

# ONTARIO BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION



## REGULATIONS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

DATE	ITEM	LEVEL
1-June	Registration Forms	Minors
1-June	Membership Fees	Minors
15-June	Provincials Confirmation Deadline	Minors
4 weeks prior to event	Provincials Confirmation Deadline	Adults
15-June	Registration Forms	Women
12-Jul	Registration Forms	Men
12-Jul	Membership Fees	Adults
15-Jul	Provincial Deadline	Adults
November	Annual General Meeting	All

# Ontario Ball Hockey Federation Regulations

## 1.1. INTERPRETATIONS

- 1.1. In these Regulations, and in all other regulations of the OBHF hereafter passed, unless the context otherwise requires, words imparting the singular number or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender, and vice versa, and references to people shall include firms and corporations.
- 1.2. In these and all other Regulations, OBHF shall refer to the Ontario Ball Hockey Federation.
- 1.3. In these and all other Regulations, CBHA shall refer to the Canadian Ball Hockey Association.
- 1.4. In these and all other Regulations, ISBHF shall refer to the International Street & Ball Hockey Federation.
- 1.5. In these regulations, Leagues shall refer to any Full Member League under direct supervision of the OBHF.
- 1.6. In the OBHF, Amateur shall refer to any player who meets the OBHF membership requirements, and who is not a professional ball hockey player.
- 1.7. In these Regulations, Nationals shall refer to the CBHA National Championships and Provincials shall refer to the OBHF Provincial Championships.
- 1.8. These Regulations shall be used as a minimum guideline by all Leagues and/or Teams that are members of the OBHF.
- 1.9. In any competition operated by a League, changes may be made in the foregoing Regulations in any respect which may be adopted by the League Executive Committee, providing such changes are more restrictive than the foregoing Regulations and do not discriminate in any way.
- 1.10. In these Regulations, Bylaws shall refer to the OBHF and/or League bylaws, as applicable.
- 1.11. In these Regulations, OBHF rules shall refer to the current CBHA Official Ball Hockey Rule Book.
- 1.12. In these Regulations, Case Book shall refer to the current CBHA Official Case Book.
- 1.13. In these Regulations, Regulations shall refer to the OBHF and/or League Regulations, as applicable.
- 1.14. Any Player, Team Official, Referee or (League or CBHA) Executive Member who makes a false representation, in any regards to the OBHF, and/or leagues shall be liable to a suspension of one (1) year.
- 1.15. These Regulations shall be used exclusively at any tournament hosted by the OBHF.

## 2.0 OBHF OBJECTS OF INCORPORATION

The objects for which the Corporation is to be incorporated are:

- a. To foster, develop, and administer the game of ball hockey;
- b. To administer, organize, and manage tournaments in accordance with amateur standing;

- c. To uphold, maintain, and distribute the rules of International, National, Regional and local ball hockey;
- d. To make, maintain, and enforce rules and regulations for the administration of the said game in Ontario;
- e. To hear and determine all cases of dispute, and to decide all doubtful and disputed points in connection with the game and the Rules and Regulations;
- f. To employ the funds of the Corporation as shall be demanded to be in the interest of the game;
- g. To affiliate with any organization which the Corporation shall deem necessary from time to time;
- h. Subject to the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act and the Charitable Gifts Act, to accept donations, gifts, legacies and bequests.

### **3.0 HEAD OFFICE**

Until changed in accordance with the Ontario Ball Hockey Federations Bylaws the head office is P.O. Box 40021 Springbrook, Orangeville, ON, L9W 0A7.

### **4.0 OBHF COLOURS AND LOGO**

- a. The representative colours of the Federation shall be red, black and white.
- b. The logo of the Federation represented on the cover of this document is the sole property of the OBHF and may not be used without its express consent.

### **5.0 VISION**

To be the provincial leader in ball hockey, providing inclusive and exciting opportunities for all stakeholders.

### **6.0 MISSION**

The Ontario Ball Hockey Federation provides support and leadership for the advancement of ball hockey provincially, in cooperation and collaboration with our membership, partners and stakeholders through providing exceptional and sustainable programs and services.

### **7.0 VALUES**

- Excellence in Fair Play
- Good Citizenship
- Inclusivity
- Athlete Focused
- Integrity & Ethical Behaviour

### **8.0 CBHA RULE BOOK**

#### **8.1. Playing Rules**

All playing rules and penalties contained in Section Six (6) of the CBHA Rule Book shall apply in all OBHF and/or League games (exhibition, regular season, playoff or tournament) unless specifically amended herein.

#### **8.2. Changes**

In any competition operated by the OBHF and/or League(s), changes may be made to the CBHA Rule Book in any respect which may be adopted by the OBHF or League Executive Committee, providing such changes are more restrictive than the foregoing CBHA Rule Book. These changes must be filed

with the OBHF Technical Director. Failure to register these changes may result in a suspension of up to one (1) year.

## **9.0 ARENAS**

All arenas and/or Rinks in use by the OBHF and/or Leagues shall conform as closely as possible to the standards as set out in Section One (1) of the CBHA rules. Jurisdiction over the said arenas and rinks shall rest with the OBHF and/or its Leagues, as required.

## **10.0 EQUIPMENT**

All equipment in use by an OBHF and/or League team and/or its players shall conform exactly to the standards as set out in Section Three (3) of the CBHA Rule Book, unless specifically amended herein.

## **11.0 MEMBERSHIP**

11.1. Full Members of the OBHF must meet the following standards of the OBHF:

- a. agree to abide by the OBHF/CBHA Bylaws, Rules and Regulations;
- b. agree to submit all dues levies, and registration forms (including Provincial Championship participation forms) to the OBHF by the required dates.
- c. have liability insurance purchased through the OBHF/CBHA.
- d. shall not be registered to play in another province in a year unless they have received an official release from the OBHF.

