



ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
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Executive Reports

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been my privilege to be President of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association this past season and to work with such a dedicated and hardworking volunteer executive and staff who spend countless hours representing the female hockey players in the Province of Ontario. I thank them all very much.

I would also like to thank the membership for all of the work they put into their respective teams, associations and leagues. Thousands of volunteers give close to 30,000 OWHHA players the opportunity for fun and competition. The players are given experiences and memories because so many volunteers give their time.

Many events have taken place this season. The OWHHA hosted a very successful Four Nations Cup in Kitchener/Mississauga at which Canada won gold. The Brampton Senior AAA team brought home silver from the Esso Nationals held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. I was fortunate to be the manager of Team Ontario at the Canada Winter Games held in New Brunswick in February where our team won gold. The young women represented our association and province with pride, professionalism and a high level of skill. This was a tremendous and unforgettable experience for myself, the coaching staff and the players. We all brought home wonderful memories of those ten days.

We welcomed a new member to the OWHHA family this season with the introduction of PAWSitive our new mascot. PAWSitive has been a big hit everywhere she goes, promoting the positive values of our sport.

I, along with the other executive members, would like to thank our Executive Director, Fran Rider, for her dedication to the organization and the advancement of women's hockey. Fran makes herself available to all of the executive, as well as the membership, and assists in every aspect of female hockey. Her tireless efforts have led to a positive resolution between the OWHHA, Hockey Northwestern Ontario and the Ottawa District Hockey Association.

We look forward to next season, its challenges and the continuing growth of female hockey in Ontario.

Bryan Chappell, OWHHA President



Developing Good People
to do
Good Things!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Accentuate the PAWSitive Celebrating the OWHA's Success Stories

A focus of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association this season, as directed by the membership at the 2002 AGM, has been to stabilize and strengthen the continuation of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association as the provincial governing body for female hockey in the Province of Ontario. We are very pleased to report that we are working in a spirit of cooperation with Hockey Northwestern Ontario, the Ottawa District Hockey Association and the Ontario Hockey Federation.

To quote Sheldon Lanchbery, the Past Chairman of the Hockey Canada (formerly CHA), "Anything is possible if we believe it to be true."

There is much truth in Sheldon's words. In fact, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association has been built with this belief. Throughout many parts of Ontario, we have seen the magic as one single girl pursues her dream of playing this great game. This single girl, backed by her parents, friends and supporters has led to the creation of teams, associations and leagues. This single girl is the Ontario Women's Hockey Association and we thank her sincerely for creating these opportunities for all of us.

The 2002-2003 season proved to be a PAWSitive experience in many ways. Our OWHA mascot was launched to actively promote the OWHA Values. Over the summer, she traveled with Cindy Fairbairn and the Burlington team. In the fall, her pups began their journeys throughout Ontario. There were a few mis-adventures along the way as "Good Citizenship" was stolen from the back of a hockey bench. Fortunately, after posters went up throughout town and the local media came on side, she was returned. This was a PAWSitive ending! In November, we launched the walking version of PAWSitive.

This past month, we were informed of a very special OWHA success story! The Canadian Hockey Association nominated the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity's Marion Lay Herstorical Award. We were selected winners of this prestigious award that honours long-term positive influence of an individual, group or organization whose herstorical contributions has broken down barriers to equal participation in sport and physical activity.

According to CHA's President, Bob Nicholson, "With organizations such as the OWHA, female hockey not only in Canada, but the world will continue to grow rapidly. Their commitment to excellence and to the growth of female hockey is a blueprint for other organizations to follow. It is without a doubt that the Canadian Hockey Association gives its full support to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for the CAAWS Marion Lay Herstorical Award."

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association sincerely thanks Hockey Canada (formerly CHA) for the nomination and support. We express our gratitude to CAAWS and their Chair, Phyllis Berck for the kind words and special recognition. We gratefully accept the award on behalf of our current and past members. We encourage all teams, associations and leagues within the OWHA to share this news with your local media. Please let them know that you share as a recipient of this award.

There are many success stories within the OWHA every day. Do we take enough time to look for them, to share them and to enjoy them? These are the special joys of sport.

There has been another side to the past two seasons. We have heard it from various members and we have experienced it ourselves. Is today's society losing its focus on giving and caring? Are some of the world's struggles taking a toll? Are we losing our ability to understand the joy of giving? Have we forgotten how to be teammates? We, in the OWHA have always been proud of our PAWSitive approach and will continue to lead by example.

We have always believed that communication is critical to success. Communication has meant discussing issues, meaning both listening and talking. Now, we receive thousands of email messages, some direct, some copied, some signed, some sent anonymously, most are constructive, too many are destructive. One of our goals over the next season is to address the communication maze, which consists of email, mail, faxes, voice mail on several phones and personal meetings.

Many of our challenges are the result of our success. Our goal is to turn every problem into an opportunity. We tried a new process of categorizing teams. The process worked well and proved to be successful with the initial decision and an appeal process. While this was successful, we are committed to analyzing the specifics to see where we can improve. Some tie-breakers in provincial championships are being reviewed and revised. We are focusing on the officiating and coaching programs. We will be working closely with teams, associations and leagues to discuss ways to build on the success of the female game.

We were fortunate this season when a 41 year-old player experienced a good recovery after she suffered a broken neck while playing at a recreational level. The on-site care was exceptional. She had been playing highly competitive hockey until this season. The injury was a complete accident as the player lost her footing and went head first into the end boards as she was chasing a player on a break-away.

We have had some serious issues this season and we are continuing to monitor harassment and abuse allegations. Issues of confidentiality are of prime concern. These often prove very challenging, especially when there is an appeal. We are currently reviewing and revising some policies and procedures. Early mediation procedures will be of great benefit.

As we near the end of the 2002-2003 season, we would like to summarize some of the many highlights:

- Gold Medals from Team Ontario at the Canada Winter Games and silver medals from Brampton Thunder representing Ontario at the Esso Women's National Championship
- The OWHa successfully hosted the Four Nations Cup in partnership with the City of Kitchener and the Canadian Hockey Association.
- OWHa players, coaching staff and officials played key roles in Canada's National Women's Team, Under 22 Team and in special events and programs
- Sponsorship from McDonald's Restaurants of Canada through the STOP (Safety Towards Other Players) program, Hitz Sportswear supporting our Canada Winter Games team with jerseys, socks, bags and track suits, Bauer Nike Hockey support of helmets for our Canada Games team, Minolta's donation of equipment and product, Tim Hortons support of the Timbits program, Toronto Maple Leafs support through various programs, Choice Hotel, Delta Hotel, Toronto Sun and our recent confirmation of involvement with the Hockey Magazine for both promotional and fund raising purposes.
- Many other PAWSitives every day in the OWHa!

As we move into the summer and the coming season, we encourage everyone to take time to look around and appreciate the special honour of membership in the OWHa. It is the opportunity to share the friendship of our special teammates in hockey. Congratulations to the players, teams, associations, leagues, officials, supporters, the OWHa Executive Committee and the staff on another season of Excellence!

Fran Rider, OWHa Executive Director

FAIR PLAY 🐾 FUN EXCELLENCE 🐾 GOOD CITIZENSHIP 🐾 INTEGRITY & HONESTY 🐾 EQUITY

FRIENDS OF THE OWHA



The Ontario Women's Hockey Association would like to express our sincere gratitude to Sharon McMahon, Wayne Salatino and the Board of Directors of Hockey Northwestern Ontario. In December, we finalized an agreement that is based on respect and support. We have enjoyed a very positive relationship over the past several months and look forward to a very positive future together.



The Ontario Women's Hockey Association would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jules Lavictoire, Beth Melanson and the Board of Directors of the Ottawa District Hockey Association. On May 18th, at the Canadian Hockey Association's AGM, we signed an agreement in principle. We had very positive dialogue with members of the ODHA and look forward to moving forward with respect and support.



The Ontario Women's Association would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ed Pupich, Bill Appleby, Joe Drago and the Board of Directors of the Ontario Hockey Federation. We appreciate the opportunity to work with the Member Partners who are: Alliance Hockey, Greater Toronto Hockey League, Northern Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey Association, Ontario Hockey League and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association.



SPECIAL THANKS TO

Sheldon Lanchbery
Bob Nicholson
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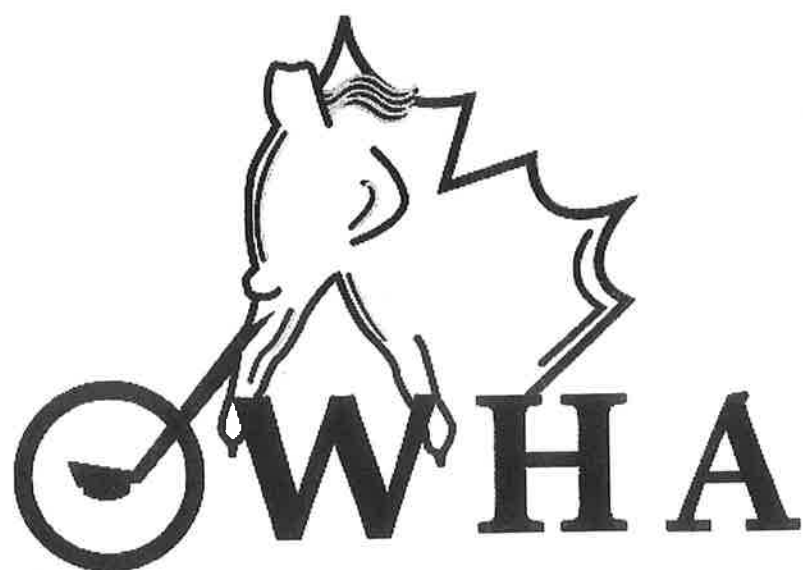
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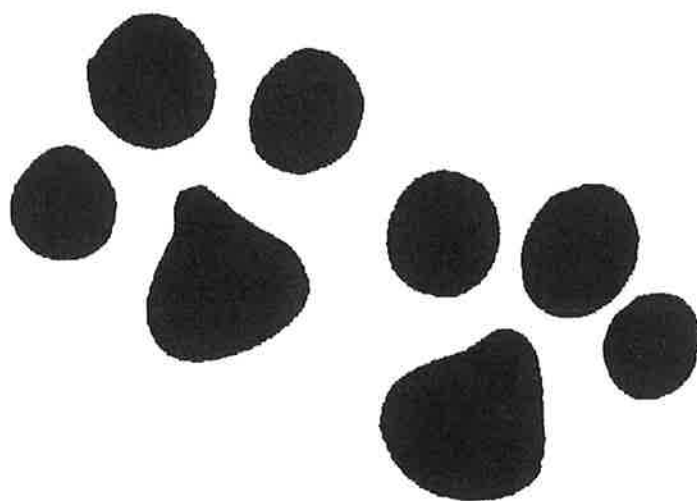

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Sincere thanks to our supporters!



**ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY
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**Power Of PAWSitive
Play**



PAWSitive, the OWHA Mascot

Representing the
VALUES

of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association

PAWSitive is travelling around the OWHA with her backpack. She is collecting good news stories in her journal focusing on the PAWSitive Values of the OWHA. She was introduced to the OWHA members at the OWHA Annual General Meeting in May 2002. She is such a good dog and very well behaved. She loves to watch the girls play hockey.

NEWS FLASH

PAWSitive has puppies - seven of them!!!!

We are pleased to welcome:

**Fun * Fair Play * Excellence * Good Citizenship
Equity * Integrity * Honesty**

The pups will also travel throughout Ontario enjoying their PAWSitive experiences with you, their teammates. We encourage every team to share the experience, adopt PAWSitive, add your good stories to her journal and pass her along to your friends on other teams.

There are only a few basic things to remember:

- PAWSitive and her pups offer friendship, fun and happiness. They see good everywhere.
- PAWSitive and her pups know you and your team like to play hockey. They also know that the girls on the other team and the officials share your love of hockey.
- PAWSitive is collecting personal stories from you and your teammates, based on the OWHA Values. She will carry these in her backpack so other players can share your PAWSitive experiences.

- Please enjoy PAWSitive and her pups, but ensure she stays no longer than three weeks with any one team. Please deliver her in good shape to another team and remember to email the kennel at info@owha.on.ca to let us know when and where she is going. Also, if you wish to share your PAWSitive stories on our web site, please email them with your consent.
- Please remember that PAWSitive and her pups are Valued members of the OWHA and must be treated with respect at all times. If they need attention at any time, please return them to the kennel c/o the OWHA office.
- It is important that they all make their way to the OWHA AGM May 24, 2003 for a reunion.



**BEST WISHES for a
PAWSitive
HOCKEY SEASON!**

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First came the sketch.....

.....then came the pup!

Sugar's
MASCOT COSTUMES



PAWSitive IMPACT

Here are some PAWSitive hockey tales (taken from PAWSitive's travelling journals), from the 2002-2003 season:

May 25/02 6:30pm

PAWSitive came home with us from the OWSA Annual General Meeting. PAWSitive joined our family for the first time. Nero our 5 month old golden retriever was so excited to have a playmate. "A real friend helps us think our best thought, Do our noblest deeds, be our finest selves." PAWSitive became an honorary member of the "Burlington Barracudas." She stands for all the positives in girls and women's hockey. In August PAWSitive attended Vicky Sunohara's Hockey Camp 2002. It was a lot of hard work but it was a dream come true for PAWSitive and the other girls to meet members of the Women's National Gold Medal Team. As fall try-outs arrive it is very nerve racking for both coaches and players. PAWSitive tells the girls to do your very best and work as hard as you can. The best you can do is give 100% of yourself.

The future of women's hockey is in our young hockey players. They are the stars of tomorrow. They all dream to be players like Cassie, Hayley and Vicky. We can all help them to achieve their dreams. PAWSitive will carry positive thoughts and dreams from Burlington to other hockey centres. With PAWSitive's help, we can keep focused on the job of working to make Women's Hockey the most enjoyable and rewarding sport out there.

Cindy Fairbairn, Burlington GHC

The road to the Canada Winter Games.....

What can I say I've waited 11 years for this weekend, and now it is here. There are so many great players here with great positive attitudes, I am so glad to live in Ontario with the top hockey players and such a great association. This is an experience I will never forget! Thanks!

Laura Rogerson, Selection Camp, Teen Ranch – December 2002

When I first heard I made Team Ontario I was so happy and very excited! After this last camp, and becoming close with all the girls, it makes me that much more excited to get to New Brunswick and kick butt! This is going to be an experience of a lifetime and I can't wait! I know we're going to be great, and have lots of fun! GO GO Ontario GO GO Ontario Gold!

Leah Craig #51, Final Camp, Team Ontario

THE GOLD!! This has been one of the best weeks of my life. It's definitely an experience I won't forget. Our team bonded, we all became so close it's gonna be hard to leave everyone. We've played hard this whole tournament but we've been saving our best performance for today. If we play our game there's no way anyone can touch us.

Shelby Aldous, Team Ontario - 2003 Canada Winter Games

We look forward to reading more PAWSitive tales that return in the journals at the 2003 Annual General Meeting.

2003 CAAWS WOMEN AND SPORT BREAKTHROUGH AWARD

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has been awarded this year's Marion Lay Herstorical Award by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Women and Sport and Physical Activity (CAAWS). The award honours the long-term positive influence of an individual, group or organization whose herstorical contribution has broken down barriers to equal participation in sport and physical activity.

The CAAWS Breakthrough Awards are presented annually to outstanding nominees who have used innovative ideas and alternative approaches to encourage and enable more girls and women to participate/lead/coach in sport and physical activity.

The MARION LAY HERSTORICAL Award is presented to an individual, group or organization whose long-term activities and achievements directly affected, improved, or positively influenced girls and women in sport and physical activity.

