely distributed among the regions.
4. A total of 356 referees handed out penalties resulting in 795 suspensions. Of this, there were only 4 referees who handed out 15 or more suspensions.
5. A total of 98 coaches were given suspensions this year, some of which had 2 or 3 suspensions during the year. Therefore, the total number of suspensions for coaches was 112 or 14% of all suspensions.
6. While not all regions reported the age category or level of the individual being suspended most did. Based on the information available, the Bantam level received 236 or 30% of all suspensions. The Intermediate level was next highest with 136 followed closely by the Midget level at 129. The Pee wee level was next with 114, followed by the Seniors at 108, Atom level at 40 and Novice level with 10 suspensions.

Comparison of Suspensions to last year:

There has been a significant increase (33%) in the number of suspensions handed out this year compared to last year. Last year there were 601 suspensions compared to 795 this year. Some increases and decreases can be seen in the following areas:

Suspension Type	This Year	Last Year	
Abusive Language	128	138	7% decrease
Check from Behind	239	183	31% increase
Fighting	53	66	20% decrease
Cross Checking	25	41	39% decrease
Body Checking	48	22	118% increase
TOTAL	795	691	

INJURY REPORTS

The following charts provide statistics derived from the Canadian Hockey Association Injury Report forms &/or HDCCO Injury Report surveys received at the OWSA office in 2000-2001. The "Injury by Division" and "Injury Type" charts include statistics from the previous season for comparison.

Reported Injuries – by Division

Division	Competitive		House League		2000-01
	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01	TOTALS
Novice	0	3	2	2	5
Atom	6	7	3	3	10
Peewee	21	23	4	10	33
Bantam	17	26	0	8	34
Midget	18	27	2	0	27
Intermediate	6	12	3	8	20
Senior	16	27	12	19	46
Officials (On-Ice)	3	2	0	0	2
TOTALS	87	127	26	50	177

Reported Injuries – by Injury Type

INJURY TYPE	QTY		INJURY TYPE	QTY	
	2000-01	1999-00		2000-01	1999-00
Abdominal	0	1	Ankle	4	0
Ear	0	1	Mouth	7	2
Tailbone	0	1	Chest	8	0
Chin	1	1	Face	8	2
Finger	1	1	Ribs	9	1
Jaw	1	1	Wrist	10	1
Pelvis	1	0	Knee	11	7
Spine	1	0	Arm	13	14
Elbow	2	0	Foot	22	13
Hip	2	2	Shoulder	24	9
Teeth	2	1	Back	27	29
Thumb	2	3	Leg	28	20
Collarbone	3	1	Neck	31	27
Hand	3	2	Head	42	24

Reported Injuries by month in 2000-01

Sep 00	Oct 00	Nov 00	Dec 00	Jan 01	Feb 01	Mar 01	Apr 01
4%	16.4%	21.5%	18%	18%	11.4%	7.9%	2.8%

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The OWHHA Senior Provincial Championships were held February 12th to 18th, in Brampton with the remainder played from April 19th to 22nd in Mississauga, Brampton and Etobicoke. In total, 372 teams participated in 35 categories.

Featured in the four-team Senior AAA competition were players from the Canadian, USA and Japanese National teams. Teams vied for the gold medal and the opportunity to represent Ontario at the 2001 Esso Senior Women's National Championship March 7-11 in Summerside, Prince Edward Island. Teams in the Senior AA, Senior A and Senior BB divisions competed for the medals and the opportunity to represent the OWHHA at the Central Canadian Championship held in Peterborough.

As the number of teams increases, scheduling becomes more difficult. We do appreciate the willingness to work together that our members show. As an example of the challenge, six hundred and seventy five games took place over the April weekend. These all required officials and timekeepers. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work and commitment to the game.

Many teams, players and officials attended provincials for the first time and truly enjoyed the experience and excitement the championship offers. Many comments came back as to the good time all the teams had. Certainly, the medal winners went home wearing their rewards with pride.

The senior event not only offered good hockey but also career opportunities. The Metropolitan Toronto Police Department and the Toronto Fire Services both set up recruiting information tables. Both departments were very pleased with their part in the event and the prospect of potential recruits.

The General Motor Corporation attended the April provincials, offering the opportunity to test drive a Chevy Venture, and enjoy the Venture Lounge at the Iceland arena. Chevrolet provided a draw that gave everyone the opportunity to win a full set of Bauer equipment. Players could also test their skill, and many did so at the Venture Top Shot Hockey Display. Chevrolet also brought Cassie Campbell to the event, and she made many young girls very happy as she sat sharing stories signing autographs, and posing for their pictures.

Both championships were very successful, because of the many dedicated members and friends of this organization. Although we couldn't name all the volunteers as the numbers are huge, we do offer them a HUGE THANK YOU.

The date of our "spring" provincial championship for next season is April 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2002. The date of the other championship will be announced at a later time.

***It's amazing what a team can accomplish
When no one cares who gets the credit***

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

2000/2001 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

Division	Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior	AAA	Beatrice Aeros	Brampton Thunder	ClearNet Lightning
Senior	AA	Peterborough	Scarborough	Sault Ste Marie
Senior	A	London Sharks	Timmins Vipers	Etobicoke Dolphins
Senior	BB	Pure Aces of London	Brampton Cougars	Huron Park Pacers
Senior	B	Oshawa Chinooks	Kingsville County Blues	Stoney Creek Sabres
Senior	C	Stone Mills Bell Connection	Oshawa Wolves	Thamesford Wolves
Intermediate	AA	North York Aeros	Brampton Canadettes	Mississauga Chiefs
Intermediate	A	Kingston Kodiaks	Sault Ste Marie Wildcats	Sarnia Starfires
Intermediate	BB	Kanata Rangers	Rideau St Lawrence Thunder	Cochrane Jewel Cats
Intermediate	B	Stouffville Stars	Peterborough Hobies Sports	Honeywood Hurricanes
Intermediate	C	Elma Logan Wildcats	Forest Panthers	Sarnia Starfires
Midget	AA	Ottawa Raiders	Aurora Panthers	Sudbury Wolves
Midget	A	Kingston Kodiaks	Napanee Crunch	Kanata Rangers
Midget	BB	Sarnia Starfires	Cobourg Spoolon Mfg Ltd	Lambeth Lancers
Midget	B	Walkerton Capitals	Cambridge Roadrunners	Hearst Valu Mart
Midget	C	Ripley	Guelph Thunder	Flamborough Sabres
Bantam	AA	Willowdale Red Wings	Ottawa NCCP	Mississauga Chiefs
Bantam	A	Stouffville Stars	Kitchener Falcons	Peterborough Sports Experts
Bantam	BB	Cobourg Hogans Eye Glasses	Seaforth Stars	London Devilettes
Bantam	B	Walkerton Capitals	London Devilettes	Whitby Wolves
Bantam	C	Frontenac Flyers	Cochrane Foxes	Uxbridge
Peewee	AA	Ottawa NCCP	Mississauga Chiefs	Willowdale Red Wings
Peewee	A	Cornwall Typhoons	Willowdale Red Wings	Sarnia Starfires
Peewee	BB	London Devilettes	Mississauga Chiefs	Vaughan Flames
Peewee	B	Cobourg Shoppers Drug Mart	Sarnia Starfires	Kanata Rangers
Peewee	C	White River	Lindsay Lynx	Toronto-Leaside Wildcats
Atom	AA	London Devilettes	Durham West Lightning	Brampton Canadettes
Atom	A	Sarnia Starfires	Chatham Outlaws	Guelph Thunder
Atom	BB	Vaughan Flames	Hamilton Hawks	Oshawa Panthers
Atom	B	Niagara Falls Rapids	Orangeville Tigers	Parkhill
Atom	C	Kitchener Falcons	Kincardine Killer Bees	Woodstock Wildcats
Novice	A	Mississauga Chiefs	Durham West Lightning	Scarborough Sharks
Novice	BB	Kitchener Falcons	Oshawa Panthers	Burlington Barracudas
Novice	B	Scarborough Sharks	Clarington J & M Tire	Stouffville Stars
Novice	C	Ilderton Jets	Clearview Ice Cats	Kingston Comets

CONGRATULATIONS



**DÉFI DES MOINS DE 18 ANS HOCKEY FÉMININ
MAURICIE 2001
WOMEN'S UNDER 18 HOCKEY CHALLENGE**

2001 NATIONAL UNDER 18 NATIONAL CHALLENGE

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association was pleased to have the opportunity to send two teams to the 2001 Under 18 National Challenge in Trois Rivières Quebec. We evaluated over four hundred and fifty players, hosting nine camps, which were held in Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Ottawa, Whitby and Sarnia. In addition, two camps took place at Teen Ranch in Caledon, and two more in Brampton.

The evaluation and selection of players was a challenging task as the talent on the ice was amazing. The dedicated evaluators had a very difficult task. Many players who did not make this year's teams have much potential to make future teams.

The forty girls who were selected to attend the event had the opportunity to showcase their talent and skill on the ice as well as off the ice. They shared the social learning experience an event like this offers.

