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OWHA Values

FAIR PLAY

FUN

EXCELLENCE

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

INTEGRITY & HONESTY

EQUITY



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Once again, it has been my privilege to be President of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association this past season and to work with a dedicated OWHA Executive Committee, who spent countless volunteer hours working for the female hockey players in the Province of Ontario. I thank them all very much.

I would also like to acknowledge the accomplishments, of our membership and thank them for all of the work they have put into their respective teams, associations and leagues. Thousands of volunteers give OWHA players the opportunity for fun and competition. The players are given experiences and memories because so many volunteers give their time.

This season there were many successes in the association, as well as special events. Ontario Winter Games was held in London and highlighted the top Midget AA teams from the Province. The Provincial Championships in both February and April hosted 419 teams and giving many opportunities for not only great hockey but a PÂWSitive ending to the season.

I, along with the other executive members, would like to thank our Executive Director, Fran Rider, for her dedication to the organization and to 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 the game. Her dedication to female hockey and this association is outstanding and very much appreciated.

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

Bryan Chappell, OWHA President



**Developing Good People
to do
Good Things!**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As the Ontario Women's Hockey Association moves into its thirtieth anniversary season, we reflect on the challenges and victories of the past. We have overcome many obstacles. We have done this as a team. What drives us is the players, not just the players in Ontario or the players at the elite level, but every player in any province or country who can gain enjoyment out of participation and who can become a better person as a result.

There have been many highlights this past season. We have stabilized the position of the OWHA within the Hockey Canada structure. This was a very long process that was critical to the strength of female hockey in the province of Ontario. The successful resolve was accomplished due to the strength of the OWHA membership. It was completed with the result of the OWHA sharing a respectful and positive relationship with our brother association within Ontario.

Our current objective has been to focus on the internal operations of the OWHA while continuing to build on the external relations. This past season, we have reviewed and implemented policies and procedures based on our current position.

Some of the many success stories within the OWHA this year include:

- PAWSitive focus on the OWHA Values
- Players at all ages who enjoy success through participation and teamwork
- Coaches who lead through example and treat all players and officials with respect
- Game officials who strive for perfection in every call
- Administrators who rule with integrity

We thank you for your contributions in leading the OWHA.

Some specific success stories this past season include:

- Toronto Aeros winning gold at the Esso Nationals in Sherwood Park, Alberta
- Geraldine Heaney scoring a spectacular overtime goal to give the Aeros the Championship. Geraldine being recognized by Hockey Night in Canada for this goal and also for her epic winning goal in 1990 to give Canada their first World Championship. Best of luck to Gerry in her family life as she has retired from competitive hockey. Thanks for seven World Championships, two Olympic medals, and countless other victories!
- Team Canada winning gold at the World Championship in Halifax
- An exceptional crew of OWHA officials working local, provincial, national and international games. Thanks to Laurie Taylor-Bolton, OWHA Referee-in-Chief and the exceptional OWHA Instructors and Supervisors. We thank Laurie, Brenda Andress and Chantal Champagne for their contributions to the Officiating Task Force that is addressing current and future opportunities for the programme.
- MacDonald's Restaurants of Canada support for hockey in Ontario through the sponsorship of the STOP program. We sincerely thank MacDonald's for aerating awareness of the dangers of checking from behind.
- Thanks to the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Ottawa Senators for their support of female hockey

- Thanks to Tim Horton's and Zellers for their support of the OWHa and to the many local sponsors who make it possible for girls and women to play hockey.
- Sincere congratulations to those involved in the formation of the Provincial Women's Hockey League. The OWHa Executive Committee has worked closely with organizers in putting together a template that will ensure compliance with Hockey Canada and OWHa regulations while maximizing the strengths of teams, association, league and the overall OWHa.

There have also been many challenges. These are a reflection of the growth of the female game combined with a changing society. These include:

- Working with hockey organizations, legal counsel and others to develop an OWHa Privacy Policy
- Developing policies and procedures to address the growing number of suspensions that have occurred within the OWHa. We are determined to take action in support of the vast majority within the OWHa who deserve to be treated with respect in a safe and fun environment.
- Addressing the challenges of Harassment and Abuse complaints
- Adapting to an electronic world that includes computer viruses and an unmanageable amount of email. In two months, one work station received over 41,000 email messages of which 28,000 were "not spam". We are reviewing methods to handle the communication challenges of the era!

There is one other area that we believe requires attention. This is the public promotion of the game of female hockey as a viable, unique, stand-alone game.

The game of female hockey continues to be viewed in various ways. It has been interesting to listen to the opinions of those who believe the female game is intriguing and has much to offer hockey. We hear these comments regularly.

It is true that on the ice the biggest difference is that there is no intentional body checking but lots of contact. It is also true that the over all nature, philosophy and finances are vastly different. Many differences are good and need to be protected. Some of these differences such as the lack of financial support need to be addressed.

Primarily, we urge a focus on the uniqueness of female hockey. We have expressed our interest in working with Hockey Canada and the other provinces so that we can all take a leadership role in this area. It is important that female hockey be viewed as a viable, unique game. Time and time again, we see a tremendously successful team and great players denied the credit they deserve. This is simply because they are playing on a female team in a female league. We believe that, together, we could have a positive impact on this challenge through a public relations campaign focussed on the tremendous strengths of female players, teams and programs.

Sincere thanks to the OWHa membership. The programs in communities and cities are the best in the world. This is due to the fact that the player as a person and an athlete comes first. Sincere thanks to the OWHa Executive Committee on their exceptional work and commitment to the players. Special thanks to the players at all levels.

We look forward to sharing hockey experiences, opportunities and success. We look forward to another thirty years of promoting and growing female hockey.

FRIENDS OF THE OWHA

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association would like to extend a sincere thank you to the three Ontario Branches for their support.



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. We have enjoyed a very positive relationship over the past season and look forward to a very positive future together. Thanks for the great work on hosting Hockey Canada's AGM in Thunder Bay.



The Ontario Women's Hockey Association would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jules Lavictoire, and the Board of Directors of the Ottawa District Hockey Association. We enjoy very positive dialogue with members of the ODHA and look forward to moving forward with respect and support. Special congratulations to Jules who received the prestigious Hockey Canada Order of Merit for over 40 years of outstanding service to hockey.



The Ontario Women's Association would like to express our sincere gratitude to Ed Pupich 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.



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Ontario Women's Hockey Association 2003-2004 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

676 teams covering 35 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 419 teams qualified for Provincial Championship competition.

Division	Category	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Novice	A	Burlington Barracudas	Brampton Canadettes	Waterloo
Novice	BB	Whitby Wolves	Toronto - Leaside Wildcats	Windsor Wildcats
Novice	B	Belleville Bearcats	Mitchell Meteors	Cambridge Roadrunners
Novice	C	Ilderton Jets	Brampton Canadettes	Clearview Icecats
Atom	AA	Brampton Canadettes	Mississauga Chiefs	Burlington Barracudas
Atom	A	Guelph Thunder	Windsor Wildcats	Gloucester Stars
Atom	BB	Stratford Aces	Oshawa Panthers	Belmont Blazers
Atom	B	Napanee Crunch	Niagara Falls Rapids	Nepean Wildcats
Atom	C	Ottawa Bobcats	Kanata Rangers	Parkhill Screamers
Pee Wee	AA	London Devilettes	Willowdale Red Wings	Bluewater Hawks
Pee Wee	A	Sudbury	Burlington Barracudas	London Devilettes
Pee Wee	BB	Stratford Aces	Woodstock Wildcats	Mississauga Chiefs
Pee Wee	B	Madoc Cooper Wild Kids	Brockville Angels	Twin Centre Hurricanes
Pee Wee	C	Mt. Brydges Cougars	Barrie Sharks	Whitby Wolves
Bantam	AA	Markham-Stouffville Stars	Aurora Panthers	Brampton Canadettes
Bantam	A	Brampton Canadettes	Niagara Falls Rapids	Gloucester Stars
Bantam	BB	Madoc Cooper Wild Kids	Oshawa Panthers	Hamilton Hawks
Bantam	B	Windsor Wildcats	Lambeth Lancers	Vaughan Flames
Bantam	C	Halton Hills Twisters	Orillia Hawks	Whitby Wolves
Midget	AA	Brampton Canadettes	Sarnia Lady Sting	Nepean Wildcats
Midget	A	Cobourg	North Bay	Ottawa
Midget	BB	Clarington J & M Tire	Brampton Canadettes	Brussels Bullets
Midget	B	Cold Creek	South Huron	North Halton Twisters
Midget	C	Wallace	Alvinston Avalanche	Kitchener Lady Rangers
Intermediate	AA	Bluewater Hawks	London Devilettes	Stoney Creek Sabres
Intermediate	A	Brantford Ice Cats	Brampton Canadettes	Ottawa Capitals
Intermediate	BB	Sarnia Lady Sting	Whitby Wolves	Peterborough Hobies Sports
Intermediate	B	Windsor Wildcats	Parkhill	Lindsay Lynx
Intermediate	C	Parry Sound Phantoms	Hastings Stars	Kingston Comets
Senior	AAA	Toronto Aeros	Oakville Ice	Telus Lightning
Senior	AA	Oakville Ice	Dorchester Blazers	Peterborough Twohey's
Senior	A	Hamilton Golden Hawks	Toronto Grimm Jesters	Etobicoke 430 Dolphins
Senior	BB	Thunder Bay Sting	Port Stanley Bannockburn Farms	Cobourg Eagle.ca
Senior	B	Peterborough Ice	Baltimore Predators	Tamworth Bell Connection
Senior	C	Durham West Lightening	Parry Sound Phantoms	Grafton Senior Devils

**CONGRATULATIONS to all participating players, team staff, volunteers and
game officials on your involvement in the
world's largest female hockey provincial playdown/championship
competition!**

TOURNAMENTS

A total of 178 tournaments (102 Competitive & 76 House League) were OWSA sanctioned for the 2003-2004 hockey season. This is an increase of 15 from the previous season (94 Competitive & 69 House League in 2002-03).