Following is the nomination submitted by Bob Nicholson, President, Canadian Hockey Association



MARION LAY HERSTORICAL AWARD

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (OWHA)

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has been a driving force behind the rise of female hockey in Canada for many years and continues to make strides towards enhancing the game to the next level. The organization has many well respected individuals who not only promote the game of hockey but also administer the appropriate programs, clinics and events to make the game grow.

The modern-day boom began in the 1960's. The formation of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in 1975 proved to be the catalyst for provincial, national and international success. For the first time, there was a unified body with a clearly defined mandate, the growth and development of hockey for girls and women. The work of the OWHA continues to be unmatched anywhere in the world.

The elite competitions of the eighties created the momentum that navigated the sport through the nineties. The springboard was the first Women's National Hockey Championship held in Brantford, ON in 1982 with the solid backing of the federal government and event sponsor Shoppers Drug Mart. While the on-ice competition nationally showcased the incredible talents of women hockey players from all across Canada, the event also provided another important opportunity for the sport. It was a chance to assess the game's development across the hockey capital of the world, Canada. Following the success of the event, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association voted to add the Female Council into its male bastion. The Female Council's role is to promote the sport, develop leadership and ensure the interests of female hockey, both grassroots and elite, are heard at the national level.

Following up on the success of the National Championships, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association successfully hosted the first Women's World Hockey Tournament in 1987. This event is considered the major turning point for women's hockey. The enthusiasm and skills of the players, coaches, officials and volunteers resulted in the International Ice Hockey Federation adding a Women's World Hockey Championship to their events listing. As all hockey fans in Canada know, the inaugural IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship in 1990 hosted by the OWHA in Ottawa was an overwhelming success. It brought great attention to a sport that had been starved for recognition. The nineties saw women's hockey make strides forward that had been unparalleled by any other decade. Olympic acceptance in the summer of 1992 was the ultimate reward for the players and volunteers who fought so hard for respect.

EVENTS

- Hosted the 2000 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1997 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1990 IIHF Women's World Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1987 IIHF Women's World Hockey Tournament
- Hosted the 1996 3 Nations Cup
- Hosted the 2002 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1999 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1993 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1988 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1983 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship
- Hosted the 1982 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created and hosted the first ever Women's World Tournament
- Leader behind the creation of the National Women's Hockey League (NWHL)
- Helped initiate the CHA's Female Council

OWHA VALUES

Fair Play, Fun, Excellence, Good Citizenship, Integrity & honesty, Equity

OWHA MISSION

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

CONCLUSION

With organizations such as the OWHa, female hockey not only in Canada, but the world will continue to grow rapidly. Their commitment to excellence and to the growth of female hockey is a blueprint for other organizations to follow. It is without a doubt that the Canadian Hockey Association gives its full support to the Ontario Women's Hockey Association for the CAAWS Marion Lay Herstorical Award.



**All OWHa members, past & present, can
take pride in receiving this award.
TEAMWORK MADE IT HAPPEN!**

Remembering Our Special Friends

Our thoughts and prayers are with the many members of our team who have lost family and friends during the past year. Remembering:

*Elsie Bloomfield, Stoney Creek
Joe Cook, Newtonbrook
Kathy Dutot, Harrow
Bill McDonald, Brampton*

*Dave McMaster, Toronto
Betty Oates, Willowdale
Amanda Stumpf, Kitchener*

They will be deeply missed, but not forgotten. We thank them for their contributions and friendship.



Ontario Women's Hockey Association 2002-2003 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

622 teams covering 34 divisions/categories declared their intention of vying for an Ontario title. Across the province we had very close, exciting Provincial Playdown games. A total of 426 teams qualified for Provincial Championship competition.

Division	Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Senior	AAA	Brampton Thunder	Beatrice Aeros	Mississauga Ice Bears
Senior	AA	Sarnia Starfires	Brampton Canadettes	Sault Ste Marie Wildcats
Senior	A	Belleville Bearcats	Toronto Grimm Jesters	London Aces
Senior	BB	Belmont Blazers	Port Stanley Bannockburn Farms	Cobourg Eagle.ca
Senior	B	Etobicoke Dolphins-# 421	Woodstock Freeze	Stone Mills Bell Connection
Senior	C	Toronto Hailstones	Oshawa Wolves	Toronto Tornados
Intermediate	AA	London Devilettes	Windsor Wildcats	Durham West Lightning
Intermediate	A	Bluewater Hawks	Niagara Falls Rapids	Sarnia Lady Sting
Intermediate	BB	Lambeth Lancers	Walkerton Capitals	Stratford Aces
Intermediate	B	Peterborough Hobies Sports	Elma Logan Wildcats	Hearst Valu Mart
Intermediate	C	Belmore/Teeswater	Owen Sound Ice Hawks	CAL Comets
Midget	AA	Ottawa Capitals	London Devilettes	North York Aeros
Midget	A	Cornwall Typhoons	Sudbury Healthcare Pharmacy Wolves	London Devilettes
Midget	BB	North Bay Voyageurs	Kitchener Lady Rangers	Belmont Blazers
Midget	B	Woodstock Wildcats	Nipigon Elks	Windsor Wildcats
Midget	C	North York Storm	Cambridge Roadrunners	Belmont Blazers
Bantam	AA	London Devilettes	Clearview Icestars	Vaughan Flames
Bantam	A	Durham West Lightning	Sudbury Lady Wolves	Belleville Bearcats
Bantam	BB	Windsor Wildcats	Durham West Lightning	North Bay Ice Boltz
Bantam	B	Woodstock Wildcats	Smith Falls Cubs	Port Hope Hank's Variety
Bantam	C	Nipigon Elks	Cornwall Typhoons	Cambridge Roadrunners
Peewee	AA	Brampton Canadettes	Durham West Lightning	Ottawa Capitals
Peewee	A	Vaughan Flames	Etobicoke Dolphins	Mississauga Chiefs
Peewee	BB	Waterloo Ravens	Clarington J & M Tire	Windsor Wildcats
Peewee	B	Guelph Thunder	Burlington Edwards Realty Barracudas	Toronto-Leaside Wildcats
Peewee	C	Parkhill Peewees	Kitchener Falcons	Mt. Brydges Cougars
Atom	AA	Durham West Lightning	Bluewater Hawks	London Devilettes
Atom	A	Cornwall Typhoon	Oshawa Panthers	Woodstock Wildcats
Atom	BB	Ancaster Avalanche	Barrie Sharks	Windsor Wildcats
Atom	B	Stratford Aces	St. Thomas Panthers	Flamborough Sabres
Atom	C	Brockville Angels	Windsor Wildcats	Orillia Hawks
Novice	A	Oakville Hornets	Burlington Barracudas	Peterborough Shimano Ice Kats
Novice	B	Whitby Wolves	Woodstock Wildcats	Waterloo Ravens
Novice	C	Cobourg Lorenze & Son	Belleville Bearcats	Clearview Ice Cats

CONGRATULATIONS to all participating Teams

TOURNAMENTS

A total of 163 tournaments (94 Competitive & 69 House League) were OWSA sanctioned for the 2002-2003 hockey season.

OWSA Sanctioned COMPETITIVE Tournaments – Locations

❖ AURORA	❖ HEARST	❖ PETERBOROUGH (PGHA)
❖ BARRIE	❖ HONEYWOOD	❖ PETERBOROUGH
❖ BEATRICE AEROS	❖ HUNTSVILLE	❖ PORT HOPE
❖ BELLEVILLE	❖ KANATA	❖ RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE
❖ BELMONT	❖ KEMPTVILLE	❖ SARNIA (Starfires)
❖ BRAMPTON (Canadettes)	❖ KINGSTON	❖ SARNIA (Silver Stick)
❖ BRAMPTON (Cougars)	❖ KITCHENER	❖ SAUGEEN SHORES
❖ BRANTFORD	❖ LINDSAY	❖ SAULT STE MARIE
❖ BROCKVILLE	❖ LONDON (Ladies)	❖ SCARBOROUGH
❖ BURLINGTON	❖ LONDON (Devilettes)	❖ SMITHS FALLS
❖ CAMBRIDGE	❖ MARKHAM-	❖ SOUTH HURON
❖ CHATHAM	STOUFFVILLE	❖ STARLIGHT FOUNDATION
❖ CLARENCE/ROCKLAND	❖ MATHESON /	❖ STONEY CREEK
❖ CLEARVIEW	IROQUOIS FALLS	❖ STRATFORD
❖ COBOURG	❖ MISSISSAUGA	❖ SUDBURY
❖ COCHRANE	❖ NEPEAN	❖ THEDFORD
❖ COLD CREEK	❖ NEWTONBROOK	❖ TIVERTON
❖ COLDWATER	❖ NIAGARA FALLS	❖ TORONTO-LEASIDE
❖ CORNWALL	❖ NORFOLK	❖ TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS
❖ DUNNVILLE	❖ NORTH BAY	FESTIVAL
❖ DURHAM WEST	❖ OAKVILLE	❖ WALKERTON
❖ ELMA LOGAN	❖ ORANGEVILLE	❖ WATERLOO
❖ EMBRUN	❖ ORILLIA	❖ WHITBY
❖ GLOUCESTER	❖ OSHAWA	❖ WILLOWDALE
❖ GLOUCESTER-	❖ OTTAWA (NCCP)	❖ WINDSOR (Rose City)
CUMBERLAND	❖ OTTAWA VALLEY	❖ WINDSOR (Bulls)
❖ GUELPH	❖ PARRY SOUND	❖ WINGHAM
❖ HALTON HILLS	❖ PEMBROKE	❖ WOODSTOCK
❖ HAMILTON (GHA)	❖ PERCY	

Special thanks to the many volunteers who have worked long hours to provide tournament competition for the teams and special memories for everyone involved. Your efforts contributed to make 2002-03 an exciting hockey season.

To the players, coaches, trainers, officials, parents & fans, we hope these tournaments have brought you new friendships and many positive memories.

OWSA Sanctioned HOUSE LEAGUE Tournaments – Locations

AKWESASNE
BARRIE
BEATRICE AEROS
BELMONT
BELLEVILLE
BLENHEIM
BRAMPTON CANADETTES
BRAMPTON (COUGARS)
BROCKVILLE
BURLINGTON
CAMBRIDGE
CARLETON PLACE
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
CLARINGTON
COCHRANE
COLDWATER
CORNWALL
DURHAM WEST
DRYDEN
ELMA LOGAN
EMBRUN
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GLENCOE
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KINGSTON
KITCHENER
LONDON DEVILTTES
MARATHON
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TERRACE BAY
THESSALON
THUNDER BAY
TWIN CENTRE
WOODSTOCK

ICE CHIPS

The Mighty Quinn

Congratulations to Peterborough native and Canadian Forces Captain Lee-Anne Quinn on receiving the Toronto Star's 2nd Annual Nightingale Award. Captain Quinn, a former player, found herself beside a huge frozen lake during a 6 month deployment as a nurse practitioner in Deer Lake, Ontario (2 hours north of Sioux Lookout – by bush plane). A community of 1,500 with no roads, let alone a recreational facility, plus heavy snowfall from October to May.

Captain Quinn took it on herself to organize activity and that's where the rink and little hockey league came from. Lee-Anne shovelled the rink herself and connected 7 garden hoses from the nursing station. Word spread of the Saturday hockey games. The NHLPA sent equipment and family & friends in Peterborough donated clothing and toys. A total of 55 boxes were shipped by plane with costs covered by the NHLPA and the Peterborough Catholic school board.

"Lee-Anne is unique," says Patricia Bronson, who nominated Quinn. "She sees what needs to be done and she does it."

Congratulations Lee-Anne, on bringing hockey to a "desperate community". *Full Story in Toronto Star – May 10, 2003*

Hericanes in Europe

The Norfolk Hericanes had the trip of a lifetime (March 8th-17th) travelling to Europe to compete against teams in Holland, Germany, France and Belgium. Congratulations to the organizers, players & parents for all your efforts in creating a dream vacation.....playing hockey in Europe!

Hockey Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the Hockey Hall of Fame on their upcoming 10th Anniversary since their move to Yonge & Front St in Toronto. The OWSHA, a proud supporter of the Hockey Hall of Fame, was honoured to have the very first "special" week at the new Hockey Hall of Fame in 1993!

The VALUE of having a Bunny Draw

With the 2003 Provincial Championships being held the week before Easter, chocolate bunny hockey players were offered as draw prizes at each facility. To enter the draw, participants were asked to fill out the entry form and also indicate their favourite OWSHA value. Following are the results of the VALUE vote, once again proving that girls (& women) just want to have **FUN**.

FUN	46.22%
FAIR PLAY	15.12%
EXCELLENCE	11.45%
GOOD CITIZENSHIP	10.80%
INTEGRITY & HONESTY	9.29%
EQUITY	7.13%

Entrants were also asked, "**What is your MOST PAWSITIVE HOCKEY EXPERIENCE?**" Here are some of the many responses (*note: spelling not corrected*)

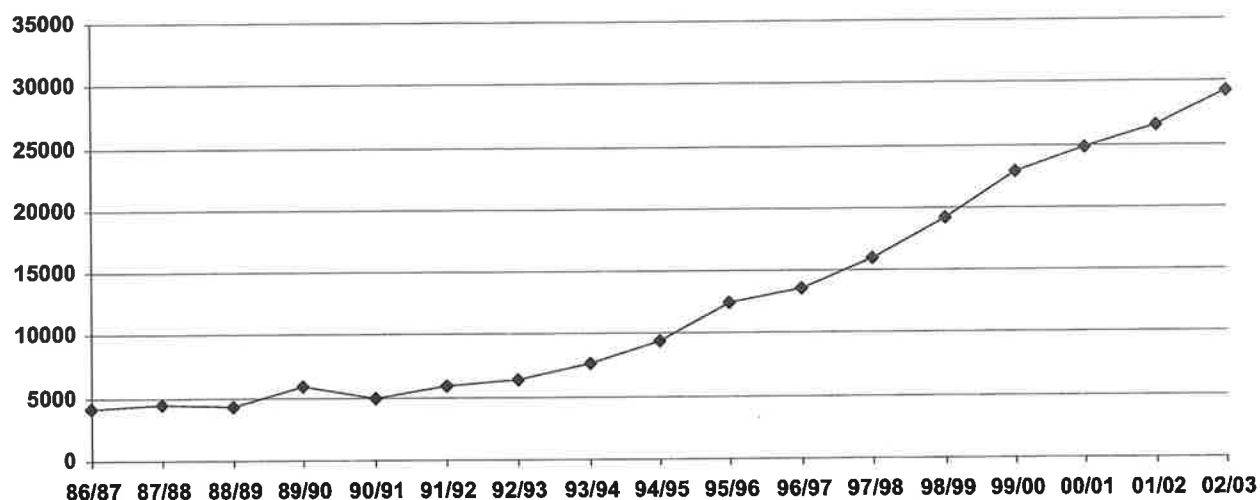
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| ☺ When I said good game to a player | ☺ STARTING TO PLAY HOCKEY AT 39 YEARS OLD |
| ☺ My Coach!! He's AWESOME!! | ☺ Playing a fair game no matter who wins or loses |
| ☺ Having fun & being together with my family | ☺ meeting new friends |
| ☺ scoring a tie goal in a important game | ☺ FUN |
| ☺ Playing with my friends. Winning tournaments | ☺ Opening Faceoff |
| ☺ I assisted the most goals on my team | ☺ Have fun and play fair |
| ☺ To play hard! | ☺ making good passes & plays |
| ☺ Donna patted me on the back after I let a goal | ☺ When we played 5 overtimes..... |
| ☺ having great coaches | ☺ That I got my stick caught in someones skate |
| ☺ Skate extra fast and deek the goalie | ☺ Having a positive team |
| ☺ Wining with my hockey buds! | ☺ meeting new hockey teams |
| ☺ Playing with this team | ☺ Have lots of FUN !! :-) |
| ☺ Making it This Far!! | ☺ Had lots of fun!! |

