

DUNDALK MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

RULES OF OPERATION

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DEFINITIONS

DMHA	Dundalk Minor Hockey Association
HC	Hockey Canada
OHF	Ontario Hockey Federation
OMHA	Ontario Minor Hockey Association
OWHA	Ontario Women's Hockey Association
WOAA	Western Ontario Athletic Association
GBML	Georgian Bay Minor Hockey League
GBTLL	Georgian Bay Triangle Local League
Rep	Representative Hockey
LL	Local League Hockey
AP	Affiliated Player
AGM	Annual General Meeting
Two Deep Rule	Maintaining a standard of two authorized individuals in the company of Athletes
Board	Directors of the Association, as enacted by the General By-Law of DMHA

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PREAMBLE

PHILOSOPHY

Through the various programs set by the Association, the DMHA is attempting to give an opportunity for all participants to play in the level where the caliber of play is equal to their ability and provides a wholesome environment and an experience for personal growth. 'Winning at-all-cost' attitudes are never the focus and will not be accepted at the expense of fun, respect and good sportsmanship.

LEVELS

INTRODUCTION TO HOCKEY (Initiation Program 5yrs & under and Tyke 6- 7yrs)

Players who are younger than the age of 7 yrs as of December 31st, will participate in an on-ice program that will emphasis fun and skill development. Coaches at this level will be certified with CHIP certification (Canadian Hockey Initiation Program), which equips them with the skills and instruction to deal with the beginner hockey player. Tyke teams at this level will participate in games as scheduled by the GBTLL and may, at the Coaches' discretion, participate in tournaments as allowed by the OMHA.

RECREATIONAL HOCKEY - GEORGIAN BAY TRIANGLE LOCAL LEAGUE

The Local League will provide the grass roots development for minor hockey in Dundalk. Emphasis will be placed on improving skill, learning the rules of the game, fair play and respect. LL teams will compete in the Georgian Bay Triangle Local League, as registration permits. This Local League is well established and is comprised of approximately 20 centres with the Georgian Bay Triangle region. This is a traveling Local League, and the opposing centres played during the regular season may change from season to season dependent on which participating centres field teams in the same age division as our teams. Travel to away games can become more distant during the League playoff schedule. Although a regular and playoff season will be participated in levels Novice and above, the emphasis at this level will always be placed on fun, fair play and good sportsmanship. Team competing in this League will agree to abide by the GBTLL constitution, rules, regulations, policies and code of conducts.

REPRESENTATIVE HOCKEY - GEORGIAN BAY MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Rep Teams will be comprised of players who desire a higher level of competition and are willing to make the commitment to both League and OMHA play down schedules. The GBMHL is comprised of approximately 26 centres within the Georgian Bay Triangle Region. Coaches and teams are encouraged to place emphasis on further skill development, introduction of team strategies, fun and respect. Teams from Dundalk competing in the GBMHL will play in the 'B' division, unless placed in another division by the GBMHL Executive. Rep teams will enter the OMHA play downs in January and League playoffs shortly after. All teams will abide by the constitution, rules, regulations and Codes of Conduct in force by the GBMHL Executive and the OMHA.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY - WESTERN ONTARIO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Women's hockey will be made available, as registration exists for any level. Emphasis will be placed on player development, fun, fair play and good sportsmanship. Teams will participate in the WOAA Women's Hockey League. All teams will abide by the constitution, rules, regulation and Codes of Conduct in force by the OWHA, WOAA & DMHA.

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SECTION 1 – CODE OF ETHICS/RULES OF FAIR PLAY

CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

This Code of Conduct identifies the standard of behavior, which is expected of all OMHA members and participants, which for the purpose of this policy shall include all players, guardians, parents, Coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, Convenors, team Managers, Trainers and administrators involved in OMHA activities and events. This includes all DMHA, WOAA, GBMHL and GBTLL activities and events.

OMHA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members and participants of OMHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of OMHA, which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

During the course of all OMHA activities and events, members shall avoid behavior which brings OMHA or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medical drugs and use of alcohol by minors.

OMHA Members and participants shall at all times adhere to OMHA's operational policies and procedures, to rules and regulations governing OMHA events and activities, and to rules and regulations governing any competitions in which the member participates on behalf of the OMHA.

Members and participants of OMHA shall not engage in any activity or behavior which interferes with a competition or with any player or team's preparation for a competition, or which endangers the safety of others.

Members of OMHA shall refrain from comments or behaviors, which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behavior, which constitutes harassment or abuse, will not be tolerated, and will be dealt with under OMHA's Harassment policy.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of the OMHA and/or DMHA. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges, which come with membership in the OMHA and/or DMHA, including the opportunity to participate in OMHA and/or DMHA activities and events, both present and future.

RULES OF FAIR PLAY

In addition to this Code of Conduct, the Five Basic Principles of Fair Play will be recognized and adhered to by all members including players, parents, team officials, spectators and the Board of Directors. The Five Basic Principles of Fair Play are:

1. Respect the Rules.
2. Respect the Opponents.
3. Respect the Officials and their decisions.
4. Have everyone participate.
5. Maintain your self-control at all times.

