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2007-2008 OHA CHAMPIONS

OHA CHAMPIONS and FINALISTS (games)

BUCKLAND TROPHY	A	Oakville Blades 4	Markham Waxers 1
SUTHERLAND CUP	B	Tecumseh Chiefs 4	Elmira Sugar Kings 0
SCHMALZ CUP	C	Alliston Hornets 4	Essex 73's 3
OHA CUP	D	Thamesford Trojans 4	Tavistock Braves 0
ROBERTSON CUP	SR.	Whitby Dunlops 4	Dundas Real McCoys 0

2007-2008 OHA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

OPJHL - EAST	A	Wellington Dukes
OPJHL - WEST	A	Oakville Blades
OPJHL - SOUTH	A	Markham Waxers
OPJHL - NORTH	A	Aurora Tigers
GOJHL - WEST	B	Tecumseh Chiefs
GOJHL - MID WEST	B	Elmira Sugar Kings
GOJHL - GH Conf.	B	Thorold Blackhawks
GBMOJHL	C	Alliston Hornets
EMPIRE	C	Napanee Raiders
GREAT LAKES	C	Essex 73's
NIAGARA - EAST	C	Grimsby Peach Kings
NIAGARA WEST	C	Norwich Merchants
CENTRAL	C	Georgina Ice
WESTERN	C	Walkerton Hawks
SOJHL - YECK	D	Thamesford Trojans
SOJHL - McCONNELL	D	Tavistock Braves
EASTERN SR.	SR.	Whitby Dunlops



OHA PLAYER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following nominees for the OHA Player of the Year Award, and to the eventual category winners..

The presentation of the awards will be conducted at the Hockey Hall of Fame on June 6th, by invitation only.

LEAGUE	CAT.	PLAYER NAME	TEAM
JUNIOR A			
OPJHL	A*	JUSTIN TROIANI	ST. MIKES BUZZERS
OPJHL	A	MATT FERREIRA	BRAMPTON CAPITOLS
JUNIOR B			
WESTERN	B	MICHAEL NOYES	ST. MARYS LINCOLNS
MID-WEST	B*	KURTIS BARTLIFF	LISTOWEL CYCLONES
HORSESHOE	B	RYAN LUDZIK	NIAGARA FALLS CANUCKS
JUNIOR C			
WESTERN	C	CURTIS JOHNSTON	WALKERTON HAWKS
GREAT LAKES	C	BRENDAN ZWAMBAG	ALVINSTON FLYERS
CENTRAL	C	BRADY LISCOMBE	LITTLE BRITAIN MERCHANTS
EMPIRE	C	PHIL DARLINGTON	CAMPBELLFORD REBELS
NIAGARA - EAST	C-E*	ANDREW MCKENZIE	CHIPAWA RIVERHAWKS
NIAGARA - WEST	C-W	ROB VANWYNSBERGHE	AYLMER SPITFIRES
JUNIOR D			
SOJHL	D	JOHNATHON FLETCHER	MT. BRIDGES BULLDOGS
SOJHL	D*	ADAM WOOD	ST. GEORGE DUKES
SENIOR			
MAJOR	SR*	JASON POLERA	PETROLIA SQUIRES
EASTERN	SR	DARREN DOHERTY	NORWOOD VIPERS

* Denotes Category Winners

2008 ALLAN CUP – BRANTFORD

Congratulations to the Brantford Blast on their winning of the 2008 Allan Cup, and for an excellent effort on behalf of Hockey Canada in hosting the 100th Anniversary of the Allan Cup. The final game was broadcast live on TSN.



OHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

hosted by: The Kingston Voyageurs

The Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association will be held on Saturday, June 14th, 2008, at the Ambassador Hotel in Kingston, Ontario.

For more information check to the OHA web site at www.ohahockey.org

The schedule of events will be as follows:

Thursday, June 12th

7:00 pm - Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 13th

12:30pm - OHA Golf Tournament, hosted by the Kingston Voyageurs, Loyalist Country Club

8:00 pm - Social

Saturday, June 14th

9:00 am - General Assembly

1:15 pm - OHA Annual General Meeting

4:30 pm - Social

HOTEL RESERVATIONS



A link for the Annual Meeting and the Ambassador Hotel has been set up on our website. Please use it to assist you with your reservations.