- ☺ When we play Hockey.....LOL
- ☺ Play fair and have fun
- ☺ Playing with the team!
- ☺ My Dad coaching me
- ☺ Being an asittent capten!
- ☺ metting people
- ☺ first gole
- ☺ When we lost against Embro
- ☺ Fun & Friendship
- ☺ scoring my first goal
- ☺ Learning how to angle, improving on my shot
- ☺ Improving my wrist shot
- ☺ I like shootouts because I'm a goalie
- ☺ I have 1 goal and I stop girls
- ☺ Winning & having fun
- ☺ meeting new friends
- ☺ I got a hatrick in my first game
- ☺ The whole year has been awesom
- ☺ Being a part of a team
- ☺ Having a lot of fun when I was 10
- ☺ We won game and we didn't brage
- ☺ Laughed so hard, it hurts!! :-)
- ☺ The FUN!!!
- ☺ learning to play different positions
- ☺ Moving to Canada and playing hockey
- ☺ Girls have a lot of fun
- ☺ SEEING SO MANY HAPPY & SMILING FACES
- ☺ When I passed it to my team member and she scored
- ☺ When I scored my goal in overtime to tie the game! :-)
- ☺ Winning Provincials 2 years ago because of hardwork, dedication , and FUN
- ☺ When I won best goalie in all Ontario for Atom division and got to play in front of 17,000 fans at the ACC
- ☺ My most positive experience is being at the provincials
- ☺ making friends with other team is my most Pawsitive hockey experience
- ☺ When Mr Marchment chaoch and we won the silver medal
- ☺ Having fun before the game and being with Friends and running
- ☺ Our first game of the year because without a lot of experience together we really played like a team
- ☺ Getting stitches on my elbow from a skate blade the first year I ever played hockey
- ☺ Metting ALL my buddies! Linemates = buddies for life!
- ☺ When I first started playing hockey, I wasn't that good, but I was having so much fun!
- ☺ I got back into my end hard got the puck and scored a goal
- ☺ My Most Pawsitive Experience was when I made friends with the Other Team!
- ☺ 7 overtimes, 2 years ago in the provincials. The other team was great to everyone
- ☺ Dropping the puck for World Women's game in Niagara Falls - April 4, 2000
- ☺ I went to the hospital on a ambulance on April 11, 2003
- ☺ the opposing team tap the goaltender on the pads - good game goalie!
- ☺ Having fun and being pumped and being with friends and running
- ☺ when I caught a glove save when I was a little kid goalie
- ☺ Scoring the winning goal in overtime to go to the championship.
- ☺ I got 14 shutouts and a really good save on the first game
- ☺ SEEING JUST HOW MUCH MY DAUGHTER LOVES GIRLS HOCKEY, THE OWHA, & WKG W/ SO MANY FINE PEOPLE
- ☺ When last year at the Provincials our team was down three goals and we still believed in our self and got three goals and tied the game!
- ☺ Is when we played our first game and we lost it the other team came into our dressing room and said we played good and wished us luck
- ☺ I had fun!!
- ☺ Here (provincials)
- ☺ lots of fun
- ☺ Watch my sister win regionals
- ☺ Winning the turnoment in Orilla
- ☺ Cherleading on the team
- ☺ Having fun with my friends or teammates
- ☺ I improved on my skating skills
- ☺ When we went to the provansh
- ☺ When I got 8 assicests in one game
- ☺ First goal top shelf
- ☺ When all is one and one for all
- ☺ Playing with my friends and being on the team
- ☺ Playing as a team
- ☺ They are all great values. Playing in Cobourg.
- ☺ MANY THINGS
- ☺ MEETING MANY GOOD PEOPLE
- ☺ When I scored goals the whole season
- ☺ When I stopped a penalty shot
- ☺ hanging out with the team/girls
- ☺ Going out for dinner
- ☺ Making it here
- ☺ Learning & Improving
- ☺ I got a quadruple hatrick
- ☺ my first goal Feb 8, 1991

OWHA REGISTRATION REPORT

Congratulations to all members of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association on another season of remarkable growth. Membership in the OWHA increased by **166 teams** and **2,633 players** in the 2002-2003 season.

OWHA GROWTH CHART (Players/Year)



OWHA REGISTRATION – PLAYERS / DIVISION 1992 → 2003

TEAMS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	00-01	01-02	2002-03	+/-
Competitive	246	308	372	411	435	449	539	590	643	686	737	+51
House League	165	249	321	443	526	644	855	966	1,031	1,116	1,230	+114
Total Teams	411	557	693	854	964	1,093	1,394	1,556	1,674	1,802	1,968	+166

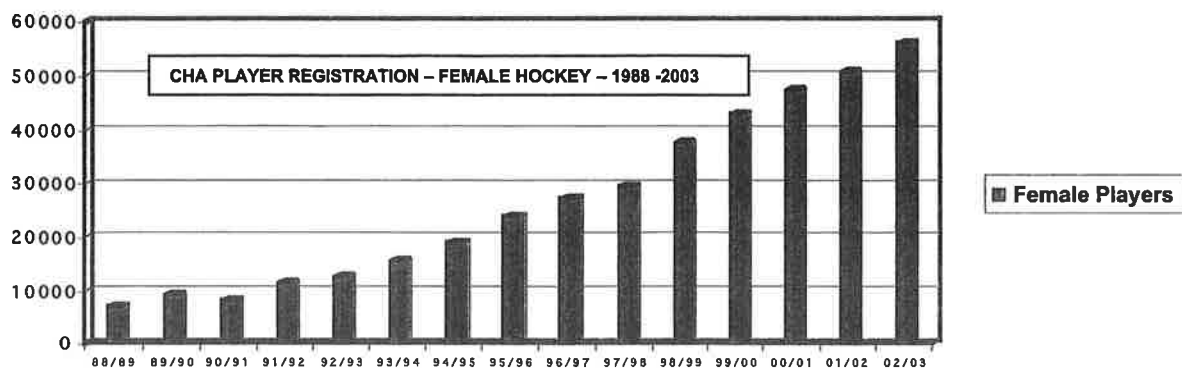
PLAYERS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	00-01	01-02	2002-03	+/-
Senior	2485	2798	3122	3704	3880	4058	4295	5506	5,229	5,336	5,140	-196
Intermediate	446	524	594	939	1367	1615	1710	1885	2,334	2,625	2,443	-182
Midget	565	644	859	1138	1274	1500	1949	2061	2,153	2,164	3,950	+1,786
Bantam	569	819	1110	1326	1324	1859	2372	2861	3,028	3,283	5,080	+1,797
Peewee	898	1181	1580	2235	2380	2743	3378	3771	4,461	5,057	5,814	+757
Atom	798	1124	1371	1679	1687	2665	3091	3461	3,929	4,274	4,208	+ 66
Novice /Tyke	551	744	990	1270	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Novice	---	---	---	---	1373	1394	1955	2796	3,122	3,319	2,216	-1,103
FUNDamentals/ Initiation Program	---	---	---	---	330	215	364	574	476	481	321	-160
Total Players	6,333	7,848	9,626	12,296	13,635	16,049	19,114	22,915	24,732	26,539	29,172	+2,633

OWHA PLAYER & TEAM DISTRIBUTION *by Division & Category*

CATEGORY	PLAYERS						TEAMS					
	02/03	01/02	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	02/03	01/02	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98
COMPETITIVE												
Senior AAA	94	99	112	115	83	88	5	5	6	6	5	5
Senior AA	231	166	227	260	209	198	14	10	15	17	13	12
Senior A	552	474	388	423	467	460	34	30	26	26	30	29
Senior BB	149	272	236	249	263	182	10	17	15	16	17	12
Senior B	260	354	369	338	275	204	17	23	24	22	18	12
Senior CC	---	---	---	158	147	199	---	---	---	10	10	13
Senior C	448	384	448	374	337	318	27	25	28	26	26	22
Intermediate AA	363	342	223	177	163	103	22	20	13	11	10	6
Intermediate A	311	149	198	118	214	126	19	9	12	7	14	8
Intermediate BB	115	225	198	135	n/a	n/a	7	14	12	8	n/a	n/a
Intermediate B	196	237	92	149	135	198	12	15	6	9	10	12
Intermediate C	228	272	215	204	141	223	13	16	14	13	20	18
Midget AA	425	373	390	323	229	235	26	23	24	20	16	15
Midget A	577	257	138	220	124	90	36	16	9	14	8	6
Midget BB	520	148	264	154	110	113	32	9	17	10	11	7
Midget B	506	179	151	150	139	133	32	12	9	10	14	9
Midget C	259	260	295	286	159	196	18	18	20	19	10	13
Bantam AA	228	272	231	212	215	198	14	17	15	15	14	13
Bantam A	507	317	360	278	207	119	32	21	23	18	15	8
Bantam BB	414	453	391	368	325	294	27	29	25	23	22	20
Bantam B	765	543	407	283	267	138	49	36	28	19	18	9
Bantam C	449	337	404	405	323	355	31	23	27	26	22	25
Peewee AA	281	151	132	125	168	121	18	10	9	8	11	8
Peewee A	321	410	419	347	379	174	21	27	27	22	25	11
Peewee BB	428	407	392	266	276	359	28	26	25	17	20	23
Peewee B	578	628	400	430	342	307	37	41	26	29	24	20
Peewee C	600	524	536	497	311	319	39	36	36	33	23	22
Atom AA	185	183	137	90	121	158	12	12	9	6	8	11
Atom A	216	179	168	195	180	116	14	12	11	13	11	7
Atom BB	350	276	270	292	213	125	23	18	18	19	14	8
Atom B	432	432	478	271	245	248	29	28	31	18	16	16
Atom C	216	516	481	400	338	267	15	34	32	31	26	17
Novice A	108	140	153	89	108	98	7	9	10	6	7	7
Novice BB	---	179	150	186	100	93	---	12	10	13	10	7
Novice B	108	264	120	133	100	120	7	18	8	9	7	8
Novice C	140	222	348	472	194	149	10	15	23	21	14	10
SUB TOTAL	11,560	10,624	9921	9172	7607	6824	737	686	643	590	539	449
NON-COMPETITIVE												
	02/03	00/01	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98	02/03	00/01	00/01	99/00	98/99	97/98
Senior Rec.	2177	1612	1415	512	267	997	154	105	97	36	19	68
Senior HL/University	1229	1975	2034	3077	2247	1412	94	137	142	209	181	103
Intermediate HL	1230	1400	1408	1102	1057	965	84	99	94	77	73	65
Midget HL	1663	947	915	928	1188	733	117	65	67	65	77	49
Bantam HL	2717	1361	1235	1315	1035	755	188	98	88	91	71	52
Peewee HL	3606	2937	2582	2106	1902	1463	245	205	182	151	155	107
Atom HL	2809	2688	2395	2213	1994	1751	193	190	165	154	146	120
Novice HL	1860	2514	2351	1916	1453	934	132	182	165	141	102	64
Hockey FUNdamentals (Initiation) Programs	321	481	476	574	364	215	23	35	31*	42	31	16
SUB TOTAL	17,612	15,915	14,811	13,743	11,507	9,225	1,230	1,116	1,031	966	855	644
Grand Total	29,172	26,539	24,732	22,915	19,114	16,049	1,967	1,802	1,674	1,556	1,394	1,093

The OWHA currently has 15 centres running the FUNdamentals Program (CHA Initiation Program)

CHA FEMALE HOCKEY REGISTRATION



REGISTRATION – WOMEN'S HOCKEY 2002/2003– CHA

Please note that for all Provinces/Territory, with the exception of Ontario, the numbers listed reflect all female players in that province (females playing minor & female hockey). The Ontario numbers are OWHHA (female hockey) statistics only.

Province		SR AAA & AA	SR. Other	INT.	MIDGET	BANTAM	PEEWEE	ATOM	NOVICE	I.P.	College & University	High School	TOTAL
BC (3)	PLAYERS	129	2,338	119	486	439	647			1,163			5,321
	TEAMS	7	108	8	33	29	43			78			306
ALTA. (1)	PLAYERS	50	1,431		1,518	927	1,159	685	503	421	188		6,882
	TEAMS												
SASK. (2)	PLAYERS			2,187							47		2,234
	TEAMS		35	6	57	39	39	27	15	4	2		224
MAN. (1)	PLAYERS		235	1	549	545	608	605	247	232		5	3,027
	TEAMS												
OWHA	PLAYERS	325	4,747	2,443	3,950	5,080	5,814	4,208	2,216	321	68		29,172
	TEAMS	19	333	157	261	341	388	286	156	23	3		1,967
QUE.(1)(4)	PLAYERS		608	900		660	468	240			228	38	3,142
	TEAMS										12	2	14
N.B.	PLAYERS		73		121	190	259	203	143	90	39	545	1,663
	TEAMS										2		2
N.S. (1)	PLAYERS		291		345	275	335	297	206	159			1,908
	TEAMS		13										13
P.E.I.	PLAYERS		128		269	188	244	354	77	66			1,326
	TEAMS		10		20	14	21	25	9	5			104
NFLD. (1)	PLAYERS			557	42	59	83	95	79	79			994
	TEAMS			30									30
Hockey North (1)	PLAYERS		126	1	36	34	54	75	54	34			414
	TEAMS												
TOTALS	PLAYERS	504	9,977	6,208	7,316	8,397	9,671	6,762	3,525	2,565	570	588	56,083
	TEAMS	26	499	201	371	423	491	338	180	110	19	2	2,660

- (1) With some exceptions as shown, team numbers not provided or combined with male
 (2) Saskatchewan - Female Players combined under Intermediate
 (3) BC – Numbers below Pee wee all shown in Initiation (IP)
 (4) Quebec – Senior AAA figures shown under High School

OWHA NEW MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	REGION	CENTRE / NAME	APPLICANT	APPLIED FOR	APPROVED	DENIED
1	Central	GEORGIAN BAY	PATT PAUZE	INTERMEDIATE HOUSE LEAGUE		X
2	Central	HILLCREST SUMMITS	GLORIA BAMBOROUGH	JUNIOR ASSOCIATION		X
3	Central	MINDEN	JULIE ANNE McGANN	SENIOR REC.	X	
4	Central	TORONTO MARLBOROS	MICHAEL CHRABA	BANTAM AA		X
5	Central East	MUSKOKA BOUND	CLAUDIA RICHTER	SENIOR REC.	X	
6	Central East	NORTHSTARS	CATHY OLLERHEAD	SENIOR REC.	X	
7	Central East	PERCY BULLDOGS	DWAYNE BRENTON	JUNIOR ASSOCIATION	X	
8	Central East	PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY	MARY LEAVITT	PEEWEE C	X	
9	Central East	WACKY BIRDS	SUE AUSTIN	SENIOR C	X	
10	Central West	CENTRE WELLINGTON	COLLEEN DEBOER	MIDGET HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
11	Central West	HAMILTON GHA	KIM DAGG	SENIOR A	X	
12	Central West	KITCHENER WILD	VAL BROOKS	SENIOR A	X	
13	Central West	RIDLEY COLLEGE	DAVID JENNER	INTERMEDIATE AA	X	
14	Eastern	GANANOQUE	KATHY MCNEELY	JUNIOR ASSOCIATION	X	
15	Eastern	GODFREY SUNDAY LADIES	RHONDA TAYLOR	SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
16	Eastern	NORTH-GLEN-STAR BRAVES	KIM AMEIL	JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE		X
17	Eastern	OTTAWA GRYPHONS	ANNIE GAUTHIER	SENIOR B	X	
18	Eastern	OTTAWA WOMEN'S	JESSIE PRINCE	SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
19	Eastern	RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE	LEN SHEEDY	SENIOR A	X	
20	Metro	ANNEX STRIKERS	MARY-ANNE STEWART	SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
21	Metro	INDIAN MOTORCYCLE	LESLIE SHUBER	SENIOR C	X	
22	Northern	ATIKOKAN FLYERS	DAWN FRASER	BANTAM / PEEWEE HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
23	Northern	BLIND RIVER	HELEN PODSTAWKA	MIDGET HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
24	Northern	BRUCE MINES	PATSY GALEC	INTERMEDIATE HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
25	Northern	MANITOUWADGE	MICHAEL CAMPBELL	BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
26	Northern	MARATHON	JONATHON ALFIERI	ATOM HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
27	Northern	SOUTH PORCUPINE	DARRIN READE	INTERMEDIATE HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
28	Northern	TIMMINS	CAROLE KIVLOJA	BANTAM C	X	
29	Western	BLENHEIM SENIOR GIRLS	JEANNETTE TINNEMANS	SENIOR C	X	
30	Western	BLUEWATER HAWKS SENIOR	TERESA WILSON	SENIOR B	X	
31	Western	HARROW	DEAN MARTIN	BANTAM HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
32	Western	LAKERETTES-WALLACBURG	PAUL CAPELL	INTERMEDIATE HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
33	Western	PETROLIA OILERS	DARRYL BUTLER	PEEWEE C	X	
34	Western	RIDGETOWN REBELS	JIM CLARK	PEEWEE HOUSE LEAGUE	X	
35	Western	SARNIA	LISA CHAFE	SENIOR REC.	X	