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SECTION 2 - ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- 2.1 Rules for player eligibility will be adhered to as prescribed by the rules of the OMHA/OWHA and participating League rules.
- 2.2 Participation is open to all persons eligible under 2.1 upon payment of the prescribed registration fees and in compliance with registration requirements including provision of proof of age as herein after provided.
- 2.3 The DMHA Board shall determine registration procedures, fees and dates annually.
- 2.4 Full registration fees shall be paid or on file with the Treasurer in the form of post- dated cheque, prior toparticipation in any DMHA activities. The DMHA Board is empowered to prohibit any player from practicing or playing until these conditions have been met.
- 2.5 In the event that 2.4 creates undue hardship, an appeal may be made to the DMHA Board. Each case will then be taken into consideration and a plan will be developed on an individual basis. All reasonable attempts will be made to insure a process that benefits both the specific case and the DMHA. All proceedings will be confidential.
- 2.6 All applicants must be registered on a designated registration form as decided by the DMHA. Payment must accompany registration form to be considered a valid registration At registration, a parent or legal guardian must sign the DMHA registration form and any applicable league registration. Submission of registration forms and/or payments after Registration Deadline are not necessarily accepted and do not constitute valid registration. The Board will determine the acceptance of all late registrants. All players must be registered with DMHA before they participate in any DMHA activities.
- 2.7 In the event that registration does not generate enough players to create a team, the parents or guardians of the affected player will be informed as soon as possible.
- 2.7.1 In the event that registration only generates enough players to field one team at any level Novice and above, DMHA will field the team as a Rep team. Only in extreme cases if the DMHA Board feels the team will be uncompetitive within the Rep League, a request will be made to the GBTLL to have the team assessed as to their ability to compete within the Local League (Single-entry team). If the Local League assessment deems the team caliber to be above that of the Local League, the team will remain as a Rep team for the duration of the season.
DMHA and its members will understand that all decisions of the Local League Executive are final and will not appeal their decisions.
- 2.8 All players must be registered with DMHA by the final registration date declared by the Board, before permission to play in another centre for one year is granted, in the event that DMHA cannot form a team due to lack of registrants, as per OMHA/OWHA regulations.
- 2.9 All newly registered players with DMHA must provide a copy of the players' birth certificate at the time of registration. No player will be allowed to participate in on-ice activities or will be put on a player roster unless a copy of their birth certificate is provided to the Registrar. All other players must have a copy of their birth certificate on file with DMHA In the event that these copies are misplaced, the parent or guardian must supply another copy at the request of the Registrar.
- 2.10 Ages per division will be those set by the HC and the OMHA.
- 2.11 All requests for refunds of registration fees must be in writing.
- 2.11.1 No refund will be issued until all equipment belonging to DMHA has been returned in acceptable condition.
- 2.11.2 Full refunds will be issued for requests received prior to the commencement of hockey operations.
- 2.11.3 The fundraising fee is nonrefundable once hockey operations for the season have begun (as per registration form).
- 2.11.4 Refunds requested prior to November 1st will be subject to a 30% administration fee.
- 2.11.5 Refunds after October 31st of the current season will only be considered by the Board, on a case-to-case basis, if a family has moved or a season ending injury or illness has occurred.

SECTION 3 - EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

- 3.1 The DMHA will supply two sets of sweaters to all teams whenever possible. All teams will wear the colours prescribed by the Board.
- 3.1.1 No banners are to be attached to DMHA sweaters, other than sponsor banners.
- 3.1.2 DMHA sweaters are to be used in game situations only, or for other situations as deemed appropriate by the Equipment Director.

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- 3.1.3 Sweaters are to be collected after each game, and kept in good condition by a team official (Coach, Manager or Trainer).
- 3.1.4 Sweaters will be loaned to players representing DMHA in League All-Star Games at the end of the season, and the parent or guardian of the player is responsible for returning these sweaters to the Equipment Director immediately following the All-Star Games.
- 3.2 Coaches and all other on-ice volunteers must wear CSA protective helmet during practices.
- 3.3 All players during games and practices must wear the proper protective equipment as follows:
- i) Approved facemasks with full-face protection and CSA approved helmet including properly fastened chinstraps. Note that any alteration to CSA helmet (i.e. painting or adhering decorative stickers) to the original helmet will void the CSA approval.
 - ii) Approved athletic support and cup or Jill.
 - iii) Approved hockey gloves.
 - iv) Approved hockey shin pads.
 - v) Hockey pants, shoulder pads and elbow pads.
 - vi) A regulation hockey stick must be used for all practices and games.
 - vii) Approved neck guards.
 - viii) Mouth guards are mandatory for ALL players.
- 3.4 Goaltenders must wear; a HC facemask and CSA approved helmet, chest pad, goalie glove and blocker, goalie pads, neck guard, throat protector, a regulation jock and must use a regulation goal stick.
- 3.4.1 DMHA shall supply goaltender's equipment for the age divisions Tyke through Atom. If suitable equipment exists within the DMHA inventory it may be made available to older divisions.
- 3.4.2 The responsibility of the care of the DMHA goaltenders equipment lies with the Coach if the goaltender is a rotating position on the team, or the goaltenders' parent/guardian, if they are the primary user of the equipment.
- 3.5 All equipment must be as per requirements of the HC, OMHA, OWHA or any group with whom the DMHA may be affiliated.
- 3.6 The Coach will be responsible for returning any equipment issued to his/her team, including sweaters, goaltending equipment, pylons, pucks or other practice equipment to the Equipment Director, immediately following the completion of their hockey season.
- 3.7 In the off-season, goaltending equipment can be borrowed for tryouts and summer or training camps promoting skills development of the goalie, at the discretion of the Equipment Director. Goaltending equipment will not be loaned for any summer hockey Leagues.

