

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES 2005-2006**

### **ONTARIO WOMEN'S HOCKEY ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

September 17<sup>th</sup> weekend, Stage West Hotel, Mississauga

### **HOCKEY CANADA WEEK**

November 5-12, 2005

### **NATIONAL WOMEN'S UNDER 18 CHAMPIONSHIP**

November 9 -13 in Salmon Arm, British Columbia subject to contractual agreement. The event will be comprised of 8 All Star teams – BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Atlantic and Hockey North. If Hockey North is unable to provide a team, BC has the opportunity to provide a host team. If BC declines, the Ontario Women's Hockey Association will send a second team.

### **WINTER OLYMPICS**

Tentative dates for the Winter Olympics are February 11 through 20, 2006 in Turin, Italy.

### **ESSO WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

March 8 - 12, 2006 in Sydney, Nova Scotia

As of May 24, 2005, BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland have made a preliminary commitment to participate. At this time the event will feature 5 teams in pool A and 4 in Pool B. Confirmation will be in October 2005. Under 18 National Championship

### **ONTARIO WINTER GAMES**

March 9 – 12, 2006 in Barrie, Ontario

### **OWHA PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

February 2006 – dates TBA

April 7, 8 and 9, 2006

### **CANADA WINTER GAMES – 2006 - 2007**

The Canada Winter Games will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon in the 2006-2007 season.

### **PLAYING RULES**

There have been several changes to the Playing Rules . New Rule Books & Case Books are now available

#### **PLAYING RULES EMPHASIS 2005-2006**

1. CHECKING TO THE HEAD
2. CHECKING FROM BEHIND
3. SHARED RESPECT

### **INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION CAMP**

The Ontario Women's Hockey Association extends a sincere congratulations to Christina Kessler, goaltender and Zenobie Loach, referee. Both were exceptional representatives of the OWHA as they attended the first IIHF female hockey development camp in July 2004 in Finland.

#### **2004 – 2005 CATEGORIZATION PILOT PROJECT**

As per the direction of our members and our commitment made at the AGM, the OWHA Board of Directors addressed the categorization process of teams within the association and implemented a pilot project. The feedback has been quite positive. Teams are in the best position to know the calibre of both their own team and the teams they play against. It is the teams who provide information to the OWHA categorizing committee who then secures input from the other teams involved. In this way, decisions are made based on the analysis of data provided from those involved. The decisions of the committee are then circulated to the teams in the various divisions and unless a written request to review is received the team will remain at this level. Teams must follow the timelines provided in the process for change but may move up at any time.

This project has been reviewed and modified in areas for use in the second year which we feel will assist in making the process better. We will continue to evaluate the system. Input is always welcome.