

## **Player Releases Clarification – 2012-2013**

There have been many questions asked each year about releases. The following are some of the common questions and answers. Please refer to the NOHA Constitution for more information and complete documentation of the Regulations dealing with releases. Please contact your NOHA Council Director for further clarifications.

### **NOHA Permission to Skate/ Release Form**

**The only form used by the NOHA for releases is our NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form. We have attached two copies to the back of this document. One is a blank copy for your use. The other copy shows you what is required to be completed on the document. The document must be completed in full to be accepted by the NOHA (this includes the new team name and signatures). Please ensure that you receive a completed copy of the document before allowing the player on your ice. All NOHA forms are available on the NOHA website under Downloadable Forms. All forms can be filled in on your computer but you must save them.**

**The NOHA has developed one form to deal with Player Permission to Skate and Releases in Minor Hockey.**

**In Junior Hockey a player must obtain a Junior Permission to Skate form to participate in try-outs and if they make the team must obtain a Junior Release form.**

#### **1) When two communities have a team - Team to Team below AAA and within a District**

A NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form is required to be signed by the Home Association/Team allowing the player to tryout. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the players record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice. See NOHA Constitution R.6.2.

#### **NOHA Constitution - R.6.2**

**That the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form will only be an automatic release when the player receives the signature of either one of the signing officers so named on the team application form of the team or club which the player is a member. Forms must be attached to the player's record in the HCR.**



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**b) A player wishing to play in a higher age division outside of their Home Association/team, once being released to play at a higher age division and upon reaching the required age, the player must return to his home Association/team for that hockey season. He may request a release from his resident Association/team at that time.**

### **2) When a community does not have a team for a player – Rep team to Rep team or House League team to House League team**

As outlined in the NOHA Constitution R.5.6. When a player is in a community that does not have a team, they may go to the closest community to play. If a team is formed the following year then they must go back home as per NOHA Constitution R.3.1. They would require a release to get back to the team they were with last year.

### **NOHA Constitution R.5.6.**

**A player resident in a community which is not represented by a club having a team entered in a division in which he/she is eligible to play, may, if there is more than one team or more than one community with teams for which he/she is eligible, near his/her residence, choose which team he/she wishes to join. However, this choice is only available if the difference in distance between his/her residence, over a well maintained road/highway to the two or more communities does not exceed eight (8) kilometres and is only applicable to cities, towns, municipalities, police village that are not listed in Bylaw 1.13. Such players shall continue to belong to the club chosen until properly released.**

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### **3) Players moving Zone (District) to Zone (District)**

Players will have to get the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from their Home Association/Team in their zone (District) that they are eligible to play for. This release can be used to release a player to anywhere within the NOHA. The release form must indicate the team to which the player wishes to go to. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

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### **4) Players who move up a Division**

As per the NOHA Constitution under R.5.10 they must go back home once they become the right age for that division and get the proper releases to go back to the old team. The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the players record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

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### **5) Duration of releases**

**NOHA Constitution R.4.35 -Once having elected to register in a division, sub-division and/or category, the player shall remain in that division, sub-division and/or category until he/she becomes overage or is released by that team. (An exception to this regulation is granted to Minor Hockey in Item R.6.4)**

**NOHA Constitution R.6.7. - A player resident in a community represented by an Association and/or Club with a team entered in a series for which the player is eligible to play, must register with that club except where such player receives a signed NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form. In which case the player may play for the Team as named on the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form. The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form must be attached in the Hockey Canada Registry to the player's record. A player who is released, is only released to that team so named on the form. If the team is a Minor aged team and the player is of Minor age then the player returns to his Association after the season is completed. If the team is a Major aged team and the player is of Minor age then the player returns to her Association after she has completed her Major season. To return to his habitual residence after his minor year (Major team) a player requires a release from the current team. It must not be construed as having altered the original residence of the player and it shall be filed with the Executive Director of the NOHA.**

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If a player is released and registers with a "Minor" team (meaning all first year players of that division) within the NOHA, then he returns to his home association at the end of that playing season. If a player is released as a first year player but registers on a "Major" team within the NOHA, then said player is released for two (2) years to the team he registered with (until ineligible for that division).

NOTE: "Minor" and "Major" refer to divisions and sub-divisions within the NOHA and should not be confused with Local League divisions.