11.2. Players competing in OBHF and/or League play shall meet the following standards:

- a. a senior player must be eighteen (18) years of age in the year in which he/she is registering;
- b. a player must be a citizen of Canada and a resident with legally recognized status of Ontario by June 1 (Minors), June 15 (Womens), July 12 (Mens), in the year in which he/she is registering within his/her League;
- c. agree to abide by all OBHF and/or League Bylaws, Rules and Regulations;
- d. agree to submit all dues and levies to the OBHF and/or Leagues as required;
- e. underage players are allowed to participate at the Provincial Championships and its home league providing that the League to which an underage player is registered has in place a legal waiver form and liability insurance policy. The definition of underage is an individual under the age of 18.
- f. the maximum junior age of players participating at the Provincial Junior Championship is set at 18 in the year of participation, determined as the player not being older than 18 at 0:00 hour on January 1st each year.
- g. the minimum age of players participating at the Provincial Masters Over 40 Championship is set at 40 in the year of participation and Provincial Masters Over 50 Championship is set at 50 in the year of participation. Masters players cannot play in Men's A Provincial Championships.

11.3. Team registering with OBHF League(s) must meet the following standards of the OBHF:

- a. all teams must have a Manager/Team Representative, who is/are responsible for their team's conduct, discipline and financial obligations;
- b. all teams must register a minimum of twelve (12) and a maximum of twenty-two (22) players (Men's A is a maximum of 25);
- c. agree to abide by all OBHF and/or League Bylaws, Rules and Regulations;
- d. agree to submit all dues and levies to the OBHF and/or its Leagues as required.

- 11.4. A League may become a member of the OBHF by submitting an application to the Membership Committee of the OBHF. The OBHF membership Committee may, at its discretion accept or refuse such application.
- 11.5. A team may become a member of a League by submitting an application to the Membership Committee of the League. The Membership Committee(s) may, at their discretion, accept or refuse such application.
- 11.6. An individual may become a member of a League by submitting an application to the Membership Committee of the League. The Membership Committee(s) may, at their discretion, accept or refuse such application.
- 11.7. Membership includes the opportunity to participate in the OBHF Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in November each year. Planning sessions for Technical, Men, Women's and Minors are held on Saturday morning/afternoon. The awards banquet is held on Saturday night with each member having 2 free tickets to attend and the opportunity to purchase additional tickets at their cost. The AGM is held on Sunday. Non-members require an invitation or must make a request to the OBHF board one month prior to attend. The OBHF board may, at their discretion, accept or refuse such request.
- 11.8. More detailed information regarding membership can be found in the OBHF Membership Policy located on the OBHF website: [http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/page.php?page\\_id=96401](http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/page.php?page_id=96401)

## 12.0 **REGISTRATION**

Registration within the OBHF must be administered by the OBHF's Board of Directors. The following are the minimum requirements for a registration program:

- 12.1. Individual
  - a. approved for membership by their League;
  - b. meet all OBHF and League standards;
  - c. not under suspension by the OBHF or Member League(s);
  - d. provide the following information as required:
    - I. surname and given names
    - II. address, including apartment number and postal code
    - III. telephone number and email address
    - IV. date of birth
    - V. signature
    - VI. any changes to this information
  - e. complete a waiver if required.
- 12.2. Teams
  - a. have a Manager/Team Representative;
  - b. meet all League deadlines;
  - c. meet all OBHF and/or League standards;
  - d. provide the following information:
    - I. team name
    - II. team officials data as per 3.1.(d) above
    - III. any changes to the team.

12.3. Leagues

- a. meet all OBHF deadlines;
- b. meet all OBHF/CBHA Standards;
- c. provide an up-to-date Executive list and player registration forms to the OBHF as required.
- d. If a League does not have an identification card procedure in place, it is required that the League use their provincial drivers license for identification.
- e. The following shall constitute registration violations and shall result in the guilty party(s) being automatically suspended from participating in Ball Hockey within the jurisdiction of the OBHF, for a minimum of one (1) year:
  - I. any individual guilty of falsifying an OBHF and/or League registration document;
  - II. any individual having had knowledge that the above had been falsified and knowing, willfully concealed this knowledge from the OBHF and/or League Executive(s):
  - III. any individual competing under an assumed name;
  - IV. any Team Official or Executive member proven guilty of having been party to, or having knowledge of and having willfully concealed such registration violations, shall be liable to a minimum suspension of three (3) years in any capacity within the OBHF and/or Leagues. This penalty shall be final, and there shall be no appeal entertained.
- f. OBHF formatted excel spread sheets shall be submitted to the OBHF by all leagues to confirm eligibility at OBHF Provincial Championships, to provide statistical data and compile a mailing list.
- g. OBHF formatted excel spreadsheets must be submitted to the OBHF Office by June 1 (Minors), June 15 (Women), July 12 (Men). The names that appear on the registration form shall be considered the team's final roster, unless specific amendments are allowed by a League's registration procedures. Only names submitted by midnight of the above dates are allowed to play in OBHF Provincials.

**13.0 FEES**

13.1. Minors due June 15th of the current year

- a. For leagues that have 201+ players: Tyke - Junior \$12/player
- b. For leagues that have 101- 200 players: Tyke - Junior \$10/player
- c. For leagues that have 100 players or less: Tyke - Junior \$8/player
- d. All Squirts \$6

13.2 Adults due July 12th of the current year- \$10/player

**14.0 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>ELIGIBILITY</b>	<b>ROSTER SIZE</b>
Men's A (Tier 1)	Players may only play in A	25
Men's B (Tier 2/3)	Any player other than A are allowed on the roster of 22	22
Men's C (Tier 3)	May have three (3) B players on the roster of 22	22
Men's D (Tier 4)	Allowed a minimum of five (5) C players, NO B players on the roster of 22	22
Men's E (Tier 5)	Maximum of five (5) D players, NO other level	22
Men's Masters 31+	Age 31+, A players are NOT permitted to play	22
Men's Masters A 40+	All player eligible to play no matter the level	22

Men's Masters B 40+	NOT permitted to use an A players	22
Men's Masters 50+	All player eligible to play no matter the level	22
Women's A	All players are eligible	22
Women's B	Teams are not permitted to use any 'A' players on the roster	22
Women's Masters 35+	Maximum of two (2) players under the age of 32 of 'B' caliber or below may play on the roster of 22	22

#### Specific Player Eligibility Rules for Men's Divisions

- Players are classified by the highest level they play
- Players may play in all levels within the guidelines below
- Players abide by the above rules based on the division that pertains to their team
- Premier players are ranked based on summer season only
- Teams attending OBHF Provincials MUST indicate if applicable who their 'A', 'B' and 'C' players are on the official roster form
- Men's 'A' players from the summer season will be updated in September each year
- NOTE: These rules must be abided by all leagues. If they are not the OBHF should be notified

### 15.0 OFFICIATING/INSTRUCTORS

15.1. The OBHF is committed to establishing and maintaining the highest standard of officiating possible. To this end the OBHF Technical Director will initiate and update, in consultation with the OBHF Technical Committee, a comprehensive schedule of examinations and establish a criteria system for Referees.