SECTION 4 – PLAYER PLACEMENT & MOVEMENT

4.1 TRYOUTS

- 4.1.1 All players are encouraged to play at the level of their ability.
- 4.1.2 Tryouts of all eligible players, as determined by the Board, will take place at all applicable levels before teams are selected.
- 4.1.2.1 Qualified evaluators will be selected by DMHA executive to conduct Evaluations and will not directly evaluate an immediate family member.
 - 4.1.2.2 The Executive may recruit volunteers for the evaluation process, as they deem necessary.
 - 4.1.2.3 The final evaluation of a player will be made by the coach, based on playing ability, competitiveness and personal attitude.
- 4.1.3 Tryout dates and procedures will be determined annually by DMHA and posted on the website and in the local paper a minimum of one week prior to the first try-out.
- 4.1.4 If only enough registered players exist to form one team at any level, the individual player evaluation process will be waived.
- 4.1.5 A player must attend all of their respective try-outs to be eligible for Rep team selection or affiliation.
- 4.1.6 Players unable to attend all tryout sessions due to illness, injury or other substantiated absence must advise the Board as far in advance as possible. The Board may grant an evaluation in his/her designated age classification at a later date.

4.2 TEAM SELECTION

- 4.2.1 Team sizes will be determined by registration.
- 4.2.1.1 Every effort will be made for an even distribution of player caliber, when enough players exist to form more than one LL team at any level.
 - 4.2.1.2 In the spirit of forming balanced Local League teams, no special requests will be considered unless they involve members of the same family.
- 4.2.2 If a new player becomes eligible to play after Rep team selections, he/she may be granted an evaluation in his/her designated age classification, up until January 15th of the current hockey season. Such registration is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the HC, the OMHA/OWHA and

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4.3 PLAYER MOVEMENT

- 4.3.1 No player may be transferred or moved to another team without the approval of the League Convener, the Technical Director and the President. (If these positions are held by less than three (3) individuals, Directors may be added).
- 4.3.2 Any player requesting the opportunity to try out as an underage player for a Rep team must concurrently attend evaluations in his/her own age group. The rep coach must gain approval from the convener and technical director for an underage player to play on their team.
- 4.3.3 To qualify as an underage player on a rep team, the player must possess the following: exceptional skills (meaning unusual) and he/she must excel at his/her position (meaning superior skill).
- 4.3.4 Local League overage player eligibility will be at the discretion of and subject to the evaluation process provided by the GBTLL.

4.4 AFFILIATED PLAYERS

- 4.4.1 All Coaches will establish an affiliated players list through the following method: The affiliating coach will advise the players coach whom they wish to affiliate. The affiliating coach will then contact the parents of the player to gain their permission to put the player on the affiliation list. The affiliating coach is strongly encouraged to explain his philosophy on affiliation to the parents at this time in order to avoid misunderstandings during the season.
- 4.4.2 An OMHA/OWHA approved affiliated players list must be completed and approved by the League Convener before any affiliated player may participate in any games.
- 4.4.3 Any additions to an affiliated players list must be made through the League Convener. No additions will be accepted after OMHA/OWHA deadlines.
- 4.4.4 No player may be deleted from an affiliated players list.
- 4.4.5 Players are only allowed to affiliate to one team.
- 4.4.6 Only eligible players may be affiliated. A player must have attended their respective try-out to be eligible for affiliation. (see Try-Outs Section)
- 4.4.7 For games or tournaments, teams will only be allowed to bring up affiliate players to match the number of players listed on their OMHA approved roster sheet. If a team wants to go above their approved roster level of players using affiliate players, then approval from their respective convener is required with as much advance notice as possible. This will be decided on a case-to-case basis depending on the circumstances involved. The specific exception to this rule will be in dealing with goaltenders.
- 4.4.8 Excluding circumstances in 4.4.7 affiliation will only be permitted under the following circumstances:
 - i) When a team is missing one or more regular players from its approved roster due to illness, suspension, work, personal business or injury. (Affiliation will not be allowed if a regular player is not playing for discipline reasons)
 - ii) When the affiliated player or goaltender does not already have a commitment to his own team (Game or Practice)
- 4.4.9 An affiliated player may take regular shifts as determined by the Team Officials. The affiliated players' ice time should never be at the expense of a rostered players' ice time. It is possible that the affiliated player may see minimal ice time in the game they have been called up for.
- 4.4.10 Coaches who wish to use AP players must follow the following procedures:
 - i) A list must be established as prescribed above.
 - ii) Contact the AP player's Coach and obtain their permission – for every game and practice.
 - iii) Contact the player's parents and obtain their permission.
 - iv) Ask the player to play.
 - v) Indicate the player on the game sheet as an AP player.
- 4.4.11 Coaches are encouraged to use all players listed on their AP list during the regular season, as they are required.
- 4.4.12 Any player may play as an affiliated player provided they are on the approved affiliated players list and it does not interfere with any regular scheduled game or practice for the team they are rostered to during the regular or playoff season.

4.5 PLAYER RELEASES

- 4.5.1 The responsibility for the release of any player from DMHA is vested with the Board and rules governing the issue of release per OMHA & OWHA.
- 4.5.2 In the event that the DMHA cannot field a team in any age division in a given season, appropriate permission will be granted for the current playing season only, for the player to play in their next nearest centre, providing that player first registers with DMHA, within the timeframe provided by

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- 4.5.3 No player will attend any tryouts for any other centre without first obtaining written permission from the President.