Note: Junior Association or House League indicates Novice ➔ Intermediate Divisions

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GOLD - ONTARIO	4 th Manitoba	8 th Prince Edward Island
SILVER - QUEBEC	5 th Nova Scotia	9 th New Brunswick
BRONZE - SASKATCHEWAN	6 th British Columbia	10 th Newfoundland & Labrador
	7 th Alberta	11 th Yukon

G#	Pool	Team	Score	Team	Score
1	B	Nova Scotia	3	New Brunswick	2
2	B	Quebec	4	Alberta	2
3	B	Nova Scotia	3	Manitoba	3
4	B	New Brunswick	11	Yukon	0
5	B	Alberta	6	Manitoba	1
6	A	British Columbia	3	Ontario	4
7	A	Saskatchewan	6	NFLD&Labrador	1
8	A	Ontario	12	PEI	3
9	A	Saskatchewan	6	British Columbia	1
10	A	PEI	8	NF	5
11	A	Ontario	3	Saskatchewan	2
12	B	Yukon	0	Alberta	18
13	B	Quebec	3	Nova Scotia	0
14	A	British Columbia	10	PEI	2
15	A	NFLD&Labrador	3	Ontario	4
16	B	Manitoba	5	New Brunswick	2
17	B	Alberta	2	Nova Scotia	3
18	B	Yukon	0	Quebec	26
19	A	NFL	1	British Columbia	6
20	A	PEI	2	Saskatchewan	11
21	B	New Brunswick	1	Quebec	11
22	B	Manitoba	13	Yukon	0
23		1A Ontario	5	2B Manitoba	2
24		1B Quebec	4	2A Saskatchewan	2
25	9 TH	5B New Brunswick	3	5A NFLD & Labrador	2
26	7 TH	4B Alberta	8	4A PEI	1
27	5 TH	3A British Columbia	0	3B Nova Scotia	4
28	GOLD	Quebec	2	Ontario	4
29	BRONZE	Saskatchewan	2	Manitoba	1



TEAM ONTARIO GOLD MEDAL ROSTER

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| • Meghan Agosta | • Shaylyn Doyle | • Kelly Law |
| • Shelby Aldous | • Chelsea Grills | • Alicia Ramolla |
| • Danielle Ashley | • Christine Hartnoll | • Ashley Riggs |
| • Brooke Beazer | • Laura Hosier | • Allison Rutledge |
| • Shannon Clement | • Charde Hoyle-Levy | • Kathleen Smith |
| • Leah Craig | • Haley Irwin | • Laura Watt |
| • Alison Domenico | • Jackie Jarrell | |

Staff

Head Coach – Diane Boles
Ass't Coach – William Ker Ferguson
Ass't Coach – Stephanie White
Manager – Bryan Chappell



Esso Women's National Hockey Championship

2003 SILVER MEDALLISTS

Brampton Thunder Senior "AAA"

- | | | |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| • Brooke Bradburn | • Stephanie Kay | • Melanie Quinn |
| • Coley Dosser | • Kim McCullough | • Erika Silva |
| • Lori Dupuis | • Tara McKay | • Meaghan Sittler |
| • Allyson Fox | • Kerri-Lynn O'Hara | • Vicky Sunohara |
| • Martine Garland | • Meredith Ostrander | • Brooke Whitney |
| • Jayna Hefford | • Ashley Pendleton | • Kristy Zamora |

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Head Coach – Stephen Bennett
Ass't Coach – Tim Lariviere
Ass't Coach – Gary McFadyan
Manager – Susan Fennell
Trainer – Kirsten Krepps

Equip Mgr – Brian Marks
Ass't Equip Mgr – Quincy Marks
Goalie Coach – Rob McIsaac
Branch Rep – Pat Nicholls

2003 Esso Women's Nationals

March 12 – 16, 2003
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Final Standings

GOLD	ALBERTA	4 th	British Columbia	8 th	Manitoba
SILVER	ONTARIO (Brampton Thunder)	5 th	Saskatchewan	9 th	Host
BRONZE	QUEBEC	6 th	Nova Scotia	10 th	Newfoundland & Labrador
		7 th	New Brunswick		

G#	Pool	Team	Score	Team	Score
1	B	ONTARIO	10	MB	1
2	B	AB	8	BC	1
3	A	QC	9	NB	1
4	A	SK	8	NL	0
5	B	BC	7	MB	2
6	A	NL	0	NS	5
7	B	AB	16	HOST	2
8	A	SK	2	QC	3
9	A	NB	6	NL	0
10	B	MB	1	AB	8
11	B	HOST	1	ONTARIO	10
12	B	NS	3	NB	1
13	A	NL	0	QC	15
14	B	HOST	1	BC	8
15	B	ONTARIO	2	AB	4
16	A	NS	1	SK	4
17	B	MB	2	HOST	0
18	B	BC	0	ONTARIO	7
19	A	QC	5	NS	1
20	A	NB	2	SK	3
21	QF	BC	3	SK	1
22	QF	ONTARIO	10	NS	2
23	QUAL.	HOST	3	NL	0
24	QUAL	NB	4	MB	3
25	SEMI	BC	1	AB	5
26	SEMI	ONTARIO	3	QC	1
27	QUAL	SK	5	NS	1
28	BRONZE	BC	0	QC	3
29	GOLD	ALBERTA	6	ONTARIO	3

*Congratulations to 2003 OWSA Senior AAA champions
Brampton Thunder
on your National Silver Medal win!*

NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNDER 22 TEAM PROGRAM

The National Women's Under 22 program completed its fifth season. The importance of the program continues to be evident in the numbers of players on the National Women's Team that graduate from the Under 22 program (12 on the 2003 Women's World Championship team).

Program Objectives:

- Invest in the development of top players aged 18-21
- Provide player, and support staff coaches with the tools and an understanding of the level of training and play required to be able to compete at the National Team level.
- Create an environment in which the players learn to take responsibility for their individual development year round
- Provide the players with an international playing experience
- Provide the players, coaches and support staff with a selection camp experience
- Provide the players, coaches and support staff with an international competition and travel experience
- Develop coaches and support staff for the high performance program

FINAL ROSTER – SUMMER 2002

<u>Players</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Barrie, Rachel	G	Amprior, ON
Labonté, Charline	G	Boisbriand, QC
Smart, Lara	G	Airdrie, AB
Chartrand, Cathy	D	Lac Nominique, QC
MacLeod, Carla	D	Calgary, AB
McArthur, Krista	D	Alliston, ON
Pietrangelo, Louise	D	Niagara Falls, ON
Pretty, Dana	D	Richmond, BC
Russell, Navada	D	Calgary, AB
Turner, Cassandra	D	Campbellford, ON
Piper, Cherie	F	Scarborough, ON
Haggard, Carly	F	Port Alberni, BC
Apps, Gillian	F	Unionville, ON
Kingsbury, Gina	F	Rouyn-Noranda, QC
Hunter, Meghan	F	Oil Springs, ON
Eustace, Joanne	F	Toronto, ON
Perks, Lara	F	Trenton, ON
Friesen, Jackie	F	Regina, SK
Logan, Heather	F	Napanee, ON
Walton, Meagan	F	Calgary, AB
Clark, La Toya	F	Pickering, ON
Corriero, Nicole	F	Thornhill, ON
Savin, Jill	F	Oakville, ON

Vice-president, Hockey: Johnny Misley
Director, High Performance: Denis Hainault CHA
Mgr, Women's High Performance Program: Gaetan Robitaille CHA
Head coach: Karen Hughes, University of Toronto
Assistant coach: Laura Solberg Team Saskatchewan
Assistant coach: Terry Matheson Univ. of Manitoba (CIS)
Equipment Manager: Carolyn Glover - Univ. of Calgary
Athletic Therapist: Kirsten Krepps - Brampton Thunder
Team Physician: Dr. Marni Wesner - Univ. of Alberta
Assistant, High Performance: Annette Bibby, CHA

FINAL ROSTER – WINTER 2003

<u>Players</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Barrie, Rachel	G	Amprior, ON
Labonté, Charline	G	Boisbriand, QC
Chartrand, Cathy	D	Lac Nominique, QC
Edgar, Allison	D	Brigden, ON
MacLeod, Carla	D	Calgary, AB
McArthur, Krista	D	Alliston, ON
Pietrangelo, Louise	D	Niagara Falls, ON
Pretty, Dana	D	Richmond, BC
Russell, Navada	D	Calgary, AB
Turner, Cassandra	D	Campbellford, ON
Bourgeois, Danielle	F	Edmonton, AB
Clark, La Toya	F	Pickering, ON
Eustace, Joanne	F	Toronto, ON
Friesen, Jackie	F	Regina, SK
Hall, Val	F	Niagara Falls, ON
Hunter, Meghan	F	Oil Springs, ON
Kingsbury, Gina	F	Rouyn-Noranda, QC
Klein-Swornink, Becky	F	Winchester, ON
Laflamme, Bridgette	F	St-Aug. Desmaures, QC
Logan, Heather	F	Napanee, ON
Perks, Lara	F	Trenton, ON
Savin, Jill	F	Oakville, ON

Vice-president, Hockey: Johnny Misley
Director, High Performance: Denis Hainault CHA
Mgr, Women's High Performance Program: Julie Healey CHA
Head coach: Margot Page, Niagara University
Assistant coach: Laura Solberg Team Saskatchewan
Assistant coach: Terry Matheson Univ. of Manitoba (CIS)
Equipment Manager: Carolyn Glover - Univ. of Calgary
Athletic Therapist: Kirsten Krepps - Brampton Thunder
Team Physician: Dr. Marni Wesner - Univ. of Alberta

Competition Results – Lake Placid Series vs USA U-22

Aug 21, 2002	Canada	3	USA	2
Aug 22, 2002	Canada	5	USA	1
Aug 24, 2002	Canada	3	USA	1

Competition Results Hannover & Saltzgitter, Germany

Feb 5, 2003	Canada	6	Germany (NWT)	2
Feb 6, 2003	Canada	4	Finland (U-20)	4
Feb 7, 2003	Canada	8	Switzerland	0
Feb 8, 2003	Canada	8	Germany	1

NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAM PROGRAM

TEAM ROSTERS

2002 FOUR NATIONS CUP &/or 2003 WOMEN'S WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

#	Player	Pos	Home Town	2002-2003 Team	4 Nations	WWC 03
1	Sami Jo Small	G	Winnipeg, MB	Beatrice Aeros (NWHL)	X	X
32	Charline Labonté	G	Boisbriand, QC	Montréal Wingstar (NWHL)	X	X
33	Kim St-Pierre	G	Châteauguay, QC	McGill U. (CIS)	X	X
4	Becky Kellar	D	Hagersville, ON	Beatrice Aeros (NWHL)	X	X
5	Colleen Sostorics	D	Kennedy, SK	Oval X-Treme (NWHL)	X	X
6	Therese Brisson	D	Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC	Mississauga Ice Bears (NWHL)	X	X
9	Gillian Ferrari	D	Thornhill, ON	Beatrice Aeros (NWHL)	X	X
11	Cheryl Pounder	D	Mississauga, ON	Beatrice Aeros (NWHL)	X	X
20	Correne Bredin	D	Warburg, AB	Dartmouth Coll. (ECAC)		X
21	Cathy Chartrand	D	Lac Nominingue, QC	Montréal Wingstar (NWHL)	X	
29	Virginie Bilodeau	D	St-Etienne Lauzon, QC	Montréal Wingstar (NWHL)	X	
7	Cherie Piper	F	Scarborough, ON	Dartmouth Coll. (ECAC)	X	X
10	Gillian Apps	F	Unionville, ON	Dartmouth Coll. (ECAC)	X	X
12	Lori Dupuis	F	Cornwall, ON	Brampton Thunder (NWHL)	X	X
13	Caroline Ouellette	F	Montréal, QC	Minn-Duluth (WCHA)	X	X
15	Danielle Goyette	F	St-Nazaire, QC	Oval X-Treme (NWHL)	X	X
16	Jayna Hefford	F	Kingston, ON	Brampton Thunder (NWHL)	X	X
22	Hayley Wickenheiser	F	Shaunavon, SK	Edmonton Chimos (NWHL)	X	X
23	Dana Antal	F	Esterhazy, SK	Oval X-Treme (NWHL)	X	X
24	Kelly Béchard	F	Sedley, SK	Oval X-Treme (NWHL)	X	X
61	Vicky Sunohara	F	Scarborough, ON	Brampton Thunder (NWHL)	X	X
77	Cassie Campbell	F	Brampton, ON	Oval X-Treme (NWHL)	X	X
26	Gina Kingsbury	F	Rouyn-Noranda, QC	St. Lawrence U. (ECAC)	X	
19	Lara Perks	F	Trenton, ON	Beatrice Aeros (NWHL)	X	
14	Meagan Walton	F	Calgary, AB	Dartmouth Coll. (ECAC)	X	

Team Personnel	Position	Home Town	4 Nations Cup	WWC 03
Bob Nicholson	President, CHA	Penticton, BC		X
Johnny Miskey	VP, Hockey Operations	Vancouver, BC		X
Julie Healy	Director, Female Hockey	Montreal, QC	X	X
Wally Kozak	Head Scout / Player Personnel	Wadena, SK	X	X
Karen Hughes	Head Coach	Agincourt, ON	X	X
Mike Pelino	Associate Coach	Welland, ON	X	X
Ken Dufton	Assistant Coach	Toronto, ON	X	X
Dave Jamieson	Goaltender Coach	Coboconk, ON	X	X
Ryan Jankowski	Video Coach	Calgary, AB	X	X
Dr. Christine Young	Team Doctor			X
Lois Pohlod	Therapist	Calgary, AB	X	X
Robin McDonald	Equipment Manager	Didsbury, AB	X	X
Lesley Reddon	Coordinator, Women's High Performance	Mississauga, ON	X	X
J.J. Hebert	Media Relations	Niagara Falls, ON	X	X

2002 FOUR NATIONS CUP – Kitchener/Mississauga

Nov 6, 2003	Finland	2	Sweden	2	
Nov 6, 2003	Canada	7	USA	0	
Nov 7, 2003	USA	3	Finland	1	
Nov 7, 2003	Canada	5	Sweden	1	
Nov 9, 2003	USA	12	Sweden	2	
Nov 9, 2003	Canada	3	Finland	1	
Nov 10, 2003	Finland	5	Sweden	0	Bronze Medal Game
Nov 10, 2003	Canada	4	USA	2	Gold Medal Game



HOCKEY CANADA

GOVERNING BODY OF HOCKEY IN CANADA - NOW KNOWN AS 'HOCKEY CANADA'

As of May 20, 2003, the governing body of hockey in Canada that oversees all of female hockey and the over 560,000 participants that play the game and all of Canada's international men's and women's teams and programs, will now be known as HOCKEY CANADA (formerly the Canadian Hockey Association/CHA). The Team Canada / Hockey Canada logo will not change.

