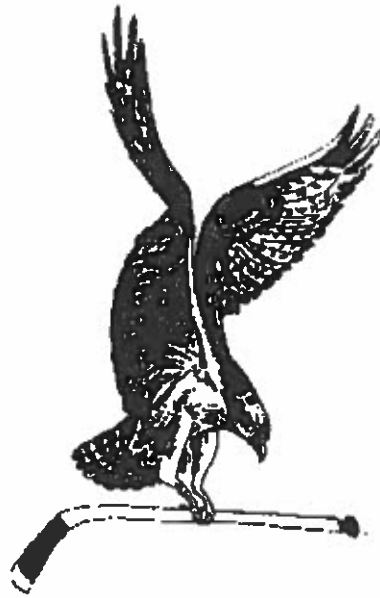


Osprey Minor Hockey Association

Rules for Operation

2000-2001



Preface

**The purpose of these rules is to enable the
Osprey Minor Hockey Association
to operate its hockey program
in a manner consistent with its mission,
its bylaws, the regulations
of governing bodies
and common sense.**

**Safety and fair play,
on and off the ice,
are critical to the success
of the hockey program.**

Authority:

These rules and regulations are Policies of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association as defined in the Bylaw and having been Considered and approved by the Board of Directors on September 1, 2000.

The Manual of Operations of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, including Playing rules, are adopted and form part of these rules.

This document covers the most frequently used rules regarding coaches and players in the Osprey Minor Hockey Association.

Equipment:

1. It is mandatory that all players under the Osprey Minor Hockey Association wear all the required approved hockey equipment per CHA rule book, at games and practices until they leave the playing area at the end of the activity period. Failure to comply may result in suspension of the player and Team Officials by Hockey Operations Committee. Coaches & Assistants must wear protective head wear during activities on the ice in accordance with O.M.H.A. Rules.
2. Players who accept equipment from Osprey Minor Hockey must return it upon request. Any player or Team Official failing to return Equipment upon request shall be suspended until it is returned to Osprey Minor Hockey, and deemed by the Purchasing and Equipment Committee to be in satisfactory condition.
3. Deliberate misuse of any Osprey Minor Hockey Association equipment causing damage, will result in a fine to the guilty person equal to the replacement cost of the damaged article.
4. Goaltender's equipment will be supplied for use by the Osprey Minor Hockey Association for teams up to and including PeeWee, pending availability.
5. Goaltender's equipment may be considered for use for other than Osprey Minor Hockey Association activities on an individual basis at the discretion of the Purchasing and Equipment Committee.

Board of Directors:

1. Any proposed affiliation of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association with any other league or tournament must be approved by the Board.
2. Members of coaching staff who are also members of the Board of Directors or its committees are expected to take care to avoid any appearance of using the influence of such membership to the detriment of the Association or its mission.
3. Any important motions (major policy changes (e.g., Registration Refund) to be made will require a notice of motion to be issued at the meeting with a vote to take place at the next meeting or delivered by mail, hand or fax, seven days before the meeting at which the vote is to take place.

Fund-Raising:

1. All fund-raising events by individual teams must have approval of the Volunteer

Fund - Raising Committee. The permit must be filled out, approved and filed with the Osprey Minor Hockey Association prior to the fund raising event taking place. A financial Statement for each event must be submitted within 10 days of holding or substantially completing the event.

2. Under no circumstances will a fund-raising event be approved if it conflicts with Osprey Minor Hockey run events. Osprey Minor Hockey carries out many fund raising events and teams are cautioned not to make commitments until their event has been duly authorized.
3. Proceeds from all Osprey Minor Hockey Association fund raising events must be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association for deposit and subsequent issue, regardless of the intended use of the funds.

Sponsorship:

1. Even though their name and logo will appear only on one team's uniforms, it is important to remember that all sponsors are making a direct contribution to the hockey program enjoyed by all participants. Therefore, it is very important that all Osprey Minor Hockey members who have an opportunity to do so effectively and sincerely show their appreciation to the sponsors wherever possible.
2. Official sponsors of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association are not to be approached by any Team Official, parent or person associated with a team.