15.2. OBHF Leagues can put forward names of officials from their Leagues to be considered for selection to the OBHF Provincial Championships. When putting forward names for consideration, League(s) should try to adhere to the following criteria:

#### Experience

- I. minimum of five (5) years in officiating ball hockey;
- II. minimum of three (3) years in officiating League playoffs;
- III. rate within the top five (5) officials by the Referees, Executive, Players and Coaches.

#### Physical Attributes

- I. maintain a physical condition which is above average for that age group;
- II. possess the physical skills and capabilities to do the work.

#### Mental Attributes

- I. a strong knowledge of the rules and their application;
- II. has an attitude and deportment both on and off the floor that indicates courtesy, fairness and respect for the players and the rules;
- III. has developed a consistency in applying the rules and rule interpretations as set out by the governing body(s)

15.3. The refereeing certification program shall be under the jurisdiction of the OBHF Technical Director.

15.4. The Federation will provide the theory examination papers for all levels and the practical examinations.



- 15.5. All levels of officiating must attend a referee clinic each year, approved by the Canadian Ball Hockey Federation and delivered by OBHF trained instructors. The Fee is \$100 for the Adult clinic and \$45 for the Minor's clinic.
- 15.6. The Technical Director shall run a minimum of 2 sessions each year to train referee clinic instructors. Any official interested in becoming a clinic instructor is encouraged to attend.
- 15.7. Trained instructors will deliver clinics to certify officials. There must be two (2) instructors per clinic. These individuals will be paid \$50 for their first clinic instruction and \$75 for each thereafter. If any clinics are instructed by one member then \$100 shall be paid. No mileage is paid however the instructors receive free certification for themselves.
- 15.8. Officials are required to have an official CBHA referee jersey, shorts/pants and a black helmet. Order forms are available at clinics or through the OBHF Office.
- 15.9. Individuals that are a minimum of 13 years of age as of December 31 of previous year may register as a 'Minor Official' for league play.

#### **16.0. UNIFORMS**

- 16.1. Each team shall declare its official team uniform colour(s), Home and Visitor, on the OBHF and/or League Registration Form(s) and these colours shall be the only colours allowed on such team's uniforms at any OBHF or League game.
- 16.2. All players on a team must wear exactly the same uniform as follows:
  - a. each player, must wear the same jersey and pants/shorts in terms of colour, cresting and striping. Each goaltender must wear a jersey that is the same base colour;
  - b. players, with the exception of the goaltender, may at their leagues discretion, wear exactly the same shorts, in terms of colour, cresting and striping. However, the entire team must wear either short or long pants, and not a combination of both;
  - c. slight differences in the colour of a uniform, due to manufacturing or cleaning problems, shall be allowed at the discretion of the OBHF and/or Leagues;
  - d. any player not wearing an identical uniform shall be prohibited from competing in any game by the Referee(s);
  - e. jerseys can be of the long sleeved, ice hockey variety or short sleeved except in those cases specified by the CBHA Rule Book. In the case of short sleeved jerseys, all elbow pads must be covered;
  - f. all jerseys must be numbered 00 to 99, using ten (10) inch numbers (or larger);
  - g. each team captain and alternate captain must be identified by the letter "C" or "A" respectively, in four (4) inch letters, on the top left corner of the jersey.
- 16.3. In the event that the two (2) competing team's jerseys cannot be distinguished from each other:
  - a. the home team shall change their jerseys, or;
  - b. the home team shall wear cover-ups or pinnies, or;
  - c. if the home team cannot comply with 16.3.(a) or 16.3.(b), the visiting team shall change their jerseys and be declared home team for that game, or
  - d. the game shall be declared a default and awarded to the visiting team.

16.4. It shall be solely the decision of the Referee(s) whether the two (2) competing teams in a game can be distinguished and whether a uniform contravenes the identical uniform rule(s). The two (2) competing teams shall not be party to the Referee(s) decision.

## **17.0. SUSPENSIONS**

17.1. All suspensions as listed in the CBHA Rule Book shall apply in all OBHF and/or League play.

17.2. Any violation of the Bylaws or Regulations of the OBHF and/or its Leagues, or a decision by the OBHF and/or League Disciplinary Committee or Executive shall render an individual liable to suspension, as applicable.

17.3. All suspensions must commence being served in a team's next scheduled game, regardless of any pending appeal and shall extend over consecutive games.

17.4. Players must serve their suspension with the team that their suspension occurred with. If a player plays on multiple teams the suspension cannot be served with his/her other teams.

17.5. It is the responsibility of the team Officials to ensure that a player who incurs a suspension is not allowed to compete for the duration of this suspension. Failure to comply with this regulation shall result in the suspension of the team, and/or its officials and forfeiture of game(s).

17.6. A team official who is under suspension shall not be permitted to direct this team for the duration of his/her suspension. Similarly, such official must not be in the vicinity of his/her team's dressing room, before, during or after any game, nor be in a position in the arena to direct his/her team. The penalty for violation of this Regulation shall be the assessment of a Gross Misconduct for each game in which such an infraction occurs. A playing Coach or Manager suspended for any action, shall lose his/her rights as a player/coach or player/manager.

17.7. A suspended player must not be permitted to participate in his/her team's pre-game warm-ups nor to stand on his/her team's bench during games. Violations of this Regulation shall be dealt with as in (5) above.

17.8. The names of suspended players must be printed in full, where indicated on the Game Report, and the point in time and duration of their suspensions included. Example: John Smith (1 of 5).

17.9. Any suspension incurred by a player or team official before tournament or exhibition games shall disqualify such player or team official from participant in his/her team's tournament or exhibition games unless one game is remaining in a suspension. In this case the first game of the tournament can be served. Please note: Tournament or exhibition games shall not count in the duration of a suspension.