This was the first time most of these players had the opportunity to compete at a national level. They had an opportunity to experience a level of high performance competition where they were ranked for future consideration.

We congratulate the players and staff of both teams. This event was certainly the most competitive event ever held at this level. All teams with the exception of Ontario and Quebec were a combination of more than one province. Spectators agreed it was great hockey, with all games very close and competitive.

The championship game was definitely a highlight – an overtime thriller between home-town Quebec and arch-rival, Ontario. Ontario Red came through with the winner to bring home the gold!

We would like to extend a sincere thanks to the many volunteers who put a lot of time and effort into making this whole process possible. The evaluators, administrators camp organizers, parents, and most of all the coaches and players that focused their time talent, skills and love of the game to make us all very proud – not just Ontario, But all of Canada. This was hockey at its finest!

FINAL STANDINGS

GOLD TEAM ONTARIO RED
SILVER TEAM QUEBEC
BRONZE TEAM WEST

4TH
5TH
6TH

TEAM PACIFIC
TEAM ONTARIO BLUE
TEAM ATLANTIC

2001 NATIONAL UNDER 18 CHALLENGE RESULTS

G#	DAY	DATE	TIME	HOME		AWAY	
1	Thursday	Feb-22	9:00 AM	ATLANTIC	1	QUEBEC	5
2	Thursday	Feb-22	11:00 AM	PACIFIC	1	ONTARIO RED	4
3	Thursday	Feb-22	4:00 PM	ONTARIO BLUE	6	ATLANTIC	3
4	Thursday	Feb-22	6:00 PM	WEST	4	PACIFIC	3
5	Thursday	Feb-22	8:00 PM	QUEBEC	5	ONTARIO RED	4
6	Friday	Feb-23	9:00 AM	ONTARIO BLUE	2	PACIFIC	3
7	Friday	Feb-23	11:00 AM	ONTARIO RED	4	ATLANTIC	0
8	Friday	Feb-23	1:00 PM	WEST	5	QUEBEC	0
9	Friday	Feb-23	4:00 PM	ONTARIO RED	3	ONTARIO BLUE	2
10	Friday	Feb-23	6:00 PM	ATLANTIC	0	WEST	6
11	Friday	Feb-23	8:00 PM	QUEBEC	3	PACIFIC	2
12	Saturday	Feb-24	9:00 AM	WEST	0	ONTARIO RED	1
13	Saturday	Feb-24	11:00 AM	QUEBEC	2	ONTARIO BLUE	0
14	Saturday	Feb-24	3:00 PM	PACIFIC		ATLANTIC	
15	Saturday	Feb-24	5:00 PM	ONTARIO BLUE	3	WEST	2
16	Sunday	Feb-25	9:00 AM	ATLANTIC	4	ONTARIO BLUE	6
17	Sunday	Feb-25	12:00 NOON	PACIFIC	0	WEST	2
18	Sunday	Feb-25	3:00 PM	ONTARIO RED	3	QUEBEC	2

ONTARIO - RED

Pos.	Player	Hometown
G	Sarah Love	Cambridge
G	Erika Vanderveer	Bradford
D	Danielle Ashley	Burlington
D	Martine Garland	Toronto
D	Krista McArthur	Alliston
D	Tracy Muzerall	Mississauga
D	Laurie Ross	Manotick
D	Katie Sweeney	Ottawa
F	Gillian Apps	Unionville
F	Emilie Berlingnette	Orleans
F	Nicole Corriero	Thornhill
F	Kathryn Dallimore	Mississauga
F	Amanda Dittmer	Chatham
F	Chelsea Grills	Stittsville
F	Jana Harrigan	Burlington
F	Kathleen Johnston	Sudbury
F	Allison Paiano	Orleans
F	Samantha Shirley	Mississauga
F	Margaret Ramsay	Scarborough
F	Lindsay Williams	Mississauga
Coach	Angela James	Richmond Hill
A. Coach	Michelle Clayton	Mississauga
A. Coach	Art Sinfield	Cornwall
Equip Mgr	Cathy Phillips	Dundas
Manager	Bryan Chappell	Pt. Edward
Dir. Op.	Pat Nicholls	Brampton



**CONGRATULATIONS
TEAMS ONTARIO on a
GREAT CHAMPIONSHIP!**

ONTARIO - BLUE

Pos.	Player	Hometown
G	Terri Lynn Ryerson	Hamilton
G	Amanda Young	Monkton
D	Ashley Banfield	Willowdale
D	Maria Delaroche	Corunna
D	Theresa Ella	King City
D	Jennifer Houlden	Richmond Hill
D	Kelly-Ann Stewart	Toronto
D	Brooke Sullivan	London
D	Erin Toth	Niagara Falls
F	Evelyne Armand	Mississauga
F	Chelsea Donovan	Caledonia
F	Nikki Ekebrecht	Hamilton
F	Kimberly Kodatsky	Port Colborne
F	Ashley Riggs	Ajax
F	Jessica Snelgrove	Windsor
F	Ashley Stewart	Toronto
F	Arden Sullivan	London
F	Jill Van Dam	Port Perry
F	Katie Weatherston	Thunder Bay
F	Meaghan Weedon	Hamilton
Coach	Diane Boles	Thorold
A. Coach	Fay McLaughlin	Ottawa
A. Coach	Frank Marson	Etobicoke
Equip Mgr	Gary VanHeusen	Thorold
Manager	Connie Rice	London
Dir. Op.	Pat Nicholls	Brampton



CANADA CANADIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

AGE GROUPINGS WILL CHANGE FOR 2002-2003 SEASON

The Canadian Hockey Association Board of Directors approved a motion that will change the age categories throughout all levels of female and minor hockey in Canada, taking effect at the start of the 2002-2003 hockey season.

The age category change comes one year after the motion was tabled at the CHA's 2000 Annual General Meeting, when the CHA membership requested more time to review, examine and gather feedback from constituents across the country on the proposal.

The change, as approved by the CHA Board of Directors, means that the age categories for the start of the 2002-2003 season:

	NEW effective start of 2002-03 season current age groupings	will expire end of 2002 season
Midget	15, 16, 17 years old	16 and 17 years old
Bantam	13, 14 years old	14 and 15 years old
PeeWee	11, 12 years old	12 and 13 years old
Atom	9, 10 years old	10 and 11 years old
Novice	8 years old	8 and 9 years old
Pre-Novice	7 years old and under	6 and 7 years old

For the 2002-2003 season only, CHA branches may, at their own discretion, define the age of graduating Bantam players determined either at December 31 of the current season or the date of June 30 immediately following the season. This means that the Bantam Division players, if this option is exercised, could be eligible for Bantam hockey to 15.5 years of age.

For complete information on the age change proposal, including frequently asked questions, background information, notes from past meetings and much more, visit the CHA's official Web site at www.canadianhockey.ca, and click on the 'age change' icon.

LIGHT PUCK SURVEY

A research study to determine the effects of the use of light weight pucks on female player development, both technically and tactically was completed by Mr. Jeff Leiter, Masters of Sciences student at the University of Manitoba. Additionally, the researcher wanted to evaluate the impact a light weight puck would have on players, officials, coaches, parents, fans, manufacturing and administration.

The study was funded through both the CHA and the International Ice Hockey Federation. The United States had earlier expressed interest in the use of a light weight puck at the elite level. The findings of this study were presented at the Canadian Hockey Association's annual general meeting. Further study will take place.

ACTION:

The 5 oz puck is recommended for use by any OWHHA member during the 2001-2002 season. Conditions that apply are that the 5 oz puck will be ordered through the OWHHA and purchased by the user. Secondly, an evaluation form must be completed and submitted to the CHA upon completion of the implementation period. Application forms are available through the OWHHA.

CENTRAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association was pleased to partner with our local host, the Peterborough Girls Hockey Association, to coordinate the 4th annual Championship. All games were played at the Lakefield arena which is situated on the scenic Trent river.

The hockey played was excellent. Teams from Hockey Quebec and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of sharing this elite competition.

We sincerely thank the Peterborough Girls Hockey Association for their work both before and throughout the championship. The organization and hospitality were thoroughly appreciated by Hockey Quebec.

The 2001-2002 championship will be held in Quebec. Discussions are underway in regards to the possibility of adding an age-group division. Also, an invitation has been extended to Hockey North (the far north!) to send a team.

ESSO NATIONALS

2000/2001

The OWHA sincerely thanks to Susan Dalziel, the Summerside Host Committee and the PEI Branch on their work in hosting the very successful 2001 Esso National Championship.

2001/2002 - March

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is pleased to host the 2001/2002 championship. We have partnered with Arnprior and Renfrew and, collectively form the local hosting committee. Local OWHA members are encouraged to sign up as volunteers. All OWHA members are encouraged to promote and support this championship which is both a great event and exceptional development tool for female hockey.

The 2002 event will be of particular interest as the centre red line will be removed as a pilot project.