Technical Development:

1. All players shall play in their respective age groups to ensure that Osprey Minor Hockey is competitive at all levels. The Board may only consider a request for upward movement, if the player has been deemed by the Technical Development Committee to possess **Exceptional Talent**. Any player playing in a series **Higher** than the respective age group shall do so only with written permission of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association and a parent or legal guardian on the Base Card.
2. No member of the Board of Directors of Osprey Minor Hockey or any of its committees shall be barred from any coaching staff position solely by reason of such membership, except that a member of the coaching staff in a division may not be the Contact Person of that division.

Registration:

1. The registration fee will be set annually by the Osprey Minor Hockey Association Board of Directors.
2. The Treasurer is empowered to waive or modify registration fees for a player where Circumstances warrant special consideration. All such waivers must be reviewed by the Executive Committee.
3. Only those players on waivers who sign a AAA card in another Centre which is part of the CHA or who have tried out for a team which is disbanded will be eligible for a full refund.
4. Completed registration shall consist of clearance on residency rule, proof of age, properly completed roster sheet and payment of the registration fee. All registration documents will remain in the possession of the Registration Committee who will make them available from time to time to other Officials, but who will maintain custody at all other times.
5. Team Officials may not allow a non-registered person to be on the ice with any team. (If uncertain, check with the Registration Committee.) Failure to comply will result in immediate coach suspension by the Hockey Operations Committee.
6. Residents of the Township of Osprey registering to play in the Local league shall be given first priority and others may be brought in to fill out a team roster or division. Non-resident players may be ineligible to participate in tournament or as an Affiliated Player under Ontario Minor Hockey Association rules.
7. A request for a refund of a portion of the Registration fee for a person who ceases to play Osprey Minor Hockey prior to the end of the calendar year due to Medical reasons or relocation may be submitted in writing to the Treasurer. The Treasurer may only consider an application submitted for a player who ceases to play after December 31st on instruction from the Board.
8. Satisfactory proof of age will be submitted with registration of a player who did not play in the previous year.

Hockey Operations:

1. All hockey shall operate under Canadian Hockey Association playing rules, Ontario Minor hockey Association manual and the Osprey Minor Hockey Association rules, with the following additions and enhancements.
2. Only carded team officials or Instructors who are approved by the Board and

registered on the insurance list at the Osprey Minor Hockey Association office, will be allowed to participate in or at Osprey Minor Hockey Local or Representative League functions, including practice. Any person used in an instructional capacity must first be reported to the Contact Person, so that they can be presented at a Board meeting for approval, as long as the names are placed on the insurance list.

3. No player may play for more than one Osprey Minor Hockey team except for such periods as may be deemed necessary by the Technical Development Committee and reported to the Board. School teams are not included in the application of this rule.
4. All division Contact Persons in Local league will ask all goaltenders during the evaluation period, if there were one or two goalies on their team last year. Where possible the Contact Person will try to get a goalie who played on a team with two goalies last year in Osprey Minor Hockey on a team with one goalie.
5. Permission to play representative hockey procedure is outlined under Representative Hockey Operation rules.
6. It is the responsibility of the Representative Hockey Head Coach to ensure that all player movement to or from the Representative team is properly registered through the Proper Channels.
7. Coaches and managers will advise both player and parents as well as the Contact Persons when deleting or adding players to Representative teams.

Tyke

8. All games unless otherwise approved by the Contact Person shall be played to a two minute buzzer system. This regulation will be enforced by team and division Officials. To ensure all players equal ice time, the coach is required to change his/her entire line, except the goaltender, at designated intervals, to the buzzer.

Novice, Atom, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile

9. For these divisions, no special change of player regulations will apply as long as each player gets as reasonable a share of ice as possible (i.e., as equal as possible) the duty remains with every Team Official to ensure that each player gets a reasonable share of the ice time. Failure to do so may result in a suspension by the Hockey Operations Committee.
10. Local League Players may be called up to play in the division directly above them. Goalies can be AP within their division.