Hockey Canada has unveiled at their 2003 Annual General Meeting in Regina, SK a new vision and mission statement for the organization, HOCKEY CANADA:

VISION World Sports Leaders

MISSION STATEMENT Lead, Develop, and Promote positive hockey experiences

CORE VALUES: *Hockey Canada believes:*

- In a positive hockey experience for all participants in a safe, fun, sportsmanlike environment.
- In the development of life skills, including respect for all people by all participants.
- Through teamwork, we strive to be the best we can be.

New website Address

www.hockeycanada.ca

INFORMATION FROM THE MAY 2003 CHA (now Hockey Canada) AGM

1. The National Canadian Hockey Week will take place November 8-15, 2003.
2. It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that, throughout the life of a hockey helmet, that CSA certification is maintained. (see item regarding stickers on helmets)
3. The Speak Out brochure will be replaced with a new poster.
4. The Ambulance Benefit currently listed as covering 80% will be changed to 100% of the expenses incurred as a result of a hockey accident in a CHA sanctioned hockey activity effective Sept. 1, 2003.
5. Senior AAA and Senior AA Female Teams will now be permitted to register up to 6 imports provided they meet the criteria. A maximum of 2 of the 6 may be USA imports. A maximum of 1 may be a non North American import from the top IIHF level and up to 1 may be a non North American from a lower IIHF level. All 6 or fewer may be Canadian.
6. The 2004 Esso Women's National Championship will be in Alberta from March 12-15, 2004.
7. The pool format of the Esso Women's National Championship will change to a tiered seeded two pool system with the top teams in pool A and other teams competing in pool B (example top 5 from previous year's competition). The top team in pool B would have the opportunity to advance to the play-off round.
8. All games in the 2004 Esso Women's National Championship shall be 3 – 20 minute periods.
9. The purpose of the Esso Women's National Championship (EWN) is to showcase the top high performance Canadian athletes from each Branch with the OWHA representing Ontario and to provide a competitive national championship which supports the development of all participants.
10. The Esso Women's travel subsidy increased to \$50,000.
11. Each team will supply their own set of home and away jerseys. CHA will now provide an Event Crest to be sewn on for the Championship.
12. The Central Canadian Competition will be hosted by Hockey Quebec in April 2004.
13. Based on the results of the light weight puck study and post study field testing, the study is terminated and the 6 oz. Puck will continue as the puck utilized in the female game.
14. the 2003-2004 Rules Emphasis shall be the same as the 2002-2003 Emphasis.

15. The concept of bullying is one that is talked about by parents, schools, media, and sports governing bodies. The Speak Out Committee is reviewing the concept of bullying and how it may fit within CHA materials and will be working to add this concept to CHA materials over the next few months.
16. Members of the Risk and Safety Management Committee continue to discuss the issues around drugs and alcohol in the hockey environment.
17. The committee has discussed the issues involved with hard equipment causing injuries. It seems that there is an absence of studies with respect to this topic. It was identified that one of the problems is that a lot of injuries never get reported and when they do get reported there is no report as to the type of equipment being worn. The Risk and Safety Management Committee will continue to look at this issue in attempt to define solutions. This discussion will also be passed on to the CHA Equipment Review Committee
18. The Canadian Recreation Facilities Council who are a working partner of Risk and Safety Management are currently leading a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Sub-Committee tasked with the writing of a standard and/or recommendation for spectator safety. This document is still in the process of being created but it is hoped will provide guidance to facilities and municipalities in this area.
19. Timex, an Associate Silver CHA sponsor is launching a new program to recognize the efforts of community coaches who leave a lasting, positive impression on their players. Players, parents and administrators can nominate a coach for the Community Coach of the Year Award. Out of the entries received, Timex will select one local community coach at each Wal-Mart location across Canada. Nominations can be entered at www.hockeytime.ca. The full-scale program launch is planned for the beginning of the 2003/2004 season.
20. General Mills released a "Reflections of Olympic Gold" DVD collection developed in partnership with the CHA and COA. The Cheerios Reflections of Gold program features an exclusive, collectible, four disc DVD series celebrating Canada's double gold hockey wins.
21. Pepsi Frito Lay discovers the "Joy of Hockey" promotion, inviting Canadians to recall their favourite hockey memories and qualify to win great hockey-themed prizes.
22. Retail sales of Team Canada product have doubled in 4 years - \$12 million in 1997-98 to over \$25 million in 2002-03
23. Twenty-five television broadcasts on RDS/TSN yielded an average audience of 442,000, an increase of 212% over the previous year.
24. Ticket packages are now on sale for the 2004 Women's World Championship in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
25. Testing continues on CBET (Competency Based Education Training).
26. Much work is being done on parent education. Discussion is taking place on a recommendation that players, parents, coaches, teams officials and administrators should be required to sign Fair Play Codes as a requirement for registration.



Palmer Jarvis DDB Public Service Campaign, "Relax, it's just a game", was designed to raise awareness and end some of the inappropriate parental pressure toward young hockey players in Canada. The campaign has been a huge success. The spots have been featured on ABC Nightly News with Peter Jennings, CNN, NESN, ESPN and more. Print ads can be downloaded from www.hockeycanada.ca.

Female High Performance – 2002/03 Activities

August 11-17	Senior Development Camp	16 athletes	Toronto
August 11-17	Under 22 Selection Camp	29 athletes	Toronto
August 21-24	U22 Series vs USA	22 athletes	Lake Placid
October 8-13	Development Camp	40 athletes	Vaughan
November 3-10	Four Nations Cup	4 teams	Kitchener
January 9-12	Development & Selection Camp	32 athletes	Toronto
March 23-26	World Championship pre-camp	team	Calgary
* April 2-9	World Championship	team	Beijing, China
May 8-11	Spring Evaluation Camp	53 athletes	Ottawa

- * Prior to leaving Calgary for China the decision was made to complete the pre-camp while gathering more information about SARS in Beijing. A new departure date of March 31st was set. Prior to departure, the IIHF cancelled the event.
- The cancellation of the Championship was a huge disappointment for the athletes and staff but the safety and well-being of our program participants is always our priority. If the IIHF decides to re-schedule this event, the players and the team staff will remain the same.
- CHA, for the first time, hired a full-time Scout for female hockey, Mr. Wally Kozak.
- CHA, for the first time, hired a Female Hockey Director, Julie Healy.
- CHA's NWT Program applied Physiologist feels the next 18 months is the key to success in 2006.
- The only real issue that arose this season was the unavailability of athletes to participate in National and Under program camps and events. Many NCAA athletes chose to remain with their in-season teams instead of attending a camp and/or event. This should no longer be the case as all program athletes will be required to get a "Participation Contract" signed by their in-season team prior to attending their first camp. This contract would guarantee their unconditional release to participate in all NWT and U22 program activities they are invited to.

CANADIAN INTERUNIVERSITY SPORTS

The CIS (Canadian Interuniversity Sport) continues to play an active role within the CHA in the development of men's and women's hockey. The main areas of interest for the CIS hockey playing institutions are as follows:

Providing opportunities for Canadian hockey players to remain in Canada to combine hockey and academics

Working with the CHA regarding playing regulations which meet the specific needs of university hockey

Providing coaching expertise and mentorship opportunities

Participating internationally

Assisting in the development and assignment of officials

The CIS would like to thank the CHA for its efforts with the selection of officials for CIS championships.

CIS championship sites are as follows: Women's at McGill in Montreal in 2004 and 2005

CBET (Competency Based Education Training)

Current plans will see the Canadian Hockey Association's Competency Based National Coach Certification Program (NCCP) will replace the current NCCP's Coach Level, Intermediate Level, Advanced I, and Advanced II/Level IV. The new CBET program will now be in the format of the Recreational Stream, the Development Stream, and the High Performance Stream depending on the age and skill level you are coaching. However all levels will cover coaching the in the Team environment, the Training environment, and the Game environment.

The Recreational Stream will be a 7.5 hour seminar which will replace the current Coach Level (14 hours) program. The topics covered are communication, teaching skills, practice planning, and game day planning and execution. To officially complete the Recreational Stream the coach will be required to complete 3 core components; the pre-seminar assignment, in-class course work, and post-class assignment (which requires the assistance of a mentor coach). There currently is no ice session included in the Recreational Stream however Associations can at their direction add an on ice component. Watch the OWSA web site for updated information.

THE APPLICATION OF STICKERS ON HELMETS

IMPORTANT

Please note the following motion as approved at the May 2003 CHA AGM:

“That the CHA requires all players to wear helmets that are CSA certified from the manufacturer. It is the responsibility of the equipment user to ensure that throughout the life of the helmet the CSA certification is maintained. CHA recommends that prior to applying anything to the helmet including stickers that they refer to the manufacturer's instructions and if applicable the sticker manufacturer to confirm the type of adhesive they are applying will not jeopardize CSA certification and/or the manufacturer's warranty. It is the sole responsibility of the equipment user to ensure that they are not applying adhesives or other materials that may affect the integrity of the helmet and ultimately void the CSA certification and/or the manufacturer's warranty.”

Questions and Answers

1. What does this recommendation mean to the user?

CHA will continue to require all players to wear a CSA certified helmet and a CSA certified facial protector (where applicable) as stated in rule 24 (b). It is the responsibility of the parents and players to ensure that if they are applying a sticker to the helmet that the adhesive meets the requirements of the manufacturer and of CSA and the application of the sticker has been approved by the manufacturer. CHA Officials will no longer remove a player's helmet from play for the application of stickers. Note that this does not by any means allow for other alterations of the helmet or the facial protector.

2. Why is this recommendation being brought forward?

As you are aware it has become very difficult to police situations in which stickers have been applied to the helmet. There are many stickers that exist that could be approved by the manufacturer but because CHA cannot differentiate between these and stickers that should not be applied we have had to have a policy of no stickers on the helmet. This recommendation puts the responsibility of ensuring that stickers are approved by the manufacturer back in the hands of the parents and players.

3. Why do some adhesives affect the helmet integrity?

Some glue creates an exothermic reaction which can alter the molecular composition of the plastic, therefore reducing its strength and protection.

4. How quickly can adhesive effect the helmet?

This depends on many factors including how much the helmet is worn and what material the helmet is made of.

5. Could a unique mark be used to identify stickers that are safe to apply to the hockey helmet?

This is unfortunately not a realistic solution, as it would be very difficult to mark small stickers such as numbers. The other problem is that the mark could be copied and applied to stickers that are not suitable. This type of situation would be difficult to police.

6. Is there another way to affix decals as opposed to glue?

The problem with other application methods is that helmets often get wet and this would cause the stickers to fall off.

7. If a specific manufacturer approves a sticker to be applied to their helmet does this mean the sticker may be applied to a helmet from another manufacturer?

No, the approval from one manufacturer does not mean that the sticker can be applied to all helmets. Approval has to be sought from the manufacturer of the particular helmet.

HOCKEY CANADA INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

May 17, 2003, Regina Saskatchewan

The Insurance Committee of the CHA has taken tremendous strides this year in the hopes of making the renewal process for 2005-06 as seamless as possible. We have prepared for your review a brief history of the Insurance program, some of the features of the existing program, what we believe to be the state of the insurance market and the potential market upon renewal. We will offer some options that we may pursue to minimize the financial impact of our insurance renewal on our members and allow for Board input into the process. We will also present some Branch options to assist with a smooth transition as well as the proposed Critical Path for the renewal. The CHA Insurance Committee is committed to providing you all the tools you will/may need to properly educate your members on the renewal process and to allow a process which will assure maximum membership contribution and educational opportunities. In this regard we will provide you with a Branch Communication piece, Questions and Answers, internet support, power point presentations and other forms of communication which may become necessary.

HISTORY

The Canadian Hockey Association became involved in insurance programs in the early 1980's. Initially, the CHA purchased all programs from the commercial insurance market. In 1986 the CHA made a decision based on a "hard" insurance market at the time to self fund the liability portion of its programs. The limits of the policy at the time were \$6m and the premium was approximately \$1.65 per player. The CHA also purchased Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance at the time and the paralysis limit was \$50 000, this was in place until the 1989 season. In 1988, the CHA entered the Major Medical/Dental business by introducing its Health Benefit Trust which is still in operation today. The premium for this policy was \$0.65 per player and is currently at \$1.25 per participant. We will not focus on this part of the program too much in this document.

A rash of serious spinal cord injuries and subsequent judgments/settlements left the self-funded Liability insurance program (Equity Fund) in serious financial difficulties in the 1993 season. The fund was virtually insolvent and required a major infusion of cash and a retooling of the program itself. The premium structure in total had a premium of approximately \$5.00 per participant in the 1992-93 season, these premium levels were not to be seen again. The CHA made a drastic move in the 1993-94 and 1994-95 season hiking its premiums 300% to \$20.00 per participant. This move caused considerable debate among the CHA membership and required a massive educational campaign. Despite this effort, there were some Branches and portions of Branches who opted to leave the national program and investigate other options. This would prove to be the impetus for the birth of the Insurance Committee.

In 1995, the CHA was still struggling through its insurance issues and had reached an impasse with those Branches/members who were operating their own insurance programs and the balance of the Branches struggling to find some common ground. Play on the ice was beginning to be affected as insurance issues interfered with inter Branch competition. The Board, in its wisdom put together the CHA Insurance Committee. The Committee met for the first time in Winnipeg to set the ground rules for the operation of the Committee and more importantly the renewal process for the upcoming season. The Committee opted to pursue the Commercial Insurance market for the first time since 1987 and chose the services of K and K Insurance out of Fort Wayne Indiana. The premium was now \$20.00 per participant, the liability limit was \$10m per occurrence and the paralysis benefit had moved to \$500 000. The AD&D policy was purchased through Aon Consultants and the underwriter was Unum Canada. This premium structure would remain in place until the 2000 season.

The 1996-97 season featured an open bid process as administered by the Committee. The results of this competition were a new relationship with a broker out of Montreal, B. F. Lorenzetti and Associates, a company we continue to do business with. The per participant rate was now reduced to \$15.00 per participant and the benefit for paralysis was increased to \$750 000. This deal was subsequently renegotiated to extend to the 2000 season. In the 2000-01 season the Insurance

Committee negotiated a five year term and the current policies are in place until September of 2005. The premium was also reduced to \$12.50 per participant. The features of the existing program are discussed in the next section.

EXISTING POLICIES/FEATURES

The CHA currently offers four player based insurance policies. These are the Major Medical/Dental Policy,(HBT) the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Policy,(AD&D) the Sexual Misconduct Liability Policy and the Commercial General Liability Policy(CGL).

Medical Dental

Medical limit of \$5000 per accident

Dental Limit of \$2000 per accident

Various sub limits within the policy

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Various limits for total and permanent loss of use of or dismemberment of various limbs including loss of sight and hearing. Paralysis limit of \$750 000. Policy underwritten by the Citadel.

Sexual Misconduct Liability Insurance

\$10M per occurrence with a \$10m yearly aggregate. The policy is subject to a \$100 000 deductible funded by the CHA. The policy operates on a retroactive basis to the formation of the CHA in 1914.