SECTION 5 - CONDUCT

5.1 CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE

- 5.1.1 Any Association Member, Board Member, Committee Member, Coach, Manager, Trainers or Players may be subject to:
- a) Suspension from the Association's activities if he/she:
 - i) Contravenes in any way the General By-Law(s) or
 - ii) Rules of Operation of the DMHA.
 - b) Disciplinary action and/or suspension for conduct not befitting the intent or objectives of the DMHA. The DMHA Discipline and Ethics Committee will administer such action.
- 5.1.2 Any member of DMHA, Coach, Manager, Trainer or player who deliberately damages or defaces facilities used by, or equipment of the DMHA, shall forthwith be suspended from the DMHA until the cost of repair or replacement of the damaged equipment has been paid in full.
- 5.1.2.1 In addition to the suspension and the payment of damages, the offending individual may be subject to further disciplinary action and/or suspension at the discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee of DMHA.
- 5.1.3 The use of alcohol or drugs at any DMHA sponsored function, or in any arena or other facility used for such function, excluding fundraising events where minors are not present, by any Coach, Manager, official, Trainer or player affiliated with the DMHA, will not be tolerated and may lead to suspension, without refund (where applicable), for the balance of the season. This includes games, practices, tournaments and any other trips made by the team.
- 5.1.4 All Coaches are required to hold a team meeting prior to the start of the regular season. The Coach must publish a list of the team rules to be given to the players and parents/guardians. These rules will include the Coaches' philosophy on ice time, player position rotation, discipline, costs, extra practices, tournaments and communication.
- 5.1.4.1 Any Coach who deems disciplinary action to be necessary against an individual player on his/her team, for any reason, must approach the Board and have in writing the reason for the suspension, the effective date and length of suspension. This suspension must be delivered to the individual in person by the DMHA.
- 5.1.4.2 If a Coach recommends that circumstances warrant immediate suspension (disciplinary problem of a violent nature or drug/alcohol nature), then suspension may be immediate but must be brought to the Discipline and Ethics Committee meeting within 48 hours of the incident.
- 5.1.5 Any player who willfully plays, or any Coach or Manager who allows a player to play, who is found to be ineligible shall be subject to disciplinary action and/or suspension.
- 5.1.6 HC, OMHA, OWHA and League playing rules will govern discipline and suspension for players, Coaches, and Trainers.
- 5.1.6.1 Any player, Coach, Trainer or Manager who is suspended by the OMHA/OWHA and/or under League rules may, at the discretion of the Discipline and Ethics Committee, have his/her suspension reviewed by the Discipline and Ethics Committee of the DMHA for further action.
- 5.1.7 The Discipline and Ethics Committee can automatically indefinitely suspend any DMHA member who takes part in any fighting before or after the game on arena property, or in the parking lot, subject to review.
- 5.1.8 Reporting of suspensions to the League Convenor or his/her delegate will be the responsibility of the Coach. This is to be done within twenty-four hours of the conclusion of the League game.
- 5.1.9 For any suspension that cannot be completely served in a given season the remainder of the suspension will carry into the following season.
- 5.1.9.1 At no time will a team be allowed to re-schedule a game after a suspension has been assessed in order to lessen the severity of a suspension.

5.2 PLAYING IN OTHER LEAGUES

- 5.2.1 All players registered in the DMHA may not participate in any other Minor Hockey Leagues with the exception of High School.
- 5.2.1.1 Those players should notify their Coach that they are playing High School hockey, in writing.
- 5.2.1.2 Those players who disobey this rule are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension without refund in whole or part.

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5.3 COMPLAINTS

- 5.3.1 Complaints must be submitted in writing, with signature. Any complaints not signed will be discarded.
- 5.3.1.1 Complaints regarding coaching should be brought to the coaching staff first. If the complaint is still not resolved the complaint will then be taken to the Convener, (in writing, with signature) which will bring it to the Board of the DMHA.
- 5.3.1.2 Any complaints dealing with prevention services issues must be received in writing, with signature by the Prevention Services Director within five days of the incident.
- 5.3.1.3 Complaints relating to Board matters should be directed (in writing, with signature) to the Board to be dealt with at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

5.4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 5.4.1 Any Board Member or Discipline & Ethics Committee Member must declare a conflict of interest if a business or personal relationship between any parties exists.

5.5 CONFIDENTIALITY & ATTENDANCE

- 5.5.1 All Board Meetings and Discipline & Ethics Committee Meetings are classed as "In Camera", and items discussed remain within the confines of the members present. Any Board member not adhering to this policy will face suspension.
- 5.5.2 Any member of the board missing two consecutive meetings without a valid reason or four meetings regardless, may be asked to resign their position. Valid reason meaning weather or emergency with prior notice. Exceptions will be given to the Referee in Chief,

5.6 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR COOL DOWN RULE

- 5.6.1 All parents, guardians, Coaches and players must wait twenty-four hours before lodging a complaint. Once the twenty-four hours has expired the complaint can be filed as per section 5.11.

5.7 DRESSING ROOMS

- 5.7.1 All Coaches are responsible for supervision of their dressing room from 1/2 hour before practice or game time, until the last player leaves the dressing room after a practice or game. The Two Deep rule is in effect at all times.
- 5.7.1.1 All female players may use the designated dressing room provided by the DMHA.
- 5.7.1.2 Players and coaching staff must never shower together at the same time following a practice or game.
- 5.7.1.3 Any policies adopted by the OMHA regarding co-ed teams will be in effect.

5.8 AFFILIATED PLAYERS

- 5.8.1 The use of Affiliated Players shall never be used as a threat for demoting a regular player or sacrificing a regular player's playing time.

5.9 TRANSPORTATION OF ATHLETES

- 5.9.1 Transportation to and from any scheduled game, practice or other team activity is the responsibility of the players' parent/guardian. No team official is allowed to transport an athlete without the parent's consent. If a team official does transport an unrelated athlete the Two Deep Rule must be followed.

5.10 INJURIES

- 5.10.1 No DMHA player is allowed to play with an injury. A player with an injury that requires a visit to the Doctor must have a Doctor's note before being allowed to return to play. The Trainer will have final say on when a player returns to play after a minor injury.