11. Osprey Minor Hockey Association will provide timekeepers for each Local League and Representative game when requested by the respective Contact Person. The home team will be responsible for paying the timekeeper fee.
12. Osprey Minor Hockey Association will provide referees for each Local League and Representative game when requested by the respective Contact Person. Osprey Minor Hockey will cover the cost during the preseason, the regular season and playoffs, and up to three exhibition home games for each team, played on Osprey Minor Hockey Association ice.
13. All Osprey Minor Hockey teams may request a draw of funds for one Tournament, which may be the home tournament, provided that they submit a promissory note to the Association outlining a date for the completion of the repayment. The Treasurer has the sole authority to allocate funds in accordance with the availability of funds. Tykes may enter two tournaments – since the yearend playoff is a tournament.

Local League Play

14. Two minute stop time will be used in Tyke and a minimum of 3-10 minute periods constitute a game. If time permits, 3rd period will vary depending on time left in the hour. Curfew will be in place subject to the divisional Contact Person. Sharing of time lost for ice scraping will be agreed upon by all appropriate Contact Persons.
15. Players must be rated at least once before team formation.
16. Match Penalties: Rules and procedures, prescribed by the governing body, are in the O.M.H.A. rule book .
17. Tyke, Novice and Atom Head Coaches must have CHIP certification prior to starting the season with the team, or must obtain certification at the earliest available clinic. Atom Rep and above Head Coaches must have Coach Level Certification prior to starting the season with the team or must obtain certification at the earliest available clinic.

Referees and Officials

18. The Referee in Chief will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The position may be held by two individuals, each having jurisdiction over Representative and Local League Hockey respectively. Canadian Hockey Association and Ontario Minor Hockey Association impose certain conditions and restrictions on Referees which will take precedence over those imposed by the Osprey Minor Hockey Association.

Representative Hockey Operations:

1. The colours of the Association shall be black and white. Representative players are encouraged to wear black helmets and black pants and black and white socks.

Team Composition

2. The OHF (Ontario Hockey Federation) form is to be utilized on behalf of all players in the OHF who are attending training camps of Hockey clubs within the OHF with which they were not registered in the previous or current season. The form must be signed by the President or Secretary of the residential Centre. Each player is required by OHF regulations to present this form to the General Manager and/or Head Coach of the team for which the player is trying out.

Tryouts

3. If a head coach has an injured player that will not be on the ice during tryouts and has made the team, the coaching staff must inform all Players and parents of this fact, either verbally or in writing.

Coach Selection

4. In order to maximize the development of players by exposing them to various coaching styles and skills, Osprey Minor Hockey prefers to see rotation of Head Coaching roles over time. A person who has served a Representative team as Head Coach for two consecutive years will not be eligible to serve the same group of players as a Team Official in the following year unless recommended by the Technical Development Committee and approved by the Board. That person is encouraged to serve another team in a Team Official capacity in their ineligible year.

Affiliated Players

5. Establishing an Affiliated Players (AP) list. The following procedures must be followed when a coach/manager wishes to establish an AP list:
The coach/manager must complete the proper Ontario Minor Hockey Association player Affiliation Form that is available from the Representative Contact Person or Osprey Minor Hockey office. The AP list must be completed and returned to the Representative Contact Person a minimum of 24 hours before using a player on the list in a game. The final roster must be given to the Representative Contact

Person no later the Dec. 1st fully completed. The Representative Contact Person will fax the copy to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association office and the local executive member. The AP list will then be returned to the appropriate team.

6. Reasons to use AP list players.
 - a) Players on an AP list are to be used in the following situations:
 - b) When a regular player is ill.
 - c) When a regular player is injured.
 - d) When a regular player is serving a league suspension.
 - e) When a regular player is missing for personal reasons.
 - f) Under special circumstances with prior approval by the Representative Contact Person.