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### 6) AAA Teams

**NOHA Constitution R.5.2. - AAA Major and Minor Juvenile, Midget, Bantam, and Pee wee in the NOHA adopt the Zone concept. Zone divisions will be the districts as outlined in the NOHA By-Law B.1.13.**

**A player from within the Zone may request a NOHA Permission to Skate/release form from the Signing Officers of the Association or Single Entry team holding his/her playing rights to tryout for the AAA Club within the Zone. This NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form carries an automatic release for the player upon being signed by the AAA club. This same provision will apply for a player wanting to tryout for a AAA club outside his/her zone. For example if a player registers with a Minor Bantam AAA team then they must return to their Home community after their Minor Bantam year. If the player registers with a Major Bantam team as a Minor Bantam player then they stay for the 2 years unless they obtain their release to return to their home Association.**

Players must play for the AAA team in their Zone (District) unless they are released from their Zone team to go to another AAA team within the NOHA. A player leaving a AAA zone would have to have two releases to sign with an AAA team outside their Zone. One release from their Home Association and one from their Zone AAA team.

These forms must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of these forms should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

### 7) I have been released by a Rep Association in one District to play Rep hockey in another District and now wish to affiliate with the AAA team in the new District?

**NOHA Constitution R.7.15 - If a player is released by his/her residence Association (AA or below) and there is a AAA team in their District which they are eligible to play for and then registers with another Association (AA or below) in another District, he/she is not eligible to affiliate with the AAA team in that District or any other District without written approval from their Home District AAA team.**

### 8) Tryout Form/Release Form

The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form must be used for all players who are granted permission to tryout with any team. A player must have a new tryout form for each team that they tryout with. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be



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### **9) I have no Association or Team where I live where do I go?**

Players must play for the closest team within their District. For example, you wish to play Representative hockey, you are required to play for the closest Association within your District. If you do not wish to play Representative hockey for this Association, then you must obtain the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from this Association and then you can go anywhere within the NOHA as per Regulation 5.10. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

### **10) My Association has House League teams but no Representative teams.**

A player wishing to go from an Association with House League teams only to a Representative team must obtain the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from their Home Association and must go to the closest Representative Association/team within their District. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

### **11) My Association only has House League teams and I wish to play House League in another Association**

You have to obtain the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from your Home Association and then you can play for the House League team ONLY in another Association. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.



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**12) My Association has Representative teams and House League teams and I obtain my release to play for a House League team in another Association that also has Representative teams and House League teams. Can I affiliate with the Representative team in my new Association?**

You cannot affiliate as per NOHA Regulation 11.7. You would have to obtain another NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from your Home Association allowing this affiliation to happen. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

**NOHA Regulation 11.7 – If a player leaves his/her residence Association and registers with another Association, he/she cannot be affiliated with the new Association's "rep" team until he/she gets the proper releases as per the NOHA Constitution. See Regulation Number Six.**

**13) Residential Moves**

The OHF Residential Move Form must be completed in its entirety with supporting documentation and must be signed by the Association which the player left and also by the new Association before approval. This form and documentation must accompany the player's registration certificate. These forms must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

**NOHA Regulation - R.5.3. - No Minor player shall be registered as a member of, or compete for, a team in any NOHA match who has not been a bona fide resident of the city, town, municipality, police village, rural area or zone within each of these areas as established by the branch to which his/her team belongs since November 1<sup>st</sup> in any playing season.**

**The OHF Residential Move Form must be attached to the player's record in the HCR for approval. At the request of the President of the NOHA, the signing officers of an Association, Club or single team entry, shall submit to the office of Executive Director of the NOHA, verifiable proof, in writing, of the residency of any player registered in the current season. In the case of disputed residency the ruling of the President shall be final.**

**Any player moving residency within their own Association may submit a completed Residential Move form only. No additional documentation is required (i.e. driver's license, bill etc.).**



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**14) My Home Association is House League and I get a release from them to the nearest Rep team in my District (non AAA). If I am released by this nearest Rep team, do I need to go to the next closest Rep team in my District or can I move anywhere within the NOHA?**

You can now go anywhere within the NOHA below AAA hockey. See NOHA Regulations 5.6 and 5.10. The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