Reservations can also be made directly with the Ambassador Hotel by calling or emailing as follows:

(613) 548-3605

800-267-7880

Email: contact@ambassadorhotel.com

Rates start at \$135.00

OHA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The OHA Annual Meeting Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, June 13th with a shot-gun start at 12:30 pm., at the Loyalist Country Club.

The registration fee of \$130.00, includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner and prizes.

[Click here](#) to linked to the application or contact Mark Ellis at the OHA office for more information. www.ohahockey.org



OHA DEVELOPMENT - UPCOMING CLINICS



OHA Development Coach Seminar 2008

The Ontario Hockey Association Development Coach Seminar will take place July 18 - 20th 2008 in Waterloo at Wilfrid Laurier University.



Trainer Clinic 2008

Friday July 18, Saturday July 19, 2008 at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo

The OHA HTCP Level III clinic is limited to only 40 participants. Apply early to avoid disappointment!

Application forms for the above Clinics are available from our website at www.ohahockey.org or Glenn Crichton, Development Coordinator. Email: development@ohahockey.org

Speak Out Clinics

No clinics are scheduled at this time. Please refer to our website for further information and updates

OHA HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM



Applications are still being accepted to the 2008 edition of the OHA High Performance Program. The application deadline is now extended to May 30th, 2008. The event will be held London from June 27- 29.

[Click here](#) to be forwarded to the OHA High Performance web page.

2008/09 INCUMBENT OHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Chairman of the Board - Dick Woods
Chairman Senior - John Kopinak
Chairman Junior - Bob Haley
Immediate Past Chair - Karen Phibbs

Directors:

Brad Grant	Bill Markle	John Kastner
Leo Lostracco	Trevor Tinney	John Simmons
Graham Snyder	Charlie Macoun	

-- Additional nominations must be submitted prior to May 31st

ZONE CHANGE REQUESTS:

- Schomberg Cougars - Presently: York County, Beeton, Tottenham & Caledon MHA
Proposed: add Town of Bradford, and Bradford MHA
- St. Mary's Lincolns - Presently: Oxford/Perth/Huron, town of Lucan
Proposed: Add: West Williams, East Williams, McGillvray, Biddulph, Lobo, and London Township north of Highway 22/Fanshawe Road, and West Nissouri

CATEGORY CHANGE REQUESTS

- Mitchell Hawks Jr D -Request approval to move to "C" category (Western C League)
Mt. Brydges Jr D -Request approval to move to "C" category (Great Lakes League)

RELOCATIONS:

- Petrolia Jets - From Petrolia to Forest (Lambton Shores)
Tecumseh Chiefs - From Tecumseh to La Salle
Durham Fury - From Oshawa to Whitby

NEW ENTRIES:

Innisfil/South Simcoe Junior C

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Central Elgin Express

In regards to the above information, anyone that might have any comments pro or con, should advise the OHA by May 26th, 2008.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND REGULATIONS

Amendments are available on our website www.ohahockey.org

GROUP BUYING PROGRAMS:

The Association has been pursuing a group buying program on behalf of the membership, and are close to finalizing a deal through Cardinal Sports.

Four principle manufacturers Mission-Itech, Bauer, RBK, and Easton, were all invited to submit proposals.

In addition, proposals were sought from Sande Hockey, Fury, and Warrior.

We have not misrepresented the purchasing habits of our membership and sincerely hope that we will have great news for you by the time our AGM is convened.

GOALTENDER EQUIPMENT -EFFECTIVE FOR THE 2008 – 2009 SEASON

Note: This motion is to be in affect for the 2008-2009 hockey season therefore allowing two full seasons for equipment purchase/use transition by the consumer and manufacturer.