17.10. Any outstanding suspensions incurred in tournament or exhibition games must be served in League play.

17.11. Suspended players may not be released from a team's roster.

17.12. Suspensions that do not expire prior to a team's elimination from further play during a season, shall be carried forward to the next season.

17.13. A suspended player or team official, from a disbanded team, shall remain under suspension until such time as reinstated as a free agent by the League Executive. This point in time shall be determined:

- a. within a season, in accordance with the disbanded team's original schedule;
  - b. from the start of a season in the case of an aforementioned carry-over, by the League Executive.
- 17.14. The name(s) of any individual(s) under suspension by the OBHF or League shall be available through the OBHF or League office(s). It is the League's responsibility to ensure that no suspended individual, registered with the said League, shall take part in the OBHF Provincials.
- 17.15. Any team, team official and/or League Executive member who allows an individual, who is suspended and/or not registered with the OBHF, to take part in any game, shall be reported to the OBHF President and may be suspended for a minimum of one (1) year.
- 17.16. Any team, team official or player found guilty of allowing false information to appear on a registration form or who knowingly makes a false representation to the OBHF and/or its Leagues may be suspended for a period determined by the OBHF and/or League Executive Committee(s).

## **18.0. DISCIPLINE/APPEALS**

### **18.1. Disciplinary Committee Guidelines**

- For minor infractions, the OBHF Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the OBHF Board of Directors. The OBHF President shall act as Committee Chairman.
- For major infractions, the OBHF Board of Directors, will appoint and additional three individuals (OBHF Members in good standing) to serve on the Disciplinary Committee. The OBHF President shall act as Committee Chairman.
- For Provincial Championships, the OBHF Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the OBHF Executive, the OBHF Technical Director and the OBHF Tournament Director. The OBHF President shall act as Committee Chairman.
- For definitions of what constitutes major and minor infractions please see the OBHF Disciplinary Policy  
[http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/news\\_images/org\\_1582/files/OBHF%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf](http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/news_images/org_1582/files/OBHF%20Disciplinary%20Policy.pdf)

### **18.2. Disciplinary Committee Duties**

The OBHF Disciplinary Committee shall review all disciplinary cases or incidents incurred by players or persons involved in the function of playing of a game during league play and Provincial play. The League's request(s) must be accompanied by a written history of the person's past and present conduct. The Committee shall use as guidelines the CBHA Rule Book, and the OBHF and/or League Bylaws and Regulations, as applicable. The Committee shall interpret these laws and enforce ruling against any person who violates such laws. The Committee shall vote and make final decisions on all disciplinary cases brought before them. A minimum vote of sixty percent (60 %) must be achieved for all decisions handed down.

### **18.3. Procedures**

All disciplinary cases shall be recorded and kept on record so as to be available to all Committee members. All members of a League and or team (in the case of Provincial play) shall have the right to represent their version on any disciplinary action taken against them. Such interpretation shall be in writing and presented to the Committee Chairman. The said written version shall be reviewed by the Committee Members and acted upon as above, with the Committee's decision being communicated to the person(s) being disciplined or reprimanded.

#### 18.4. Voting and Action

The Disciplinary Committee Chairman shall present all suspensions and fines to the Committee Members to vote on. All suspensions and fines shall be interpreted according to the guidelines of the OBHF and/or League bylaws, Regulations, Tournament Rules and CBHA Rule Book, as applicable. Additional suspensions and fines shall be based on the severity of penalties incurred, past and present.

Any Committee Member involved in the accused persons' infraction as a referee or player shall carry no vote on the final decision. However, said member shall have the right to interpret his/her version of the infraction.

The final decision made by vote by the Committee Members shall be recorded by the Chairman and shall be turned over to the League President and OBHF Director of Operations to be put on record. Suspensions and/or fines shall become effective immediately. All suspensions of five (5) or more games shall be reviewed by the OBHF Disciplinary Committee with recommendations ratified by the OBHF Board of Directors.

#### 18.5. Appeals

- a. Any player who feels aggrieved with regard to his/her status with a team may appeal his/her situation to: one (1) the League Executive and two (2) the OBHF Board, in this order.
- b. Any player, official or team who may feel aggrieved by the League or OBHF, Disciplinary Committee or Executive may appeal to the OBHF President.
- c. All appeals to the OBHF President must be submitted in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of the outcome of a hearing. The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of two hundred and fifty (\$250), which may be forfeited to the OBHF if the appeal is disallowed. The appeal will be dealt with by the OBHF President, in consultation with the OBHF Executive, and his/her decision shall be final. The OBHF President may refuse an appeal if he/she feels that its grounds are not valid.
- d. Suspensions of two (2) games or less cannot be appealed to the OBHF President.
- e. All suspensions must be honoured regardless of pending appeals, example, a player must serve that portion (or all) of a suspension if the appeal is not prior to his/her next scheduled game.
- f. For more information on the appeals process please see the OBHF Appeals Policy - [http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/news\\_images/org\\_1582/files/OBHF%20Appeals%20Policy.pdf](http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/news_images/org_1582/files/OBHF%20Appeals%20Policy.pdf)
- g. To access the OBHF Appeals form click here- [http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/page.php?page\\_id=50247](http://ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca/page.php?page_id=50247)

#### 19.0. FINES

- 22.1. OBHF Leagues have the authority to establish fines.

#### 20.0. PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

##### 20.1. General

- a. The OBHF shall conduct annually an inter-league competition in Men's, Women's, and Youth ball hockey for the Championship of Ontario. Such competition will be referred to as a Provincial Championship and shall be under the direct control and direction of the Board of Directors of the OBHF.

- b. The minimum number of teams that constitutes a Provincial tournament is four (4) in any of the men's, women's, or minors' divisions.
- c. The type of event and dates of the tournament will be determined by the OBHF Board of Directors.
- d. Bids to host a provincial tournament will be accepted by the board and voted on by the membership at the AGM.
- e. The principle of rotating the tournament from city to city will be upheld where possible.
- f. The OBHF Tournament Director in consultation with the Host Committee shall draw up the Tournament schedule. Every consideration shall be given to the host and/or provincial team(s) in regards to scheduling for best audience.
- g. The seeding criteria of the Provincial Championship divisions for adults is based on previous year's final standings. For Minors, final standings are taken from two years prior.
- h. Tournament Committee will be set up for each Championship to include an RIC, Host member and board member.