2002/2003

The Championship is tentatively scheduled for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM

Before the team arrived in Minneapolis for the World Championship, they competed in four different activities:

FALL EVALUATION CAMP

- Held in Calgary, Alberta
- 34 players invited, including all members of the 2000 World Championship Team
- Players were recommended from four Under 22 Nike Elite camps held in August

4 NATIONS CUP

- 22 players were selected by the coaching staff to participate in the 4 Nations Cup in Provo, Utah, USA
- tournament was an evaluation step in forming the National Team and a test event in preparation for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games
- Canada took 16 WWC Team players and 6 new players and ended with a 3-1 record beating Finland (8-0), Sweden (9-0) and losing against USA (4-1) in round robin play. In the final, Canada lost to Team USA (2-0).

JANUARY TOUR/TSN CHALLENGE

- From January 21 to February 2, Team Canada played a 5 game series against Sweden and finished 5-0.
- The TSN Challenge was against Team USA with a new 2-game series format. Canada lost 5-4 in Red Deer, Alberta with the USA scoring with 40 seconds left in the third period. They traveled to Denver for the NHL All Star weekend, losing to Team USA 3-2.
- During this camp and tour, Canada brought in a total of 27 players. Twelve new players from the 4 Nations Cup Teams played for Team Canada.

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PRE COMPETITION GAMES

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association was pleased to work with the Canadian Hockey Association as we hosted three international games just before teams left for the World Championship in Minnesota.

Team Canada played Team Finland on March 28th at the Brampton Sports and Entertainment Centre.

Team Finland played Team Germany at Teen Ranch in Caledon on March 29th.

Team Germany played Team Canada on March 30th at Ice Gardens in North York.

The OWHA sincerely thanks ESSO for their support of the games and the ESSO schools programme. We also thank Wally Kozak of Team Canada and the Finnish coaching staff for an excellent coaching seminar.

WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations Team Canada – the seventh consecutive World Championship!!!!!!
Special mention to Geraldine Heaney – the only player to play in all seven!

NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNDER 22 TEAM

The National Under 22 Women's Team completed its 3rd year. The objective of this program is to allow younger players and coaches to gain international hockey experience in order to better prepare for the next level, the National Women's Team.

Twenty-eight players participated in the Nike Elite Camp (selection camp) in August 2000. The coaching staff selected 22 players to play against Team USA Under 22 in a 3-game series in Alberta. Canada defeated Team USA two games to one (3-1, 2-0, 2-5).

From November 5 to 13, the team was involved in the Three Nations Cup against Switzerland and Germany in Zuchwill, Switzerland. Four wins (5-1, 8-1, 6-1, 9-0) placed Canada first.

We congratulate all members of the Championship Team. OWHa players and staff include:

NAME	POSITION	HOMETOWN	TEAM
Tania Pinelli	Goaltender	Hamilton	Niagara University
Gillian Ferrari	Defense	Thornhill	Beatrice Aeros
Cassandra Turner	Defense	Campbellford	Brown University
Suzie Laska	Defense	Cobden	University of Toronto
Kim Malcher	Defense	Bolton	University of Toronto
Brooke Bradburn	Forward	Brampton	Niagara University
Kathy Devereaux	Forward	Seaforth	Oval X-Treme
Cheryl Muranko	Forward	Cambridge	Beatrice Aeros
Lara Perks	Forward	Trenton	Beatrice Aeros
Cherie Piper	Forward	Toronto	Beatrice Aeros
Karen Hughes	Head Coach	Toronto	University of Toronto
Margot Page	Assistant Coach	Stoney Creek	Niagara University

PLAYERS EVALUATION

This past season, the Canadian Hockey Association evaluated players at the following events:

- Esso National Championship
- Under 18 Challenge
- WCHA Championship
- NCAA Championship
- CIAU Championship

NATIONAL UNDER 22 CHALLENGE

We were disappointed to see the cancellation of the Under 22 Challenge. There were no bids to host the championship which was scheduled for December of 2001/January 2002. The OWHa did not submit a bid based on the fact that we are hosting the Esso National Championship in the 2002 season. We had however indicated to the CHA that we are always prepared to host a female hockey event. In this case, a decision was made by them to postpone this championship until the 2003-2004 season.

CANADA WINTER GAMES

The 2003 Canada Winter Games will be held in Bathurst-Campbellton, New Brunswick from February 23rd to March 8th. Women's Hockey is scheduled for March 2nd to 8th.

The schedule and technical package are currently under review with year of birth listed, at this time, as 1985 to 1992 inclusive.

It is expected that Nunavut will join the 10 existing provinces making an eleven-team championship.

Additional information will be available in the fall of 2001.

***ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A GOOD COACH
CAN TURN AN ATHLETES LIFE AROUND***

**2001 ESSO SENIOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
MARCH 7-11, 2001 SUMMERSIDE, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

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

2001 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship Awards

AWARD	PLAYER	TEAM
Top Defenseman	Geraldine Heaney	Ontario
Top Forward	Sommer West	Ontario
Top Goaltender	Kim St. Pierre	Quebec
Mickey Walker Most Sportsmanlike Player	Rebecca Russell	Newfoundland
Esso Isobel Gathorne Hardy Award	France St. Louis	
Most Valuable Player	Caroline Ouellette	Quebec

**TWO STONE CUTTERS WERE ASKED WHAT THEY WERE DOING
THE FIRST SAID, "I'M CUTTING THIS STONE INTO BLOCKS"
THE SECOND REPLIED, "I'M ON A TEAM THAT'S BUILDING A CATHEDRAL"**



CENTRAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

April 27, 28, 29, 2001 *** Peterborough, Ontario

FINAL STANDINGS

	TIER ONE	TIER TWO	TEIR THREE
GOLD	OWHA Peterborough S.R.I. Seniors	OWHA London Sharks	OWHA The Pure Hockey Aces of London
SILVER	Hockey Quebec Reliure Excellence	Hockey Quebec Drummondville	OWHA Brampton Cougars
BRONZE	OWHA Scarborough Sharks	Hockey Quebec Rinkles de Concordia	Hockey Quebec Pasta Express
FOURTH	Hockey Quebec Panthères de Ste-Julie	OWHA Timmins Vipers	Hockey Quebec Les Rebelles

G #	DAY	TIME	DIVISION	HOME		VISITOR		
1	Friday	3:30	A	London Sharks	2	Timmins Vipers	1	
4	Friday	7:30	A	Rinkles de Concordia	1	London Sharks	4	
8	Saturday	8:15	A	Drummondville	2	Rinkles de Concordia	2	
11	Saturday	12:00	A	Timmins Vipers	2	Drummondville	4	
14	Saturday	4:00	A	Timmins Vipers	0	Rinkles de Concordia	6	
17	Saturday	7:45	A	Drummondville	4	London Sharks	0	
20	Sunday	8:30	A	Rinkles de Concordia	4	Timmins Vipers	0	BRONZE
23	Sunday	1:00	A	Drummondville	0	London Sharks	1	GOLD
3	Friday	6:15	AA	Peterborough S.R.I.	3	Scarborough Sharks	0	
6	Friday	10:00	AA	Panthères de Ste-Julie	3	Reliure Excellence	4	
9	Saturday	9:30	AA	Scarborough Sharks	3	Reliure Excellence	5	
12	Saturday	1:15	AA	Peterborough S.R.I.	5	Panthères de Ste-Julie	1	
15	Saturday	5:15	AA	Panthères de Ste-Julie	2	Scarborough Sharks	2	
18	Saturday	9:00	AA	Reliure Excellence		Peterborough S.R.I.	Not Necessary	
21	Sunday	10:00	AA	Scarborough Sharks	4	Panthères de Ste-Julie	0	BRONZE
24	Sunday	2:30	AA	Peterborough S.R.I.	6	Reliure Excellence	0	GOLD
2	Friday	4:45	BB	Pure Aces of London	2	Brampton Cougars	2	
5	Friday	8:45	BB	Pure Aces of London	4	Pasta Express	0	
7	Saturday	7:00	BB	Brampton Cougars	3	Les Rebelles	1	
10	Saturday	10:45	BB	Les Rebelles	0	Pure Aces of London	9	
13	Saturday	2:45	BB	Brampton Cougars	3	Pasta Express	0	
16	Saturday	6:30	BB	Pasta Express	5	Les Rebelles	3	
19	Sunday	7:00	BB	Pasta Express	4	Les Rebelles	1	BRONZE
22	Sunday	11:30	BB	Pure Aces of London	3	Brampton Cougars	1	GOLD