OWSA Sanctioned COMPETITIVE Tournaments – Locations

▲ BARRIE	▲ KANATA	▲ PETERBOROUGH
▲ BELLEVILLE	▲ KEMPTVILLE	▲ PLATTSVILLE
▲ BRAMPTON (Canadettes)	▲ KINGSTON	▲ PORT HOPE
▲ BRAMPTON (Cougars)	▲ KITCHENER	▲ PORT PERRY
▲ BRANTFORD	▲ LONDON (Devilettes)	▲ RIDEAU ST. LAWRENCE
▲ BROCKVILLE	▲ LONDON (Ladies)	▲ SARNIA (Silver Stick)
▲ BURLINGTON	▲ MADOC	▲ SAUGEEN SHORES
▲ CAMBRIDGE	▲ MARKHAM (Starlight Foundation)	▲ SAULT STE MARIE
▲ CARLETON PLACE	▲ MARKHAM-STOUFFVILLE	▲ SCARBOROUGH
▲ CENTRAL YORK	▲ MISSISSAUGA	▲ SMITHS FALLS (Cubs)
▲ CHATHAM	▲ MOUNT FOREST	▲ SMITHS FALLS (Kinsmen)
▲ CLARINGTON	▲ NEPEAN	▲ SOUTH HURON
▲ CLEARVIEW	▲ NEWTONBROOK	▲ SOUTH PORCUPINE (Timmins)
▲ COLD CREEK	▲ NIAGARA (Ladies)	▲ STONEY CREEK
▲ COLDWATER	▲ NORFOLK	▲ STRATFORD
▲ CORNWALL	▲ NORTH BAY	▲ STRATHROY
▲ CREEMORE	▲ OAKVILLE	▲ SUDBURY
▲ DUNNVILLE	▲ ORANGEVILLE	▲ TELUS LIGHTNING
▲ DURHAM WEST	▲ ORILLIA	▲ THEDFORD
▲ ELMA LOGAN	▲ OSHAWA	▲ THUNDER BAY
▲ EMBRUN	▲ OTTAWA (Int'l Festival)	▲ TIVERTON
▲ GANANOQUE	▲ OTTAWA (NCCP)	▲ TORONTO AEROS
▲ GLOUCESTER	▲ OTTAWA VALLEY	▲ TORONTO-LEASIDE
▲ GLOUCESTER-CUMBERLAND	▲ PARRY SOUND	▲ WALKERTON
▲ GODERICH	▲ PARRY SOUND (Phantoms)	▲ WATERLOO
▲ GUELPH	▲ PEMBROKE	▲ WHITBY
▲ HALTON	▲ PERCY	▲ WILLOWDALE
▲ HAMILTON (GHA)	▲ PERTH LANARK	▲ WINDSOR (Ladies)
▲ HEARST	▲ PETERBOROUGH (PGHA)	▲ WINDSOR (Rose City)
▲ HONEYWOOD		▲ WINDSOR (Sun Parlour)
▲ HUNTSVILLE		▲ WINGHAM
		▲ WOODSTOCK

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 2003-04 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

BARRIE
BELLEVILLE
BELMONT/AYLMER
BRAMPTON (CANADETTES)
BRAMPTON (COUGARS)
BROCKVILLE
BURLINGTON
CAMBRIDGE
CARLETON PLACE
CLARENCE-ROCKLAND
CLARINGTON
COCHRANE
COLDWATER
CORNWALL
DRYDEN
EMBRO
EMBRUN
EMO DEVLIN
FORT FRANCES
GANANOQUE
GLENCOE
GLOUCESTER
GLOUCESTER CUMBERLAND
GODFREY
GREATER KINGSTON
HAGERSVILLE
HALTON
HAMILTON (GHA)
HAMILTON (WHL)
HEARST
KANATA
KEMPTVILLE
LAKE OF THE WOODS
LONDON (Devilettes)
LONDON (Ladies)
MADOC
MARATHON
MISSISSAUGA
MOUNT FOREST
NEPEAN
NIPIGON
NORFOLK
NORTH BAY
OAKVILLE
OSHAWA (GHA)
OTTAWA VALLEY
OWSA NORTHERN (HL Champs)
PERTH LANARK
PLATTSVILLE
RIDGETOWN
SAULT STE MARIE
SCHREIBER
SMITHS FALLS
SOUTH HURON
SOUTH POINT
SOUTH PORCUPINE (Timmins)
SOUTHPORT
STONEY CREEK
STRATFORD
STRATHROY
SUDBURY
SUSAN RUMBLE MEMORIAL (Blenheim)
TAVISTOCK
TERRACE BAY
THESSALON
THUNDER BAY
TILBURY
TILLSONBURG
TIVERTON
TWIN CENTRE
WHITBY
WOODSTOCK

ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION NORTHERN HOUSE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association hosted a very successful Northern House League championship in Thunder Bay, Ontario March 26 to 28th. This was a competition of the OWHA novice through midget house league teams in the northern part of the province. During the event, the participants were asked to provide their response to the following question:

What do you like best about playing Women's Hockey? An unedited synopsis follows:

- I like how there is no body contact. Hitting takes away from the game and turns it into a brawl rather than a good old hockey game. Midget
- Hockey is good because it fills time and keeps me away from illegal temptations like alcohol and drugs. Midget
- The best thing I like about Women's hockey is there isn't boys and the teams are not so aggressive and are easy to score on!! And it is fun, enjoyable and is the funnest game ever. Novice
- It's a riot without hockey I'd be empty! Midget
- I like playing women's hockey because its fun and challenging. There is a lot of competition. It keeps getting bigger every year and girls are getting more serious about hockey. Midget
- I like it because there is no hitting and MOST of the time nobody gets hurt. Peewee
- I enjoy the game and skill I have developed but mostly the friends I've made. Peewee
- What I like best about women's hockey is traveling around from place to place, making new friends and having fun playing my favourite sport. Peewee
- I love hockey because it is a lot of fun and good exercise. It is good for getting to know other people and be competitive. Midget
- Women's hockey is very fun and also competitive. It also shows leadership in women. Bantam
- Because girl's rule Atom
- What I like best about playing women's hockey is being able to travel and meet new people but also feeling like you're part of team unlike being the only girl on a boys team. Peewee
- I like girl's hockey because you can play the game and that you can show other girls that they can play as well and you don't have to be the best at it you can play at your level. Atom
- Because its fun fast action it's a great team sport to play and you get to see all your friends. Peewee
- I like to meet new people, new coaches. I like to stay fit. I like to travel to different tournaments. Bantam
- It shows that us girls are more capable than what is expected of us. It's fun with the girls and it keeps me in shape Midget.
- That it's all my friends and no body checking. I'm afraid to change in front of boys and not afraid to change in front of girls. Peewee
- I really like the dressing room. I also like the excitement of scoring goals and playing with my friends. Peewee
- I get to play with my friends and no matter what the score it is just for fun! And most of all playing in net Novice

- I think its awesome to play Women's Hockey because girls never used to be able to playback in the day but now we can and we can even play it as our own sport. I think we make people who couldn't play it back in the day proud of us. Also I think it's a good way to develop your skills to make it to the Olympics! Yeah One day I'll be famous! Peewee
- I like women's hockey because it gives a chance for girls to get involved with sports. Bantam
- What I like best about hockey is it's fun competitive and keeps me in shape. Midget
- I like playing with other girls having fun in the change room and on the ice and most of all meeting new friends and other girls from other teams. Novice
- The thing I like best about women's hockey is making new friends, meet new coaches and parents, going on out of town tournaments and having a good team that has good hockey spirit and works together Like my team, the Wild Things, we never yell at people if they did a bad play because they tried their best and we never let somebody out because they are weird. Atom
- FUN/ FRIENDS/ MEET PEOPLE/ CHALLENGE/ SKILL IMPROVEMENT Bantam
- Women's hockey has made me a stronger more confident person. I have met a lot of girls that I will always call my friends. I have always been fortunate to be with a group of girls that work hard to play as a team, while being competitive yet having fun. Midget
- What I like best about playing hockey is the challenge and team effort. Hockey is a team effort. Hockey is a team sport and that has taught me to pass and think of others as well. Peewee
- Because I learned so much this year in team play, sportsmanship, and good positioning, I've also met a lot of new friends. Thank you to all the coaches in the Peewee division. Peewee
- When playing women's hockey the thing I like best is going out there and having fun. No matter how bad we're losing or how good we're winning, I just have fun know matter what. Bantam
- The best part of women's hockey is that it's cool and fun. When you first start its challenging and hard but after its awesome! Peewee
- Having all my friends together and there is never any one on my team who is mean. There is no body checking. And its fun going to all the tournaments. Peewee
- I like women's hockey because you get to meat lots of girls not boys. And when I trip someone I don't get a penalty because I'm so small. Atom
- What I like best about playing women's hockey is that you get to become good friends with your team and everyone gets along pretty well. It is pretty awesome! Bantam
- What I like best about playing women's hockey is how much you get to play. I also like the tournaments and scoring goals is so cool. But being with my friends is the best part. Peewee
- The thing I like best about playing women's hockey is that I don't have to play with the boys. Novice
- The feeling of being a team, it makes me feel like yay. It's fun! Midget
- I like there are know boys aloud and the game is just for fun. Peewee
- The great coaching Novice
- I love practices because they are fun. Novice
- I like skating hard when I play hockey and I like making new friends. Novice