7. Using players on the AP list Coaches who wish to use AP list players must follow these procedures
 - a) A list must be established as in (A) above.
 - b) Contact the Local League Coach and obtain agreement the player can be called.
 - c) Contact the player's parents and obtain their permission.
 - d) Ask the player to play.
 - e) Both coaches are to inform their respective Contact Persons of the use of the AP within 12 hours after the game.

8. Failure to adhere to the procedure may result In the Representative Coach being assessed a suspension by the Representative Contact Person. A note will be placed in the coach's file for future reference that may lead to the removal of the offending coach.

9. A Parent and Player must be asked before the player's name is put on the Roster.

Allowing Affiliated players to play

10. Osprey Minor Hockey Association fully supports the proper use of the AP list.

11. Coaches are asked to regularly communicate with each other to facilitate the process.

12. Coaches are asked to release players to the team the AP them if it does not interfere with games or practices of the players own team.

13. When no conflict exists with games or practices of the player's own team, the affiliated player must be released to the affiliated team.

14. The coach of the affiliated player is not to impose any other conditions or use

threats of any form to prevent players from playing up. Violation of this rule may result in the player's coach being assessed a suspension by the coach's Contact Person.

15. Any dispute among the coaches regarding the application of the AP rules will be referred to the Representative Contact Person and Technical Development Committee for a joint decision. A Local League Player who has been moved to a player may not be brought back to the Representative Team again unless no other Local League player wishes to play Representative Hockey, and is deemed capable by the Local League Coach, Representative Contact Person and Technical Development Committee. NOTE: under no circumstances are AP list players to be used at the expense of the regular players on the team. AP list players may play regular shifts but must not take ice time from the regular team members.
16. A player moved to a higher category by Osprey Minor Hockey is not available for the AP list of the higher division Representative team,(e.g. a Local League Novice player who has been moved to Atom Local League is only eligible for the AP list of the Novice Representative Team, not the Minor Atom,)

O.M.H.A. Playdown Entry Fee

17. If any Representative team goes to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association final and requests help financially, they will be granted \$ 500.00 to go towards their entry fee, provided the funds are available in the opinion of Treasurer.

Exhibition games and tournaments:

1. Any team wishing to play exhibition games must complete the 'Travel Permit' form and present to the appropriate Division Contact Person at least three days prior to playing date in order to be considered for approval. In case of tournaments a minimum of fourteen days are required for approval. Should a situation arise after the aforementioned deadlines, approval may be given at the discretion of the Divisional Contact Person.
2. Travel permits are available from the divisional Contact Persons. And are also included in the coaches manuals.
3. Regular scheduled games should not be changed in order to play exhibition games for any reason whatever.
4. Any team playing an exhibition game must use an official sheet and Certified Officials.

5. A copy of the game sheet must be forwarded to the divisional Contact Person.
6. Local league teams may not play exhibition or enter tournaments with non-affiliated teams at any level. Refund minus an administration fee to be determined at the discretion of the Board. Team Officials who fail to adhere strictly to this rule may be subject to suspension by their respective Contact Person.
7. Local League Teams are encouraged to participate in tournaments to a Maximum of four in each hockey season. Any additional requests must be recommended by the Local League Operations Committee.
8. It is expected that Osprey Minor Hockey teams will all participate in Osprey Minor Hockey tournaments. Questions of partial refunds of fees in exchange for parent participation in the tournament will be decided for each tournament by the Board, who will receive a recommendation of the Volunteer Fund- Raising Committee taking into consideration the recommendation from the organizing Committee of the tournament.
9. Local League Teams must have the parent or guardian sign a permission form for each player who participates in any tournament where body-checking will be permitted. The form must be signed before the tournament and must be of the format approved by the Secretary.