#### 20.2. Eligibility

- a. Please see player eligibility chart in 14.0. for details for all adult divisions.
- b. No team which has not participated in League Competition during the current season and is regularly qualified through League Playoffs, shall compete in the Provincials.
- c. All leagues may send one team per division of at least **four (4)** teams to the Provincial Championships.
- d. If an OBHF League has 8 or fewer teams they can send an All-Star team to the OBHF Provincials.
- e. Any adult league may send an "All-Star" team to any level that is not offered in their home league.
  - I. For Men's A - Any center outside the GTA may send a team however these players must follow player eligibility rules for B, C, D & Master's Provincial Championships.
  - II. Players that play in the Northwest Toronto BHL's Premier division are not eligible to play on an "All-Star" team.
- f. Any eligible player who plays in an OBHF League located in a geographic region/centre the player has established habitual/continuous/permanent residence will be considered the player's 'home' league.
- g. A player must compete with their home OBHF League in Provincial/National competitions if asked and available to compete.
- h. A player who wants to compete for any team in any League other than their home OBHF League must get a release from their home League to compete with another team.
- i. Players competing in Provincials must be registered with their League or be one of the pick-up players allowed by the OBHF, registered by indicated deadlines (please see page 2 of this document for a list of deadlines), and no out-of-League players are allowed.
- j. Players participating in Youth events must meet age division's requirement based on their age as of 0:00 hour of January 1st of the year of the competition.
- k. Players under suspensions must serve their suspension in their entirety prior to participating in the Provincials unless one game is remaining. In this case the first game of the tournament can be served.

#### 20.3. Forms and Deadlines

- a. All OBHF leagues must confirm number of teams that they will be sending to OBHF Provincials Events four weeks before each Provincial Event (for Minors that date is set as June 15<sup>th</sup> for adult events the 4-week rule applies). The Leagues must give the OBHF Administer a count of the number of teams that league is sending to the OBHF Provincials. If League Presidents do not let the OBHF know the number of teams attending 4 weeks before the Provincial Event they will not be allowed to send any teams from their leagues to OBHF Provincials. Once submitted leagues are responsible for allocated spots.
- b. All teams attending Provincials MUST submit their Team Roster Form to the OBHF using the OBHF supplied Team Roster form no later than the Tuesday before the tournament.

#### 20.4. Fees

- a. Minor team entry fees (payable to OBHF) must be paid on or before four (4) weeks prior to the event (\$450/team)
- b. Womens team entry fees (Payable to the OBHF must be paid on or before four (4) weeks prior to the event (\$450/team)
- c. Mens team entry fees (Payable to the OBHF must be paid on or before four (4) weeks prior to the event (\$450/team)
- d. Minor Winter Provincials team entry fees (Payable to the OBHF must be paid on or before the last Friday of January (\$450/team)
- e. Adult Winter Provincials team entry fees (Payable to the OBHF must be paid on or before four (4) weeks prior to the event (\$450/team). Non-winter league teams pay \$750.

#### 20.5. Officiating

- a. A minimum of one Referee In Chief (RIC) shall be used for each Provincial Championship and shall be paid \$450. This individual will be selected from the list of trained clinic instructors.
- b. Referees shall be paid \$25/game (\$30/final) at Men's/Women's Provincials, \$25/game (\$30/final) at Bantam/Junior Provincials, \$20/game (\$25/final) at Atom/Peewee Provincials and \$15/game (\$20/final) at Tyke/Novice Provincial Championships.
- c. There is no per diem for officials attending Provincial Tournaments, however officials travelling more that 50km's one way will receive mileage at .40 cents/kilometer.
- d. To officiate OBHF Minor Provincials, officials must be a minimum sixteen (16) years of age and five (5) years older than division officiating. In the case of adult officials (age 19 and older) the age span of 5 years does not apply.

#### 20.6. OBHF Roles and Responsibilities

- a. It is the OBHF's responsibility to verify the eligibility of all individuals and teams entering the Provincial Championships.
- b. OBHF will appoint a Referee in Chief for the event.
- c. OBHF will appoint and/or sanction all Game Officials and Referees through the OBHF Technical Director in partnership with the Referee in Chief for the tournament.
- d. OBHF will supply all score sheets and game reports.
- e. OBHF will provide all medals, awards and trophies.
- f. OBHF will supply OBHF merchandise to sell at the event.

#### 20.7. League Hosting Rights and Responsibilities

- a. A League(s) may be granted the rights to host the Ontario Ball Hockey Federation Provincial Championships if the following criteria are met:
  - I. The League(s) has been a member of the OBHF in good standing; and
  - II. The League(s) must submit a written proposal to the OBHF Board of Directors.
- b. The OBHF will entertain proposals for hosting rights two (2) years prior to the next Provincial Championships. The proposal(s) must be submitted to the OBHF Board and presented to the membership for voting at the OBHF AGM.
- c. The host centre will provide liability insurance for the Provincial Championships through the OBHF/CBHA.
- d. The Host League must work with the OBHF to have a sufficient number of arena captains and timekeepers. For a list of Arena Captain responsibilities please contact the OBHF Office. Experienced timekeepers used at Provincials must be 14 years of age or over.
- e. The Host Committee must be prepared to complete the Tournament Memorandum of Agreement upon their being granted the hosting rights.
- f. The Host Committee may lose its right to host the Provincial Championships if it does not abide by the Tournament Memorandum of Agreement and/or OBHF Regulations.
- g. The Host committee shall fill out a short electronic questionnaire provided by the OBHF within one month of hosting a Provincial Championship. This survey will allow the host to provide feedback on the event to help the OBHF improve future events.
- h. At the conclusion of the Provincial Championships, all game sheets, and a list of suspension, complaints and awards must be forwarded to the OBHF Tournament Director.
- i. For additional details on host responsibilities and checklist to help with planning please contact the OBHF Office.