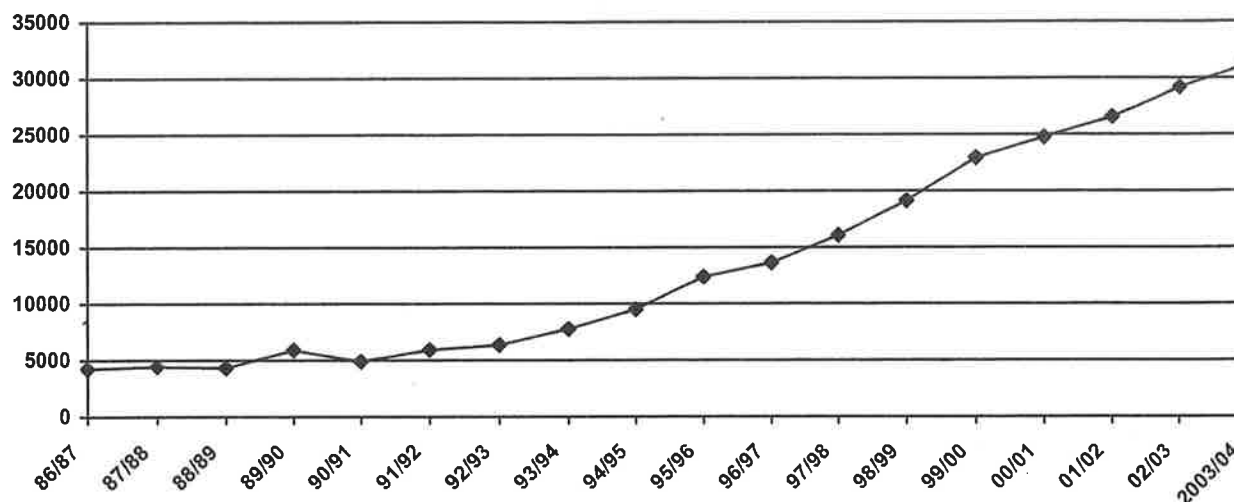
☺	OWHA General Meeting	Sep 28
☺	Stoney Creek Girls Hockey Association 30th Anniversary Celebration	Oct 4
☺	Esso FUN Day – Stoney Creek	Oct 4
☺	Esso FUN Day – Waterloo	Nov 8
☺	Team China vs Team Ontario - Iceland, Mississauga	Nov 10
☺	Barrie Sharkfest – NWHL Game	Nov 14
☺	Barrie Sharkfest Tournament	Nov 16
☺	Halton Twisters Tournament	Nov 28-30
☺	Santa Claus Parade – Stoney Creek	Dec 6
☺	Woodstock Wildcats Tournament	Jan 3
☺	OWHA Senior Provincial Championships	Feb 28
☺	OWHA Senior AAA Provincial Gold Medal Game	Feb 29
☺	Stoney Creek GHA – Hockey FUNdamentals Year-End Party	Mar 21
☺	St Mary's University – Women's Hockey Conference, Halifax, N.S.	Mar 27
☺	Brookside Middle School School, Nova Scotia	Apr 1
☺	Hockey Nova Scotia Female Showcase - Banquet	Apr 2
☺	Esso FUN Days –Hockey Nova Scotia – Female Hockey	Apr 3
☺	Dartmouth High School – OWHA Presentation to Leadership Class	Apr 5
☺	OWHA Provincial Championships	Apr 17
☺	OWHA Provincial Championships	Apr 18



OWHA REGISTRATION REPORT

Congratulations again to all members of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association on another season of growth. Membership in the OWHA increased by **93 teams** and **1,950 players** in the 2003-2004 season.

OWHA GROWTH CHART (Players/Year)



OWHA REGISTRATION – PLAYERS / DIVISION 1992 → 2004

TEAMS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	00-01	01-02	*02-03	2003-04	+/-
Competitive	246	308	372	411	435	449	539	590	643	686	737	767	+30
House League	165	249	321	443	526	644	855	966	1,031	1,116	1,230	1,293	+63
Total Teams	411	557	693	854	964	1,093	1,394	1,556	1,674	1,802	1,967	2,060	+93

PLAYERS	92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99-00	00-01	01-02	*02-03	2003-04	+/-
Senior	2485	2798	3122	3704	3880	4058	4295	5506	5,229	5,336	5,140	5,676	+536
Intermediate	446	524	594	939	1367	1615	1710	1885	2,334	2,625	2,443	2,182	-261
Midget	565	644	859	1138	1274	1500	1949	2061	2,153	2,164	3,950	4,404	+454
Bantam	569	819	1110	1326	1324	1859	2372	2861	3,028	3,283	5,080	5,742	+662
Peewee	898	1181	1580	2235	2380	2743	3378	3771	4,461	5,057	5,814	6,191	+377
Atom	798	1124	1371	1679	1687	2665	3091	3461	3,929	4,274	4,208	4,396	+188
Novice /Tyke	551	744	990	1270	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Novice	---	---	---	---	1373	1394	1955	2796	3,122	3,319	2,216	2,154	-62
FUNDamentals/ Initiation Program	---	---	---	---	330	215	364	574	476	481	321	377	+56
Total Players	6,333	7,848	9,626	12,296	13,635	16,049	19,114	22,915	24,732	26,539	29,172	31,122	+1,950

* Age Change season

OWHA PLAYER & TEAM DISTRIBUTION *by Division & Category*

CATEGORY	PLAYERS						TEAMS					
COMPETITIVE	<u>03/04</u>	<u>02/03</u>	<u>01/02</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>98/99</u>	<u>03/04</u>	<u>02/03</u>	<u>01/02</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>98/99</u>
Senior AAA	97	94	99	112	115	83	5	5	5	6	6	5
Senior AA	300	231	166	227	260	209	18	14	10	15	17	13
Senior A	483	552	474	388	423	467	30	34	30	26	26	30
Senior BB	367	149	272	236	249	263	23	10	17	15	16	17
Senior B	102	260	354	369	338	275	6	17	23	24	22	18
Senior CC	---	---	---	---	158	147	---	---	---	---	10	10
Senior C	402	448	384	448	374	337	25	27	25	28	26	26
Intermediate AA	336	363	342	223	177	163	20	22	20	13	11	10
Intermediate A	178	311	149	198	118	214	11	19	9	12	7	14
Intermediate BB	138	115	225	198	135	n/a	9	7	14	12	8	n/a
Intermediate B	128	196	237	92	149	135	8	12	15	6	9	10
Intermediate C	124	228	272	215	204	141	9	13	16	14	13	20
Midget AA	493	425	373	390	323	229	30	26	23	24	20	16
Midget A	521	577	257	138	220	124	32	36	16	9	14	8
Midget BB	544	520	148	264	154	110	34	32	9	17	10	11
Midget B	678	506	179	151	150	139	43	32	12	9	10	14
Midget C	387	259	260	295	286	159	25	18	18	20	19	10
Bantam AA	293	228	272	231	212	215	18	14	17	15	15	14
Bantam A	465	507	317	360	278	207	29	32	21	23	18	15
Bantam BB	528	414	453	391	368	325	33	27	29	25	23	22
Bantam B	852	765	543	407	283	267	55	49	36	28	19	18
Bantam C	568	449	337	404	405	323	37	31	23	27	26	22
Peewee AA	335	281	151	132	125	168	21	18	10	9	8	11
Peewee A	325	321	410	419	347	379	21	21	27	27	22	25
Peewee BB	472	428	407	392	266	276	30	28	26	25	17	20
Peewee B	589	578	628	400	430	342	40	37	41	26	29	24
Peewee C	803	600	524	536	497	311	44	39	36	36	33	23
Atom AA	169	185	183	137	90	121	11	12	12	9	6	8
Atom A	192	216	179	168	195	180	12	14	12	11	13	11
Atom BB	273	350	276	270	292	213	18	23	18	18	19	14
Atom B	392	432	432	478	271	245	26	29	28	31	18	16
Atom C	331	216	516	481	400	338	19	15	34	32	31	26
Novice A	92	108	140	153	89	108	6	7	9	10	6	7
Novice BB	76	---	179	150	186	100	5	---	12	10	13	10
Novice B	80	108	264	120	133	100	6	7	18	8	9	7
Novice C	117	140	222	348	472	194	8	10	15	23	21	14
SUB TOTAL	12,230	11,560	10,624	9,921	9,172	7,607	767	737	686	643	590	539
NON-COMPETITIVE	PLAYERS						TEAMS					
	<u>03/04</u>	<u>02/03</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>98/99</u>	<u>03/04</u>	<u>02/03</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>00/01</u>	<u>99/00</u>	<u>98/99</u>
Senior Rec.	2609	2177	1612	1415	512	267	172	154	105	97	36	19
Senior HL/University	1316	1229	1975	2034	3077	2247	81	94	137	142	209	181
Intermediate HL	1278	1230	1400	1408	1102	1057	87	84	99	94	77	73
Midget HL	1781	1663	947	915	928	1188	124	117	65	67	65	77
Bantam HL	3036	2717	1361	1235	1315	1035	209	188	98	88	91	71
Peewee HL	3667	3606	2937	2582	2106	1902	252	245	205	182	151	155
Atom HL	3039	2809	2688	2395	2213	1994	209	193	190	165	154	146
Novice HL	1789	1860	2514	2351	1916	1453	128	132	182	165	141	102
Hockey FUNdamentals (Initiation) Programs	377	321	481	476	574	364	31	23	35	31*	42	31
SUB TOTAL	18,892	17,612	15,915	14,811	13,743	11,507	1,293	1,230	1,116	1,031	966	855
Grand Total	31,122	29,172	26,539	24,732	22,915	19,114	2,060	1,967	1,802	1,674	1,556	1,394