Team Official Responsibilities:

1. Team Officials include individuals approved by the Board and registered as Head Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer and Manager. The Osprey Minor Hockey Association will pay to register these four carded officials for each team. No individual will be approved as a Team Official or a Practice Coach unless the Technical Development Committee has made a recommendation. Approvals are subject to the individual obtaining a Police Check satisfactory to the Board in accordance with the following.
 - a) All Head Coaches, Asst. Coaches, Trainers and Managers must have Police Checks.
 - b) Head Coaches must have their Police Check done by Nov. 12th. If the Police is not done by this date the Head Coach will not be allowed to coach until the Police Check is submitted.
 - c) Asst. Coaches, Trainers and Managers must have their Police Check done by Dec. 12th. It is the Responsibility of the Head Coach to make sure this is done. If the Police Check is not done by this date the Head Coach and the member

of the Coaching staff that did not comply with this procedure will not be allowed to coach, manage or train until the Police check is submitted.

- d) A Police check needs to be done every 2 years.
- e) The police check will be kept on file for that 2 year period, then mailed back to the applicant at the end of this time.
- f) The Police Check shall be in a sealed envelope submitted to your Division Contact Person or a Board member. It will then be forwarded to the Osprey Minor Hockey screening person. (Professional designation such as a Police Officer, Chiropractor, Notary Public, Engineer, Banker, Clergy, Doctor, Lawyer, Judge, Principle, Dentist and Accountant.)
- g) The screening person will have the right to approve or disapprove coaching staff based on the parameters given.
- h) The screening person may ask all questions necessary to make the proper decision.
- i) Only those coaches who have a questionable Police check need an interview with the designated screening person.
- j) A coach has the right to appeal this decision to the following committee within 10 days. This committee shall consist of the Head of Technical Committee, one Board Member chosen by the coach, and the Screening Person.
- k) A Coach or Coaching Staff would not be approved for a coaching or coaching staff position in Osprey Minor Hockey on the following.
 - Individuals with outstanding Criminal Code convictions or charges pending, will not be accepted based on, but not limited to the following offences;
 - Physical or Sexual assault. (no time limit.)
 - Current prohibitions or probation orders forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14. (no time limit.)
 - Indictable criminal offenses for child abuse. (No time limit.)
 - Outstanding convictions or charges pending for any violent offence, whether or not it involved weapons. (7 years).
 - Outstanding convictions or charges pending for criminal driving offences, including but not limited to impaired driving. (5 years).
 - Individuals with outstanding convictions for provincial offences related to a bona fide occupational requirement of qualifications, may be excluded from a position of trust, depending on the circumstances.

Applicants may be rejected as a result of other information gained during the Police Check process or through the screening process as a whole, or as a consequence of other factors.

- l) The applicant has the right to know why he or she is being refused, and may appeal to the Board of Directors in writing, within 10 days.
 - m) Any individual participating in Osprey Minor Hockey Business activities or events who is convicted of a criminal offense involving sexual exploitation, invitation to sexual touching, sexual interference, sexual assault, shall face automatic suspension from participating in any activities of Osprey Minor Hockey for a period of time corresponding to the length of the criminal sentence imposed by the court, and may face further disciplinary action by Osprey Minor Hockey and the O.M.H.A. in accordance with their policies.
 - n) In an instance of a Police Check procedures listed in the above convictions, it would be at the discretion of the Osprey Minor Hockey Board of Directors as to whether the suspension would be more than 7 years or indefinite.
 - o) It should be noted that every staff member or volunteer once accepted, is obligated to inform the appropriate Association Executive if he or she is charged, tried or convicted of any offence under the Criminal Code or under other Provincial or Federal statutes, if that offence is relative to a position of trust held by that individual.
2. The Bylaw and Rules are to be strictly adhered to by all Team Officials. Each team official will be supplied with a copy of the Bylaw and the Rules.
 3. All team officials will work to ensure that players receive equal ice time.
 4. Team Officials will become familiar with the Contact Persons responsibilities and provide all necessary cooperation.
 5. All team officials are expected to actively assist Osprey Minor Hockey Association in the various fund-raising endeavors.
 6. Ensure proper conduct of players and fellow Team Officials on and off the ice.
 7. Deliver a financial statement including all sources of funds and all disbursements to the Contact Person on or before May 1st.
 8. When a player requires Medical attention other than of the team trainer, a Doctor's

release is required before the player may return to practice or play.