Team Canada – 2001 World Champions

#	Player	P	S	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Hometown	2000-2001 Team
1	Sami Jo Small	G	L	5'07	187	03/25/76	Winnipeg, MB	Brampton Thunder, ON
33	Kim St. Pierre	G	L	5'08	150	12/14/78	Chateauguay, QC	McGill Univ (CIAU)
20	Correne Bredin	D	L	5'11	190	02/11/80	Warburg, AB	Dartmouth Coll. (ECAC)
6	Therese Brisson	D	R	5'07	150	10/05/66	Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC	Mississauga Ice Bears, ON
73	Isabelle Chartrand	D	L	5'05	130	04/20/78	Anjou, QC	St. Lawrence U (ECAC)
91	Geraldine Heaney	D	R	5'08	140	10/01/67	Weston, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
4	Becky Kellar	D	L	5'07	150	01/01/75	Hagersville, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
11	Cheryl Pounder	D	R	5'06	145	06/21/76	Mississauga, ON	Beatrice Aeros, ON
5	Colleen Sostorics	D	L	5'04	185	12/17/79	Kennedy, SK	Oval X-Treme, AB
23	Dana Antal	F	R	5'07	135	04/19/77	Esterhazy, SK	Oval X-Treme, AB
24	Kelly Béchar	F	R	5'09	145	01/22/78	Sedley, SK	Oval X-Treme, AB
17	Jennifer Botterill	F	L	5'09	155	05/01/79	Winnipeg, MB	Harvard Univ. (ECAC)
77	Cassie Campbell	F	L	5'08	141	11/22/73	Brampton, ON	Oval X-Treme, AB
18	Nancy Drolet	F	L	5'06	145	08/02/73	Drummondville, QC	Vancouver Griffins, BC
15	Danielle Goyette	F	L	5'07	148	01/30/66	St. Nazaire, QC	Oval X-Treme, AB
16	Jayna Hefford	F	R	5'05	140	05/14/77	Kingston, ON	Brampton Thunder, ON
26	Gina Kingsbury	F	L	5'07	138	11/26/81	Rouyn-Noranda, QC	St. Lawrence Univ. (ECAC)
13	Caroline Ouellette	F	L	5'11	172	05/25/79	Montréal, QC	Wingstar de Montréal, QC
25	Tammy Shewchuk	F	R	5'04	138	12/31/77	St. Laurent, QC	Harvard Univ. (ECAC)
61	Vicky Sunohara	F	L	5'07	170	05/18/70	Scarborough, ON	Brampton Thunder, ON

Head Coach Danièle Sauvageau CHA
Assistant Coach Melody Davidson Oyen, AB
Assistant Coach Wally Kozak Oval X-Treme, AB

#8 RETIRES

Congratulations to Angela James, the player whose exceptional skills led her teams, province and country to gold. Angela's contribution provided inspiration and opportunity for young girls throughout the world. With admiration and appreciation all OWHa members salute # 8
Angela James! Thanks A.J.



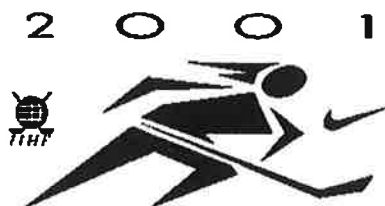
OUR FAVOURITE MAYOR/HOCKEY PLAYER CELEBRATES HER 80th



With an assist from 1300 of her closest friends, Mayor Hazel McCallion celebrated her 80th birthday on, appropriately enough, Valentines Day.

Guests were treated to a new video titled appropriately "Hurricane Warning" The Life & Times of Hazel McCallion, which details her life including the challenging hockey exploits of the 1930' and 40's. It's a well-known fact that young Hazel Journeaux was paid \$5.00 a game to play for a women's team in Montreal.

Mayor McCallion is a wonderful role model for everyone. Her love of hockey and determination to see female hockey advance has helped us reach local, provincial, national and Olympic goals. Thanks Hazel and best wishes from 30,000+ members of the OWHa.



2001 IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP
April 2 – 8, 2001
Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

POSITION		COUNTRY	POSITION		COUNTRY
1	Gold	Canada	5		Germany
2	Silver	USA	6		Sweden
3	Bronze	Russia	7		China
4		Finland	8		Kazakstan

Time	#	Group	Team		Team		Location
April 2	1	Pool B	FINLAND	7	CHINA	6	St. Cloud
	2	Pool A	SWEDEN	0	RUSSIA	3	Rochester
	3	Pool B	USA	13	GERMANY	0	St. Cloud
	4	Pool A	CANADA	11	KAZAKSTAN	0	Rochester
April 3	5	Pool B	FINLAND	0	GERMANY	2	St. Cloud
	6	Pool A	SWEDEN	3	KAZAKSTAN	1	Rochester
	7	Pool B	USA	13	CHINA	0	St. Cloud
	8	Pool A	CANADA	5	RUSSIA	1	Rochester
April 5	9	Pool A	CANADA	13	SWEDEN	0	Minneapolis
	10	Pool A	RUSSIA	8	KAZAKSTAN	2	Blaine - Schwan's
	11	Pool B	CHINA	0	GERMANY	0	Plymouth
	12	Pool B	USA	9	FINLAND	0	Minneapolis
April 6	13	Relegation	CHINA	4	KAZAKSTAN	1	Fridley – Columbia
	14	Relegation	SWEDEN	2	GERMANY	6	Fridley – Columbia
April 7	15	Semi Final	CANADA	8	FINLAND	0	Minneapolis
	16	Semi Final	USA	6	RUSSIA	1	Minneapolis
April 8	17	5 th	CHINA	0	GERMANY	1	Fridley – Columbia
	18	7 th	SWEDEN	3	KAZAKSTAN	1	Blaine - Schwan's
	19	Bronze	FINLAND	1	RUSSIA	2	Minneapolis
	20	Gold	CANADA	3	USA	2	Minneapolis

Individual Award Winners – Team Canada

Jennifer Botterill
Kim St. Pierre

Top Forward and MVP
Top Goaltender

CANADIAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

RULE CHANGES FOR 2001 – 2002 SEASON

Fair Play Initiative

As a result of the Canadian Hockey Association's focus on fair play and improved communication between officials, coaches and players, the Canadian Hockey Association has implemented the following process:

"In all games, the officials shall approach each bench and meet the Coaches. This process should not take more than 15 seconds and will be completed prior to the game, at the end of the pre-game warm-up. Officials are also encouraged to shake hands with the Captains where possible".

Referee's Signals

New signal for body checking added

Revised Wording

BOARDING AND BODYCHECKING

Striking the clenched fist of one hand into the open palm of the opposite hand in front of the chest.

BODYCHECKING

Palm of the non-whistle hand, with fingers together, comes across body on to the opposite shoulder.

Rule 2. Rink Dimensions

(b) The rink shall be enclosed by the boards, which may be constructed of wood, plastic or fibreglass. Measured from the surface of the ice, the boards shall be no more than 4 ft. (1.22m) and no less than 3 ft. 4 in. (1.02m) in height. The surface of the boards facing the ice shall be white and free from any obstruction or object that may cause injury to players. The base plate, of a maximum height of 12 in. (30.48cm), shall be light (**recommend yellow**) in colour.

Rule 3. Division of Ice Surface

(a) **3.96m (13 ft.)** from each end of the rink, a red line, 2 in. (5.08cm) wide, shall be marked on the ice parallel to the end boards. This line shall extend across the rink and be known as the "Goal Line". **Where rinks are unable to meet this measurement, a distance of 3.20m (10 ft. 6 in) is permitted.**

(b) On rinks **56.39m (185 ft.)** or more in length, blue lines, 12 in. (30.48cm) wide, shall be marked on the ice parallel to the goal lines at a point 60 ft. (18.29m) from each goal line, **while the neutral zone shall take up the remaining space in the center ice area.** These lines shall extend across the ice surface and vertically on each side board and shall be known as the "Blue Lines". On rinks less than **56.39m (185 ft.)** in length, the blue lines shall be positioned so that they divide the distance between the goal lines into three equal areas.

Rule 17. Team Roster

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 19. Change of Players

(f) If, in the last two minutes of regular playing time, **or any time in overtime**, a Bench Minor penalty is imposed for **DELIBERATE** illegal substitution, a Penalty Shot shall be awarded against the offending team. The Bench Minor shall not be served. See Rule 55(e)(Note) - Delay of Game.

(Note 3): When a goaltender leaves her goal area, and proceeds to her players' bench for the purpose of substituting another player, she must be within 10 ft. (3.05m) of the bench before the substitute may enter the game. If the substitute is made prematurely, the official shall stop the play when the offending team gains possession and control of the puck. The resulting face-off will take place at 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. **There shall be no time penalty to the team making the premature substitution.**

Rule 20. Injured Players

(b) If a goaltender goes to the players' bench due to an injury, he shall retire from the ice and his place shall be taken by an alternate goaltender and no warm-up will be permitted. However, this will only apply where an alternate goaltender is dressed. In cases where an alternate goaltender is not dressed the injured goaltender will be allowed ten minutes to recuperate. If a replacement is necessary for the injured goaltender, an additional five minutes shall be allowed for a total of fifteen minutes.

The ~~alternate injured~~ goaltender must remain ~~in~~ out of the game until the next stoppage of play. For a violation of this rule, a Delay of Game penalty shall be assessed.