The OWHA currently has 12 centres running the FUNdamentals Program (Hockey Canada Initiation Program)

NEW MEMBERSHIP

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>APPROVED FOR</u>
Northern	Dryden	Senior HL team
Northern	Geraldton	Peewee HL team
Central East	Grafton	Senior C team
Western	Goderich	Senior Rec. team
Central	Hillsburgh	Senior Rec. Association
Western	Ingersoll**	Peewee team
Central	Mississauga	Senior Rec. Division
Toronto	Oakville	Senior AA team
Eastern	Orleans Outlaws	Senior Rec. team
Eastern	Ottawa Charlie's Angels	Senior Rec. team
Eastern	Ottawa Fire on Ice	Senior Rec. team
Eastern	Ottawa Massive Attack	Senior Rec. team
Eastern	Ottawa Heat	Senior Rec. team
Western	Petrolia	Junior Association
Western	Ridgetown	Junior Association
Northern	Sioux Lookout	Midget HL team
Eastern	South Dundas	Junior Association
Toronto	Toronto Wheels	Senior C team

OWHA Mission Statement



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

2004 Esso Women's Nationals

March 12 – 16, 2003 Sherwood Park, Alberta

GOLD ONTARIO (Toronto Aeros)
SILVER ALBERTA (Calgary Oval X-treme)
BRONZE HOST (Edmonton Chimos)

Team	Score	Team	Score
SK	3	NS	2
NB	2	MB	4
AB	5	ON	6
QC	7	BC	1
NB	2	SK	3
NFL	8	NS	5
HOST	1	ON	4
QC	1	AB	5
SK	5	NFL	4
NS	1	MB	3
AB	4	HOST	2
ON	5	BC	0
HOST	3	QC	4
NFL	2	NB	4
MB	3	SK	6
BC	0	AB	7
ON	10	QC	0
BC	4	HOST	6
NS	2	NB	8
MB	7	NFL	1
BC	2	HOST	3
SK	1	QC	7
NB	2	MB	5
NFL	3	NS	1
QC	0	AB	4
BC	1	SK	2
HOST	3	ON	9
HOST	4	QC	3
AB	1	ON	2



2004 ESSO CANADIAN NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

TEAM ONTARIO CAPTURES THE ESSO WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

SHERWOOD PARK, AB – The 2004 Esso Women's National Hockey Championship wrapped up with a thrilling championship final game that needed overtime to determine a winner, as Team Ontario defeated Team Alberta 2-1 in front of a capacity crowd of 1,800 fans at Sherwood Park Arena to capture the Abby Hoffman Cup.

Geraldine Heaney scored the winning goal for Team Ontario at 3:39 of the first overtime period, to finish off a spectacular rush and an incredible career.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TORONTO AEROS!**

GERALDINE HEANEY

CONGRATULATIONS Geraldine Heaney

Geraldine scored a spectacular overtime goal to give the Toronto Aeros the Esso National Championship.

Geraldine was recognized by Hockey Night in Canada for this goal and also for her epic winning goal in 1990 to give Canada their first World Championship.

Thanks for **seven** World Championships, 1998 Olympic silver medal, 2002 Olympic gold medal and countless other victories!

Sincere thanks and best wishes to Geraldine in her family life as she has retired from international hockey.

CENTRAL CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2004 Central Canadian Championship (Quebec/Ontario Cup) to be hosted by Hockey Quebec was cancelled by them. We were very disappointed with this cancellation and we are working with Hockey Quebec to address the concerns so we can move forward in the future. We congratulate the following OWSA senior teams who had qualified for the competition.

Senior AA	Senior A	Senior BB
Oakville Ice	Hamilton Golden Hawks	Thunder Bay Sting
Dorchester Blazers	Toronto Grimm Jesters	Port Stanley Bannockburn Farms

2003 FOUR NATIONS CUP

Canada, Finland, Sweden and USA faced off at the Four Nations Cup in Skövde, Sweden from November 5-9, 2003. The 2003 4 Nations Cup finished with a classic gold medal tilt between women's hockey two 'superpowers' Canada and the USA, with Team USA beating Canada by the score of 2-1 after 22 shots, 11 on each side, were taken in a sudden-death shoot out that decided the outcome of the game. USA's veteran Cammi Granato was the only player to score in the shoot-out, scoring both of USA's goals, to give USA the victory. The two teams faced off twice at this 4 Nations Cup event, with USA winning both games (2-0 and 2-1 in shootout). These games were the first times that Canada and the USA have met since the 2003 Four Nations Cup, which Canada captured.

Game Results

Nov 5	Can 6	Swe 1	
Nov 6	Can 0	USA 2	
Nov 8	Can 5	Fin 1	
Nov 9	Swe 2	Fin 3	Bronze
Nov 9	Can 1	USA 2	Gold

National Women's Team – 2003 FOUR NATIONS CUP

#	Player	Pos	Shot	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	Hometown	2003-04 Team
1	Small, Sami Jo	G	L	5'8	179	03/25/76	Winnipeg, MB	Toronto Aeros (OWHA/NWHL)
32	*Labonté, Charline	G	L	5'9	169	10/15/82	Boisbriand, QC	Montreal Axion (NWHL)
3	MacLeod, Carla	D	R	5'4	138	06/16/82	Calgary, AB	U of Wisconsin (WCHA)
4	Kellar, Becky	D	L	5'7	156	01/01/75	Hagersville, ON	Toronto Aeros (OWHA/NWHL)
5	Sostorics, Colleen	D	R	5'4	182	12/17/79	Kennedy, SK	Calgary X-Treme (NWHL)
9	Ferrari, Gillian	D	R	5'8	162	06/23/80	Thornhill, ON	Toronto Aeros (OWHA/NWHL)
11	Pounder, Cheryl	D	R	5'5	142	06/21/76	Mississauga, ON	Toronto Aeros (OWHA/NWHL)
20	Bredin, Correne	D	L	5'11	195	02/11/80	Warburg, AB	Calgary X-Treme (NWHL)
34	Collins, Delaney	D	L	5'4	128	05/02/77	Pilot Mound, MB	U. of Alberta (CIS)
7	Piper, Cherie	F	R	5'5	173	06/29/81	Scarborough, ON	Dartmouth College (ECAC)
10	Apps, Gillian	F	L	5'11	176	11/02/83	Unionville, ON	Dartmouth College (ECAC)
12	Dupuis, Lori	F	L	5'8	169	11/14/72	Cornwall, ON	Brampton Thunder (NWHL)
13	Ouellette, Caroline	F	L	5'11	171	05/25/79	Montréal, QC	Minnesota-Duluth (WCHA)
15	Goyette, Danielle	F	L	5'6	154	01/30/66	St-Nazaire, QC	Calgary X-Treme (NWHL)
16	Hefford, Jayna	F	L	5'4	143	05/14/77	Kingston, ON	Brampton Thunder (OWHA/NWHL)
17	Botterill, Jennifer	F	L	5'9	157	05/01/79	Winnipeg, MB	Toronto Aeros (OWHA/NWHL)
19	Desrosiers, Annie	F	L	5'8	160	07/29/80	St-Antoine-sur-Richelieu, QC	Toronto Aeros (NWHL)
22	Wickenheiser, Hayley	F	R	5'10	170	12/08/78	Shaunavon, SK	Calgary X-Treme (NWHL)
26	Vaillancourt, Sarah	F	R	5'5	141	05/08/85	Sherbrooke, QC	Pomfret Prep (US HS)
27	Kingsbury, Gina	F	L	5'7	141	11/26/81	Rouyn-Noranda, QC	St. Lawrence U. (ECAC)
77	Campbell, Cassie	F	L	5'7	145	11/22/73	Brampton, ON	Calgary X-Treme (NWHL)

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 Apprentice Coach: Lisa MacDonald Halifax, NS
 Media Relations: Andre Brin, Winnipeg, MB Hockey Canada

EIGHT STRAIGHT! Way to Go Team Canada!



Congratulations Team Canada on capturing your eighth IIHF Women's World Hockey title in Halifax!

Current or former OWHHA Players & Staff on the 2004 World Champions include:

#1 Sami Jo Small	#11 Cheryl Pounder
#4 Becky Kellar	#16 Jayna Hefford
#6 Therese Brisson	#17 Jennifer Botterill
#7 Cherie Piper	#61 Vicky Sunohara
#9 Gillian Ferrari	#77 Cassie Campbell
#10 Gillian Apps	

Head Coach
Ass't Coach
Team Doctor

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**Alternate players who travelled with the team*

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Massage therapist: Mavis Wahl Piapot, SK
Strength, Conditioning Coach: Jason Poole Virden, MB
Media Relations: Andre Brin, Hockey Canada
Coord. High Performance: Lesley Reddon Mississauga, ON Hockey Canada



2004 Women's World Hockey Championship

March 30th - April 6th

Halifax / Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Group A	Group B	Group C
*CANADA	*USA	*SWEDEN
*GERMANY	*RUSSIA	*FINLAND
*CHINA	**SWITZERLAND	***JAPAN