**15) What if I have two AAA teams in my District and I wish to move to another District to play AAA Hockey?**

If a District has two AAA teams in the same Division, for example Midget, then the player will require the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form from both teams in order to leave the District. This is as a result of the change to Regulation 5.10 at the 2005 NOHA Annual General Meeting. The player must now follow Regulation 5.2 and Regulation 5.10. The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release Form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

**16) I am a Minor aged player and my Association does not have a Minor aged team but does have a Major Aged team.**

You must obtain the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form from your Association in order to play in another Association. According to NOHA Regulation R.5.6 your Association does have a team for you to play for - it is a Major Team. Minor and Major aged players are eligible to register on a Major team. The Regulation talks about Division. Divisions within the NOHA and Hockey Canada are as follows: Initiation, Novice, Atom, Peewee, Bantam and Midget. Sub Divisions are age groups within Divisions such as Minor Novice, Minor Atom, Minor Peewee, Minor Bantam and Minor Midget. This form must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

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**between his/her residence, over a well maintained road/highway to the two or more communities does not exceed eight (8) kilometres and is only applicable to cities, towns, municipalities, police village that are not listed in Bylaw 1.13. Such players shall continue to belong to the club chosen until properly released.**

**17) I have a player coming to tryout from the USA. This player will not be residing with his parents within the NOHA.**

The following is the procedure that must be followed for Minor Hockey players who reside in the United States with their parents, live close to the U.S./Canada border, and wish to commute to Canada to register and play with Hockey Canada teams.

Hockey Canada Regulation - K.5.b states -

b) A Minor player that continues to reside with his parents in a Hockey Canada Branch or in the USA, but wishes to play Minor hockey in another Branch, must receive approval from both the incoming Branch and the outgoing Branch they wish to transfer from. If this does not occur, the player may appeal to Hockey Canada under By-Law TWELVE (USA Hockey defined as Branch where applicable).

**In order to meet this Hockey Canada Regulation, players must submit the following information to the NOHA Office to obtain the necessary approvals:**

- 1- Hockey Canada written transfers – Letter of Approval (for players participating in youth classification hockey)
- 2- Release from Local Minor Hockey Association
- 3- Release from Michigan Amateur Hockey Association
- 4- Release from USA Hockey
- 5- Letter from parent indicating why you wish to play in the Hockey Canada program.
- 6- Letter from either Sault Major Hockey Association or the Soo Pee Wee Hockey League indicating support for the transfer.

**The player must have approval of the NOHA, Ontario Hockey Federation and Hockey Canada prior to participation in any Tryouts, League or Tournament games. The NOHA cannot process the player's registration prior to these approvals taking place.**

**Please Note: This is not an immediate process and can take up to seven days.** All USA Hockey Transfer forms along with releases must be sent to the NOHA office (forms attached). The NOHA office must approve and forward the documents to the OHF Office who will then forward the forms to the Hockey Canada Ottawa office.



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Hockey Canada and USA Hockey regulations stipulate that no player under the age of 21 will be granted an unlimited transfer. Every year the player must go through the same process in order to be able to participate in Canada.

Players who participate with Hockey Canada teams without the proper documents from their USA hockey teams and/or an approved appeal, are ineligible players with no access to Hockey Canada insurance coverage.

The teams and/or Associations who allow this to take place will be sanctioned.

Players from USA Hockey must have Primary Major Medical coverage to be eligible for Hockey Canada Insurance benefits.

Please note that USA players who commute from the USA to play in Canada under Hockey Canada regulations are ineligible to affiliate to a higher level team.

**18) I have a player from my Association (Sault Ste Marie) wishing to tryout in the USA. This player will not be residing with his parents within the USA.**

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**Parents are to contact USA Hockey USA Hockey, Inc. 1775 Bob Johnson Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906-4090, Phone: (719) 576-USAH (8724), Fax: (719) 538-1160,**

**E-mail: [usah@usahockey.org](mailto:usah@usahockey.org) to obtain information that USA Hockey requires.**

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### **19) I have a player from another Branch who wishes to tryout within the NOHA.**

According to Hockey Canada Regulations this player cannot tryout as per the Regulations. The player can contact Hockey Canada or the NOHA Office and file a Hockey Canada Appeal. The player is unable to participate (Tryouts, League play or Tournaments) until the Hockey Canada Appeal decision is determined. If approved then the decision must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the team manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

REGULATION K.6 (a) & (b) of the Hockey Canada Regulations states:

K.6 (a) No player of Midget eligibility or under (refer to Hockey Canada B.1) may be transferred from Branch to Branch, or from USA Hockey to Hockey Canada, or from any other IIHF Federation to play other than Major Junior Hockey unless such player comes under Regulation H. 8 (b). There is an exception for those Midget players in their last year of Midget eligibility, when there is no Junior A hockey in their home Branch.



