



## **OWHA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL POLICY**

**The Ontario Women's Hockey Association shall have only one class of Members. Those Members are the duly constituted Teams that are responsible for the operations of the team within the OWHA. Some teams are independent, and some are part of an Association that is recognized and approved by the OWHA on an annual basis in accordance with the OWHA's Association Policy.**

### **Membership**

- A. Membership is accorded on an annual basis and all Members will make an application for renewal of membership each year.
- B. It is the responsibility of the applicant to uphold and comply with the OWHA's By-laws, policies, procedures, rules, regulations, values, Code of Conduct and to meet any other condition of membership determined by the Board.
- C. The annual renewal of membership is to be in the best interests of female hockey in Ontario as determined by the Board and is at the sole discretion of the OWHA Board or by any committee or individual delegated such authority by the Board.
- D. All teams registered and in good standing with the OWHA in the previous hockey season are to submit their ITR (Intent to Register) along with the appropriate fee to the OWHA Office on or before August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- E. OWHA approved Associations may register teams in the divisions or categories that are in compliance with OWHA requirements and in those that they honestly believe will provide fair and equitable competition for all teams and players, notwithstanding that the OWHA Board or designate will retain its right to accept, reject or change the selected category to support the best interests of the OWHA membership.
- F. OWHA approved Independent teams may register in the division and category that is in compliance with OWHA requirements and one in which they honestly believe will provide fair and equitable competition for all teams and players, notwithstanding that the OWHA Board or designate will retain its right to accept, reject or change the selected category to support the best interests of the OWHA membership.
- G. All OWHA teams are subject to re-categorization in accordance with the OWHA Categorization Policy.
- H. All association and independent competitive teams must register in the Region where they play the majority of their home games.
- I. All teams must be fully registered with the completed Team Waiver forms submitted and dues paid prior to participating in any exhibition, league or tournament game.
- J. Each team may register a maximum of 17 skaters and a maximum of 2 goaltenders, except in Senior divisions where each team may register a maximum of 18 skaters and a maximum of 2 goaltenders.
- K. All OWHA competitive teams must register eligible players and staff information no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each season through the OWHA online registration system and must submit the

completed Team Waiver forms along with the appropriate dues and Provincial Bond for those teams wishing to apply for provincial championship eligibility to the OWHa office.

- L. All Fundamentals, House League, Senior Over 19 and Masters teams must register players and staff information by November 15<sup>th</sup> of each hockey season in the same manner as competitive teams. No House League team may change categories from House League to competitive after December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- M. All competitive teams must submit, on the OWHa registration database, properly completed Game Reports of all games played within 48 hours of the completion of the game. The Game Report must list the OWHa team number of the opposing team. Game Reports must be completed for all games including exhibition, tournament and league games from the first game played in a season up to and including January 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season. Failure to submit the Game Reports within the time frame noted may result in the following fines and sanctions and may result in rendering the team ineligible for Provincials and/or continued participation within the OWHa.
  - N. 1 to 5 days late                \$100.00
  - O. 6 to 11 days late             \$200.00
  - P. 12 days or more             \$200.00 plus the team will be ineligible for Provincial Championship
- Q. Regardless of a team's intention to participate in Provincials or not, Game Reports of all games must be submitted on or before the above-noted deadlines or the fines will be applied.
- R. Additional players may be added throughout the season to FUNdamentals program or House League within OWHa requirements.
- S. Up to two players may be added to the competitive team's roster after November 30<sup>th</sup> and before January 1<sup>st</sup>. These players will be eligible for participation in Regional Playdowns and Provincial Championships provided all required provisions are satisfied.
- T. Players added to a competitive team roster after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be eligible for tournament play but not for Regional Playdowns and Provincial Championships. Participation in League play shall be at the discretion of the League.

## **Membership Dues 2019-2020**

Dues are set by the OWHa Board on an annual basis

Team Dues – annual dues that apply to all teams - \$25.00

Participant Dues for players, bench and on-ice staff – include the OWHa participant registration dues as well as affiliation dues and insurance through Hockey Canada - \$53.00

FUNdamentals Program Participants Dues- \$38.00

### **Late Team Penalties**

For late team registrations, the following registration penalties will apply:

1 to 7 days late                Current dues + \$50.00

8 to 14 days late             Current dues + \$100.00

15 or more days late     Current dues + \$200.00

NOTE: All teams playing under the authority of the OWHa are responsible through their local associations for defraying all costs of playing hockey in their area.

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