* Seeding based on 2002 Olympics

** 2002 IIHF Div 1 Champions

*** 2003 IIHF Div 1 Champions

	Round	G#	Grp	Game/Result				Location	Time
Tuesday, March 30									
	Round Robin	1	B	SUI	1	vs	USA 9	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Round Robin	2	A	CHN	0	vs	CAN 11	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Round Robin	3	C	JPN	2	vs	SWE 8	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00
Wednesday, March 31									
	Round Robin	4	B	RUS	2	vs	SUI 1	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Round Robin	5	A	GER	4	vs	CHN 2	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Round Robin	6	C	FIN	1	vs	JPN 0	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00
Thursday, April 1									
	Round Robin	7	B	USA	8	vs	RUS 0	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Round Robin	8	A	CAN	13	vs	GER 0	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Round Robin	9	C	SWE	2	vs	FIN 2	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
A1 - CAN	A2 - GER	A3 - CHN
B1 - USA	B2 - RUS	B3 - SUI
C1 - SWE	C2 - FIN	C3 - JPN

	Round	G#	Grp	Game				Location	Time	
Saturday, April 3										
	Qualifier	10	2	CAN	1	vs	USA	3	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Qualifier	11	1	GER	2	vs	RUS	4	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Qualifier	12	3	CHN	6	vs	SUI	3	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00
Sunday, April 4										
	Qualifier	13	2	FIN	4	vs	GER	0	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Qualifier	14	1	CAN	7	vs	SWE	1	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Qualifier	15	3	JPN	2	vs	CHN	5	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00
Monday, April 5										
	Qualifier	16	2	RUS	1	vs	FIN	2	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Qualifier	17	1	USA	9	vs	SWE	2	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00
	Qualifier	18	3	SUI	4	vs	JPN	0	Dartmouth Sportsplex	18:00
Tuesday, April 6										
	Bronze	19		Finland	3	vs	Sweden	2	Halifax Metro Centre	16:00
	Gold	20		Canada	2	vs	USA	0	Halifax Metro Centre	20:00

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NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNDER 22 TEAM PROGRAM

The National Women's Under 22 program completed its sixth season. The importance of the program continues to be evident in the numbers of players on the National Women's Team that graduated from the Under 22 program.

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

ROSTER – EXHIBITION SERIES vs USA U22 PIERREFONDS, QUEBEC Aug 20-23, 2003

Players	Position	Hometown
Chartier, Brittony	G	Saskatoon, SK
Labonté, Charline	G	Cornbrook, NL
Gagnon, Melanie	D	St. Adolphe, MB
Guay, Annie	D	Rouyn Noranda, QC
MacLeod, Carla	D	Calgary, AB
McArthur, Krista	D	Alliston, ON
Pretty, Dana	D	Richmond, BC
Ross, Laurie	D	Manotick, ON
Slusar, Bobbi Jo	D	Swift Current, SK
Wallace, Kerri	D	Rocky Mountain House, AB
Apps, Gillian	F	Unionville, ON
Creary, Jeni	F	Shell Lake, SK
Friesen, Jackie	F	Regina, SK
Grills, Chelsea	F	Stittsville, ON
Hall, Kaley	F	Calgary, AB
Logan, Heather	F	Napanee, ON
Mikkelsen, Meaghan	F	St Albert, AB
Riggs, Ashley	F	Pickering, ON
Russell, Rebecca	F	Lethbridge, AB
Vaillancourt, Sarah	F	Sherbrooke, QC
Walton, Meagan	F	Calgary, AB
Weatherston, Katherine	F	Thunder Bay, ON

Director, High Performance: Julie Healy, Hockey Canada
Head Scout: Wally Kozak, Hockey Canada
Head Coach: Margot Page, Niagara University (Hockey Canada)
Assistant Coach: Lisa MacDonald, St Mary's University (CIS)
Assistant Coach: Peter Smith, McGill University (CIS)
Goaltender Coach: Dave Jamieson, Cobocok, ON
Equipment Manager: Paul Ng- Saskatoon, SK
Camp Equipment Ass't: Stewart Wilson, Montreal, QC
Athletic Therapist: Kirsten Krepps – Brampton, ON
Camp Ass't Therapist: Jessika Audet - Montreal, QC
Team Physician: Dr. Marni Wesner - . Edmonton, AB
Media Relations: André Brin, Hockey Canada
Coordinator, High Performance: Lesley Reddon Hockey Canada

ROSTER – U22 AIR CANADA CUP BAD TOLZ, GERMANY Feb 4-7, 2004

Players	Position	Hometown
Chartier, Brittony	G	Saskatoon, SK
Bugden, Jana	G	Cornbrook, NL
Gagnon, Melanie	D	St. Adolphe, MB
Guay, Annie	D	Rouyn Noranda, QC
Ross, Laurie	D	Manotick, ON
Stosky, Laura	D	Edmonton, AB
Garland, Martine	D	Toronto, ON
Slusar, Bobbi Jo	D	Swift Current, SK
Wallace, Kerri	D	Rocky Mountain House, AB
Pretty, Dana	D	Richmond, BC
Provost, Mariève	F	Laval, QC
Friesen, Jackie	F	Regina, SK
Weatherston, Katherine	F	Thunder Bay, ON
Hall, Kaley	F	Calgary, AB
Mikkelsen, Meaghan	F	St Albert, AB
Grills, Chelsea	F	Stittsville, ON
Russell, Rebecca	F	Lethbridge, AB
Creary, Jeni	F	Shell Lake, SK
Walton, Meagan	F	Calgary, AB
Logan, Heather	F	Napanee, ON
Jones, Stephanie	F	Kimberley, BC
Riggs, Ashley	F	Pickering, ON

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Head Coach: Margot Page, Niagara University (Hockey Canada)
Assistant Coach: Lisa MacDonald, St Mary's University (CIS)
Assistant Coach: Peter Smith, McGill University (CIS)
Mentor Coach: Melody Davidson, Cornell University (ECAC)
Equipment Manager: Marie-France Dépin - Saskatoon, SK
Athletic Therapist: Kirsten Krepps – Brampton, ON
Team Physician: Dr. Marni Wesner - . Edmonton, AB
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Competition Results – Pierrefonds, QC Exhibition Series vs USA U-22

Aug 20, 2002	Canada 2	USA 2
Aug 21, 2002	Canada 0	USA 2
Aug 23, 2002	Canada 2	USA 3

Competition Results U22 AIR CANADA CUP, BAD TOLZ, GERMANY

Feb 4, 2003	Canada 5	Switzerland 0
Feb 5, 2003	Canada 6	Finland 1
Feb 6, 2003	Canada 6	Switzerland 0
Feb 7, 2003	Canada 5	Germany 3

HOCKEY CANADA NOTES

2007 CANADA WINTER GAMES & ABORIGINAL SPORT CIRCLE

A working group comprising representatives of the Aboriginal Sport Circle, the Canada Games Council, Hockey Canada and Sport Canada are examining the possible inclusion of Aboriginal men's and women's teams in the Canada Winter Games hockey tournament.

CHEVROLET SAFE & FUN HOCKEY

The Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey Program is part of a healthy foundation to a future in Canadian Hockey!

Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey – a Parent's Approach is a program designed to educate parents on respect and responsibility within the game, while introducing players to some basic skills and concepts during fun on and off ice drills and games. It enables all participants to become contributing members of the hockey family, develop a good value system, and experience a sense of personal responsibility. These goals are achieved in an atmosphere of respect, responsibility, but most of all – fun!

Information is available through the OWHHA office.

HOCKEY CANADA PLAYING RULES

Revisions to Playing Rules will be discussed at Fall Council Meetings in October 2004, with a decision requested at the Semi Annual Meeting in November 2004. Changes will be made for the 2005-2006 season.

SPEAK OUT

The Hockey Canada Speak Out Committee has given the current Harassment and Abuse Policies and Procedures a great deal of attention this season resulting in a revised document for consideration. The key adjustments include the addition of bullying to the current harassment information as well as the addition of an appeals procedure to the current national Harassment Complaint Procedures. The documents are currently under legal review.

There has been significant discussion around the need for an in depth evaluation of the Speak Out Program to help us determine how the program is impacting the game, who is aware of the program and more importantly who is not aware of the program and why not. This also includes identifying some of the barriers and challenges with the implementing of the program as well as the benefits seen once the program is implemented in the local levels.

The committee is currently investigating different options with respect to on-line learning as it relates to both the training of coaches, and to the training of Speak Out Facilitators within the Branches. These discussions are presently in the initial stages; however, the ideas are certainly defining delivery options for the future.

The handling of complaints has recently become a significant agenda item for the Speak Out Committee. The question of effective complaint handling at all levels of the game is being addressed including steps, if any, that need to be taken to assist all levels of governance in dealing with complaints both within and outside the harassment definition.

The Speak Out Committee is presently investigating the feasibility of an "All Sport" Conference to allow sports and organizations to assemble and share programs, ideas and professional development in the area of harassment and abuse prevention. Before this is considered, we will be speaking with potential partners and National Sporting Organizations to measure their interest in this type of event.

COACHING DEVELOPMENT

Coach Stream and Development 1 Stream will be fully integrated nationally for 04-05, Development 2 Stream clinic will be piloting country wide.

Version 2 of the Development CD ROM completed is available through the OWHHA office
Initiation Program Clinic materials, resources for Course Conductors has been updated to reflect the new 4 hour IP clinic

FEMALE HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT

Esso Fun Day Program

To date the 2003-2004 Esso Fun Day season hosted 1152 females through 30 different Esso Fun Days; introducing them to hockey with on ice and off - ice activities. At the same time there were 1163 parents that also participated off ice as well as cheering there daughter on the ice.