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In order to address regional differences that exist within the hockey program in Canada, Branches may enter into Agreements with other Branches, which would authorize the transfer of players in their last year of Midget eligibility. Said Agreements shall only be in effect upon being ratified by the Hockey Canada Board of Directors. In order for Hockey Canada to provide its ratification, such Agreements shall include provisions whereby any Branch which is a party to an Agreement may terminate the Agreement at the end of each playing season.

K.6 (b) No player of second year Midget eligibility or under may be transferred from Hockey Canada to USA Hockey unless a player resides with his parent and the parent changes his place of residence to the USA and the player continues to reside with his parent.

Regulation H.8 (b) indicates that the player must move with their parents.

**Please contact the NOHA Office to obtain the Hockey Canada Forms.**

**20) I have a player coming from another OHF Member Partner below AAA to tryout.**

This can only happen if Almaguin Minor Hockey Association does not have any teams for the player to participate and the player can only play in Powassan Minor Hockey Association.

Policy for players from the Almaguin MHA area wishing to play in Powassan.

- 1- The player must obtain a letter from Almaguin Minor Hockey Association requesting permission for this player to participate for Powassan Minor Hockey Association for that current season. This letter must state that there is no team within the Division for this player's age registered within Almaguin Minor Hockey Association. The letter must be signed by the signing officer(s) of Almaguin Minor Hockey Association.
- 2- Player must submit this letter to the OMHA Regional Executive Member responsible for this area for his/her approval. The OMHA Regional Executive Member must forward a copy of the request and decision to the OMHA President, OMHA Office, NOHA President and the NOHA Office.
- 3- This letter, once approved by the OMHA Regional Executive Member, must be submitted to Powassan Minor Hockey Association (Original) to be attached to the player's record in the Hockey Canada Registry.
- 4- This player is not allowed to attend any ice sessions with the Powassan Minor Hockey Association without the approved letter as stated above.
- 5- This permission will be valid only for the playing season in which it is granted.



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- 6- The player must return to the Almaguin Minor Hockey Association at the end of each season.

### **21)The use of OHF AAA Waivers and the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form:**

#### **OHF AAA Waivers – NOHA Policy – MAY 21, 2012**

Over the past few years it has become more and more evident that the use of the OHF AAA Waiver Form alongside the NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form has created numerous problems within the NOHA.

On Saturday, March 3, 2012, the OHF Minor Council discussed the OHF AAA Waiver Form within the NOHA.

#### **OHF AAA Waiver Application in the NOHA**

#### **OMHA Players**

OMHA players resident in an AAA Zone adjacent to the NOHA, wishing to obtain OHF AAA Waivers to move beyond their adjacent zones must:

Contact the NOHA office ([noha@noha.on.ca](mailto:noha@noha.on.ca)) requesting a letter waiving them from the NOHA. The NOHA will issue a letter stating that the player has been released by the NOHA zone. The player would then continue to follow the OHF AAA Waiver process.

OMHA Players that wish to play in the NOHA must:

Obtain all their adjacent AAA Waivers of the zone adjacent to the NOHA and present them to the NOHA Office in order to obtain an NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form.

#### **NOHA Players**

NOHA players wishing to play in another NOHA District or Member Partner at AAA must:

Obtain a NOHA Permission to Skate/Release from his Home Association to play with the AAA Zone/District and must Play for the AAA team in their Zone (District) unless they are released from their Zone team through receipt of NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form from the Zone. Both NOHA Permission to Skate/Release forms must be scanned in PDF format and attached to the players record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of these forms should be given to the Team Manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

The NOHA Permission to Skate/Release form specifically requires the name of the team that they will be going to. For those players going outside of the NOHA, the form must indicate the North Central Zone (adjacent OMHA zone).



