

FEMALE DEVELOPMENT PLAYERS INFORMATION BULLETIN

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In all cases where a girl is interested in playing on an OWHA team and also within another Hockey Canada affiliated programme, it is important the players, parents, coaching staff and/or volunteers check with the other team/association to fully understand options and/or restrictions.

- The Ontario Women's Hockey Association has jurisdiction for all female hockey teams in the province of Ontario.
- The information below pertains to areas of Ontario where the Ontario Hockey Federation has jurisdiction for other Hockey Canada affiliated programmes.
- This policy may not apply in areas of Ontario where the Ottawa District Hockey Association (ODHA) or Hockey Northwestern Ontario (HNO) have jurisdiction for male hockey.
- For up-to-date policies, please contact the OWHA Office.

Please be advised of the following information in regards to girls who are playing within the OWHA and also within a Hockey Canada affiliated, predominately male hockey programme:

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) and Alliance will NOT permit girls to play both OWHA & GTHL/Alliance hockey. Girls may not play in both the GTHL/Alliance and OWHA.

PART A: ONTARIO HOCKEY FEDERATION POLICY PAPER - September 20, 1998

SUBJECT:

Registration/affiliation of girls between the OWHA and one of the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) Minor Hockey Divisions (Greater Toronto Hockey League [GTHL], Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario [MHAO](now ALLIANCE), Northern Ontario Hockey Association [NOHA], and Ontario Minor Hockey Association [OMHA]).

The following motions carried at the September 20, 1998 OHF Board of Directors meeting:

- A) *A female registering with the OWHA may affiliate to the minor program according to OHF Member Partner (GTHL, MHAO, NOHA, OMHA) rules.*
- B) *A female registering with a minor Member Partner may affiliate according to that Member Partner's affiliation regulations, or with the OWHA.*

RATIONALE:

To maintain a positive working relationship among all OHF Member Partners to maximize opportunities for participants.

CLARIFICATION:

- 1) *For a girl to affiliate within a minor hockey division (GTHL, ALLIANCE, NOHA, OMHA) she must meet the residency, age requirements, affiliation procedures, rules and regulations of the respective minor hockey association regardless of where she plays within the OWHA.*
- 2) *For a girl to "affiliate" with the OWHA, she must meet the requirements of an OWHA player. While participating within the OWHA, she is subject to the constitution, by-laws, regulations and rules of the OWHA.*

PART B: MOTIONS APPROVED BY THE OWHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON SEPT. 20/98:

- i) The OWHA circulate the OHF Policy Paper in the OWHA registration packages.
- ii) The OWHA will term players who register with a minor hockey division and also play in the OWHA as Female Development Players (FDP's). They shall be so referenced on the OWHA Participant Form.
- iii) FDP's must provide proof of insurance.
- iv) FDP's are subject to the constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures of the OWHA.

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