5.11 ROAD TRIPS

- 5.11.1 Any team attending an overnight tournament or a game that requires an overnight stay must follow the DMHA transportation of athletes rule. As well, no coaching staff member and unrelated athlete

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shall share accommodations, without written parent/guardian consent.

5.12 RELEASING CHILDREN FROM SUPERVISION

5.12.1 All players of DMHA shall be picked up on time following practices, games, tournaments and special trips. If this is not possible a message should be left at the arena. An alternative contact person's number will also be made available to the Coach. If a caregiver is late the following procedure will be followed:

10-15 minutes: Coach will check messages for instructions from the caregiver. He/She will then wait with the child until pickup. Two Deep Rule applies.

30 minutes: Coach will try the parents at their work/home and will also contact the alternative contact person provided by the parent. Coach will remain with the child until the parent or alternative contact picks up the child. Two Deep rule applies.

45 minutes: Coach will contact local police to inquire about accidents.

Coach will continue to call the alternative contact to try to arrange for pickup of the child.

Over 1 Hour: Coach will contact the local Child Protection Agency for advice and instructions.

5.13 VOLUNTEERS/MEMBERS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS

DMHA owes a duty of care to its clients, to staff and to the community. Acceptance of this duty is reflected in all our programs, services and activities, as well as our policies and procedures.

DMHA recognizes that some of the positions in the Association are of a significant trust. People applying for and undertaking these positions of trust will be subject to more intense initial and ongoing screening and supervision than individuals in placements, which are not positions of trust.

5.13.1 DMHA will not discriminate against any person on the basis of these grounds (age, race, sex, marital status, etc) unless there is a bona fide reason related essentially and explicitly to the position being applied for, and will do so with due consideration for the need to accommodate applicants where possible.

5.13.2 Individuals with past Criminal Code convictions, ten years or more recent, or charges pending for certain offences may not be accepted for a direct service position with vulnerable clients. These offences include, but are not limited to the following:

Ten years or more recent:

i) Individuals with past convictions or charges pending for criminal driving offences, including but not limited to impaired driving.

ii) Individuals with past convictions or charges pending for drug offences.

5.13.3 Individuals with past Criminal Code convictions, charges pending or pardons for the following offences **WILL NOT** be considered for a direct service position:

i) Physical or Sexual Assault.

ii) Current prohibitions or probation orders forbidding the individual to have contact with children under the age of 14.

iii) Indictable criminal offenses for child abuse.

iv) Sexual exploitation.

v) Sexual interference.

vi) Invitation to sexual touching.

vii) Individuals with past convictions or charges pending for any violent offence, whether or not it involved weapons.

5.13.4 Applicants may be rejected as a result of other information gained during the police records check process or through the screening process.

5.13.5 Every volunteer once accepted, is obliged to inform the Prevention Services Director if he/she is charged, tried or convicted of any offence under the Criminal Code, if that offence is relative to a position of trust held by an individual.

5.13.6 Once accepted as a volunteer with DMHA you will be required to complete a police record check every four years. DMHA reserves the right to request a police check at any time.

5.13.7 DMHA will accept a completed Police check by an applicant providing it is less than one year old.

5.14 SITUATIONS

5.14.1 Situations arising during the season that are not covered under the rules will be referred to the Discipline and Ethics Committee for their ruling.

5.14.2 That ruling will stand for the season and be referred to the Board for the future.

5.14.3 Similarly, in a game situation the Convener may make a decision to cover any items not covered in

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the By-Laws. In his/her absence the referee has that responsibility.

- 5.14.4 In such cases those rulings will immediately be referred to the Discipline and Ethics Committee for future application during the season.
- 5.14.5 No team may appeal the game as a result of any decision made under the above rulings.
- 5.14.6 Any rule changes affecting OMHA/OWHA or HC teams made by those bodies before or during the season will be in force immediately and included in the next revision of the DMHA By-Laws as required.

SECTION 6 - COACHES/TRAINERS/MANAGERS/VOLUNTEERS

6.1 QUALIFICATIONS

- 6.1.1 All teams must be registered and will include a minimum of a Coach, Trainer and Manager. If more than 3 volunteers per team exist the fourth person will be registered as an assistant Coach and must be qualified as such. The fifth registration card will be designated as assistant Coach or assistant Trainer and the volunteer must be qualified as such.
- 6.1.2 All team officials on the bench during any game must print and sign their names on the official game sheet and include their certification number in full.
- 6.1.3 No person, certified or otherwise, that has not completed a registration certificate, will be allowed to be on any bench of any team during a game.
- 6.1.4 Coaches, Trainers, Managers or volunteers who disregard their responsibilities shall be liable to disciplinary action.
- 6.1.5 Head Coaches are responsible for their team's affairs. Discipline in team matters will be addressed to the head Coach.
- 6.1.6 Coaches and Trainers must be certified as per qualifications prescribed by the OMHA/OWHA.
 - 6.1.6.1 Every effort will be made to ensure the Trainer for each team be certified as a Level 2 Trainer, which means in addition to the required HTCP certification, they possess a current and recognized First Aid and CPR Certificate.
- 6.1.7 The DMHA will have the responsibility to host certification clinics each year, when feasible. If circumstances do not exist for DMHA to host the required certification clinics, it is the responsibility of the Technical Director to secure registration for volunteers requiring new certification or re-certification.
- 6.1.8 All Coaches, Trainers and Managers successfully complete the OMHA Prevention Services clinic.
- 6.1.9 Coaches, Trainers and Managers will not smoke, swear or be under the influence of alcohol while in the presence of their players (i.e. while on the ice, bench or in the dressing room).
- 6.1.10 Junior Coaches (practice helpers) must be at least 2 years older than the group they are assisting with. Full hockey equipment is required for any helpers younger than 14 yrs. 14 yrs + can wear same equipment required by the coaches. Junior Coaches (practice helpers) must adhere to the DMHA On-Ice Volunteer/Mentorship Program.
- 6.1.11 All Coaches, Trainers and on-ice volunteers must wear CSA approved helmets while on the ice during practices.
- 6.1.12 Consideration should be given to the players if any of the team officials are of the opposite gender. While the Two Deep applies, players should be allowed to dress in equipment, with team officials of the same gender present in the dressing room. All team officials can return to the dressing room, for the pre-game talk.