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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What if I have two AAA teams in my District and I wish to move to another District to play AAA Hockey?**

If a District has two AAA teams in the same Division, for example Midget, then the player will require a release from both teams in order to leave the District. This is as a result of the change to Regulation 5.10 at the 2005 NOHA Annual General Meeting. The player must now follow Regulation 5.2 and Regulation 5.10. This form must be scanned in PDF Format and attached to the players record in the Hockey Canada Registry. A copy of this form should be given to the Team Manager at try-outs so that he knows the player is eligible to be on the ice.

#### **Is there any time stipulation on a team to offer me a player registration?**

Yes, at AAA hockey the team has fourteen days (14) from their first tryout to offer you a player registration as long as you have followed OHF regulations E17-E20.

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### **Do I need to show up to Tryouts for my Home AAA Zone/District?**

Yes, as part of the requirements of E19 "A player is required to tryout and play where he resides or if unable to tryout, make himself available to the organization to be offered a registration if the organization...".

### **OHF AAA Waiver Clarification**

I have been advised that there is some confusion as to when an AAA team must complete the following: Is there any time stipulation on a team to offer me a player registration?

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Some Associations and teams believe that the NOHA is exempt from this since the OHF AAA Waiver Regulations indicate in E30 that the NOHA is exempt from having to hold tryouts in the spring. The Regulation indicates that the NOHA Associations and teams do not have to hold spring tryouts. The NOHA Tryout process must be completed by Labour Day. If you hold spring tryouts then you have 14 days in which to offer a player a registration. You can start your tryouts anytime after the OHF Championships but once you do then you have 14 days to sign the player. If you do not sign him then you must release him to try-out for another AAA program as per Regulations below.

#### OHF Regulations AAA WAIVERS

**E30 "AAA Waiver" refers to written permission by a AAA Club that allows a player not offered a AAA registration to try-out and register with another AAA Club which is adjacent to his residential Home Centre or Zone. Only the signing officers of the AAA Club can issue waivers.**

E31 A player requiring a written release to change Clubs who is in compliance with Residential qualifications and OHF Regulations E17, E18, and E19 for AAA hockey only, **must be offered, in writing, a player's** registration for the current season, and a copy of that offer must be delivered by:



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(a) Registered mail sent and postmarked within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts;

(b) Courier with a receipt verifying date the package was given to the courier, within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts, or

(c) Personal service, verified by sworn affidavits of the deliverer and a witness to the delivery that the delivery was made to the player/parent within fourteen (14) days after the commencement of AAA tryouts.

Note: AAA tryouts commence the first Monday following the OHF Championships except in the NOHA where AAA tryouts must be completed by Labour Day.

Note: For Midget AAA Hockey the dates in E30 (a), (b), and (c) do not apply and an offer is to be made by September 30.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) falls within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

E32 A team must intend to sign and play every player to whom it extends an offer. The maximum number of player registrations a AAA Club may offer is the lesser of the number of registration certificates allowed by Hockey Canada or the number allowed by the Member Partner.

E33 A player who is offered a player registration in accordance with E31 has fourteen (14) days to accept the player registration, failing which the AAA Club may fill the **player's position. The date at which the fourteen (14) day period begins is determined as follows:**

(a) with E31 a), seven (7) days following the postmark date on the Registered Mail

(b) with E31 b), three (3) days from the date stamp on the Courier package

(c) with E31 c), the date of Personal delivery.

E34 Any AAA Club that makes an offer to a player pursuant to E31 must, within 24 hours of making the offer, send its Regional Executive Member or Member Partner office a fax or e-mail **containing details of the offer: player's name and address, and when and how the offer was made.**

E35 An unaccepted offer may be withdrawn by the Club only during the fourteen (14) day period set out in E33. If the offer is neither withdrawn nor accepted during that fourteen (14) day period, the player is not eligible to receive a Release and AAA Waiver from the Club. He is, however, eligible for a Release and AAA Waiver if granted by the Member Partner.

E36 A player who has accepted an offer and is released by the Club is automatically entitled to a AAA Waiver.

E37 If a Club declines to sign a player to whom it has made an offer, or releases a signed player, the Club will automatically forfeit one (1) of its registered certificates for each such player.