9. Travel permits must be given to the Division Contact Person.

Additional Rules for Head Coaches:

1. Attend coaches meetings as required.
2. Appoint a designate in the coaches absence
3. Ensure that all players and parents are made aware of the playing rules.
4. Show respect for all referees decisions.
5. Hold a meeting at the start of season with players and parents in order to make them aware of the coach's plans and aims for the season, explanation of Ontario Minor Hockey Association Roster sheets, reason for budget, size of budget, fund-raising and other matters, that apply to the team. It is important to achieve consensus early as to the level of involvement in exhibition games and tournaments.
6. Accept ice time allotted with no exception.
7. Ensure the allotted ice time is not wasted. Trade with fellow coaches.
8. Ensure that all team personnel are informed of practice.
9. Ensure that all equipment and facilities are available.
10. Ensure that all team documentation is properly prepared, maintained and readily available when required.
11. Complete appropriate evaluations and reports as required.
12. Submit a financial statement at the year end, to the Division Contact Person.
13. Ensure that all regulations, safety measures and policies are observed.
14. Away games: (outside of own arenas)
 - a) Procure a dressing room for your Team.
 - b) Direct all team personnel to the dressing room.
 - c) Properly complete a game sheet.

- d) Maintain control of conduct of all team personnel at all times.
- e) Have roster sheets available at all times.
- f) Have any and all travel permits available as required.
- g) Ensure that divisional Contact Person receives a copy of any and all game sheets.

Home games:

- a) Prepare a game sheet; ensure that it is properly filled out.
- b) Ensure that visiting team has the game sheet 15 minutes prior to game time.
- c) Have roster sheet available at all times.
- d) Ensure that divisional Contact Person receives a copy of any and all game sheets.

Assistant coaches:

1. Assistant coaches must be at least 16 years of age, and at least 4 years older than the players they are coaching, (e.g., Midget can coach up to PeeWee , cannot coach Bantam.)
2. Any Osprey Minor Hockey rostered player used as a practice coach must wear full equipment.

Trainers:

1. Trainers are to be certified and carded, and are to conform to HTCP rules and procedures only.
2. Inform coach of condition of players.
3. Keep up-to-date records on players Health Card and emergency contact information.
4. Keep records of player needs (ie. Aerosol for asthma, Health Card # etc.)
5. Trainers must immediately file an accident report with the Local League Operations Committee on any incident that necessitates a player being taken to an emergency health facility, or a player missing one or more games.
6. A copy of the game sheet must accompany the injury report.
7. When a player requires Medical attention, a Doctors release is required before the player may return to practice or play.

Managers:

1. Will assist other Team Officials with off-ice activities including collecting of monies, booking tournaments and other team arrangements.

Hockey Operations Committee:

1. Liaise between Board and individual divisions. Find Contact Persons and assistants where required, with approval by the Board.
2. Ensure that all Ontario Minor Hockey Association Local League roster sheets are signed and sent in for Ontario Minor Hockey approval.
3. Distribute approved Ontario Minor Hockey Association roster sheets to appropriate division Contact Persons.
4. Oversee and monitor ratings and team formation in each division.
5. Ensure that the Ice Scheduler provides sufficient ice time required for games and practices.
6. Supply information and written material to Contact Persons for distribution to coaches, players and parents.
7. Monitor all player movement and coordinate movement of players between Local League and Representative.
8. Monitor tournaments including where played, team rosters, team conduct and incidents. Receive reports from Contact Persons regarding Major penalties, suspensions and incidents.
9. Assist in and promote various Association functions (eg., Social, fund-raising, awards registration, coaches night.)
10. Uphold and adhere to Ontario Minor Hockey Association and Association standards and rules.
11. Forward team financial statements to Treasurer.