Measurement Guidelines

6. No goal will be disallowed as a result of any measurement following the scoring of a goal.

Rule 21. Sticks

(e) A Minor penalty plus a ~~Gross~~ Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who deliberately breaks a stick when asked to produce the same stick for measurement or who refuse to surrender her stick for measurement.

Rule 24. Protective Equipment

(b) While on the ice, including pre-game warmups, 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 chin strap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin. The straps of the facial protector, **when designed to allow such straps**, shall also be securely fastened to the hockey helmet.

(Note 4): 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 team. The second and subsequent violations by the same team will result in a Bench-Minor penalty being assessed against the offending team.

(c) Should the helmet of a player come off ...

When a goaltender loses his helmet and/or facial protector, play shall be stopped immediately. Any such deliberate action by the goaltender shall result in a Minor penalty for "Delay of Game". If this deliberate action (by a player or goaltender) occurs when an opponent is on a breakaway over the centre red line, or occurs during the last two minutes of regular playing time, **or any time in overtime**, a Penalty Shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team. If a player deliberately removes his helmet to fight or to challenge an opponent to fight he will be assessed a Gross Misconduct.

(f) The wearing of a BNQ approved throat protector is compulsory for players registered in Minor and Female Hockey. If a Referee discovers that a Minor or Female hockey player is on the ice and is not wearing a BNQ approved throat protector, a Minor penalty is to be assessed to that player. **When a player wears his neck protector improperly, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty. For violations during pre-game warm-ups, the Referee shall report the infraction on the official game report to the President.**

(g) For divisions of hockey that allow the wearing of the half visor, the wearing of a mouth guard is compulsory (recommended but optional for senior hockey). **When a player fails to properly wear a mouth guard at any time on the ice during the game, he shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty.**

Rule 32. Game Ejection/Game Misconduct Penalties

(c) In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a Game Misconduct in the last ten minutes of regular time; or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the penalized player for a Game Misconduct.

Rule 33. Gross Misconduct Penalties

(c) In Minor and Female Hockey, any player or team official who is assessed a Gross Misconduct in the last ten minutes of regular time; or any time in overtime, or at the conclusion of the game and prior to the player or team official entering his dressing room, shall automatically be suspended for a minimum of the next regular league/play-off game or seven days. A total of ten minutes shall be charged in the records against the penalized player for a Gross Misconduct.

Rule 36. Awarded Goals

(a) A "Goal" will be awarded to the attacking team when the opposing team has taken their goaltender off the ice and an attacking player has possession and control of the puck **in the neutral or attacking zone** without a defending player between himself and the opposing goal and:

- (1) he is interfered with by an opposing player who has illegally entered the game or,
- (2) a stick or any other object is thrown by a player on the defending team or,
- (3) the puck carrier is fouled from behind and prevented from having a clear shot on the open goal or,
- (4) any member of the defending team including the team officials, whether on the players' bench or penalty bench, interferes by means of his body, stick or any other object with the puck or the puck carrier.

(b) A "Goal" will be awarded to the attacking team when the opposing team has taken their goaltender off the ice, and when a shot has been taken (control no longer applies) and a defending player picks up the puck with his hand from the goal crease or falls on or covers the puck in the crease with his hand, thereby preventing an obvious and imminent goal.

Current (b) becomes (c)

Rule 41. Referee and Linesmen

(o) The Referee in charge and the Linesmen shall be thoroughly **impartial** parties.

Rule 47. Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct

(f) Any player or team official who engages in verbal taunts, insults or intimidation based on discriminatory grounds (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, language) shall be assessed a **Game 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 **any** 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.

CHA Penalty options – 2001- 2003

2	2 or 5 + GM, 5 + GM (must be called if injured)	2 or 4 or Match	4 or Match	2 + GM 5 + GM Match	5+GM
Unsportsmanlike	Boarding	Butt Ending *5	Head Butt	CFB	Fighting
Throwing Stick *4	Body Checking		Spearing		
	Charging *1		Hair Pull		
	Cross Check *2		Helmet / Visor Pull		
	Elbowing				
	High Stick *6				
	Holding				
	Hooking				
	Interference				
	Kneeing				
	Roughing *3				
	Slashing				
	Tripping				

EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE:

1. Charging – Five plus Automatic Game Misconduct if on goaltender in crease, regardless of injury. Can be 2 or 5 and Game Misconduct if on Goalie outside crease, except if injured, then auto 5 + Game Misconduct
2. Cross Check – Also automatic 5 and Game Misconduct if above shoulders.
3. Roughing – Above applies in Minor or Female Hockey. Other categories allow for major with no automatic Game Misconduct.
4. Throwing Stick – Misconduct if thrown outside playing area.
5. Butt-Ending – two minutes for butt end hooking only.
6. High Sticking – Four minutes for accidental high stick with slight injury is permitted, at the discretion of the referee, in Junior and Senior Hockey only.

Note: Infractions deemed to be an "Attempt to Injure" can also be assessed as a Match Penalty for any penalty type.

Rule 50. Boarding and Body Checking

(a) A Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** 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.

(b) In divisions of Atom and below and Female Hockey, a Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the opinion of the Referee, intentionally body checks, bumps, shoves or pushes any opposing player. If a player is injured, a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct Penalty must be assessed.

When the offensive player is skating towards the defensive player, the defending player may not hit the offensive player by going in the opposite direction to that player. The body contact must be as a result of the movement of the offensive player. There must be no action where the offensive player is pushed, checked or shoved into the boards.

Where, in the opinion of the Referee, accidental contact has taken place, no penalty shall be assessed.

Rule 52. Charging

(a) A Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty, at the discretion of the referee, shall be assessed any player who runs or jumps into or charges an opponent. **If injury results, a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.**

(Note): If more than two steps or strides are taken, it shall be considered a charge.

(b) 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 (**Minor or Major and Game Misconduct**) or charging (**Minor or Major and Game Misconduct**) 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 54. Cross-Checking

(a) A Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who cross-checks an opponent.

(c) A Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty shall be assessed any player who cross-checks a goaltender while he is in his crease.

Rule 55. Delay of Game

(c) Any deliberate action by a defending player, including the goaltender, in their defending zone which results in the goal net being knocked from its position, shall constitute an act of deliberate delay of game.

If this action occurs in the last two minutes of regular playing time, **or any time in overtime**, a Penalty Shot shall be awarded against the offending team and the Minor shall not be served.

Rule 56. Elbowing and Kneeing

(a) A Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who fouls an opponent in any manner with his elbow or knee.

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

Rule 58. Falling on the Puck

(c) A Penalty Shot shall be awarded against the offending team when a defending player (except the goaltender) deliberately falls on the puck, holds or gathers the puck into his body in any manner, or picks up the puck with his hand, while the puck is within his goal crease. No other penalty shall be assessed.

(Note 1): If the goaltender has been removed ~~he may return to the ice for a Penalty Shot from the ice~~, then a goal is awarded.

Rule 59. Fighting and Roughing

(a) A Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who fights.

(1) A player who is identified by the Referee as being the instigator, or the aggressor in a fight shall be assessed a Minor penalty, in addition to any other penalties she may incur.

(2) A Minor penalty shall be assessed any player who, having been struck, shall retaliate with a blow or attempted blow. Should such a player continue to retaliate, she shall be assessed a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty.

(3) Any player who does not retaliate after being struck will not be assessed a penalty under this section, but may be assessed a penalty for a violation of other rules.

(4) Any player wearing a ring or rings, tape or any other material on her hands, who becomes involved in a fight and who uses such to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment and/or injury, shall be assessed a Match penalty in addition to any other penalties she may incur.

(Note): The foregoing sections shall also apply to goaltenders.

(5) When a fight occurs, all other players except the goaltender shall immediately retire to the front of their respective benches or to a neutral zone (should the fight occur in front of a players' bench) designated by the Referee and remain there until the Referee calls them back to resume play. The goaltenders must stay in their goal creases or proceed to a neutral zone designated by the Referee. Any player(s) refusing to do so after being instructed by the Referee shall be assessed a Misconduct penalty, plus any other penalty she (they) may incur.

(b) A Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who is involved in fighting with another player off the playing surface.

(c) Any player joining in a fight, acting as a peacemaker or taking part in another fight during the same stoppage of play, will be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty plus any other penalty the offender incurs under the rules.

(d) Any player or team official who becomes involved in a fight with a team official shall be assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty. This does not eliminate the possibility of further penalties being assessed for such an infraction.

(e) Branches are authorized, at the discretion of their members, to assess further penalties in the case of Rule 59(a), for all players in all divisions of hockey.

(f) A Minor penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the Referee's judgement, is guilty of unnecessary rough play. Only when injury results from an infraction to this rule may a Major penalty be assessed.

(Note 1): If the penalty assessed is for an infraction after the whistle, "Roughing after the whistle", should be recorded and announced.

(Note 2): In Minor and Female Hockey, any player including a goaltender, who is assessed a Major penalty for roughing shall also be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty.

(Note 3): The Major penalty for roughing is not to be confused with and utilized in lieu of the Major penalty and Game Misconduct penalty for fighting.