20.8. Regulations and Rules

- a. The Provincial Championship for Ball Hockey shall be played in the NON-CONTACT and NON-TOUCH FLOORING FORMAT.
- b. OBHF Rules and Regulations Handbook must be on site at all OBHF Provincials Events (for Tournament Staff)
- c. All teams attending OBHF Provincials MUST indicate who their "A" B"C" Players are on their submitted rosters.
- d. Any Provincial Tournament that has five or seven teams there MUST be a two-game round robin format except at the "A" level.
- e. Team Rosters shall not exceed twenty-two (22) players at the Provincials (including pick-ups); Men's A is twenty-five (25). All players and team officials must be registered and approved by the OBHF and/or League Registrar.
- f. Pick-ups: At the Provincial Championships, teams are permitted to add to their team, a maximum of four (4) players, of which one must be a goaltender. To be eligible as a "pick-up", a player must be registered with the same league and play in the same division. Players who are registered with a Championship team must compete with that team. The said players cannot be pickups. Teams may NOT go over the maximum allowance of A players including pickups. A TEAM PICKUPS FORM must be submitted to [lino@ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca](mailto:lino@ontarioballhockeyfederation.ca)
- g. Teams must attend with a minimum roster of eleven (11) players. Failure to do so shall result in a \$500 fine, plus a one-year disqualification from attending Provincials for the club and club's entire roster, however, the team shall be permitted to complete its participation in the Provincials where the transgression occurred.
- h. Teams must be prepared, through their coach, manager or team representative to produce an identification card for all individuals registered with their team at the Provincials.

- i. The OBHF will have the power to impose and enforce any disciplinary action, as per the OBHF Regulations, against an individual and/or League as required.
- j. The following are the official tie breaking rules to be used at the Provincial Championship(s):
- k. There are no overtime games played, except for elimination, quarter-final, semi-final and final playoff games. In the regular round-robin games, ties count as one (1) point, wins count as two (2) points and a loss counts as zero (0) points in the standings.
- l. In minors, each period is worth 1 point. Teams that tie a period receive half a point. Group or division winners are decided by the highest number of aggregate points for the round-robin games.
- m. If two (2) or more teams are tied within a group or division, then the tie is broken in the following order:
  - 1. the team with most wins in round-robin schedule;
  - 2. record between teams in round-robin schedule;
  - 3. greatest positive goal difference between goals scored minus goals allowed, from all round-robin games involving only the tied teams;
  - 4. greatest positive goal difference between goals scored minus goals allowed, from all round-robin games;
  - 5. highest total of goals scored in games involving only the tied teams;
  - 6. highest total of goals scored in all round-round games;
  - 7. if a tie still exists then the teams will play a shoot-out.

NOTE 1: For the purpose of the plus/minus ratios, a team cannot achieve more than plus seven (7) in any one (1) game.

NOTE 2: In an instance where teams are completely tied and only a ranking needs to be determined, the teams pre-tournament ranking shall be used. (This shall only be used if the teams have qualified for a playoff round but cannot be used if a team has to play an elimination game)

- n. All games must commence within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled time. See 23.8 below for more information on defaults.
- o. A referee may not start a game prior to the scheduled time, unless both competing teams agree.
- p. Men 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E', all Women, Junior Provincials shall be timed as two fifteen-minute (15) stop- time periods;
- q. No game shall begin until the Coach, Manager or Team Representative of each team has furnished the referee, on the scoresheet, with a list of registered players eligible to take part in such game;
- r. A game postponed for any reason shall be rescheduled by the OBHF at the earliest possible time prior to the end of the round-robin;
- s. Time outs shall be taken as per the CBHA Rule Book.
- t. The official CBHA ball will be D-Gel #(350) for men's and women's summer season play. Leagues may elect to use a softer ball (D-Gel #360) for minors.
- u. Smoking and consumption of alcohol is not permitted on or in the area of the player's or penalty benches, the time and scorekeepers bench or the goal judge boxes.
- v. When possible, a minimum of 3 preliminary round-robin games shall be played at the Provincial Championships. These numbers may change based on the number of teams eligible to compete at the event. A bronze medal game shall not always be played at Provincials, instead semi-final losers may be play for a National qualification spot if required. Bronze medal games may also be played from time to time at the OBHF discretion.
- w. Teams must have a minimum two (2) hour rest period between games.



- x. The use of shin guards shall be mandatory at all OBHF events for minors and adults. See CBHA Rulebook for details on what shin guards and/or covering are acceptable.
- y. All players competing at Junior Provincials must wear full facial protection regardless of age.
- z. For information on uniform requirements see 16.0.

20.9. Scoresheets and Game Reports

- a. The visiting team shall be listed second on all score sheets.
- b. The visiting team shall pick up the official score sheets from the area attendant prior to the game and duly complete it. After completion, the scoresheet shall be delivered to the home team. However, at its discretion, the home team may pick up and complete the scoresheet first.
- c. The scoresheet shall be complete as follows:
  - i. it is not necessary to list the starting lineup;
  - ii. no more than twenty (20) eligible players, eighteen (18) runners and two (2) goaltenders may be listed on the scoresheet;
  - iii. players' names, jersey numbers and identification numbers must be printed in full (both given name and surname - no abbreviations), and be listed in numerical order, with the exception of the starting lineup and alternate goaltenders who must be listed first and last, respectively, in the lineup;
  - iv. teams just designate a "Captain" on the scoresheet by use of the letter "C". The designation of not more than two "Alternate Captains" shall be left to the discretion of the respective teams. If an Alternate Captain(s) is designated, he/she shall be identified on the scoresheet by use of the letter "A".
  - v. the names of all suspended players must be printed in full where indicated on the scoresheet and the point in time and duration of their suspensions included; (Example: John Smith 1 of 5);
  - vi. the scoresheet must be signed in full where indicated by the authorized team representative, manager or coach of each team. It is understood by this signature that the team official so signing shall be deemed to have responsibility for any representations on the scoresheet and for the team during the time it is in and around the arena for the purpose of playing ball hockey.
- d. No change or addition to the list of players on the scoresheet shall be permitted after the commencement of the game except under the following conditions:
  - i. where a player is late for a game and his/her name has been included on the scoresheet prior to the game, he/she shall be permitted to participate however the player must arrive before the start of the second period;
  - ii. (b) when a player has been inadvertently omitted from the scoresheet, the referee shall permit his/her name to be added to the scoresheet provided the player was on the floor or on his/her players' bench in uniform at the start of the game.
- e. Appearance of a players' name on the scoresheet shall not constitute participation in the game.
- f. Each team must pick up a copy of the scoresheet from the timekeeper at the end of each game. By referring to the CBHA Rule Book and Regulations, each team shall then be responsible for determining fines and suspensions in subsequent games earned as a result of any penalty shown on the scoresheet. Any doubt regarding any penalty indicated should be clarified with the timekeeper, not the referee(s). The referee(s) are not informed about the fines and suspensions.
- g. The referee(s) for each game must fill out a OBHF Game Report if any of the following penalties are enforced:

- i. Game Misconduct
- ii. Gross Misconduct
- iii. Fighting Major
- iv. Match Penalty
- h. A referee should also submit a Game Report for any incident involving a minor official and/or a spectator.