Representative Hockey and Local League Contact Persons:

1. Obtain roster sheets for the division. Ensure that all players are rated and have completed roster sheets.
2. Set up and monitor all ratings.
3. Structure, organize and attend division draft. Ensure balanced teams.
4. Inform coaches of rules, schedules and upcoming events.
5. Set up schedule.
6. Supply schedule to the Ice Scheduler, Hockey Operations Committee, Referee Scheduler and timekeeper scheduler and Snackbars, as necessary.
7. Convey information and written material received from Hockey Operations Committee to the Team Officials to be relayed to players and parents.
8. Supply game sheets for each game.
9. Issue written notices of suspensions and Respond to Appeals and Protests in accordance with the rules.
10. Participate in the Hockey Operations Committee.
11. Ensure that proper permission is obtained for exhibition games.
12. Maintain and post accurate standings.
13. Keep Hockey Operations Committee informed on a regular basis, especially of a major problem or if information needs to be discussed at Board Level.
14. Keep accurate records on division coaches as further background for future coaching assignments.
15. Be responsible for allocating sweaters.
16. At games, ensure access to locker with Goalie equipment needed or conflict of colour of sweaters.
17. Ensure that ice is scraped between games at the discretion of the coaches.

18. Act as a mediator among coaches, parents and players within the division.
19. Handle all requests for scheduled game changes.
20. Forward team financial statements to Hockey Operations Committee.

Suspensions:

1. Osprey Minor Hockey Association is Committed to fair play and safe play, and takes very seriously offences which detract from normal enjoyment of the recreational hockey program. Contact Persons are instructed to impose the following additional suspensions, which are subject to appeal but which will be served nonetheless during the appeal process:
 - a) A player who is assessed a Major penalty may be assessed an additional suspension of one game in the first instance, two games in the second instance and five games in the third instance. A player assessed a fourth Major penalty in a season will be barred from further participation until the Board has held a hearing and approved the players return to League Play.
 - b) A player who is assessed an Aggressor penalty shall be assessed a further suspension of one game in the first instance, two games in the second instance, four in the third instance and eight in the fourth.
 - c) In Bantam and below, a person who is assessed a Misconduct penalty within 10 minutes of the end of the playing time of the game shall be assessed a further suspension of one game. In Midget and above a person who is assessed a Misconduct penalty and who serves less than 10 minutes of it before the game is ended, including by curfew, shall be assessed a further suspension of one game.
2. A person who is deemed by the Contact Person to have abused any other person during or after a game may be assessed a suspension of up to three games. The Contact Person will first determine what penalties were assessed by the referee. In the second instance of abuse committed after a game a person will be barred from further participation indefinitely until the Board has held a hearing and approved the players return to league play. Any Team Official who is ejected from a game for any offence shall be suspended from the next game his/her team plays regardless of when the ejection took place. Any abuse of facilities or use of sticks anywhere in the arena other than on the ice surface may result in the suspension of any person involved, by the Contact Person. All Team Officials, Contact Persons and Directors must discourage this practice. Team Officials are responsible for the conduct of all team personnel. Policy regarding players eligible for two teams by affiliation. If

such a player receives a suspension with either his registered team or his affiliated team the player will serve the suspension with the team to which he is carded, and will not be allowed to play for any team until the suspension has been served. Suspended person must be listed on the game sheet. (Osprey Minor Hockey Policy: The rationale is that the sheet and suspension number (e.g., game 1 of 2) are noted.) Any player in Novice and above and any Team Officials serving a suspension must be present at the respective game being served and sign the game sheet. The Contact Person must report all suspensions of Team Officials to the Technical Development Committee. Successful appeals must also be reported to the same committee, who will remove the suspension from the record.

Other Suspensions:

3. Suspensions issued in accordance with the playing rules and included explicitly or implicitly in the Referee's report are not subject to appeal, they are subject only to protest. In addition, Match Penalty suspensions are subject to the Ontario Minor Hockey within 36 hours of receipt of the decision.