(g) A Minor or Major penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who makes deliberate physical contact with an opponent after the whistle.

CHANGE RULE REGARDING FIGHTING AND ROUGHING IN FRENCH RULEBOOK

Rule 59. Bataille (coups de poing) et rudesse

Rule 60. Goals and Assists

(c) 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, **or after being kicked, the puck deflects off of any player or stick into the net.**

(d) 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 ~~thrown~~ **or** deliberately directed into the net by any part of the body of an attacking player other than his skate.

Rule 61. Handling the Puck

(e) **The goal shall not be allowed if the puck has been batted with the hand or any part of the body by the attacking player, into the net, or after being batted, the puck deflects off of any player or stick into the net.**

Rule 62. High Sticks

(a) The carrying of sticks above the normal height of the **shoulder** of the opponent is prohibited. A Minor or Major **and Game Misconduct** penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who checks or intimidates an opponent while carrying his stick above the **shoulder** of his opponent. If injury results, a Major penalty plus Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.

(b) A player who contacts an opponent above the normal height of his shoulders with a high stick shall be assessed a Minor or Major penalty at the discretion of the Referee. If injury results, a Major penalty plus a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed. **In Junior and Senior hockey, at the discretion of the referee, should the injury be caused by an accidental high stick, a double minor penalty may be assessed.**

Rule 63. Holding

- (a) A Minor penalty, **or Major and Game Misconduct, at the discretion of the referee**, shall be assessed any player who holds an opponent with her hands, stick or in any other manner. If the penalty assessed is for holding the stick, a Minor penalty for "holding the stick" shall be recorded and announced.
- (b) A Major penalty **and Game Misconduct** shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by "holding".

Rule 64. Hooking

- (a) A Minor penalty, **or Major and Game Misconduct, at the discretion of the referee**, shall be assessed any player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by "hooking" with his stick.
- (b) A Major penalty **and Game Misconduct** shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by "hooking".

Rule 66. Interference/Protection of the Goaltender

- (a) A Minor **or Major and Game Misconduct** penalty, **at the discretion of the referee**, penalty for interference shall be assessed any player who:

- (1) interferes with or impedes the progress of an opponent who is not in possession of the puck;
 - (2) deliberately knocks a stick out of an opponent's hand;
 - (3) prevents an opponent who has lost or dropped his stick from regaining possession of it.
- (Note 1): The last player to touch the puck - other than the goaltender - shall be considered the player in possession.
- (Note 2): Often the action and movement of the attacking player causes the interference, since the defending players are entitled to "stand their ground" or "shadow" the attacking players. Players of the side in possession of the puck shall not be allowed to "run" deliberate interference for the puck carrier.

- (b) A Minor penalty for interference with the goaltender shall be imposed on a player who, by means of his stick or his body, interferes with or impedes the movements of the goaltender by actual physical contact. The penalty should be announced as "Interference with the goaltender".

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

Unless the puck is in the goal crease area, a player of the attacking side may not stand in the goal crease. If the puck should enter the net while such conditions prevail the goal shall not be allowed. If an attacking player has physically interfered with the goaltender, prior to or during the scoring of the goal, the goal will be disallowed and a penalty for "interference with the goaltender" will be assessed and announced. The ensuing face-off shall be taken in the neutral zone, at the face-off spot nearest the attacking zone of the offending team.

If a player of the attacking team has been physically interfered with by the actions of any defending player so as to cause him to be in the goal crease and the puck should enter the net while the player so interfered with is still in the goal crease, the goal shall be allowed.

A Minor penalty shall be assessed to an attacking player, who while his team has possession of the puck, is interfered with by a defending player, but fails to attempt to avoid making contact with the goaltender. In addition, if a goal is scored it shall be disallowed.

A Minor penalty shall be imposed on an attacking player, not in possession of the puck, who is tripped or caused to fall and fails to attempt to avoid contact with the goaltender whether he is in or out of his crease.

A Minor penalty shall be imposed on any attacking player, who makes deliberate contact with a goaltender whether in or out of the goal crease. At the discretion of the Referee a **Major and Game Misconduct** penalty may be imposed under Rule 52(b).

- (e) A **Major and Game Misconduct** penalty shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by interference.

Rule 69. Kicking the Puck

Kicking the puck shall be permitted in all zones. **This action can not result in a goal being scored.** ~~A goal may not be scored by an attacking player kicking the puck into the net, either directly or off the goaltender. If an attacking player kicks the puck and it is deflected into the goal by another attacking player or by a defending player, other than the goaltender, the goal shall be allowed.~~

Rule 70. Leaving the Players' or Penalty Bench

(e) When a player on a breakaway in the neutral or attacking zone is interfered with by a player of the opposing team who shall have illegally entered the game, or by a player or team official on the players' or penalty bench, the Referee shall award a Penalty Shot to the non-offending team.

(f) Any team official who gets on the ice after the start of the game, without the permission of the Referee, shall be assessed, at the discretion of the referee, a Bench Minor or Game Misconduct penalty. If a Game Misconduct is assessed, the official shall be ordered to the dressing room for the remainder of the game and the Referee shall submit a report in full detail to the President, who may assess further penalties.

Rule 72. Off-sides

(a) Players of the attacking team must not precede the puck into the attacking zone.

(Note 1): If a pass deflects off a defending player, his skates or his stick, causing an attacking player to precede the puck into the attacking zone, the off-side rule shall apply.

(Note 2): A player actually propelling the puck who shall cross the line ahead of the puck, shall not be considered off-side, providing he is actually in possession and control of the puck with one skate in the neutral zone before crossing the blue line.

Rule 73. Passes and Off-side Passes

(c) A player anywhere in her own half of the rink is eligible to receive a forward pass from a teammate, provided she is on-side at the centre red line, and she may also play the puck passed into the attacking half of the ice, provided the puck precedes the player completing the pass over the centre red line.

Branches shall have the authority to grant all divisions of hockey permission to remove the centre red line for off-side purposes.

Rule 79. Slashing

(a) A Minor or Major and Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, shall be assessed any player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by "slashing" with her stick.

(b) A Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty will be assessed to any player who injures an opponent with a "slash".

Rule 84. Time of Game

(f) Each team shall be permitted to take one time-out of thirty seconds during the course of regular playing time or overtime. This time-out must be taken during a normal stoppage of play. Any player designated by the Coach may indicate to the Referee that his team is exercising their option and the Referee will report the time-out to the Game Timekeeper who shall be responsible for signalling the termination of the time-out.

(Note 1): All players, including goaltenders, on the ice at the time of the time-out will be allowed to go to their respective benches.

(Note 2): Both teams may take their respective time-outs during the same stoppage of play. However, once a team has called their time-out, the second team must indicate their intentions to take a time-out during the same stoppage of play before the initial 30 seconds are over.

~~(Note 3): No time-out will be allowed after a reasonable amount of time has elapsed during a normal stoppage of play.~~

(Note 3): The time-out rule is permitted in Minor and Female Hockey stop time games wherever the local branch gives approval. In Canadian Hockey Association Minor and Female Hockey Regional and National Championships, the time-out rule is permitted.

Rule 85. Tripping

Add to Glossary: Slew Footing - The action of tripping a player by knocking a players' skates out from behind by a kicking or leg dragging motion.

(a) A Minor or Major and Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the referee, shall be assessed any player who trips an opponent. If injury results, a Major and Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed.

(Note): A penalty shall not be assessed if, in the Referee's opinion, a player is unquestionably hook-checking the puck and obtains possession of it, thereby tripping the puck carrier.

(b) A Minor or Major and Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the referee, shall be assessed any player who uses his feet to knock an opponents skates out from under him with a kicking or leg dragging motion from behind (slew footing).

(c) Where a player uses her stick, knee, hand, foot, arm or elbow in any manner or falls or slides along the ice directly in the path of the puck, causing the puck carrier to trip and lose possession of the puck, a penalty shall be assessed.

(Note): If a player in the process of falling or sliding along the ice, hits or knocks the puck from her opponent's stick prior to making actual body contact, the tripping action shall be ignored.

(d) When a player in control of the puck in the neutral or attacking zone is tripped or otherwise fouled from behind and thus prevented from having a clear shot on goal, having no other opponent to pass other than the goaltender, a Penalty Shot shall be awarded to the non-offending team. Nevertheless, the Referee shall not stop play until the attacking team has lost control of the puck to the defending team.

Rule: NEW

JUNIOR AND SENIOR RULE SUPPLEMENT ADDED TO RULEBOOK

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HOCKEY SUPPLEMENT

Rule 30 - Major Penalties

For the third Major penalty in the same game to the same player, or for a major for boarding, checking from behind, cross-checking, high sticking, kneeing or slashing, he shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty.

Note: Do not wait for the 3rd Major penalty to give the Game Misconduct if the Major assessed carries an automatic Game Misconduct even though it was the 1st Major in the game. - e.g. Checking from Behind.