HIGH PERFORMANCE ACTIVITIES – tentative schedule 2004-05

May 29 – June 6	Off Ice Conditioning, Calgary
June – August	Summer Training Program, Regional training Groups, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal
August 14-22	Under 22 Selection Camp, Waterloo
August 22-28	Under 22 Competition vs USA Under 22, Lake Placid
October 3-11	NWT – International Thanksgiving Festival (TBA)
November 5-9	4 Nations Cup Pre Camp, Montreal/Ottawa
November 10-15	4 Nations Cup, Lake Placid
January 22-28	NWT Camp, Calgary
January 26-30	Under 18 National Championship, Salmon Arm, BC
February 6-13	Under 22 Air Canada Cup, Germany
March 10-13	CIS Nationals, McGill University
March 7-14	Esso Nationals, Sarnia
March 23-25	NWT, Pre World Camp. Toronto
March 25	NWHL Cup, Brampton
April 3-10	NWT, Women's World Championship, Sweden

SCOUTING AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

This was Hockey Canada's 2nd season with a full-time scout, Wally Kozak, in place. In addition to Wally, a number of regionally based people assisted with scouting. Wally is now tasked with the job of evaluating these scouts, developing a set of criteria to select and evaluate the people who scout for the NWT programs.

Hockey Canada continues to support and track approximately 100 players through the submission of logs, to which they provide feedback.

Hockey Canada and the OWHHA have begun working together to support the development of skilled and fit players. The objective for Hockey Canada is to provide the expertise (tools & information) to the OWHHA whenever we run a player development camp, specifically geared at getting the athletes in the 14-17 age group training at a much younger age and with the information to do so properly.

CHALLENGES

The biggest challenge that arose during this season was the unavailability of NCAA based athletes to participate in National & Under 22 program camps and events. Some NCAA athletes chose to remain with their in-season teams instead of attending a camp and/or event. This season we required athletes to choose between the NCAA Final Four and our World Championships pre-camp as they were in direct conflict.

NATIONAL U22 TEAM PROGRAM 2003-2004

U22 Selection Camp: St. Jean-sur-Richillieu - August 11-17th - 39 athletes (Italian National Women's Team held the second week of their summer camp on campus with Canada)

3 Game Series vs. USA U22: Montreal – Aug. 21-24 - 22 athletes (prep camp August 17-20)

October Thanksgiving Festival – Dartmouth, NS, October 7-12th - 60 athletes (3 team round-robin tournament –NWT & U22 athletes combined)

Air Canada Cup: February 2004 -Germany, February 1st-8th

INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION (IIHF)

The 100th anniversary of the IIHF in 2008

New World Ranking system for Men's and Women's Hockey. Canada at the writing of this report is #1 in Mens and Womens. Ranking system will be used to determine qualification for future Olympics. Canada is now confirmed for Torino, and also as Host for 2010.

Sarnia and Ontario Women's Hockey Association to host ESSO Women's National Hockey Championship

Sarnia, Ontario (May 10, 2004): The supremacy of Canadian women's hockey will be decided in Sarnia, Ontario in March, 2005.

Hockey Canada has announced that the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) has been awarded the *2005 ESSO Women's National Hockey Championship*, and is bringing the event to the Sarnia Sports and Entertainment Centre (SSEC).

"We're excited that we've signed an agreement with the OWHA to bring this national showcase to such a great hockey town," said Bob Nicholson, President of Hockey Canada. "The enthusiasm that the local committee has put into finalizing this agreement, has our organization confident that the 2005 event will set a new standard for excellence."

"Sarnia has shown a huge commitment to women's hockey, and the organization required to put on a premier event," said Fran Rider, Executive Director of the OWHA. "The Sarnia Girls Hockey Association and their sister organizations in the area have proven their expertise in the development and promotion of female hockey events."

The OWHA has vast experience in organizing championships at the local, provincial, national and international levels.

SSEC General Manager Mike Richardson promises a memorable experience for all the participants and spectators.

"With our two NHL size ice surfaces and our proven ability to host a variety of major events, our whole organization is looking forward to the challenge. We have committed to partnering with the OWHA to present this event for our community, local girls' hockey and women's hockey in Canada, and a chance to once again demonstrate that we have one of the best sports facilities in the country."

"This is a great day for Sarnia, to have a national event in our community that will include televised games carried from coast to coast," said Mayor Mike Bradley. "Like we have done with other major events, I'm confident Sarnia will repay the confidence that has been shown in us by Hockey Canada and the OWHA."

Tourism Sarnia Lambton officials, who prepared the bid in conjunction with the SSEC and the OWHA, are ecstatic with this major coup.

"Sports tourism is one of our community's greatest strengths and we will welcome athletes from all the provinces, with an unforgettable reception," promised Vicky Prail, TSL's Special Events and Group Marketing Coordinator.

A media conference will be held in Sarnia at the SSEC in June to announce event details, which are being finalized later this month.

HOCKEY CANADA INSURANCE REPORT

Hockey Canada's Insurance Committee has worked diligently this past season in the hopes of making the renewal process for 2005-06 as seamless as possible. At the time of the writing of this report, we were anticipating some rated indications would be available on a policy extension through to September 1, 2008. Unfortunately, these have not yet materialized. 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. Hockey Canada's 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. We will augment this with our Critical Path in the event that the policy extension is not an option or the potential cost of this option is prohibitive. *Hockey Canada will maintain its current premium structure for the 2004-05 season regardless of the outcome of these discussions.*

HISTORY

Hockey Canada (CAHA, CHA) became involved in insurance programs in the early 1980's. Initially, the CAHA purchased all programs from the commercial insurance market. In 1986, the CAHA 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 CAHA 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 CAHA 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 judgements/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 CAHA 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 CAHA 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

Hockey Canada 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%.

While these events have proven difficult for the insurance industry there are signs of recovery 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 reinsurers 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".

Last year we priced our program at the time as if we were renegotiating our renewal in May, 2003. 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 Hockey Canada. In particular, we are looking at the possibility of a national Directors and Officers policy. 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.

HOCKEY CANADA 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. While there may be an opportunity to present you with policy extension information prior to the Annual Meeting, the Insurance Committee is proceeding as though this may not happen and is quite prepared to proceed to a full bid process aimed at providing renewal options for the Semi-Annual Meeting in 2004.

CRITICAL PATH FOR 2005 RENEWAL

Policy Extension Discussions Ongoing

Insurers input into policy renewal requirements Sept. 2003

Broker Selection June 10 2004

Rate Indication Dec. 2004

Confirmation of Rates, Broker warranty to Sept. 2005 May 2005

Communication of rate changes, policy changes etc. Summer 2005

Policy commencement Sept. 2005

IMPORTANT NOTE

If you have not already done so, please obtain Directors and Officers Liability coverage. The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has Directors and Officers Liability coverage with Cambrian Insurance. The contact is Julio Navaro at 1-800-310-8133.

CAMERA PHONES & PDA'S FACILITY ALERT

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association points out this very important information:

Technology advancements have allowed cell phones and PDA's (personal digital assistants) to carry new functions - such as cameras that allow users to secretly photograph objects in front of them while appearing to dial a number.

The ability to snap photos without others knowing has raised significant concern for members of the O.R.F.A.'s (Ontario Recreation Facilities Association) Aquatic Committee. The potential exists for deviant behaviour of camera-phone users photographing other patrons undressing or showering in locker rooms.

O.R.F.A. President, Dan McArthur recommends that signage be posted immediately that

"Prohibits the use of cell phones, and personal digital assistants in all recreation facility changerooms".

"Some of these phones can be used as cameras," said McArthur and "If someone uses a phone this way and takes a photo and puts it on the Internet, it's a violation of personal privacy and should not be tolerated by building owners".

What's alarming is how popular, widespread -- and clandestine -- these phones are. Global sales of mobile phones that can take, send and receive pictures rose 65 percent in the last quarter from 5.2 million units to 8.6 million phones sold, according to market research firm Strategy Analytics. These numbers do not include snap-on cameras for the phones that can be purchased for as little as \$100.

According to O.R.F.A. Executive Director, John Milton this issue will quickly become a real problem to Association members and the general public at large; much worse than it is now. Cellphones already take better pictures than most video cameras; cell-phones eliminate the evidence (send it somewhere else), rather than storing it where it can easily be found; unlike video cameras, cell-phones don't require disguises or excuses to be brought into such sensitive areas as schools, gyms, locker rooms, bathrooms, beaches, etc., etc.

Note: Special thanks to the City of Pickering, Town of Ajax and City of Waterloo for their input and sharing of information regarding this Facility Alert.

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

OWHA 2003/04 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

NCCP – 16 clinics – 328 participants certified

HTCP – 17 clinics – 444 participants certified

HCOP – 23 clinics – 449 participants certified

PREVENTION SERVICES (*Speak Out*) – 35 clinics – 929 participants certified

OWHA's - COACHING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The Canadian Hockey Association's Competency Based Educational Training (CBET) will replace the current Coach Level, Intermediate Level, Advanced I, and Advanced II/Level IV format in the 2004/05 season. The new National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) delivery 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 of the Coach. All levels in the new CBET delivery format will address coaching the in the Team environment, the Training environment, and the Game environment.

The Recreational Stream will be a 7.5-hour clinic, 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 receive certification at the Recreational Stream Level, the coach will be required to complete 3 core components; the pre-seminar assignment, 100% attendance during the clinic along with the in-seminar course assignments, and finally the post-seminar assignment. The post-seminar assignment will require the expertise of an experienced assistance of an "Association" Mentor Coach. The Development Stream is currently a work-in-progress however this Hockey Canada program will be ready for delivery by September. Please note, there currently is no ice session included in the Recreational Stream however OWHA's member Associations can at their discretion add an on-ice component. The OWHA Board of Directors will be meeting to finalize delivery options of Coaching Certification Programs.