6.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES

It shall be the responsibility of Coaches to:

- 6.2.1 Ensure the proper observance of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Operation and Code of Conducts of DMHA, the OMHA/OWHA and League their team will participate in.
- 6.2.2 Acquaint their team members with the HC, OMHA/OWHA, DMHA Rules, regulations, policies, constitutions and Code of Conducts. In addition they will acquaint their team members with the Rules and Regulations of the League they are participating in.
- 6.2.3 Exercise control in the conduct of their players and themselves. They must endeavor at all times to prevent disorderly conduct before, during and after any games or practices, on or off the ice, in any arena or while taking part in DMHA activities
 - 6.2.3.1 Coaches who fail to conduct themselves to a standard acceptable to DMHA, or who repeatedly are ejected from games due to their conduct on the bench or in the stands or who repeatedly miss practice will face disciplinary action by the Discipline and Ethics Committee
- 6.2.4 Be in attendance of his/her appointed team at all times. This means in the dressing room prior to and following a game or practice. The Two-Deep rule should be adhered to at all times by the coaching staff.
- 6.2.5 Provide a completed, signed game sheet to the refs prior to the commencement of the game.

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- 6.2.6 Ensure that the required numbers of players are ready for every game.
- 6.2.7 Advise the Technical Director if he/she is unable to fulfill his/her obligation to attend a scheduled practice or game. The Technical Director will ensure that another qualified Coach will be in attendance to conduct or assist with the practice, or fill in as Coach for the game.
- 6.2.8 Report the intent of the team to participate in any exhibition games or tournaments to their League Convener prior to the event. Failure to report this participation may result in disciplinary action.
- 6.2.9 Communicate all ice time provided for practices and game schedules to the parents/guardians and team members.
- 6.2.10 Complete their League schedules as provided to them. Any Coach whose team does not attend a regularly scheduled game may face disciplinary action from DMHA and / or the League.
- 6.2.11 Ensure the care, keeping and return of all DMHA equipment used by their team during the season.
- 6.2.12 Attend the league scheduling meeting in September.

6.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGERS

It shall be the responsibility of Managers to:

- 6.3.1 Ensure the efficient operation and decorum of their teams throughout the season.
- 6.3.2 The Manager shall ensure that the Rules of Operation of the DMHA, OMHA/OWHA and the League are strictly followed.
- 6.3.3 Assist and support any fund raising promotions as determined by the DMHA.
- 6.3.4 Assist the Tournament Director with the organization and co-ordination of parent volunteers at the team's home tournament.
- 6.3.5 Prepare and submit a financial statement showing all income and expenses incurred at the said team's home tournament.
- 6.3.6 Other duties as agreed to with the Coach.

6.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRAINERS

It shall be the responsibility of Trainers to:

- 6.4.1 Supervise the health and incidents of injury of the players on his/her team. It is recommended that all Trainers request a medical certificate for any player injured during a game or practice (resulting in the loss of significant playing time, a doctor's visit or as the result of an opponent's Match Penalty) before that player returns to the team.
- 6.4.2 Completion of an accident report if a player receives an injury during a game or practice as directed by the HTCP. A copy of this report must be faxed to the OMHA office and supplied to the Board immediately.
- 6.4.3 Ensure that the team parent group is familiar with procedures involving the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) for all games and practices.
- 6.4.4 Ensure that the Trainer's kit is available at all games and practices.
- 6.4.5 Serve as Trainer for both teams participating in a game, in the absence of the Trainer from the opposing team.
- 6.4.6 Be an active participant in the Two-Deep rule while players are in the dressing room.

6.5 COACHES AND TEAMS

- 6.5.1 Every player dressed for a LL game must be given fair ice time. Blatant disregard of this rule, by the Coach, will result in disciplinary action, which could include immediate suspension.
- 6.5.2 No player will be allowed on the ice or bench without:
 - i) Being dressed in full hockey equipment;
 - ii) Meeting registration requirements of DMHA;
 - iii) A member of the coaching staff being in attendance.
- 6.5.3 All Coaches must adhere to OMHA/OWHA Coaches' guidelines.
- 6.5.4 Safety precautions must be taken during all games and practices. (i.e. all player and penalty box doors must be closed and locked during practice and games and no players shall enter onto an ice surface until the appropriate signal has been given by the arena staff that the ice is ready)
- 6.5.5 DMHA will hold Coaches responsible for player conduct. You are responsible for player conduct on the ice, on the bench and in the dressing room. Emphasis should be placed on fair play and respect between all players. Conduct unbecoming of teammates will not be tolerated.

6.6 COACHES AND PARENTS

- 6.6.1 Coaches must meet with the parents when the teams are selected, throughout the season and at the end of the season.
- 6.6.2 These meeting are used to explain:
 - i) Coaching Philosophy

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- ii) Team Operations
 - iii) Playing Times
 - iv) Responsibilities of Coaches, Players and Parents
 - v) any other points that either group wishes to discuss.
- 6.6.3 It is essential to keep the lines of communication open.