Commercial General Liability Insurance

This is a policy with a \$20m per occurrence limit without aggregate. Various benefits include:

- Personal Injury Liability
- Defense costs in excess of limits
- Products and completed operations
- Silent on punitive damages
- Contingent Employers Liability
- Voluntary Medical Payments up to \$25 000 for non-participants
- Employee Benefits Liability
- Tenants Legal Liability, broad form
- Advertisers Liability
- Employees added as additional insureds
- Intentional injury in defense of property, on-ice altercations not considered to be intentional acts
- Broad form property damage
- Voluntary Compensation
- Incidental malpractice
- Non-owned auto
- World wide Territory
- Blanket Contractual coverage
- Host liquor liability
- Automatic Settlement Rider
- Participant to participant coverage

MARKET REALITIES

Lack of investor confidence in the financial marketplace, substantial reduction in investment return and recent world events have prompted us to inform you and update you on the insurance industry as the Committee currently views it.

The insurance industry is cyclical in nature and is currently in a downward trend. Further adding to this downward spiral were recent world and local events, (Liberty Walk 22 million, repairs to the CIBC building 5.4 million, World Trade Centre 93.3 Billion, the Zanini Corporation Fire in Calgary, Alberta 72 million, the European floods 4.3 billion) coupled with insurance fraud which is at an all time high of 2 billion US. Further, litigation has increased by a whopping 35-50%.

These events have brought the insurance industry to it's knees. It now appears that these events will go down in history as the biggest and largest catastrophe losses on record, making devastation on property in Florida 12 years ago look like a picnic.

International re-insurers, (Zurich RE, Swiss RE, General RE, Score RE, XCL RE, AXA RE and Lloyd syndicates) are the companies that insure the insurance companies that we deal with in our domestic and local markets. They would ultimately share the premium and the losses from 10% to 90% per policy, according to the amount of reinsurance they took on any one risk. The lack of worldwide capital has caused a downward spiral for the reinsurers as well who are passing significant premium increases along to insurance companies, who in turn, are passing these increases to their customers, like the CHA.

The return on investment from trust accounts has dwindled. There is little or no return on investment and thus the insurers must rely solely upon underwriting profits.

As a result:

- Insurance companies on an average are realizing a 2% return on equity or investment. Shareholders are applying pressure to bring this number to a more respectable level of 8% or 10%. Investors on the reinsurance side are pulling their huge resources and investing it elsewhere.
- Insurance companies have absorbed a 25% increase due to inflation over the last 6 years.
- The type of risks or business written has become more selective and insurers and re-insurers need to understand the risk to it's fullest in order for them to underwrite the risks and without hidden problems or unknown perils.
- Global capacity has diminished.
- Premiums are being increased from 25% in 2002, to as much as 300% in 2003 and there does not seem to be any stoppage.
- The attitude is simple; the increases sound steep, however, this is the cost of doing business in the current climate.
- In 1993, we had a self funded plan and paid anywhere from \$20.00 to \$38.00 per player, only for liability and maintained modest policy limits.
- In 1998/99 we were able to obtain a policy for \$15.00 per player and higher limits.
- From 2000 through 2005, we pay \$12.50 per player for \$20,000,000.00 and all the rest of the coverages as outlined in the "Safety Requires Teamwork Booklet".

We have priced our program today as if we were renegotiating our renewal today. The rate with the similar program would cost us \$54.00 per player and we would be hard pressed to get the same limits.

POTENTIAL POLICY ENHANCEMENTS

The Insurance Committee is reviewing all possible enhancements the market has to offer. In addition, we offer the Broker(s) who may be invited to quote on our business the opportunity to be creative and offer various options they feel would benefit the members of the CHA. In particular, we are looking at the possibility of a national Directors and Officers policy. We would however appreciate your feedback on this issue. If there is a certain feature or features you feel would benefit the membership we would like to hear your suggestions. Please feel free to approach any member of the Insurance Committee at your convenience. We cannot encourage you enough in this area, this is your program.

BRANCH OPTIONS

The CHA Insurance Committee fully recognizes the issue of an increase in the insurance premiums our members currently pay is never an easy message for our Branches to bring forward. Having said this we also realize the inherent necessity in protecting our volunteer base. In short, if we do not protect our individual members we may not have enough volunteers to operate our programs. The Committee would like to put forward the notion to our Branches that they "hedge" insurance funds from past members to minimize the impact of the possible increase in insurance premiums in 2005. We would suggest for example that in certain Branches it may make sense to utilize the funds from

the Participants Legacy Trust Fund to offset some of the increase in 2005. Some Branches may have other options and we certainly encourage them to explore them if they so choose. For some Branches some of these options may not make any sense whatsoever and they are welcome to make that choice. The Committee simply feels if there are methods to minimize the impact it is likely worth investigating. We further believe that this is a Branch decision and is not within our mandate as a Committee to impose this concept upon the Branches. We will expand upon this thought through the course of our AGM Presentation however if you have questions in the interim please do not hesitate to bring them to our attention.

CHA OPTIONS

We are investigating numerous options which ideally will minimize the cost of a similar insurance package to that which we currently enjoy in the 2005 season. These include, but are not limited to, increasing the deductible, introducing sub-limits on various segments of the policies, decreasing the limit, attempting to renegotiate the current policy term for an extension (we will expand upon this verbally) as well as the deletion of certain coverages which are of little value to us. We would also fully encourage a renewed commitment to risk management by all our members in the next two seasons. Certain market conditions will impact our premium structure however we will also have to live with our loss experience. The Branches should never discount their commitment to risk and safety management and its positive impact on our renewal process. In short, if there is a means to minimize the impact on our members we feel it is our obligation to at least investigate the possibility.

CRITICAL PATH FOR 2005 RENEWAL

Action

Information sessions for CHA Board
 Insurers input into policy renewal requirements
 Broker Selection
 Rate Indication
 Confirmation of Rates, Broker warranty to Sept. 2005
 Communication of rate changes, policy changes etc.
 Policy commencement

Completion Date

On-going from May 2003
 Sept. 2003
 March 2004
 Dec. 2004
 May 2005
 Summer 2005
 Sept. 2005

IMPORTANT CHANGE

That the Ambulance Benefit currently listed as covering 80% of the expenses be changed to cover 100% of ambulance expenses incurred as a result of a hockey accident in a CHA sanctioned hockey activity effective Sept. 1, 2003.

Our thanks to the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario for their continuing support of female hockey in Ontario through the following programs:

- Hockey Trainers Certification Program (HTCP)
- Milk Energy Penalty Free Sweepstakes
- Good Sport – The True Spirit of Hockey
- Ice Time Newspaper
- Ontario Winter Games
- Safety Initiatives (Injury Data collection)
- Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund
- Hockey Resource Centre
- Government Funding Support



2003-2005 RULE CHANGE SUMMARY



Referee's Signals

New Wording:

CHECKING TO THE HEAD

Patting flat (open palm) of the non-whistle hand on this side of the head.

Glossary

New Wording: Butt-End Hooking:

The action whereby a player uses the shaft of the stick above the upper hand to hold or hooking an opponent.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 19(f)&(g)

New Wording:

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 1: If in the course of making a substitution, either the player entering the game or the player leaving the game intentionally plays the puck with her stick, skates or hands or intentionally checks or makes any physical contact with an opposing player while the player respectively leaving or entering the game is actually on the ice, then the infraction of "too many players on the ice" shall be called.

(g) For player changes during stoppages in play, the Referee shall begin the line change procedure as soon as it is safe to do so for the ensuing face-off and then allow a five-second period during which the Visiting Team may make a player change. After this five-second period has elapsed, the Referee will raise an arm to indicate that the Visiting Team may no longer change any player(s). With the arm still up, the Referee will allow a five-second period during which the Home Team may make a player change. After this five-second period has elapsed, the Referee will drop the arm to indicate that the Home Team may no longer change any player(s).

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 21(b) & (c)

New Wording:

Rule 21. Sticks

The stick shall not exceed 1.60m (63 in.) from the heel to the end of the shaft, and 31.75cm (12 in.) from the heel to the end of the blade. The blade of the stick shall not be less than 5.08cm (2 in.) (within 1.27cm (1/2 in.) of the end) nor greater than 7.62cm (3 in.) in width.

(c) The goaltender's stick shall not exceed 1.4m (55 in.) from the heel to the end of the shaft. The blade of the goaltender's stick shall not exceed 8.89cm (3 1/2 in.) in width at any point nor be less than 7.62cm (3 in.), except at the heel where it must not exceed 11.43cm (4 1/2 in.) in width; the goaltender's stick shall not exceed 39.37cm (15 1/2 in.) in length from the heel to the end of the blade. The width portion of the goaltender's stick extending up the shaft from the blade shall not exceed 66.04cm (26 in.) in length, calculated from the heel, and shall not exceed 8.89cm (3 1/2 in.) nor be less than 7.62cm (3 in.) in width.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 23

New Wording:

MEASUREMENT OF GOALTENDERS EQUIPMENT

Rule 23. Goaltender's Equipment

(a) With the exception of skates and stick, all equipment worn by the goaltender must be constructed solely for the purpose of protection of the head or body, and must not include any garment or contrivance which would give the goaltender undue assistance in keeping goal. Abdominal aprons extending down the thighs on the outside of the pants are prohibited.

(Note 1): Protective padding attached to the back of, or forming part of the goaltender's blocker glove shall not exceed 20.3cm (8 in.) in width nor 40.6cm (16 in.) in length. **Any measurement exceeding 20.3cm (8 in.) measured anywhere across the full length of the wrist area, or more than 40.6 cm (16 in.) anywhere on the length constitutes an illegal blocker glove.**

(Note 2): The base of the goaltender's catching glove shall be restricted to a maximum of 22.9cm (9 in.) in width, which is to include any attachments added to that glove. The length of the catching glove is restricted to a maximum of 40.6cm (16 in.) **Any measurement exceeding 22.9cm (9 in.) measured anywhere across the full length of the wrist area, or more than 40.6cm (16 in.) anywhere on the length constitutes an illegal glove.** The maximum circumference of the legal goaltenders catching glove can not exceed 122 cm (48 in.). The lacing or webbing or other material joining the thumb and index finger of a goaltender's glove, or any cage, pocket or pouch created by this material, must not exceed the minimum amount of material necessary to fill the gap between the thumb and the index

finger when they are fully extended and spread. Any other pocket, pouch or contrivance added to the glove by a manufacturer or otherwise is not acceptable and makes the glove illegal.

(Note 3): The binding and/or stitching at the edges of both goaltender's gloves shall not be included in the measurement of either the length or width.

(Note 4): When a request for a measurement of a goaltender's glove has been made the team shall state the glove that is to be measured and whether it is to be the length or width of the glove.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 30(a)&(b)

New Wording:

Rule 30. Major Penalties

(a) Any player, goaltender or Team Official incurring a "Major" penalty shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty, shall be ordered to the dressing room for the remainder of the game, and shall be reported to the President for further action. The Manager or Coach of the penalized team, through the playing Captain, shall designate any player of her team on the ice at the time of the infraction to serve the penalty.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 36(b)

New Wording:

Rule 36. Awarded Goals

(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 intentionally falls on or covers the puck in the crease with his hand, thereby preventing an obvious and imminent goal.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 42(d)

New Wording:

Rule 42. Linesmen

(d) Linesmen shall point out the offender and report to the Referee at the first stoppage, their version of any infraction of the rules which incurs a Minor or double Minor penalty for Rules 9(d), 19(e)(g), 20(e), Unsustained Measurement (Section Three), 24(b)(Note 4), 47(b), 47(c), 47(h) 49(b), (Head-butting) 49 (d), (Grabbing / pulling hair or head/facial protection) 49(f), (Butt-ending) 49(g), (Spearing) 55(a), 55(f), 66(c)(d), 81(e) as well as any infraction which incurs a Major or Match penalty, or, a, Misconduct or Game Misconduct .

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 47

New Wording:

Rule 47. Harassment of Officials, Unsportsmanlike Conduct/Misconduct

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 49(b)&(d)&(f)&(g)

New Wording:

Rule 49. Attempt to Injure or Deliberate Injury

A Match penalty shall be assessed any player or team official who head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent with force or who injures an opponent with this action. A double Minor penalty shall be assessed any player who head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent but no injury results. A double Minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct shall be assessed any team official who head-butts or attempts to head-butt an opponent but no injury results.

(d) A player who pulls an opponent's hair or who grabs the facial protector, helmet, or chin strap of an opponent and uses this to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment or injury shall be assessed a Match penalty.

A player who grabs an opponent's hair, facial protector, helmet or chin strap, but does not use it to gain an advantage or to inflict punishment or injury shall be assessed a Minor penalty or at the discretion of the referee a Major and Game Misconduct penalty.

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

At the discretion of the Referee, a double Minor penalty shall be assessed to any player who attempts to butt-end an opponent with the butt-end of her stick. A double Minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct shall be assessed to any team official who attempts to butt-end an opponent with the butt-end of her stick.

(g) A Match penalty shall be assessed any player or team official who deliberately spears or deliberately attempts to spear an opponent by jabbing her forcefully with the toe of the blade of the stick, or who injures an opponent by any spearing action. A double Minor penalty shall be assessed any player who pokes or jabs or attempts to jab an opposing player with the toe of the blade of the stick. A double Minor penalty and a Gross Misconduct shall be assessed any team official who pokes or jabs or attempts to jab an opposing player with the toe of the blade of the stick.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 58(b)

New Wording:

Rule 58. Falling on the Puck

A Minor penalty shall be assessed any goaltender who deliberately falls on or gathers the puck into his body, or holds or places the puck against any part of the goal **outside the goal crease, thus delaying the game unnecessarily.**

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 59(f) & (g)

New Wording:

Rule 59. Fighting and Roughing

(f) **A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the Referee's judgment, is guilty of unnecessary rough play.** (This would move to a casebook situation)

(g) **A Minor penalty or, at the discretion of the Referee, a Major and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who, in the Referee's judgment, makes deliberate physical contact with an opponent after the whistle.**

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 64(a) & (b)

New Wording:

Rule 64. Hooking

A minor penalty or at the discretion of the Referee, a Major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who impedes or seeks to impede the progress of an opponent by "hooking" or "**butt-end hooking**" with his stick.

A major penalty and a Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by "hooking" or "**butt-end hooking**".

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 78(a)

New Wording:

Rule 78. Refusing to Start Play

(a) If a team is withdrawn from the ice and fails to return and start play, or if being on the ice, fails to start play within TWO MINUTES after being ordered to do so by the Referee, the game or series shall be suspended. The team officials and/or players of the team which are responsible for any of these actions may be suspended for one year or more from the date of the infraction. The Referee shall report full details of the incident to the President. If a team after being ordered to return, does return to start play, then a Major penalty and **Game Misconduct** shall be assessed to the **Coach** for Delay of Game. If this infraction occurs in the last two minutes of regular playing time, or anytime in overtime, a Penalty Shot (in addition to the Major penalty and **Game Misconduct**) shall be awarded against the offending team, as stated in Rule 55 (e) - Delay of Game.

Canadian Hockey Playing Rule Number: 86

New Wording:

Rule 86. Checking to the Head

(a) A Minor and a Misconduct penalty, or a Major and Game Misconduct penalty, at the discretion of the Referee, based on the degree of violence of impact, shall be assessed to any player who checks an opponent to the head area in any manner.

(b) Major and Game Misconduct penalty shall be assessed any player who injures an opponent by Checking them to the Head.

(c) A Match penalty shall be assessed any player who deliberately attempts to injure or deliberately injures an opponent by Checking them to the Head.

Note: Referees are instructed not to substitute other penalties when a player is Checked to the Head with significant impact.