20.10. Defaults

- a. A default shall include any one or more of the following:
  - i. all defaults provided for in the CBHA Rule Book;
  - ii. failure to present a team of at least six (6) eligible players at the time and place appointed to play in any OBHF sanctioned championship game, and/or to start and play in any OBHF sanctioned Championship game, and/or to start and play such a game within fifteen (15) minutes of the scheduled game time, unless such failure is caused by an unavoidable accident or unforeseen contingency.
  - iii. failure of the home team to wear cover-ups in the event that the two (2) competing teams in a game cannot be distinguished as a result of jersey colour clashes. See Regulation Eight (8), Section Three (3);
  - iv. any action on the part of a team deemed a default in opinion of the OBHF Executive;
  - v. failure on the part of a winning team to advance into groups or intergroup playdowns.
- b. In the event that a team defaults a game, the penalty incurred shall be as follows:
  - i. the game and/or series shall be awarded to the non-offending team. The winning team will be given the maximum 7 (7-0) goal differential;
  - ii. a fine may be levied by the OBHF Executive against the offending team;
  - iii. defaults in OBHF play may result in a team being banned from competing in games provided by the OBHF for one (1) year.
- c. In the event that a team defaults a second OBHF sanctioned game, in the same season, in addition to the penalties listed above, the offending team shall be removed from further competition and all players registered to that team shall be declared free agents.
- d. Over and above the aforementioned penalties, every default shall carry such further penalty as may be imposed by the OBHF Executive, a \$500 fine, forfeiture of bond and suspension from further competition in the OBHF, of any one or more of the officers of the offending team or any person apparently acting in that capacity at the time of default.
- e. Defaulted games shall not count in the duration of a suspension.

20.11. Suspensions

For information on suspensions see 17.0.

20.12. Discipline/Appeals

For more information see 18.0.

20.13. Protests

- a. In any matter affecting the outcome of a game, only the team may protest, and the intent to protest must be announced to the referee during the game or immediately after the game to be noted on the back of the OBHF white copy of the game sheet.

- b. In the case of matter affecting the outcome of a game, the procedure for registering a protest shall be as follows:
  - i. the protest and all evidence in support thereof shall be signed by the coach, manager or League executive member who will deliver a copy to the OBHF officer in charge of the tournament, together with a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) security deposit within forty-five (45) minutes of the conclusion of the game protested, and a duplicate copy there to the team protested;
  - ii. the team protested shall, within forty-five (45) minutes of the notification receipt of the protest, file a defense and evidence in support to the OBHF officer in charge of the tournament and a duplicate copy thereof to the team protesting;
  - iii. if a Coach, Manager or Team Representative is absent from the local in which the protested game was played, then the protest or defense may be signed by the most senior official of the team present at the locale;
  - iv. if the OBHF officer in charge of the tournament is absent from the locale in which the protested game was played, then such protest and defense shall be delivered to the person appointed to represent the OBHF Office.
- c. The OBHF Officer in charge of the tournament shall, immediately upon receipt of a protest, inform the OBHF Executive Committee of the nature of the protest and arrange for a private room within the locale at which a meeting can be held, to determine the validity of the protest. No protest shall be accepted if it is considered invalid as per any item listed in paragraph 20.8 below. After satisfying itself of the protest's validity, the OBHF Executive Committee shall, immediately convene a meeting at which the statements of the protests and defense shall be heard.
- d. Each team involved in the protest shall be allowed to have two (2) delegates attend the protest meeting, and each delegate shall have the right to speak on the protest only once.
- e. The OBHF Executive Committee shall have the right to call witnesses to the protest and use the information obtained in making their decision.
- f. Upon hearing the protest and defense, the OBHF Executive Committee shall make a decision, which decision may include one (1) or more of the following:
  - i. allowing the protest;
  - ii. disallowing the protest;
  - iii. forfeiting or returning of security deposits or any parts thereof;
  - iv. mandatory re-arrangement of points in a game or series;
  - v. mandatory replaying of a game or series, or any part thereof (see paragraph 20.9 for details);
  - vi. suspension of a team and/or a player;
  - vii. imposition of fines;
  - viii. mandatory imposition of such further and other remedy(s) and/or penalty(s) as the nature of the protest demands.
- g. All parties to the protest and affected persons shall be sent notice of such decision by the OBHF Executive Committee.
- h. A protest shall be declared invalid and not proceed beyond steps of paragraph 20.2 (a) for any of the following reasons:
  - i. The protest challenges a referee's call that is an interpretation of a rule, and not a game procedural error;
  - ii. The protest fails to meet all of the requirements of paragraphs 20.1 and 20.2;
  - iii. The protest is deemed insignificant to the final outcome of a game, and that such protest has been filed solely for the purpose of disrupting the opposing team and/or the tournament as a whole.

- iv. The OBHF retains the right to withhold the security deposit in its entirety or any part thereof for costs or inconveniences incurred by the OBHF in dealing with the protest.
- i. In a case where the OBHF elects to replay a game or a portion of it, the guidelines for such implementation shall be as follows:
  - j. Where the exact time of the protested incident can be determined, the game shall re-start at that point additions permitted. If a player listed on the game sheet cannot attend, there will be no substitution permitted;
  - k. If the game is tied, and the incident occurs within the first 10 minutes of the game, then the entire game shall be replayed, with only the players listed on the original game's game sheet eligible to participate.

**20.14. Trophies**

- a. Replica keeper trophies shall be awarded at the Provincial Championships. All original trophies are the property of the OBHF and shall remain in the possession of the OBHF other than when displayed and presented at the Provincial Championship, after which it shall be immediately returned to the OBHF.
- b. Failure to return trophies shall result in a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine being levied against the offending team(s), plus the cost of replacement if the trophy is lost.
- c. Damage to the OBHF Trophies is the responsibility of the teams and/or Leagues in possession of these trophies, and all costs incurred by the OBHF to repair these items will be charged back to the team and/or Associations.