Hockey Canada Playing Rule Number: Rule 23. Goaltender's Equipment

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

Note 1: Protective padding attached to the back of, or forming part of the goaltender's blocker glove shall not exceed 20.3 cm (8 in.) in width nor 38.1 cm (15 in.) in length. Any measurement exceeding 20.3 cm (8 in.) measured anywhere across the full length of the wrist area, or more than 38.1 cm (15 in.) anywhere on the length constitutes an illegal blocker glove.

Note 2: The base of the goaltender's catching glove shall be restricted to a maximum of **20.32 cm (8 in.)** in width, which is to include any attachments added to that glove. **The distance from the heel of the glove along the pocket and following the contour of the glove to the top of the "T" trap must not exceed 46 cm (18 in.) The heel is considered to be the point at which the straight vertical line of the cuff meets the glove.** Any measurement exceeding **20.32 cm (8 in.)** measured anywhere across the full length of the wrist area. The maximum circumference of the legal goaltenders catching glove can not exceed **114.3 cm (45 in.)** (see Appendix "B" for diagram). The lacing or webbing or other material joining the thumb and index finger of a goaltender's glove, or any cage, pocket or pouch created by this material, must not exceed the minimum amount of material necessary to fill the gap between the thumb and the index finger when they are fully extended and spread. Any other pocket, pouch or contrivance added to the glove by a manufacturer or otherwise is not acceptable and makes the glove illegal.

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

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

- (b) Goaltender's pads, shall not exceed **27.94 cm (11 in.)** in width and **96.52 cm (38 in.)** in length as measured on the goaltender and shall not be altered in anyway. **The minimum length of the boot of the pad is to be no less than 17.78 cm (7 in.). The boot is the bottom of the pad that sits over the top of the skate. The boot channel of the goalkeeper pad must be flat or concave in appearance.**

Note: Puck foil (a plastic piece attached to the bottom of goaltender's pads designed to stop the puck) is considered to be illegal equipment.

- (c) Penalty shall be assessed a goaltender guilty of using or wearing illegal equipment.
- (d) Goaltender shall remove her face protector for purpose of identification, if so asked by the Referee. A goaltender who refuses this request shall be assessed a Gross Misconduct penalty.

For more information check the OHA Website for the official Hockey Canada rule memorandum.

http://www.ohahockey.org/attachments/document/0000/6889/HOCKEY_CANADA_-_Goaltender_Equipment_2009-2010.pdf

2008/09 PLAYER REGISTRATION CARDS

We remind you that the registration cards are available for release, if you have met all requirements. If you have not yet received your registration cards, please contact Annette to be advised what is outstanding.

REGULATION E-98 RELEASE PROCEDURE

When submitting a release cheque on behalf of a player last registered to an OHA team, your cheques are made payable **TO THE PREVIOUS TEAM**, not the Ontario Hockey Association.

When submitting a cheque for a player from an OHF Member Partner, the cheque is payable to the Ontario Hockey Association. The Member Partners of the OHF are: Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario, Greater Toronto Hockey League, Ontario Minor Hockey Association, and Northern Ontario Hockey Association. Please ensure that the registration card clearly indicates "the last registered team".

All cheques must accompany the registration card. If you are not issuing a cheque in accordance with the fee schedule, then a negotiated release must be filed with the registration card.

Failure to follow the above procedure will result in the registration card being returned to your Hockey Club, and the player deemed ineligible until such time as either a cheque, or a negotiated release has been received, along with the returned registration card.

Please ensure that you contact the player's former team before signing him and advise them of your intentions.

OFF SEASON RECRUITING

Please contact the former team of your intentions regarding one of their protected players. During the off season, we receive numerous calls from teams and parents inquiring on the procedure for player movement. We request that our teams please keep their discussions with other GM's and parents open, and civil, and do not make comments and promises that are not defensible at a later date. We are fully aware that some folks can become unreasonable, and push you to the line.

If you anticipate that a team manager or parent may contact the OHA for further information, that either Betty or Brent are aware of the situation, through an email. Thank you for your co-operation, and we all look forward to another exciting season of OHA hockey.