Congratulations to our OWSHA Officials selected for National & International competitions in 2002-03

Esso Women's National Championship – Saskatoon, SK

CHANTAL CHAMPAGNE – Referee

LINDA POORT – Referee

JULIE BISSONNETTE – Lines

CIS Women's University Championship – Regina, SK

ANGELA JAMES – Referee

JILL COOMBES – Lines

Women's World Championship, Division II – Lecco, Italy

CHRIS PELLERIN – Lines

Four Nations Cup – Kitchener, ON

CHANTAL CHAMPAGNE – Referee

DEB BLAND – Lines

CHRIS PELLERIN – Lines

Canada Winter Games – New Brunswick

LINDA POORT – Referee

RENEE LALONDE – Lines

ZENOBIE LOACH – Lines

KERRI RUMBLE – Lines

OWHA CERTIFICATION CLINICS

The following list of certification clinics were scheduled & coordinated through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in the 2002-2003 season. Our thanks to all local clinic hosts and program instructors for their assistance in delivering these valuable certification clinics. Thanks to Diane Boles, OWHA Clinic Coordinator and Cathy Phillips for their efforts and dedication to the OWHA Development Program.

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	NCCP LEVEL
Aurora *	Aug 17,18	Coach Level
Durham	Sept 14,15	Coach Level
Peterborough *	Sept 14,15	Coach Level
Napanee	Sept 21,22	Coach Level
Leaside	Sept 28,29	Coach Level
Windsor	Oct 4,5	Coach Level
Stoney Creek/Dofasco *	Oct 5,6	Coach Level
Brampton	Oct 5,6	Coach Level
Oshawa	Oct 19,20	Coach Level
Oakville	Oct 25,27	Coach Level
Hamilton	Nov 2,3	Coach Level
Barrie	Nov 9,10	Coach Level
Chatham	Nov 16,17	Coach Level
Thunder Bay *	Nov 16,17	Coach Level
Mississauga	Nov 23,24	Coach Level
Cambridge	Nov 30, Dec 1	Coach Level
Peterborough *	Mar 29,30	Coach Level
Vaughan	Jun 20,21,22	Intermediate Level

HOCKEY TRAINER'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (HTCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	HTCP LEVEL
Guelph	Sep-08	Level I
Leaside	Sep-21	Level I
Aurora	Sep-22	Level I
Peterborough	Sep-28	Level I
Chatham	Sep-29	Level I
Niagara Falls	Oct-05	Level I
Windsor	Oct-06	Level I
Burlington	Oct-19	Level I
Gloucester	Oct-26	Level I
London	Oct-26	Level I
Oshawa	Oct-27	Level I
Barrie	Nov-03	Level I
Stoney Creek/Dofasco	Nov-09	Level I
Brampton	Nov-10	Level I
Mississauga	Nov-16	Level I
Cambridge	Nov-17	Level I
Vaughan *	Nov-23	Level I
Burlington	Nov-24	Level I
Thunder Bay	Nov-30	Level I

CANADIAN HOCKEY OFFICIATING PROGRAM (CHOP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE(S)	CLINIC TYPE
Ottawa	Sep-07	JR - Level I & II
Ottawa *	Sep-07	JR - Level I & II
Ottawa	Sep-07	SR - Level III & above
Peterborough	Sep-08	JR - Level I & II
Peterborough	Sep-08	SR - Level III & above
Etobicoke	Sep-08	JR - Level I & II
Etobicoke	Sep-08	SR - Level III & above
Aurora *	Sept 18,19	SR - Level III & above
Aurora	Sep-21	JR - Level I & II
Whitby	Sep-22	JR - Level I & II
Whitby	Sep-22	JR - Level I & II
Barrie	Sep-28	JR - Level I & II
Barrie	Sep-28	SR - Level III & above
Mississauga	Sep-29	JR - Level I & II
London	Oct-05	JR - Level I & II
London *	Oct-05	SR - Level III & above
Burlington	Oct-06	JR - Level I & II
Chatham	Oct-06	JR - Level I & II
Brampton	Oct-12	JR - Level I & II
Oshawa	Oct-13	JR - Level I & II
Gloucester WHA	Oct-20	JR - Level I & II
Gloucester WHA	Oct-20	SR - Level III & above
Hamilton	Oct-20	JR - Level I & II
Hamilton	Oct-20	JR - Level I & II
Hamilton	Oct-20	SR - Level III & above
Thunder Bay	Oct-26	JR - Level I & II

SPEAK OUT! Prevention Services

HOST ASSOC.	DATE	HOST ASSOC.	DATE
Ottawa	Aug-18	Oshawa	Nov-12
Ottawa	Aug-18	Samia	Nov-12
Ottawa *	Aug-24	Sunderland	Nov-13
Ottawa *	Aug-24	Brampton	Nov-14
Aurora	Aug-28	London	Nov-16
Stoney Creek/Dofasco	Sep-23	London	Nov-16
Stoney Creek/Dofasco*	Sep-25	Durham	Nov-17
Peterborough	Sep-30	Durham	Nov-17
Niagara Falls	Sep-30	Stouffville-Markham	Nov-26
Waterloo	Oct-01	Burlington	Dec-02
Chatham *	Oct-03	Stouffville-Markham	Dec-02
Windsor	Oct-08	Orangeville	Dec-03
Stratford	Oct-10	Samia *	Dec-10
Etobicoke	Oct-15	Brampton	Dec-11
Ancaster	Oct-17	Burlington	Dec-16
Chatham *	Oct-17	Georgetown	Jan-09
Oakville	Oct-21	London	Jan-27
Cold Creek	Oct-21	Whitby	Jan-28
Hamilton	Oct-24	London *	Jan-28
Vaughan	Oct-26	Hamilton	Jan-29
Burlington	Oct-28	Whitby	Feb-01
Peterborough	Oct-28	Whitby	Feb-01
Oshawa	Oct-29	Whitby	Feb-08
Belleville	Nov-06		

* Cancelled



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS 2002 FOUR NATIONS CUP

International events offer an excellent opportunity to promote and develop the sport of girls and women's hockey. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association enjoyed the opportunity to run CHA/OWHA development programs during the 2002 Four Nations Cup. Early November was a very exciting time and the special development programs were met with enthusiasm and success. Thanks to all participants and the terrific local volunteers.

Our thanks to our event partners Canadian Hockey Association and the City of Kitchener plus sponsors, WTSN & Imperial Oil for the opportunity to enhance female hockey in Ontario during the 2002 Four Nations Cup.



Esso FUN Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Special program to introduce new players to female hockey. Both on-ice & in-class activities. Local players & coaches participate as instructors. ☺ The Four Nations Cup Esso FUN Days was held in Waterloo ☺ Saturday, November 2 RIM PARK, Waterloo <p>On-Ice: 2:30pm – 3:30pm <u>61 participants</u> In-Class: 3:45pm – 4:45pm Host: Waterloo Ravens Girls Hockey Association Guest Instructor: Team Canada alumni player - Nathalie Rivard Thanks to Cathy Phillips, Gerry Horst & Robert Hennig for their off-ice support</p>
Guest Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Young OWHA registered female officials (CHOP Level 1 & HL – ages 14-16) were offered a chance to join on-ice officials in pre-game preparation & on-ice warm-up for selected games. Participating Officials included: Annika Ashfield Rebecca Nugent Shanna Richard Nicole Tritter
Coach Seminar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ The OWHA hosted a special seminar offered to coaches of girls'/women's hockey & those who may be interested in coaching a girls or women's team. Guest speakers included Olympic Champion Canadian Women's Hockey Team Coach Wally Kozak and Team Ontario Head Coach Diane Boles. <p>Saturday, November 9th Teaching Theatre, Kitchener Aud 5:00pm-7:30pm <i>The seminar was free and included a ticket to the 7:30pm Can vs Finland game</i></p>
Officiating Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ The CHA/OWHA in cooperation with the IIHF, hosted a workshop offered to OWHA registered Officials. Guest speakers included: Bob Nadin, IIHF; Dr. Maurice Roy, CHA Referee-in-Chief; Willi Saari, CHA Officiating Staff; Event Officials; Fran Rider, OWHA. <p>Saturday, November 9th Teaching Theatre, Kitchener Aud 10:00am-4:00pm <i>The seminar was free and included a ticket to the USA vs Sweden game</i></p>

<p>Esso Schools Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ The OWHHA had the privilege of working again with sponsor Imperial Oil to bring the Esso Schools Program to Ontario during the Four Nations Cup. ☺ For the 2002 Four Nations Cup, Waterloo District schools were offered the opportunity through a contest on the new Esso "Shooting for Gold" website www.shootingforgold.com. Shooting for Gold is an educational program that followed Team Canada as they strove for gold in Salt Lake City. Teachers logged on to www.canadianhockey.ca to download this FREE curriculum-based teaching unit for grades 4, 5 and 6. The Shooting for Gold unit follows curriculum guidelines for Ontario, Alberta and Quebec. ☺ Teachers who entered the contest validated their entries by registering on the SFG website. ☺ "OVERTIME" Program - Ten lucky schools participated extra special educational activities, at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium (Nov 6th). Participants rotated around the arena through 10 stations. Subjects included History of Female Hockey, Chalk Talk with Coaches, OWHHA Hockey Opportunities, Referee's Corner, Zamboni – Arena Operations, Fitness/Training, Goaltending, Player's Perspective and a tour of The Aud. Students enthusiastically cheered on Team Sweden & Team Finland in the afternoon game immediately following the special activities. ☺ "GAME" Program - GAME TICKETS were provided for students/staff/chaperones from 31 additional schools for the Team Finland vs Team Sweden game at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium (Nov 6). ☺ TEAM CANADA PRIZES - All schools registered on the website had an opportunity to win Team Canada prizes. ☺ Close to 3,000 school children, teachers and parent volunteers joined in the Esso Schools Program. Once again it was proven that education and hockey are a successful team. Educating everyone about female hockey is an on-going task....and a FUN one with Esso's support. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ PRESS CONFERENCE – A press conference announcing the Esso Schools Program, held at Crestview Public School on Monday October 28th, was an exciting time for the students and school staff. Representatives were invited from participating schools.
<p>Experience a Dream</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Courtesy of WTSN, three young OWHHA players were given the opportunity to "Experience a Dream". ☺ Atom & Peewee OWHHA Teams were invited to submit nominees for this incredible opportunity to join Team Canada for a pre-game skate and game ceremonies. Congratulations to WTSN "Experience a Dream" Players - Hayley Baskette, Woodstock Wildcats Peewee HL; Caitlyn Dunsmore, Halton Twisters Atom BB and Robyn Kent, Nepean Wildcats Atom HL.
<p>Intermission Features</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ The OWHHA coordinated intermission features throughout the event. Our thanks to the players, parents, volunteers who joined in the intermission fun. Features included, an introduction of the OWHHA mascot PAWSitive to Hockey FUNDamentals, Esso FUN Days Demo, Toonie Toss, mini games with Novice Players (Mississauga) and "Over 40 Beginners" (Kitchener). ☺ Participants received game tickets for their featured game.



NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (NWHL)

The National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) features many of the world's best players and teams. The league derives its authority through the OWH, with each team registering with its respective Hockey Canada Branch.

The league began with competition within Ontario. Quebec joined the league followed by British Columbia. This season, two Alberta teams were welcomed. The 2002-2003 teams included:

Alberta	Calgary Oval X-treme	Edmonton Chimos
BC	Vancouver Griffins	
Quebec	Quebec Avalanche	Montreal Wingstar
Ontario	Beatrice Aeros	Brampton Thunder
	Mississauga Ice Bears (now Oakville Ice)	Ottawa Raiders
	Telus Lightning	

Congratulations to Calgary Oval X-treme on capturing the NWHL Cup with an exciting 3-0 victory over defending champion Beatrice Aeros. In semi-final action, Calgary defeated Montreal Wingstar while Beatrice Aeros upset home-town Brampton Thunder .

Thanks to the City of Brampton for its backing and support, to Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell who is also President of the NWHL, Brampton Canadettes for their promotion of the game which is held during the Brampton tournament, to several thousand fans who attended and to Sue Prestige and the WTSN crew who did an exceptional job with first class productions of both semi-finals and the finals.

Thanks to Hockey BC for their support of the Vancouver Griffin and to Hockey Alberta for their support of the Calgary Oval X-treme and Edmonton Chimos. Thanks also to Hockey Quebec for the support of Montreal Wingstar and Quebec Avalanche. The Ontario teams who participated in the league were Beatrice Aeros, Brampton Thunder, Mississauga Ice Bears, Ottawa Raiders and Telus Lightning.

Special congratulations to the players who serve as outstanding role models for the game of hockey and for all female sports!



FOUR NATIONS CUP

In November, Kitchener welcomed Canada, the United States, Sweden and Finland. Many of the volunteers from the 1997 Women's World Hockey Championship came back together to welcome the teams back. The hockey was superb with Canada taking the championship in a close 4-2 final against arch rival, team USA. Finland defeated Sweden in the bronze game.

A highlight of the Championship was a referee workshop providing OWH officials opportunities to learn and share the experience. In addition, the IIHF sent two officials from overseas into the area in advance of the championship as the OWH arranged to assign them to high level female hockey games in the area. The project worked well as both the teams involved and the officials enjoyed and learned from the experience.

Milk Energy Penalty Free Sweepstakes

Congratulations to all OWHA teams who entered the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario's Milk Energy Penalty Free Sweepstakes contest. Teams who played a penalty free game between December 7th and January 31st were eligible to enter the random draw for over \$100,000 in prizes. Our thanks to the HDCO for continuing to run this contest, which promotes skills, safety and fair play.

2003 Canada Winter Games – New Brunswick

We would like to extend our thanks to Hockey New Brunswick and the Canada Winter Games host committee. We appreciate the challenge in bringing multiple sports into two communities in the midst of a very cold, snowy winter!

Our team thoroughly enjoyed the competition and the opportunity to compete with and against Canada's best young players. We congratulate the participants and officials who were chosen for this prestigious event.

We believe this championship continues to be one of the most important aspects of female hockey in Canada. The event is an opportunity for many young girls to experience the atmosphere and requirements for advancement to Team Canada. They gain valuable experience and exposure. In addition, regional and provincial camps provide development opportunities for player, coaches, officials and volunteers.

Recommendations for future games include:

- > Priority for a host site based out of one community
- > Consideration of permitting teams a process to allow a third goaltender

Ontario Winter Games - 2004

The 2004 Ontario Winter Games will be held in London from March 11-14, 2004.

Categorization

Once again, another year has come to a close. Categorizing of the teams across the Province of Ontario is an onerous task, which is taken on willingly by the committee. We welcomed and used input from the membership at the Re-Categorization Weekend in mid-January. We moved over 150 teams and only a small percentage won their appeals, which rewards the many hours of pre-Re-Categorization Weekend work that was done by the Categorizing Committee (Regional Directors, plus Chairperson, Connie Rice).

If the membership has any suggestions on categorization, please submit your input to the OWHA office and it will be forwarded to the chairperson of next season's Categorization Committee.

Farewell

I would like to thank the Executive Committee of the OWHA, Volunteers and Membership for the help and support that I received in the past 2 years. I can't begin to say how much I have learned and hopefully I helped Women's Hockey grow and develop. You, the members, should congratulate and thank the Executive Committee for all their hard work and time that they put in to make your hockey season run as smooth as they do. I wish you all the best in the future and remember, keep working together as a team with the OWHA.

Dave Templeman, OWHA Regional Director – Western

Rookie Regional Director

My highlights were watching a Novice house league game with a lone player standing at the centre ice mark just looking at her feet as the puck came from the opponents end, over the blue line and slides past her, six feet away. She was just mystified by her skates. The best hockey was two Atom BB teams during Playdowns. They were tied going into third game. Great team effort plus great skills.

I enjoyed meeting the people at the other end of my email and phone conversations.

See you at the arena.