6.7 SELECTION OF COACHES

- 6.7.1 Those interested in applying for a volunteer coaching position shall complete the required DMHA Application for Coaching and submit by the date approved by the Board.
- 6.7.2 All head Coaches, Trainers and Managers must be at least 18 years of age. Assistant Coaches must be at least 2 years older than the group of players they are coaching.
- 6.7.3 The DMHA Board will select all Coaches.
- 6.7.4 Should there be insufficient applications from qualified persons or no applications to fill any coaching position, the Board shall be empowered to appoint a Coach. The appointee may be a qualified Board Member, who shall have the option of keeping his/her Board position or resigning. Should he/she choose to retain the Board position, all applicable conflict of interest policies shall be in force during the Board Discussion and voting procedures.
- 6.7.5 All applicants approved by the Board will be required to complete a Police Record Check.
- 6.7.6 All applicants must be interviewed except under the following circumstances:
- The position is uncontested; and
 - The applicant has interviewed previously; and
 - The applicant has coached in DMHA within the past two seasons; and
 - The Board has not received significant complaints or concerns regarding the applicant.

SECTION 7 - OFFICIALS AND TIMEKEEPERS

- 7.1 Certification and pay scales of on-ice officials will be as defined by the OMHA and the Leagues.
- 7.2 DMHA recognizes the need to foster the growth and learning process of young officials for the betterment of the game. To this end, DMHA will not tolerate abuse of officials by any member of the DMHA.
- 7.2.1 Any member of DMHA who abuses on-ice officials verbally will be first issued a warning and if further instance results, may face suspension at the discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 7.2.2 Any member of DMHA who physically assaults an on-ice official will be subject to immediate suspension, and further discipline at the discretion of the Disciplinary and Ethics Committee.
- 7.3 On ice officials are to be assigned by the Referee in Chief or delegate for all regular season and League playoff games. An appointed OMHA assignor will assign on ice officials for all OMHA play down games.
- 7.4 The rate of pay for game timekeepers will be determined by the DMHA during the budgeting process.
- 7.5 The Board will solicit applications for timekeepers at the beginning of the season.
- 7.6 Timekeeper Coordinator will assign the Game timekeepers.

SECTION 8 - SUBSIDIZATION

8.1 SUBSIDIZATION FOR CERTIFICATION

- 8.1.1 To meet the requirements prescribed by the OMHA/OWHA for Team Officials, DMHA will incur the cost of the required certification or re-certification.
- 8.1.1.1 Estimated funding for these clinics will be included in the budgeting process.
- 8.1.2 An amount determined annually by the Board, during the budgeting process, will be provided for the certification of on-ice officials.
- 8.1.3 Funding for advanced or specialized training (i.e. goalie coaching clinics, Super Coach clinics) will be provided at the discretion of the Board.
- 8.1.4 Funding for new AED/CPR Certification will be provided for an equivalent of 5 authorized Members per year. In selecting members consideration will be given to the amount of time the individual spends at the arena and what age divisions are represented.

8.2 MILEAGE

- 8.2.1. Mileage to attend monthly League meetings shall be reimbursed at a flat rate of \$35.00 per meeting, with the rate to be adjusted periodically at the Board's discretion.

SECTION 9 - FUNDRAISING

- 9.1 Individual teams fundraising will not be permitted.

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- 9.2 The board will establish guidelines for teams to fundraise at their home tournaments on a season to season basis, and the tournament director will communicate this information to the team coach and manager.
- 9.2.1 The registration fees for the tournament, collected by DMHA association, will not be included in the team income.
- 9.2.2 All monies collected at the DMHA hosted tournament must be turned over to the Treasurer with an accompanying financial statement showing all team income and expenses. The Treasurer will deposit all funds in the General Accounts of the DMHA to be held In Trust for team expenses.
- 9.2.2.1 If any outstanding debt is owed to the association by the team, this will first be deducted from the team share, and any remaining funds belonging to the team, will be issued back by the Treasurer.
- 9.3 Teams who organize and participate in unauthorized fund raising events will not be covered by insurance and may have all DMHA privileges revoked for the remainder of the season.
- 9.4 In order to gain permission for a team fund-raising initiative, the Manager of said team must contact the Secretary, be included on the agenda and in attendance at a meeting of the Board. The Manager must present to the Board the purpose for the fund raising, and the estimated expected financial gain.
- 9.5 If the Board approves the fund raising initiative, a financial statement for the event must be submitted within 10 days of holding or substantially completing the event.
- 9.6 Under no circumstances will a fund-raising event be approved if it will not be covered by insurance and may have all future fund raising privileges revoked for the remainder of the season.
- 9.7 Any funds raised by any individual team that exceed their team expenses in a given season must be turned over the Association Treasurer at least one week prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.7.1 These funds will be used for the general operations of the DMHA, and primarily used to further develop our players through clinics, additional ice time or other means as prescribed by the Board.

SECTION 10 – SPONSORSHIP

- 10.1 DMHA must approve all sponsorship of teams
- 10.2 First right of refusal will be offered to existing sponsors
- 10.3 The Equipment and Sponsorship Director, as required, will solicit new sponsors. The Board will determine sponsorship fees.
- 10.4 All monies, equipment, etc. from sponsors must be paid to the DMHA.
- 10.5 Sponsorship bars on DMHA team sweaters will be displayed on the back of the sweater, and are not to be removed at any time during the season, unless direction to do so comes from the Board.
- 10.6 Sponsorship will be granted under the stipulation that is solely a financial sponsorship and does not imply or afford the sponsor further involvement with the team.
- 10.7 Members should contact the DMHA Executive if a specific sponsor wishes to support a DMHA team.