Appeals:

4. Contact Persons have authority over the Team Officials and players in their respective Divisions including the right to issue suspensions. The Contact Person may choose to involve the Local League Operations Committee before issuing the suspension. Written notice including the reason for the suspension must be delivered to any suspended person. The suspension will be served immediately unless an appeal is underway, in accordance with the following.
5. Any appeal by a member of Osprey Minor Hockey Association of any Contact Person decision other than a protest decision must be made in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the Local League Operations.
6. Appeals to suspensions must be submitted in writing to the Local League Contact Persons Committee within 36 hours of receipt of notice of the suspension. If the Contact Person chose to involve the Local League Contact Persons Committee before issuing the suspension, then the appeal will be directed to the Board. The Local League Contact Persons Committee will deliver a copy of the appeal to the Contact Person within 24 hours of receipt.
7. Any response by the Contact Person to the appeal must be in writing, signed by the Contact Person and delivered to the Local League Contact Persons Committee within 24 hours of receipt.

8. The Local League Contact Persons Committee will have authority to seek assistance from any member of Osprey Minor Hockey to facilitate a fair adjudication of the appeal. A written decision will be delivered to the appellant and the Contact Person within 36 hours of receipt of the last of the writings referred to in # 4 and 5 above.
9. Any appeal of the Local League Contact Persons Committee decision to the Board must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the Vice-President of Osprey Minor Hockey within 36 hours of receipt.
10. The Vice President will follow the procedure outlined for protests in dealing with the appeal.
11. The board will determine how it can best deal with the appeal.
12. These rules do not apply to tournament play, where ad hoc committees have full authority over all games played under their jurisdiction.

In the event a protest may affect playoff positioning, then any protest must be delivered directly to the Local League Operations Committee within three hours of the start time of game being protested. The Local League Contact Persons Committee will notify a Team Official of the opposing team, allow two hours for a response and use its best efforts to render a fair decision before the next playoff game. There will be no opportunity for appeal.

Protest Rules:

1. Notice of any protest, if occurring during a game, must be given verbally to the Contact Person immediately after the game in person or by phone. A protest has not been made until the procedure in item # 2 has been followed.
2. Any protest must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the Contact Person or designated backup person, within 48 hours of scheduled start time of the game being protested. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit equal to the fifty-dollar fee for an unsustained protest. The Contact Person may choose to involve the Local League Contact Persons Committee at this initial stage.
3. The Contact Person will deliver a copy of the protest to the Head Coach or any Team official on the opposing team within 36 hours of receiving it.
4. Any defense by the opposing team must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered accompanied by a \$ 30.00, defense fee to the Contact Person, or

designated backup person, within 36 hours of receipt of the protest.

5. In protests involving interpretation of the rules by the referee, the Contact Person will also deliver a copy of the protest to the Referee in Chief, within the same time frame, as in # 3 above, and any response must be delivered as in # 4 above. The Referee in Chief may choose to exercise the same appeal rights as outlined for any member of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association to facilitate a fair adjudication of the protest.
6. A decision will be delivered to the protesting team and the opposing team within 36 hours of receipt of the last of the writings referred to in #s 2, 4 and 5 above.
7. Any appeal of the decision must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the Local League Operations Committee within 36 hours of receipt of the decision. The Local League Contact Persons Committee will follow the same procedures in # 3, 4, 5, and 6 above. If the Contact Person chose to involve the Local League Contact Persons Committee at the initial stage, then there will be no appeal except to the Board.
8. Any appeal of the Local League Contact Persons Committee decision must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the Vice-President of the Osprey Minor Hockey Association within 36 hours of receipt of the decision.
9. The Vice President may Chair an Arbitration Board of one Director selected by the protesting team, one Director selected by the opposing team and one Director selected by the first two, or may decide to refer the appeal directly to the Board. The Vice President will follow the procedure in # 3, 4 and 5 above, and deliver the Committee's written decision to the protesting team and the opposing team upon being satisfied the protest has received a full and fair hearing. Any appeal to the Board must be in writing, signed by a Team Official and delivered to the President.