E38 If a Club extends offers to more players than it is permitted to sign, it must give a Release and AAA Waiver to each such additional player within 24 hours and each such **player's registration certificate** and any unused registration certificates shall all be forfeited.

E39 If a Club does not comply with Regulations E31 and E32, the player is entitled to a Release and AAA Waiver for that season. In the following season, a player who registered with a minor division team with an adjacent Club in the previous season will have the option of remaining with the Club the player registered with in that previous season, or the player may return to his residential AAA Club/Zone. Players must be released back to their residential AAA Club/Zone at the end of each full age division.



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E40 A player on a AAA Waiver may tryout with his residential home centre at AA or below and not forfeit the Major year(s) of his AAA Waiver pursuant to E41.

E41 A player must provide a signed AAA Waiver to be permitted to attend a try-out with an adjacent AAA Club.

E42 A player who has registered with a team for the season is not eligible for a AAA Waiver unless the team he signed with provides permission to obtain a AAA Waiver.

E43 A player from one AAA residential area who wishes to attend a try-out with a AAA Club in a different area must first follow OHF Regulations E29 – E42. Having otherwise adhered to those Regulations, a player wishing to try-out with a nonadjacent AAA Club must receive a AAA Waiver from his residential AAA Club and all AAA Clubs/Zones adjacent to his residential AAA Club. Upon attending try-outs with permission through a AAA Waiver, the try-out process and offer/ acceptance of registration by each such try-out attended will be as in Regulations E31 – E40.

E44 Any player who is not offered a player registration by, or has been released from, his AAA Zone/Centre team, must declare his availability in writing to his Home Centre, and the adjacent Zones/Centres, within seven (7) days. His Home Centre or any of the adjacent Zones/Centres shall then have fourteen (14) days from its receipt of his declaration to offer a player registration. If the player has made his declarations as above and no registration is offered, the Zone/Centre must provide him a AAA Waiver. If the Zone/Centre does not provide the AAA Waiver, the player may obtain it from his Member Partner.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday(s) fall within the fourteen (14) day period, the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.

E45 A player attending Junior hockey try-outs must follow OHF Regulation G3.

### **OHF REGULATION G TAMPERING AND TRYOUTS**

**G1** Except in the OWHA, effective immediately no fee or other payment may be requested or collected for any Permission to Skate or AAA Waiver and any such form will be promptly provided when requested by a player entitled to it. Any violation of G1 will result in a fine of \$2000.00 to be paid by the Home Centre / Club / AAA Zone to the OHF within 15 days of written demand. Failure to do so will result in an automatic suspension of the Home Centre /Club / AAA Zone until the fine is paid.

#### **G2 Tryouts**

**(a)** No tryouts or related on or off-ice activities directly or indirectly (including skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, etc.) may be conducted prior to the completion of the OHF Minor Hockey Championships.

**(b)** Except at Midget, tryouts for AA, A and lower levels may not begin until the day after completion of AAA tryouts within their centre/zone. Minor hockey tryouts at the AAA level must be completed by a date declared by the centre/zone, but no later than the Sunday that is fourteen (14) days following the OHF Championships.

Note: The NOHA is exempt from spring try-outs.

Note: If one or more Statutory Holiday fall(s) within the 14 day period the tryout period is extended by two (2) days.



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(c) All players attending tryouts must have permission, in writing, from the team/association/club with whom they are registered or remain a member. Players who do not have this permission are not eligible to participate.

(d) Teams are responsible to keep track of these written permissions. Failure to do so may result in the team being found guilty of tampering, in accordance with the process outlined in OHF Regulation G3.

(e) Any written permission to tryout is deemed invalid once a player signs a Hockey Canada registration for the current season.

(f) Written permission to tryout does not, in any manner, constitute a player's release.

**G3** Except as between teams within the same Member Partner which have complied with the Rules and Regulations of that Member Partner, no OHF team may invite to, or allow to participate in its training camp, practice or any scheduled or exhibition game, a registered member of another OHF team from the previous season or of the current season, in any division or category, without having first obtained permission in writing. Such written permission shall be in the form of a statement filed with the team for which the player is registered, signed by the designated signing officers of that team.