Rule 47 - Abuse of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct

A minor penalty shall be imposed on a player who attempts to draw a penalty by his actions. (Diving)

Note 1: Use the unsportsmanlike conduct signal and have the infraction announced as "unsportsmanlike conduct for diving."

Note 2: In a situation in which an original penalty is being called, for an example of hooking, and the opposing player embellishes the infraction by diving, both calls can be called in the same play. A minor for hooking and a minor for unsportsmanlike for diving.

Rule 49 - Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury

A minor penalty for slashing will be imposed on a player who jabs the back of another players leg with the spear end of his blade, or who uses the spear end of his blade in any manner which in the Referee's opinion does not warrant a penalty for spearing.

Rule 59 - Fighting and Roughing

A major penalty shall be imposed on any player who engages in fisticuffs for the first time in a game. A second offence, would result in a major penalty and Game Misconduct.

A player identified to be the instigator in a fight shall be assessed, in addition to the major for fighting, a two-minute minor and a ten-minute misconduct. If the same player should receive a second instigator penalty in the same game, the player identified shall be assessed a minor penalty for being the instigator, and a game misconduct in addition to the major for fighting.

Note 1: Other rules normally found in the rulebook have not been modified or replaced by the Junior Supplement. Therefore, Game Misconducts must still be called for secondary fights at the same stoppage and for second majors incurred in a game (no fighting majors involved). Also the Gross Misconduct for deliberate removal of the helmet would apply - Rule 24 Clarification # 2.

Rule 62 - High Sticks

The carrying of sticks above the normal height of the shoulders of an opponent is prohibited and a minor, double minor, major and Game Misconduct or Match penalty, shall be imposed on a player violating this rule, at the discretion of the Referee.

A minor penalty for High Sticking shall be assessed to a player who high sticks an opponent. If injury results:

- 1) assess a double minor when it is deemed to be accidental
- 2) assess a major and Game Misconduct when it is deemed to be deliberate.

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OWHA MARKETING REPORT

A very important result of the development within the high performance areas of female hockey has been the very positive impact on grass roots sponsorship. Many local teams receive regular coverage from local media outlets as a result of factual and editorial articles regularly featured in national newspapers and magazines. It is also, quite common, to turn on the television set to view female hockey mentioned and/or featured.

The exposure rate is still not to the point we would like it, but there is a vast improvement over past years. In addition to frequency of coverage, the quality has increased as the game is regarded with respectability. In fact, renowned authorities have been noted to praise the "female game" as a desired model for all hockey!

CHEVROLET



Sincere thanks to General Motors for their sponsorship. The Chevrolet Venture Lounge, located at Iceland Arena for the April Provincial Championship was a highlight of the weekend. Parents, participants and supporters thoroughly enjoyed the lounge where they relaxed and built friendship with "opposing" members who soon became friends.

In addition to their involvement at provincials, we are pleased to work with them in the promotion and delivery of the Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey Program. Spokespersons Cassie Campbell and Bobby Orr team up to promote this initiative which will benefit hockey throughout the country.

We sincerely thank General Motors and encourage you to test drive a Chevrolet!

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The Ontario Women's' Hockey Association appreciates the ongoing support of Canadian Tire. The sponsorship has made a big difference to our teams. We encourage members and their friends to visit their local store and check out their hockey equipment and other products. Thank you Canadian Tire!

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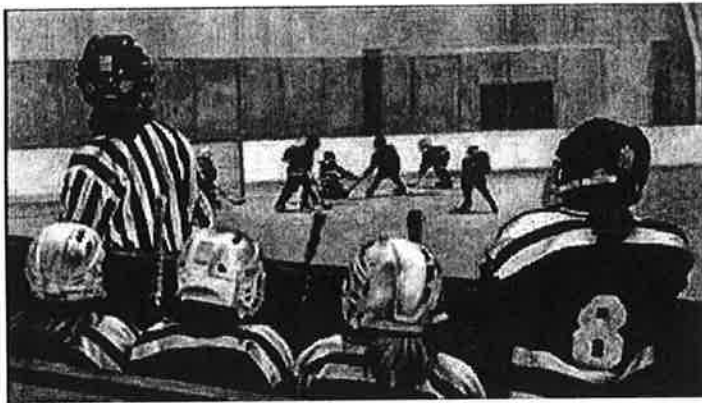


We sincerely thank Scorecon for providing live updates of the Central Canadian Championship. We encourage you to check out their web site to see the results of the Championship and also to review the different options their company offers. Their site can be accessed through the OWHA site or directly. Thanks again Scorecon and Frank Sicoli.



OWHA PARTNERS with ARTIST JOHN NEWBY ***Images of Childhood.....the art of John Newby***

Sports and art enthusiasts are very familiar with the name John Newby. Even a casual glance at the endearing works of John Newby reveals an artist who regards children with an embracing affection. Compared favourably to Norman Rockwell, this talented Canadian has been praised for his ability to create consistently, uncannily, a feeling of familiarity in the beholder – as though these warm and cozy images are a glimpse at our own very lives. The OWHA is proud to join John Newby in the promotion of two new pieces from his "Images of Childhood" collection.



The recently released "Girl Powered" and "Fashion Statement" would make a wonderful gift for your young hockey player. What a great way to say thank you to your coach!

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TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS

The Toronto Maple Leafs wish to improve hockey in Canada by providing an opportunity for girls to play better, with greater enjoyment, and with greater benefit to their futures inside hockey and out. The Skills First Challenge was created to reinforce the 'skills are fun' feeling with hockey players.

The event brought from across Ontario to Air Canada Centre to participate in 10 skills challenges- five for skaters and five for goalies.

The youth participated in various contests including fastest skater, hardest shot, and most accurate shooter.

Skills First aims to stimulate coaches, players, and parents to practice more and better, while nurturing the growth of minor hockey.

Thanks to the Toronto Maple Leafs for their continuing support

HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE FOR ONTARIO

HDCO PENALTY FREE SWEEPSTAKES

Congratulations to all OWHAs who entered the 14th Annual Penalty Free Sweepstakes. To qualify, teams must have played a penalty free game between December 9, 2000-January 31, 2001. This year's contest received a total of 8,251 entries, an increase of 6% over last year. Since 1986 the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario program has attracted over 70,000 teams and over one million participants. The random draw was held on February 16th and OWHAs winners were:

Team	Prize	Team	Prize
Brussel/Belgrave - Bantam	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Uxbridge – Peewee	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Commisso's Senators – Novice	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Bothwell Blast – Atom	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Freckled Lion – Bantam	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Elliott Lake – Peewee	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Keady – Novice	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Peterborough Lectron – Atom	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Manitou Panthers – Senior	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Oshawa Master Print – Atom	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Ottawa NCCP – Bantam AA	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Stratford Aces – Atom	BD Consumer Healthcare Tensors
Newtonbrook Panthers – Senior	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Thedford Thunder – Novice	Hockey Heroes T-Shirts
Oakville Hornets - Peewee	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Brampton – Peewee	Laser Quest Party
Stoney Creek – Novice #1	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Mississauga – Midget	National Sports Skate Sharpening Pass
Sault Ste Marie Wolves – Atom	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Ilderton Jets – Novice	OWHA Souvenir Package
Stoney Creek Sabres – Novice	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Barrie Sharks – Bantam	Canada's Wonderland Passes
Tim Horton Red Wings – Novice	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Bel Air Bobcats – Novice	Pizza Pizza Party
Hamilton 3 Rinks Univ. - Senior	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	St Margaret's – Novice	Ryr Hockey Pants
Uxbridge – Peewee	Tensor Brand Mouthguards	Mississauga – Novice	Ryr NHL Jerseys
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THE TRUE SPIRIT OF HOCKEY - GOODSPORTS – 2001/2002 Season

Watch for this launch of this *Goodsports* program – an initiative of the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism Culture and Recreation



It was a humorous but instructive comment on Canada's hockey culture two years ago when my oldest daughter Meghann, then 8-years-old, had a question concerning her proposed registration for minor hockey.

Meghann loved hockey, especially the Maple Leafs, and was super-keen on the notion of donning some hockey gear herself and learning to play. But she was troubled by one issue.

"I don't want to have to fight," she said.

Imagine that! A young person interested in playing this country's national game, our national passion, and the only thing holding her back was a fear she, like the combatants she'd seen on TV many a night, would have to drop her gloves and fist-fight if she wished to participate at all.

At least there was an easy way to calm her fears. "You don't have to fight. Ever," I told her, and she's gone on to grow more passionate about the sport every day in her first two seasons of girl's hockey.

For the majority of girls, the spectre of violence in hockey isn't a concern. Some girls still play with boys and have to deal with body contact and over-aggressive play, and one can only imagine the number of boys who laid awake at night wanting to play hockey but were afraid to take to the ice because of the violence that is too often condoned in boy's and men's hockey.

That's not to say there aren't obnoxious, loudmouth parents in girl's hockey who view screaming insults at a teenage referee as their



Does girls hockey hold the secret to skills development?