Kathy Rumble, OWHA Regional Director - Metro

Web Thanks

Sincere thanks to Betty Ann Armstrong for her excellent work in keeping the OWHA website up-to-date. We have had great feedback on our site design. Check it out at www.owha.on.ca

SANCTION REQUESTS

Region	Total # of Sanction Request's	Total Requests to play vs. Boys	Total Request to play Out of Prov.	Total Requests to play in U.S.A	Total Request to play vs. University	OWHA Non-sanction Events
Central West	36	6	0	28	2	0
Central	41	9	2	23	6	1
Northern	104	57	22	21	3	1
Central East	38	15	6	13	4	0
Metro	30	5	1	22	1	1
Western	96	10	2	70	14	0
Eastern	80	41	14	22	3	0
Totals	425	143	47	199	33	3

DISCIPLINE REPORT

Once again it has been a busy year. I would like to thank the Regional Directors for their many hours spent tracking the suspensions. I would also like to thank Sue Cooper, who has spent numerous hours at the computer compiling an extensive report of all suspendible penalties. One final word to all coaches, it is your responsibility to be aware of all the rules and regulations.

Have a good & safe summer.

Joan Dewdney, Chairperson, OWHA Discipline

SUSPENSION REPORT

1. Of all suspensions, Checking from Behind was called the most with 203 of the 971 suspensions, or 21%.
2. Abusive Language was the next highest called suspension at 12% or 113 of the 971 suspensions.
3. The Midget Level received the highest number of suspensions with 302 suspensions or 31%. The next highest level was Bantam with 227 or 23% followed by the Intermediate level with 216 or 22%.
4. The level/category with the most suspensions was the Midget AA Level, which received 99 suspensions or 10%. The next highest was the Intermediate AA level with 83 or 9%.
5. There was only 1 suspension at the Novice Level and 18 at the Atom Level.
6. The Peewee BB received 20 of the 89 Peewee suspensions or 23
7. In the Bantam category, the Bantam A Level received the most with 31% (71 of the 227).
8. The Midget AA Level was the worst offender in the Midget category with 99 of the 302 suspensions or 33%. The Midget A level was next highest with 86 or 29%.
9. The Intermediate AA Level had the most suspensions at this level with 83 out of 216 or 38%.
10. The highest number of suspensions at the Senior Level was Senior A with 41 of the 106 suspensions or 39%.

Positive Stat!

- In 2002-03 OWHA team registration increased by 9% and the number of players registered increased by 10%. Suspensions increased by only 4% from the previous season.

SUSPENSIONS by DIVISION and CATEGORY

LEVEL	Roughing (MAJOR)	Misconduct	Game Misconduct (GM)	Disputing a Call (GM 20)	Abusive Lang (M21&GM21)	Inciting (M 22)	Molesting Official (GM 25)	2 Misc-Same Game (GM 26)	2 Maj-Same Game (GM 27)	Interfer. from Bench (GM 28)	Fighting (GM 30)	2nd Fight (GM 31)	Third Man In (GM 32)	Leaving the Bench (GM 33)	Aggressor (37)	Intent to Injure (MP 40)	Deliberate Injury (MP 41)	Grab Mask/Helmet (MP 43)	Kicking (MP 45)	Spearing (MP 46)	Head Butting (MP 47)	CFB (MIN) (GM 50)	CFB (MAJ) (GM 51)	High Stick (GM 53)	Cross Check (MAJ) (GM 54)	Slashing (GM 55)	Game Ejection (56)	Body Check (GM 57)	Elbowing & Kneeing (GM 58)	Charging (MAJOR) (GM 59)	Travesty of Game (GRM 60)	Obscene Gestures (GRM 61)	Trash Talking (GRM 64)	Head Checking-Min. (GM 70)	Head Checking-Maj. (GM 71)	Tripping (GM 73)	Interference (GM 74)	Hooking (GM 76)	Miscellaneous (99)	TOTAL	
Novice A	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL - NOVICE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Atom AA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Atom A	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Atom BB	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Atom B	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Atom HL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL - ATOM	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Peewee AA	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Peewee A	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Peewee BB	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Peewee B	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Peewee C	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Peewee HL	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
TOTAL - PEEWEE	0	1	1	21	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	89
Bantam AA	0	1	2	7	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Bantam A	0	1	1	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
Bantam BB	0	3	5	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Bantam B	0	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
Bantam C	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Bantam HL	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
TOTAL - BANTAM	0	8	10	25	26	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	227
Midget AA	0	4	7	3	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	99
Midget A	1	2	2	8	10	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	
Midget BB	2	1	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	
Midget B	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46
Midget C	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28
Midget HL	0	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
TOTAL - MIDGET	3	12	15	15	29	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
Intermediate AA	0	2	2	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
Intermediate A	1	1	1	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	
Intermediate BB	0	0	0	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Intermediate B	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Intermediate C	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Intermediate HL	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
TOTAL - INTERMED.	1	7	4	17	32	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	216
Senior AA	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Senior A	1	8	0	2	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Senior BB	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Senior B	0	0	0	4	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Senior C	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Senior Rec	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Senior HL	0	5	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
TOTAL - SENIOR	1	15	4	8	14	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
UNKNOWN - TOTAL	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	5	43	35	91	113	15	1	6																																	



INJURY REPORTS

The following charts provide statistics derived from the Canadian Hockey Association Injury Report forms &/or HDCO Injury Report surveys received at the OWHHA office in 2002-2003. The injury reports "By Division" and "By Injury Type" charts include statistics from the previous seasons for comparison purposes. Registration growth in "# of Players by Division" can be found in the OWHHA registration report.

Injury Reports – by Division

DIVISION	COMPETITIVE				HOUSE LEAGUE				2002-03
Season	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	TOTALS
Novice	0	3	2	2	2	2	3	0	2
Atom	6	7	10	9	3	3	1	12	21
Peewee	21	23	18	25	4	10	4	14	39
Bantam	17	26	18	35	0	8	4	15	50
Midget	18	27	16	42	2	0	2	9	51
Intermediate	6	12	24	18	3	8	1	2	20
Senior	16	27	35	32	12	19	11	17	49
Officials (On-Ice)	3	2	0	1	0	0	0		1
TOTALS	87	127	123	164	26	50	26	69	233

Reported Injuries – by Injury Type

INJURY	QTY				INJURY	QTY			
TYPE	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	TYPE	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00
Chin	0	0	1	1	Teeth/Dental	3	3	2	1
Ear	0	0	0	1	Chest	4	1	8	0
Finger	0	0	1	1	Hand/Finger	4	4	3	2
Jaw	0	0	1	1	Ribs	4	2	9	1
Mouth	0	0	7	2	Elbow	5	6	2	0
Pelvis	0	0	1	0	Ankle	8	4	4	0
Spine	0	0	1	0	Foot	9	10	22	13
Thumb	0	0	2	3	Leg	13	0	28	20
Abdominal	1	0	0	1	Arm	11	2	13	14
Face	1	3	8	2	Wrist/Forearm	15	9	10	1
Tailbone	2	0	0	1	Shoulder	20	18	24	9
Thigh	2	5	0	0	Knee	25	23	11	7
Collarbone	3	6	3	1	Back	30	14	27	29
Groin	3	0	0	0	Neck	38	31	31	27
Hip	3	5	2	2	Head/Skull	47	33	42	24
Shin	1	5	0	0					

Reported Injuries by Month (%)

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2002-2003	.43	n/a	.86	6.01	12.88	24.46	15.88	14.59	13.30	8.15	3.43
2001-2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	2%	16%	16%	15%	24%	15%	9%	3%
2000-2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	4%	16%	22%	18%	18%	11%	8%	3%

SARS

In the hockey world, we always expect the unexpected. On the ice, many games are won and lost as a result of adapting to broken plays. This season, society and hockey faced a new foe called SARS. Hockey players are a keen lot and adapted to the challenge brought on by the changing appearance and understanding of SARS.

Media reports of SARS in the greater Toronto area started to escalate during the month prior to the OWHHA provincial championship, which was to feature 382 teams. They were coming to 29 ice surfaces at 9 facilities in Mississauga, Brampton, Vaughan, Oakville and Toronto. Eight thousand players plus their supporters were wondering if there would be a championship!

Thanks to the incredible support of Dr. Christine Young, we were able to secure valuable information in advance of the event and exceptional support during the championship. Dr. Young arranged medical coverage through a SARS-free hospital, linked with our therapists and team trainers and spent the entire weekend as a volunteer at our event headquarters.

Thanks to Dr. Young, the event was a success with 381 of the 382 teams in attendance. Shortly after the provincials, the SARS situation took a turn for the worse and resulted in the withdrawal of some teams from OWHHA sanctioned tournaments and also in the postponement of the Central Canadian Championship.



CENTRAL CANADIANS



The event was scheduled to take place in Vaughan on April 25, 26, 27, 2003. Shortly before the event, three Quebec teams withdrew due to the SARS situation in Ontario. The OWHHA and Hockey Quebec discussed options and agreed to postpone the event. There are many issues to discuss in regards to re-scheduling the event or cancelling this year's competition. The teams that had qualified are noted below.

TIER ONE	TIER TWO	TIER THREE
Hockey Quebec Marie-Victorin College	Hockey Quebec Station Leroux	Hockey Quebec Survivor
Hockey Quebec John Abbott College	Hockey Quebec Concordia Wrinkles	Ontario Women's Hockey Cobourg
Ontario Women's Hockey Sarnia Starfires	Ontario Women's Hockey Belleville Bearcats	Ontario Women's Hockey Belmont Blazers
Ontario Women's Hockey Brampton Canadettes	Ontario Women's Hockey Toronto Grimm Jesters	Ontario Women's Hockey Port Stanley Bannockburn Farms

EVALUATOR SEMINAR

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association would like to extend a sincere thank you to Wally Kozak who led an evaluator seminar in conjunction with our April provincial championship.

This event was another of our challenges this season as it was an "on again, off again" event due to the SARS concerns both in China and in Canada. The end result was an exceptional weekend. Karen Hughes joined Wally and they led an enthusiastic and talented group of evaluators. All were impressed with the talent base at the Intermediate, Midget and other levels.

The PAWSitive feedback from the participants and the amount of knowledge and skill shared by Karen and Wally was invaluable. They look forward to continuing in the program.

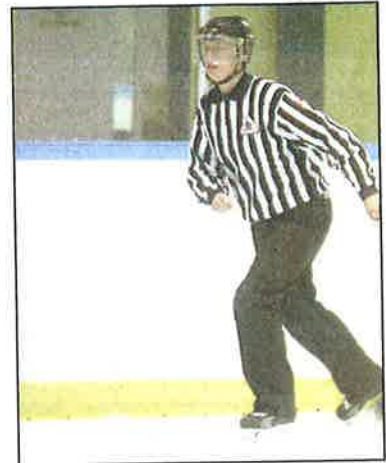


OVERVIEW OF TIMBITS FEMALE HOCKEY PROGRAM

- Working with and supporting local communities, and the kids growing up in them, is a very important goal of Tim Hortons.
- Timbits Hockey is entry level hockey (players aged 4-8 depending on association), where coaches work with Timbit players, teaching the fundamental skills of hockey in a non-competitive and fun environment.
- Timbits Hockey's mission is to assist in providing the opportunity for kids to get a positive start in entry level hockey, with the primary focus on fun.
- Approximately 50,000 kids take part in the program each year in Canada.
- The elements of the Timbits Hockey program consists of:
 - Hockey jerseys being supplied to the community hockey association for the entire entry level division.
 - An annual Timbits Jamboree, which is a non-competitive event for all the players in the league. The focus is on fun and all the kids receive a medallion at the end of the event.
 - Timbits Intermission Games at select NHL and CHL games,
 - Other elements in the program include giving the kids pucks, puck bags, water bottles, towels, and for the coaches - coaching boards and first aid kits.

TIMBITS HOCKEY - THE FIRST GOAL IS HAVING FUN.

OWHA ACTION 2002-2003!



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FUN **INTEGRITY & HONESTY** **FAIR PLAY**



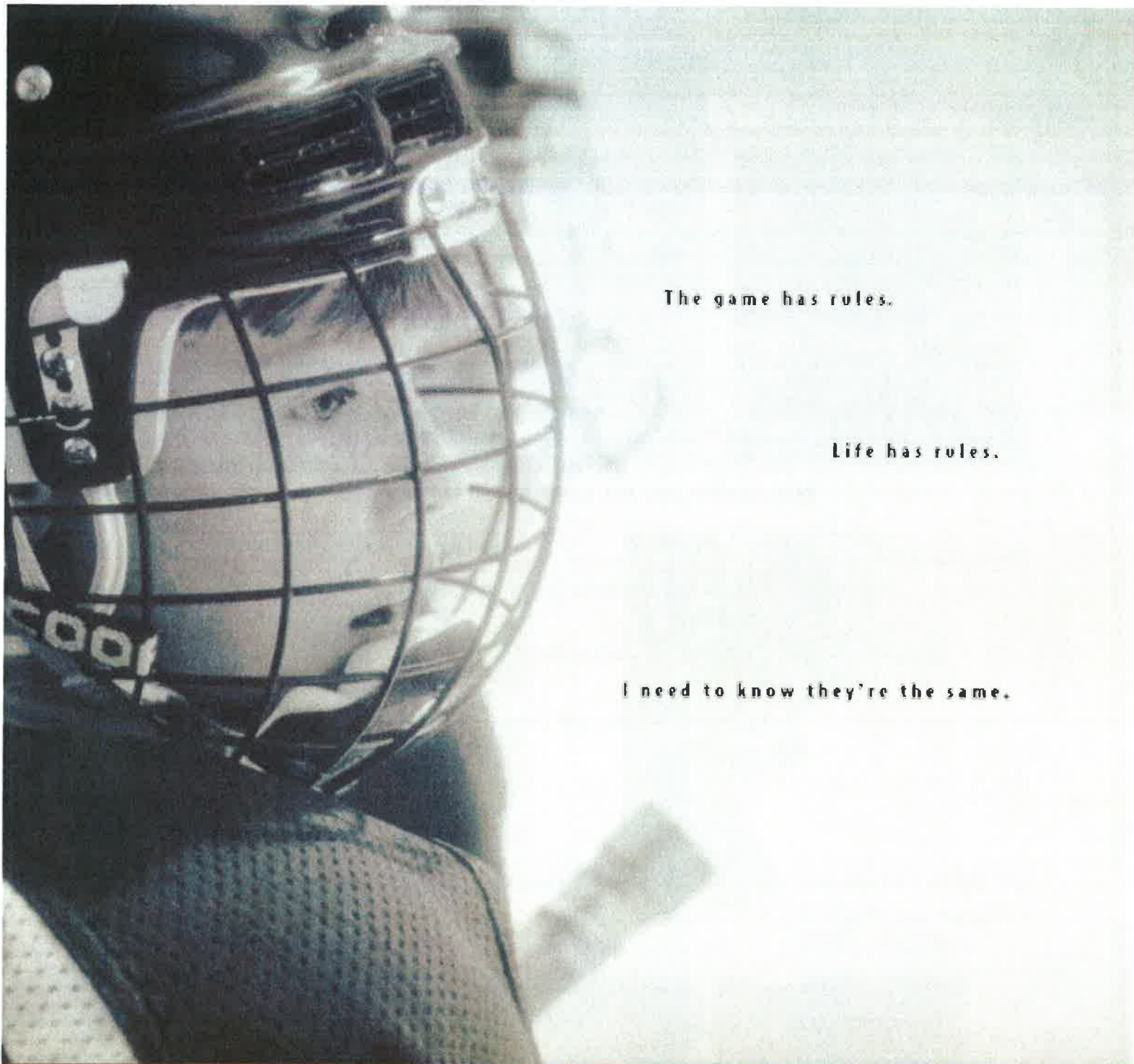
EXCELLENCE

EQUITY

GOOD CITIZENSHIP



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The game has rules.

Life has rules.

I need to know they're the same.



The people at McDonald's proudly support the STOP 'Safety Towards Other Players' program. It's a reminder that integrity, sportsmanship, determination and grace are at the heart of the sport. When taught correctly, these values live on, long after the game is over.