**G4** For failure to comply with this Regulation G2 and/or G3, the following sanctions will apply:

(a) the head coach of the offending team will be suspended for a minimum of ten (10) games;

(b) The offending Club/Association team will be fined a sum of \$2,000.00, which fine is payable within fifteen (15) days of notification of the fine. Failure to submit said fine within that period will result in the automatic suspension of the offending team until the fine is paid;

(c) any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and

(d) the subject player will not be eligible to sign, or to play as an affiliate, with any team in the Club/ Association of the offending team.

**G5** Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF By-Law 6, except that a cash deposit or payment will not be required. However, a \$50.00 administrative fee, plus payment of disbursements as documented by the committee conducting the hearing or appeal, will be assessed against the offending team or, if the charge is dismissed, against the parties filing such charge.

**G6** If a charge under Regulation G2 involves two members of the same Member Partner, then the charge shall first be heard in accordance with the hearing procedures of that



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Member Partner. Any appeal from the final decision of that Member Partner shall be brought to the OHF Appeal Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.

**G7** If a charge under this Regulation involves teams not from the same Member Partner, then the OHF Registration Committee shall first hear the charge. Any appeal from that decision of the Registration Committee shall be to the OHF Appeals Committee, in accordance with OHF By-Law 5.

### **21) Guardianship**

We have encountered some parents going to see a lawyer to give their child to another person (guardianship) for the purposes of playing hockey in another Community.

Please be advised that Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey Federation and the Northern Ontario Hockey Association will not accept this type of guardianship document in its present form for the purposes of registering for hockey.

If you wish to have someone act as the guardian for your child then this is your choice. If you wish to have them register for hockey purposes then the reason for the guardianship must be indicated as per Hockey Canada Regulation F 3 c).

Hockey Canada Regulation F.3(c)

c) When legal custody has been granted to a third person, the usual residence of that person.

NOTE: the term “usual residence” is defined as four (4) out of seven (7) days.

NOTE: In the application of the above, the term “legal custody” and/or “legal guardian” refers to the granting of custody as determined by a Court of Law in one of the following circumstances:

- a) the application of the Divorce ACT,
- b) in the case of an order enforcing or recognizing a legal separation agreement,
- c) loss of parental authority,
- d) when it is deemed the child’s development is compromised,
- e) when both (2) parents are deceased,
- f) married, or the equivalent of married.

These are the only forms of guardianship accepted for hockey registration purposes.



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## 2012-2013 NOHA PLAYER TRYOUT PERMISSION AND RELEASE FORM

### USE OF FORM:

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3. Clubs are **NOT** to allow players to participate without this signed form. Sanctions **SHALL** be applied where circumstances warrant.
4. **This form is a Player Release for the team indicated below.**
5. **This form must be attached to the player's record on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) when submitting your team roster online for approval.**
6. **This form is invalid for participant use while the player's current registered team is participating in scheduled league/playoff or sanctioned Branch events.**
7. **A new form is to be obtained for each team that the player wishes to tryout for.**
8. **If the player is going from Minor Hockey to Junior Hockey then the NOHA Minor to Junior Permission to Skate and NOHA Minor to Junior Release forms are to be used.**

### PLAYER INFORMATION:

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Season Team: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please specify which team the player has been authorized to tryout for under this permission (see Note 2):*

TEAM \_\_\_\_\_ INITIALS of Home Signing Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

The authorized signing officers of the player's previous season association/club must endorse completed copies of this form subject to the player having no outstanding obligations to the club. The Issuer(s) of this form should keep a record of the forms that they issue.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorizing Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Title and Association Name or Team Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Notes:

1. **Minor Hockey Applicability - Minor Hockey players must meet player eligibility criteria as established by the HC, OHF and OHF Member Partners to be eligible to obtain an OHF Tryout Form.**
2. **Falsification of this form may result in one-year suspension of the player, as per HC Regulation F.22.**

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### PLAYER INFORMATION:

Player's Name: Chris May

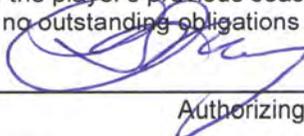
Date of Birth: January 1, 0000

Previous Season Team: North Bay Midget A

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TEAM North Bay Midget AAA Trappers INITIALS of Home Signing Officer 

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Authorizing Signature

Chris May  
Print Name

West Ferris Minor Hockey Association- President  
Print Title and Association Name or Team Name

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Phone #                                      Date

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