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Memorandum

TO: All OMHA Centres

FROM: Richard Ropchan
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CC: OMHA Board, Convenors

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SUBJECT: Non Sanctioned League Teams Entering OMHA Sanctioned
Tournaments

Recently there has been an increase in the number of instances of Non-Sanctioned league teams attempting to enter an OMHA Sanctioned tournament, particularly teams associated with the Ontario Rep Hockey League and AAU.

As a tournament host, all Centres must exercise extreme caution that tournament entry applications are not accepted from any team associated with non-sanctioned leagues such as the AAU, ORHL, MAYHL, and GNAHL. In addition, OMHA teams may not participate in tournaments hosted by the AAU or any of its member branches. Please be fully aware that these organizations and leagues are not recognized by Hockey Canada or USA Hockey. The initial responsibility for acceptance of teams to play in a tournament hosted by an OMHA Centre lies with the Centre and its Tournament Director. Care must be taken to insure that each team entered has a valid Travel Permit and Official Roster issued by their Member Association - primarily OMHA, GTHL, Alliance Hockey, ODHA, HEO, Hockey Quebec and Hockey USA.

Tournament Regulation 19.1 g) Hosting Regulations states “..... *At least fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the tournament a list of the competing teams, a copy of the tournament Regulations, a copy of the invitation being sent out and a tournament schedule must be submitted to the Regional Director.*

Adherence to the time frames indicated in Regulation 19.1 g) is mandatory in order that the Regional Director may review the travel permits and rosters to ensure that no non-sanctioned league teams have entered the tournament.





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Hockey Canada offers the best development programs worldwide. It has invested significant resources in the development of officials, coaches, administrators and players countrywide. We have a committed strategy toward a cohesive long term athlete development model. These “Non-Sanctioned” organizations do not support the development of these programs. Further, they operate in a vacuum, with no consideration to the impact of their programs on minor, junior, senior, adult recreational hockey, female hockey, officiating development, coaching development or administrator development in Canada. These “Non-Sanctioned” leagues instead choose to utilize the resources already developed by Hockey Canada and its member Branches.

Hockey Canada and its member Branches view all leagues that operate outside the auspices/sanctioning of Hockey Canada programs to be classified as “Non-Sanctioned” leagues. This does not include summer hockey leagues/teams, adult recreational hockey leagues/teams, high school hockey, and/or hockey schools.

Recent publications have announced a partnership of two such outside organizations; the Canadian Independent Hockey Federation (CIHF) and the US based Amateur Athletic Association (AAU). The CIHF operates teams in the Toronto, Golden Horseshoe, Oxford County, Waterloo and Orillia areas under the name Ontario Rep Hockey League. The AAU has branches in Texas, Illinois and most recently Michigan and New York State. The Michigan Amateur Youth Hockey League (MAYHL) and the Greater Niagara Amateur Hockey league (GNAHL) both claim to offer sanctioned competition levels ranging from House League through to Rep (B - AAA), as well as international tournaments.

Following is a list of leagues/teams known to be operating as Non Sanctioned Leagues with no affiliation to Hockey Canada or USA Hockey.

Sincerely,

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Amateur Athletic Union (AAU)

Greater Niagara Amateur Hockey League

Addison Grizzlies	Downriver Warriors	Lakeview Hawks	Rochester Red Wings
Boston Islanders	Heartland Nats	Lakeview Warriors	Rochester River Monsters
Buffalo Jr. Saints	International Stars	Mighty Buffaloes	Syracuse Valley
Clarence Stallions	Knights Hockey Niagara	Motor City Wolves	West Seneca Wings
		Rochester Grizzlies	Wheatfield Blades

Ontario Rep Hockey League

Belfry Hockey	Cambridge Pirates	Hamilton Steelcats	Royal City Kings
Burlington Cougars	Cambridge Rebels	KBX Selects	Sault Ste. Marie (The Soo)
Burlington Rangers	Cambridge Renegades	Kitchener Kingsmen	Simcoe County Kings
Burloak Bears	Conacher Hockey (Burlington)	London Cobras	TNC Hockey Toronto
Cambridge Eagles	Halton Ravens	London Red Circle	The Beast
Cambridge Outlaws	Hamilton Bruins	Oakville Spitfires	Tri City Kings
		Peel Predators	99 Hockey (Knights)

Other Leagues/Teams

Barrie Christian Hockey League	Little Native Hockey League	Stratford Rotary
SudburyPlayground		