**21.0. CBHA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

21.1. Teams qualify for the following years National Championships by winning the current years Provincial Championships. Team must adhere to CBHA team and player regulations.

- a. Men's B & D Winter Provincial Champions and Summer Provincial Champions and Finalist qualify for National Championships
- b. Men's C Winter Provincial Champions, Summer Provincial Champions, Masters 31+ Summer Provincial Champions qualify for 'C' Nationals
- c. Masters 40+ A Summer Provincial Champions and Finalists qualify for Masters National Championships
- d. Men's A Summer Provincial Champions (top 2) and OBHF Men's 'A' Leagues Playdown winner qualify for 'A' National Championships.
- e. Women's A, B & Masters Summer Provincial Champions and Finalists qualify for National Championships.
- f. Girls, Peewee, Bantam, Junior Summer Provincial Champions and Finalists qualify for Junior Nationals.

21.2. All OBHF qualified teams pay a \$1,000 deposit towards their tournament fee to the OBHF by early November or forfeit their spot. The OBHF then sending the deposit to the CBHA with the team being responsible for paying the difference directly to the CBHA by the due date requested by the CBHA.

21.3. Correspondence relating to CBHA event logistics (hotel, travel, schedules, etc.) will be communicated to teams directly by the CBHA. If teams have any issues or questions they can contact the OBHF Office.

21.4. Any eligible player who plays in an OBHF League located in a geographic region/centre the player has established habitual/continuous/permanent residence will be considered the player's 'home' league.

- 21.5. A player must compete with their home OBHF League in National competitions if asked and available to compete.
- 21.6 Any player who qualifies for Nationals must play with that team they qualify with or ask for a release from that team to play for another team.
- 21.7. Teams may pick up registered players from any OBHF sanctioned league.
- 21.8. All players including pickups must be registered in the summer season in which the CBHA Nationals take place.
- 21.9. All qualified teams must be registered in the following summer season in an OBHF sanctioned league.
- 21.10. For Men's A, whenever a team is a double winner, the next Summer Provincial finalist shall qualify.
- 21.11. In a hosting year, the host OBHF league will receive an automatic National seed.
- 21.11. Rules around B, C, D National Championships:

General

- a. Player designation is from the previous year
- b. For teams that qualified the previous year while at a lower level, **rostered players of that team**, may compete at the level in which they earned the right to attend (must follow team rules below)
- c. Players may play in only ONE (1) National Championship (B, C or D) in the same year. Please note that eligible B, C & D players can play at A Nationals in the same year they play at B, C or D Nationals.
- d. No player from an 'A' Province who played at 'A' Nationals the previous year and/or was registered to an A level team in that same year may be permitted to participate at B, C or D Nationals. (exemptions specified below for 'B' teams only) Such A level players must be registered at B, C or D level for one full calendar year, and miss one year before being eligible at that lower level.
- e. Players 40 years of age or older are eligible to play in the B or C divisions however players who played at the previous years ISBHF World Championships (Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Switzerland and United States) are ineligible to play.

'B' Nationals

- a. Participating Men's teams representing an 'A' or 'B' Province are allowed a maximum of two (2) exemptions, 'C' and 'D' Provinces are allowed a maximum of four (4) exemptions for players who participated at the previous CBHA Men's 'A' Nationals or participated at the Men's 'A' level in their home Province.
- b. Players who played at the previous ISBHF World Championships (Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Switzerland and United States) are ineligible to play.

'C' Nationals

- a. Participating Men's teams representing an 'A' or 'B' Province are not allowed any players who participated at the previous CBHA Men's 'A' Nationals.

- b. Players who played at the previous years ISBHF World Championships (Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Switzerland and United States) are ineligible to play.

'D' Nationals

- a. Participating Men's teams representing an 'A' or 'B' Province are not allowed any players who participated at the previous CBHA Men's 'A' Nationals.
- b. Players who played at the previous years ISBHF World Championships (Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Italy, Slovakia, Switzerland and United States) are ineligible to play.

## **22.0. EXHIBITION GAMES / TOURNAMENTS**

- 22.1. Exhibition games or Tournaments within the jurisdiction of a League(s) shall be administered by the League and sanctioned by the OBHF.
- 25.2 All players/teams must be members of the OBHF.
- 25.3 Officials must be certified by the OBHF

## **23.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE**

- 23.1. The OBHF shall participate in the National insurance program negotiated by the CBHA and approved by the membership.
- 23.2 Blood - If a player suffers a bloody wound, their participation should be immediately interrupted until the bleeding is stopped and the wound is properly covered with medically acceptable dressing. All abrasions and skin lesions must be properly covered with a medically acceptable dressing prior to any player participating in an OBHF sanctioned game.
- 23.3. Jewelry /Accessories- All participants prior to a OBHF game must remove all jewelry that are large and pose a potential safety hazard. On floor officials should adhere to this.
- 23.4. Illegal Equipment - Often officials will be faced with making decisions that will be viewed as unfavorable by some players. However, their responsibility first and foremost is the safety of all participants. All players wishing to participate must conform to all CSA equipment standards. Players identified as not conforming to these standards shall not be permitted to participate until the piece of equipment identified as illegal is removed or replaced in accordance to standards.

## **24.0. AWARDS PROGRAM**

- 24.1. All Provincial Events:
  - Medals Gold and Silver
  - Top Scorer
  - Most Valuable Goalie
  - Most Valuable Defenseman
  - Most Valuable Forward
  - Tournament Most Valuable Player
  - Championship item (t-shirt/hat - minors) (adult - cup)
  - Player of the Game Awards

- 24.2. Annual Awards: awarded at the OBHF Annual Awards Banquet in conjunction with the OBHF AGM. OBHF leagues and members can nominate individuals for the following awards.
- Provincial Host of the Year
  - Executive of the Year
  - Referee of the Year
  - International Player of the Year
  - Male Junior Player of The Year (The Kyle Coleman Award)
  - Female National Player of the year (The Avery Andrew Award)
  - Mary Platt Lifetime Achievement Award