OWHA'S - TRAINER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

The OWHA conducted a pilot Level I/II Hockey Trainer Certification Program (HTCP) in Ottawa this season. The OWHA's Master Course Conductor Fay McLaughlin expertise was instrumental in facilitating this OWHA's venture, thanks Fay for a job well done! The clinic was a tremendous success with 15 participants receiving their HTCP's Level II certification during this 2-day clinic. The OWHA's Board of Directors will be reviewing the feasibility of offering the Level I/II HTCP for the 2004/05 season.

OWHA'S PREVENTION SERVICES

The OWHA made great strides this season in working toward their goal of certifying all its volunteer members in having the necessary skills to positively address any potential issues regarding harassment and abuse in hockey. The OWHA's Prevention Services' highly qualified and experienced facilitators are to be commended for their dedication in helping the OWHA's membership put in place proactive preventive measures in preventing harassment and abuse in female hockey in Ontario.

OWHA OFFICIATING PROGRAMME

OWHA REGISTERED OFFICIALS 2003-2004

Total Number of Registered Officials 806 (Female 278 & Male 528)

OWHA INSTRUCTORS		OWHA SUPERVISORS	
Total Number of Instructors	13	Total Number of Supervisors	37
Number of Female Instructors	10	Number of Female Supervisors	23
Number of Male Instructors	3	Number of Male Supervisors	14

House League	71	Female	40	Male	31
Level 1	82	Female	47	Male	35
Level 2	384	Female	128	Male	256
Level 3	220	Female	45	Male	175
Level 4	40	Female	17	Male	23
Level 5	8	Female	1	Male	7
Level 6	1	Female	0	Male	1

HCOP CLINIC INFORMATION

Number of HCOP Clinics hosted by the OWHA 23 (Female 218 & Male 231)

Note: Of the 806 Officials Registered with the OWHA for the 2003-2004 season:





49 % of officials who attended an OWHA hosted clinic were female

14 % of officials who crossed over to the OWHA were female

OWHA Officiating Assignments

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association congratulates our officials on their assignments to the following prestigious events:



	Chris Pellerin	Lines	2004 World Women's Hockey Championship
2004 Esso Women's National Championship	Chantal Champagne Brenda Andress Debbie Hands Debbie Bland	Referee Referee Lines Lines	
	Doris Wyss France Lapratte Zenobie Loach	Referee Lines Lines	2004 CIS Championship
2004 Ontario Winter Games	<u>Referee</u> Barb Boyes Jill Coombes Theresa Llorente Linda Poort <u>Supervisors</u> Laurie Taylor-Bolton Deb Adams	<u>Lines</u> Gale Brady Denise Brett Mary Anne Gage Heather Richardson Jodie VanSpronsen Jennifer Wardell	

Official Retirement

Congratulations and sincere thanks to OWHA official and supervisor, Angelo Simeonidis. Angelo retired from officiating (on-ice only) on Sunday, April 18th. He did his first provincial championship game with us many years ago. He has retired after a remarkable career of thirty years of officiating. He still plans to help supervising. Angelo's contributions have had a positive impact on other officials, the participants and the overall advancement of female hockey. Angelo was recognized in a special ceremony following his final game (Atom 'A' gold medal game) at the 2004 Provincial championships on April 18th. The Guelph Thunder and Windsor Wildcats Atom A teams joined Fran Rider, Bryan Chappell, Laurie Taylor-Bolton and Deb Adams in honouring Angelo and his achievements. Sue Cassidy worked the last game with Angelo.



OWHA CERTIFICATION CLINICS

The following list of certification clinics were scheduled & coordinated through the Ontario Women's Hockey Association in the 2003-2004 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 for her efforts and dedication to the OWHA Development Program.

NATIONAL COACHING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (NCCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	NCCP LEVEL
Leaside	Sep 13, 14	Coach Level
Stoney Creek	Sep 20, 21	Coach Level
Kenora	Sep 20,21	Coach Level
Comwall	Sep 20,21	Coach Level
Milverton	Oct 4, 5	Coach Level
Durham	Oct 4, 5	Coach Level
Mississauga	Oct 4, 5	Coach Level
Chatham	Oct 18,19	Coach Level
Barrie	Oct 25,26	Coach Level
Brampton	Oct 31/Nov 1,2	Intermediate Level
Peterborough	Nov 1, 2	Coach Level
Whitby	Nov 15,16	Coach Level
Hamilton	Nov 22, 23	Coach Level
Oakville	Nov 28,29	Coach Level
Brampton	Dec 13/14	Coach Level

HOCKEY TRAINER'S CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (HTCP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	HTCP LEVEL
Leaside	Sept 20	Level I
Durham	Sept 28	Level I
Orangeville	Oct 4	Level I
Niagara Falls	Oct 4	Level I
Nepean	Oct 5	Level I
Barrie	Oct 11	Level I
Brampton	Oct 11	Level I
Mississauga	Oct 18	Level I
Ottawa	Oct 24/25	Level I/II
Cornwall	Oct 26	Level I
Burlington	Oct 26	Level I
London	Nov 1	Level I
Chatham	Nov 2	Level I
Hamilton	Nov 15	Level I
Whitby	Nov 22	Level I
Cambridge	Nov 23	Level I
Thunder Bay	Dec 13	Level I

HOCKEY CANADA OFFICIATING PROGRAM (HCOP) CLINICS

CLINIC LOCATION	DATE	CLINIC TYPE
Ottawa	Sep 6	JR - Level I & II
Ottawa	Sep 6	SR - Level III & above
Etobicoke	Sep 6	JR - Level I & II
Etobicoke	Sep 6	JR - Level I & II
Etobicoke	Sep 6	SR - Level III & above
Peterborough	Sep 7	JR - Level I & II
Peterborough	Sep 7	SR - Level III & above
Brampton	Sep 13	JR - Level I & II
Chatham	Sep 20	JR - Level I & II
Thunder Bay	Sep 20	JR - Level I & II
Whitby	Sep 21	JR - Level I & II
Whitby	Sep 21	JR - Level I & II
Barrie	Sep 27	JR - Level I & II
Barrie	Sep 27	SR - Level III & above
Aurora	Sep 28	JR - Level I & II
Burlington	Oct 4	JR - Level I & II
Gloucester	Oct 18	JR - Level I & II
Gloucester	Oct 18	SR - Level III & above
Durham	Oct 19	JR - Level I & II
Durham	Oct 19	JR - Level I & II
Hamilton	Oct 26	JR - Level I & II
Hamilton	Oct 26	JR - Level I & II
Hamilton	Oct 26	SR - Level III & above

SPEAK OUT! Prevention Services

HOST ASSOC.	DATE	HOST ASSOC.	DATE
Durham	Sept18	Bowmanville	Nov 12
Chatham	Sept 25	Hamilton	Nov 13
Whitby	Sept 30	Oakville	Nov 17
Barrie	Sept 30	London	Nov 20
Brampton	Oct 6	Cambridge	Nov 26
Orangeville	Oct 7	Oshawa	Nov 26
Aurora	Oct 7	Thunder Bay	Nov 29
Niagara Falls	Oct 22	Thunder Bay	Nov 29
Burlington	Oct 23	Thunder Bay	Nov 30
Burlington	Oct 27	Thunder Bay	Nov 30
Whitby	Oct 28	Etobicoke	Dec 1
North York	Oct 29	Cambridge	Dec 3
Oshawa	Oct 29	Cambridge	Jan 7
Stratford	Oct 30	Norfolk	Jan 12
Peterborough	Oct 30	Mississauga	Jan 14
Bowmanville	Nov 3	Mississauga	Jan 21
Percy	Nov 6	Mississauga	Jan 28

Esso FUN Days

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association was pleased to host two Esso FUN Days during the 2003-04 hockey season. The Esso FUN Day program is sponsored by Imperial Oil and coordinated through Hockey Canada and the OWHHA. It is designed to be a fun day of hockey, introducing the first time participant in the female game. Girls and women of all ages are welcome to come and give hockey a try!

The focus of the day is to introduce players to the basic skills, to make new friends, and to try the game without having to make a commitment to sign up for a season.

Our thanks to Imperial Oil for their continued sponsorship of this valuable program.

OWHA Esso FUN Days

Stoney Creek

October 4, 2003

Waterloo

November 8, 2003



HDCO Penalty Free Sweepstakes

OWHA teams participated in the Hockey Development Centre for Ontario's annual Milk Penalty Free Sweepstakes contest. Any amateur hockey team in Ontario can qualify by playing a penalty-free game within the province of Ontario during the contest period. If one team plays an entire penalty free game that team qualifies. If both teams play penalty-free then both teams qualify. All games must be refereed by qualified officials and the game sheet must be signed by at least one of the officials. A team may submit an entry for every penalty-free game they play during the contest period. All league, exhibition, tournament and playoff games played penalty free during the contest period may qualify. Each entry becomes eligible for a draw for hockey related prizes.

Congratulations to all OWHHA teams who entered the contest and played penalty free hockey.





NATIONAL WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE (NWHL)

The OWSHA congratulates the Calgary X-treme on capturing the NWHL Cup in an exciting shoot-out against Brampton Thunder. The excitement was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience at the Brampton Sport and Entertainment Centre and was captured live on CBC television. In semi-final competition, Calgary defeated Quebec Axion and Brampton Thunder edged Toronto Aeros.

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

This season, the Vancouver Griffins took a year off.. The 2003-2004 teams included:

Alberta	Calgary Oval X-treme	Edmonton Chimos
Quebec	Quebec Avalanche	Montreal Axion
Ontario	Toronto Aeros	Brampton Thunder
	Oakville Ice	Ottawa Raiders
	Telus Lightning	

Thanks to the City of Brampton for its backing and support, to Brampton Mayor Susan Fennell who is also President of the NWHL and Barb Fisher who served as Vice President and also Acting President when Susan was not available. Thanks also to Brampton Canadettes for their promotion of the game which is held during the Brampton tournament, to several thousand fans who attended and to CBC who did an exceptional job with first class productions of the NWHL Cup.