By Damien Cox

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birthright. There are. Sadly, wherever sport is played there will always be those who completely lose any and all perspective, who fail to put the enjoyment of children and teenagers ahead of their own misdirected energies.

But the fact remains that girl's hockey, which is growing at exponential speed, has an opportunity to avoid many of the problems endemic to the male game that have driven so many well-intentioned players, coaches, officials and executives from the sport.

See, from what I've seen of girl's hockey, at least at the novice and atom level, it is far more about the sport itself and the development of skills necessary to compete than much of boys hockey. Since there is no hitting or body contact at any level of the game, there is virtually no acceptance of rough play, intentional or otherwise. The more important components of the game, such as skating, puck-handling, passing and shooting, the components that lend the game its imagination and heart-stopping brilliance, are emphasized more because there is no room for the more aggressive and physical elements that too often dominate the boy's game.

Happily, we have yet to hear of ugly incidents emanating from girl's hockey games, although the nature of changing roles and role models in North American society undoubtedly mean such incidents are bound to happen. Competition levels in all women's sports are increasing and intensifying, which also means the stakes are increasing for all involved.

With respect to hockey, the

female game can continue to progress and develop along its current path as long as the suggestion that girls should compete under precisely the same rules as boys is resisted. It's not yet grown into a strong movement, but there have been consistent calls in both Europe and Canada to fully integrate the women's game with the men's game by including body-checking with female participation.

What a mistake that would be. That's not to suggest girls or women should play the game in "lady-like" fashion, leaving the tougher elements of the game to the males. Anyone who has ever witnessed live one of the many recent games between the national women's teams of Canada and the U.S. would tell you there's plenty of contact in those games, an expression of the heated shinny rivalry between the two countries that has occasionally included ugly moments.

Moreover, this is not to suggest body-checking and the rougher elements of the sport have no place in the game at all, or ruin it on their own. The inclusion of clean body-checks in a hard-hitting collision between two teams often creates the tense drama that is hockey at its best.

No, the reason why the women's game should be left as is concerns those who run the game in this country, specially the provincial organizations and individual branches.

On the boy's side of the game, these executives and officials have consistently proven unable to differentiate between body contact in hockey and unbridled expansion of stick and other violence throughout the game. Hitting from behind, fighting, high-sticking and all manner of rule-

breaking have been part of minor hockey for decades, yet only small advances against such play have been made.

Until there's a definitive stance taken by hockey authorities in this country that brutality has no place in the sport, a stance consisting more of actions than words, why would we possibly expose our young women to such nonsense in the way in which we've forced young boys interested in the sport to endure absurd levels of violence and intimidation just to play the game?



Typical of this absence of leadership has been the ongoing debate over the ages at which boys should be exposed to body-checking for the first time. Some believe that hitting is such an integral part of the game that boys should learn how to give and receive bodychecks at the youngest possible age, while others, such as European-based thinkers, believe hitting should be the last skill taught, only after the more primary skills have been taught and learned well.

Within Canada, there's no agreement on this issue, so you have dif-

ferent rules for different jurisdictions, with the Canadian Hockey Association apparently powerless to enforce a blanket rule upon the entire country.

Until Canada as a hockey power locates the maturity to legislate intelligent rules in this regard for boys, why mess up the girl's game by including body contact?

To be sure, some of this country's most talented female hockey players wouldn't mind seeing hitting as part of the game, largely so their talents are appreciated on the same level playing field as their male counterparts.

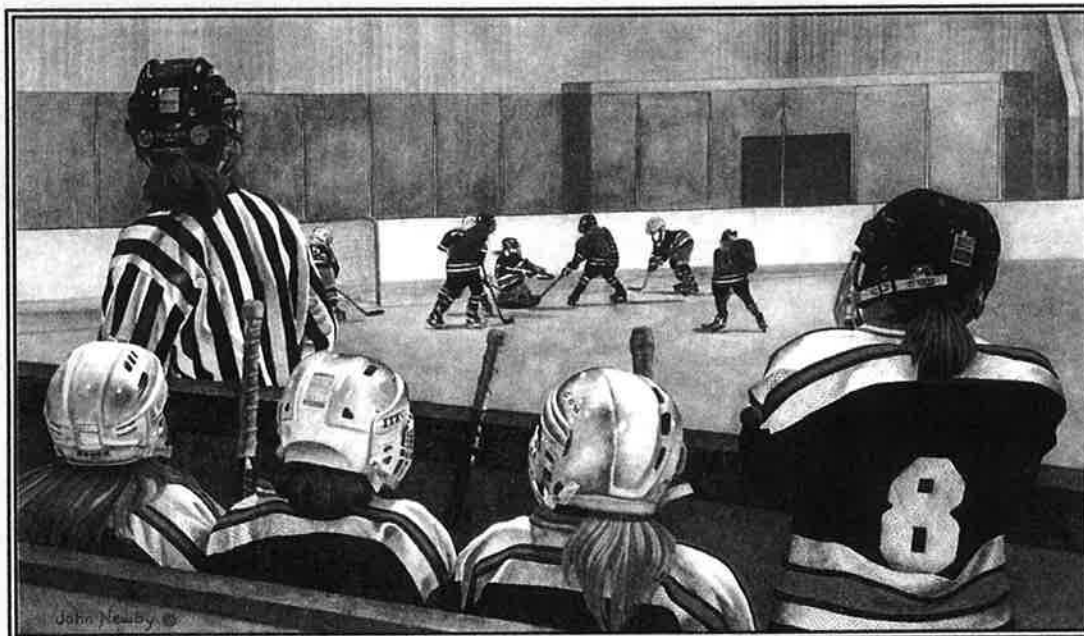
But at this young stage of the development of the women's game in our country, it does a greater service to the vast majority of participants to leave the rules as they are. Let our girls and women continue to run a parallel yet separate course, one that undoubtedly parents of boys across the country would find appealing if they had a similar option.

The essence of the game - chasing a rubber disk on a pad of frozen water - remains best preserved by emphasizing the finesse elements of the game. The idea should be to turn on as many young Canadian females to the game as possible, not just create another environment where the biggest jump ahead of the best, where brawn rules over brains and technique.

"Sincere thanks to Damien Cox & Hockey Life Magazine for their approval to reprint this outstanding article that appeared in the Fall 2000 Issue"

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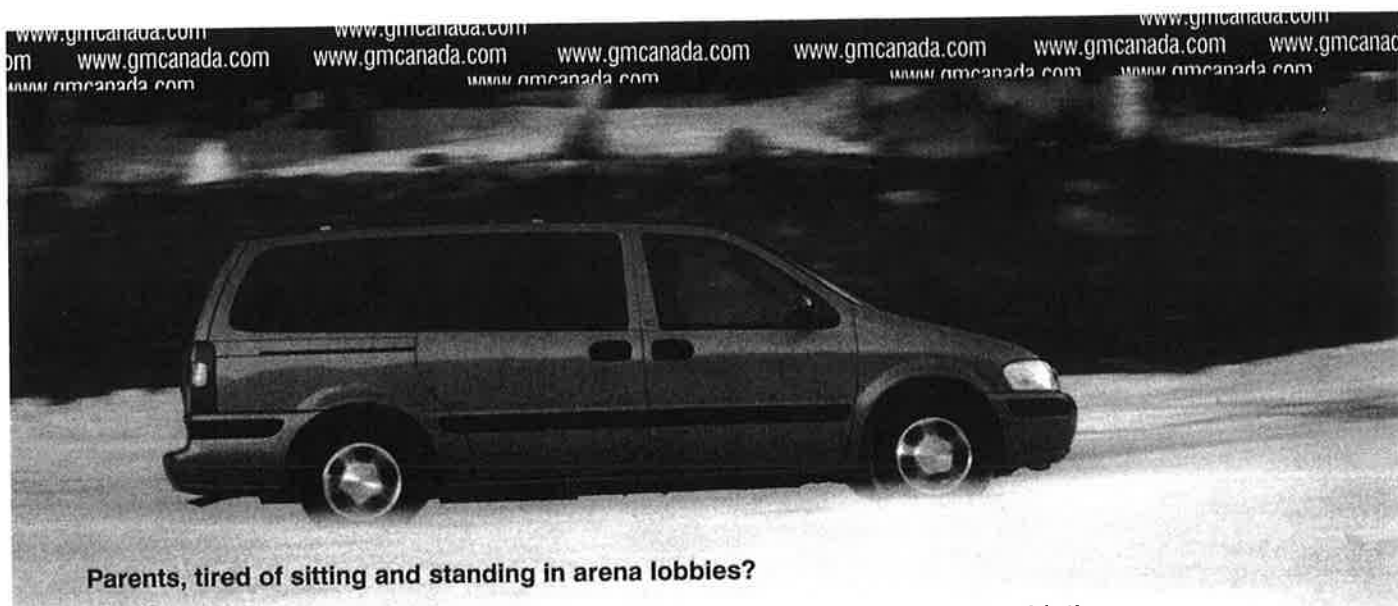
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