Another highlight of the league included the placement of the NWHL Cup. A well-attended press conference at the Hall marked this special occasion.

Thanks 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 Axion and Quebec Avalanche. The Ontario teams who participated in the league were Toronto Aeros, Brampton Thunder, Oakville Ice, 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!

PROMOTION OF FEMALE HOCKEY

The game of female hockey continues to be viewed in various ways. It has been interesting to listen to the opinions of those who believe the female game is intriguing and has much to offer hockey. We hear these comments regularly.

It is true that on the ice the biggest difference is that there is no intentional body checking but lots of contact. It is also true that the over all nature, philosophy and finances are vastly different. Many differences are good and need to be protected. Some of these differences such as the lack of financial support need to be addressed.

Primarily, we urge a focus on the uniqueness of female hockey. We would like to work with Hockey Canada and the other provinces so that we can all take a leadership role in this area. It is important that female hockey be viewed as a viable, unique game. Time and time again, we see a tremendously successful team and great players denied the credit they deserve. This is simply because they are playing on a female team in a female league. We believe that, together, we could have a positive impact on this challenge through a public relations campaign focussed on the tremendous strengths of female players, teams and programs



London 2004 Ontario Winter Games

March 11 - 14, 2004

WOMEN'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE Western Fair Sports Complex 865 Florence Street, London

Pool A

Etobicoke Dolphins
Nepean Wildcats
Niagara Rapids
Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting



Pool B

Clearview Ice Stars
London Devilettes
Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats
Thunder Bay Queens

Friday March 12, 2004

Game	Time	Home	Sc	Visitor	Sc
1	8:00am	Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting	0	Niagara Rapids	3
2	9:30 am	Nepean Wildcats	3	Etobicoke Dolphins	1
3	11:00 am	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	1	Clearview Ice Stars	0
4	12:30 pm	Thunder Bay Queens	3	London Devilettes	1
5	2:00 pm	Etobicoke Dolphins	1	Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting	3
6	3:30 pm	Nepean Wildcats	2	Niagara Rapids	0
7	5:00 pm	London Devilettes	2	Clearview Ice Stars	0
8	6:30 pm	Thunder Bay Queens	6	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	4

Saturday March 13, 2004

9	7:30 am	Niagara Rapids	1	Etobicoke Dolphins	3
10	9:00 am	Sarnia Jr. Lady Sting	2	Nepean Wildcats	2
11	10:30 am	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	4	London Devilettes	2
12	12:00 pm	Clearview Ice Stars	6	Thunder Bay Queens	2

13	3:00 pm	Qtr-Final	Nepean Wildcats	2	Clearview Ice Stars	0
14	4:30 pm	Qtr-Final	Sarnia Jr Lady Sting	2	London Devilettes	0
15	6:30 pm	Qtr-Final	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	1	Etobicoke Dolphins	0
16	8:00 pm	Qtr-Final	Thunder Bay Queens	6	Niagara Rapids	2

Sunday March 14, 2004

17	8:00 am	Semi-Final	Nepean Wildcats	5	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	3
18	10:00 am	Semi-Final	Thunder Bay Queens	3	Sarnia Jr Lady Sting	2
19	2:00 pm	Bronze	Quinte (Belleville) Bearcats	3	Sarnia Jr Lady Sting	2
20	4:00 pm	Gold	Nepean Wildcats	3	Thunder Bay Queens	1



2003/2004 SUSPENSION REPORT

1. There was only 1 suspension at the Novice Level.
2. The Atom Level received 28 suspensions. Both the Atom AA and A levels each received 8 suspensions or 29% of Atom level suspensions each.
3. The Peewee A received 21 of the 80 suspensions or 26%. This was followed closely by the Peewee AA level with 18 or 23% of all Peewee Level suspensions.
4. In the Bantam category, the Bantam B Level received the most suspensions with 21% (59 of the 286). This was followed closely by the Bantam A level with 54 or 19%.
5. The Midget AA Level was the worst offender in the Midget category with 120 of the 426 suspensions or 28%.
6. The Intermediate AA Level received the most suspensions at this level with 78 out of 186 or 42%.
7. The Senior A level received the highest number of suspensions with 28 of the 107 suspensions or 26%. The next highest was Senior BB with 22% or 24 suspensions.
8. Of all suspensions, Checking from Behind was called the most with 258 of the 1146 suspensions. This represents 23% of all suspensions. The Midget level received the most with 110 or 43% of the checking from behind suspensions.
9. Disputing a call was the next highest called suspension at 13% or 143 of all suspensions. Again, the Midget level received the most of these types of suspensions with 37% or 53 of these suspensions.
10. The Midget Level received the most suspensions with 426 out of the 1146 suspensions or 37%. The next highest level was Bantam with 286 or 25%.
11. The level/category with the most suspensions was the Midget AA Level, which received 120 suspensions or 11%. The next highest was the Midget A level with 84 suspensions which represents 7% of all suspensions.

Comparison of Suspension to previous years:

There has been an 18% increase in the number of suspensions handed out this year (1146) compared to last year (971). As can be seen, the number of suspensions has been steadily increasing. Since the 99/00 season the number of suspensions has risen by 66%. Since the 99/00 season, player registration has increased by 36%.

Season	Novice	Atom	Peewee	Bantam	Midget	Intermediate	Senior	Unknown	Total
2003/04	1	28	80	286	426	186	107	32	1146
2002/03	1	18	89	227	302	216	106	12	971
			2003/04	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00		
	Season Totals		1146	971	934	795	691		

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association is an organization that is built on positive values, fair play and good sportsmanship. It is a sincere desire of this Association to continue to build on the strengths of female hockey with a focus on Respect and Integrity. Players deserve an environment where they can focus on their development as they work on their individual skills and team play while enjoying the game of hockey.

Coaches have a major responsibility and require support, training and access to resources. They must be accountable to their players, associations and the OWHA.

This past season, we saw an alarming increase in the number of suspensions. We are shocked and disappointed at the number of coaches who received suspensions, especially at the novice and atom levels.

There are various theories in regards to this increase. While tabulating and analyzing the data, steps have been taken to address the challenge. At the local level, teams, associations and leagues have added suspensions and removed individuals from their programmes. At the provincial level, the OWHA Executive Committee implemented a policy that there would be a mandatory hearing for all participants who were assessed a match penalty or a gross misconduct penalty. In addition, there would be mandatory hearings for multiple offenders. This process has been costly both financially and in terms of human resources. Unfortunately, we feel this process must continue.

We are seeking applications for the 2004-2005 season from individuals who are interested in serving on discipline and/or appeal panels. Anyone who meets the criteria and is interested in actively promoting the Values and Code of Conduct of the OWHA is welcome to apply for one of these volunteer positions.

We urge every member of the Ontario Women's Hockey Association to demonstrate leadership by demonstrating and promoting its positive Values.

2003-2004

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INJURY REPORTS



The following charts provide statistics derived from the Hockey Canada Injury Report forms &/or HDCCO Injury Report surveys received at the OWHHA office in 2003-2004. 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					2003-04
Season	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	99-00	00-01	01-02	02-03	03-04	TOTALS
Novice	0	3	2	2	1	2	2	3	0	2	3
Atom	6	7	10	9	9	3	3	1	12	1	10
Peewee	21	23	18	25	30	4	10	4	14	9	39
Bantam	17	26	18	35	38	0	8	4	15	10	48
Midget	18	27	16	42	42	2	0	2	9	11	53
Intermediate	6	12	24	18	41	3	8	1	2	3	44
Senior	16	27	35	32	53	12	19	11	17	16	69
Officials (On-Ice)	3	2	0	1	5	0	0	0		2	7
TOTALS	87	127	123	164	219	26	50	26	69	54	273

Reported Injuries – by Injury Type

INJURY	QTY					INJURY	QTY				
TYPE	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00	TYPE	03-04	02-03	01-02	00-01	99-00
Chin	0	0	0	1	1	Thigh	3	2	5	0	0
Ear	0	0	0	0	1	Elbow	4	5	6	2	0
Pelvis	0	0	0	1	0	Chest	5	4	1	8	0
Dehydration	1	0	0	0	0	Leg	5	13	0	28	20
Spine	1	0	0	1	0	Shin	5	1	5	0	0
Sternum	1	0	0	0	0	Foot	6	9	10	22	13
Tailbone	1	2	0	0	1	Hand/Finger	6	4	4	3	2
Internal Injury	1***	0	0	0	0	Ribs	6	4	2	9	1
Eye	2	0	0	0	0	Arm	8	11	2	13	14
Finger	2	0	0	1	1	Hip	11	3	5	2	2
Groin	2	3	0	0	0	Ankle	15	8	4	4	0
Jaw	2	0	0	1	1	Shoulder	22	20	18	24	9
Thumb	2	0	0	2	3	Wrist/Forearm	25	15	9	10	1
Abdominal	3	1	0	0	1	Head/Skull	8*	47**	33**	42**	24**
Collarbone	3	3	6	3	1	Concussion	35	--	--	--	--
Face	3	1	3	8	2	Back	41	30	14	27	29
Mouth	3	0	0	7	2	Neck	43	38	31	31	27
Teeth/Dental	3	3	3	2	1	Knee	46	25	23	11	7

* Concussion statistic listed separately

** Number includes concussions

*** Internal injury as a result of a car accident on way to a game

Reported Injuries by Month (%)

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
2003-2004	n/a	n/a	.74	5.15	9.19	27.57	9.93	14.34	20.22	6.25	6.62
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%



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.

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