SECTION 11 – ICE TIMES

11.1 GAMES & PRACTICES

- 11.1.1 The Ice Scheduler will designate all team practice times.
- 11.1.1.1 Practices may be alone or shared with another team or a combination of both throughout the year, based on the amount of teams and ice availability.
- 11.1.1.2 Every effort will be made to ensure teams practice not less than once per week during the regular season, where ice availability and game scheduling allows.
- 11.1.1.3 Practice time during the playoff season for the levels of Novice and above, will be noticeably reduced due to game scheduling.
- 11.1.1.4 The Ice Scheduler is to ensure that all teams are given practice time on a fair rotation during the playoffs, as the ice is available.
- 11.1.1.5 The Ice Scheduler is responsible to notify one Team Official of their designated practice time, and that Team Official is responsible for notification of the team members.
- 11.1.1.6 If the Coach turns back an allotted practice time, there will be no guarantee that a replacement practice will be scheduled.
- 11.1.1.7 If a team misses an allotted practice time to attend a tournament, there will be no guarantee that a replacement practice will be scheduled.
- 11.1.2 No DMHA team may participate in more than 3 games in any one day.
- 11.1.3 All regular season and playoff games will be subject to the playing times as outlined in the rules of the respective leagues.
- 11.1.3.1 OMHA playdowns game times will be as per the OMHA Manual of Operations.
- 11.1.4 Regular season games schedules will be provided to the teams, as soon as they are delivered to the League Conveners. At no time may a Coach or other team official re-schedule a game with another centre, or decide not to attend a scheduled game.
- 11.1.4.1 Failure to comply with this rule may result in disciplinary action from the League and/or

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- 11.1.4.2 If a regular scheduled game needs to be rescheduled it will be the responsibility of the League Convener or the Ice Scheduler.
- 11.1.4.3 With the exception of a game postponed due to severe weather conditions, there are no guarantees that a re-schedule will be granted by the DMHA or the other affected centre.
- 11.1.4.4 If a requested game cannot be re-scheduled, the team will attend the game as it was originally scheduled or may face disciplinary action from the League and/or DMHA.

11.2 PLAYOFFS

- 11.2.1 All teams will participate in League playoffs in the format determined by the League.
- 11.2.2 Game schedules and length of playoff series, will be decided by the League Conveners of the two centres.
- 11.2.3 League Conveners will provide information to the teams involved in playoff series as soon as possible after the series has been determined
- 11.2.4 Once a playoff series is set up, no re-schedules will be done, unless severe weather interferes with a game being played.
- 11.2.5 If severe weather interrupts a series and another game cannot be re-schedule
- 11.2.6 Once a team has been eliminated from their respective playoffs, their regular practice time may no longer be issued, and no more than one additional ice time for the team will be guaranteed.

11.3 OMHA PLAYDOWNS

- 11.3.1 All Rep teams in DMHA will participate in the OMHA playdowns, in the 'D' classification grouping beginning in January.
- 11.3.2 If a team wishes to be reclassified for the OMHA playdowns, the Coach must bring this request to the Board, by November 15th. If the Board feels that it is the best interest of the team to pursue the Coaches' request, the OMHA Centre Contact will be responsible for submitting the request to the OMHA Regional Member. The OMHA has the final decision as to whether this request will be granted and the decision made at the OMHA category meeting is final and cannot be appealed.
- 11.3.3 Series information (including series deadlines and team groupings) for these playdowns will be provided by the OMHA.
- 11.3.4 The OMHA Centre Contact is responsible for contacting the opposing centre and agreeing to a series contract. Once a contract is signed by the Centre Contacts, a copy must be forwarded to the Coach so that game information can be communicated to the team.
- 11.3.5 Conduct during the OMHA playdowns by all Members of DMHA is expected to be as presented throughout the Rules of Operation.
- 11.3.6 The Board will be responsible for collecting all gate fees during OMHA play down games played in Dundalk
- 11.3.7 OMHA playdown games take precedence over all other hockey operations and re-schedules will be made to other series or practice times whenever necessary to supply ice for an OMHA play down series.
- 11.3.8 Travel during the OMHA playdowns may be more extensive than in League play. Once a team commits to the OMHA playdowns, it is expected that all members of that team will attend games at the scheduled times.
- 11.3.9 Travel to and from any scheduled games is the responsibility of the parents.

11.4 TOURNAMENTS

- 11.4.1 DMHA hosted tournaments shall comply with the rules and regulations of the OMHA.
- 11.4.2 Teams may not enter more than three out of town tournaments in any season.
- 11.4.3 All teams must report the tournaments they are attending to their Conveners and to the ice scheduler as early as possible in the season.
- 11.4.4 Teams are required to meet their League commitments before attending any tournaments.
- 11.4.5 Financing for the tournament registrations and accommodations if required are the responsibility of the team.
- 11.4.6 The President will issue a letter of permission to attend a tournament upon request.
- 11.4.7 The President can, on the advice of the Board, deny permission for any team to attend any tournament, if circumstances warrant.
- 11.4.8 No team may participate in any tournament unless such tournaments have a sanction permit from the OMHA/OWHA or unless the team has permission from the OMHA/OWHA & DMHA.
- 11.4.9 No team will participate in concurrent tournaments.
- 11.4.10 A Coach and Manager wishing to enter their teams in tournaments should familiarize themselves with the Participating Regulations included in the OMHA/OWHA Manual of Operations.
- 11.4.11 Any OMHA Rep team, upon winning their quarterfinal series in the OMHA playdowns, shall not be eligible to play in any tournament until they have completed their OMHA playdowns. Any team that

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has paid an entry fee to an OMHA tournament shall have their money refunded. (Per OMHA Tournament Regulation Rule 13)

11.5 EXHIBITION GAMES

- 11.5.1 All teams participating in Exhibition games in Dundalk or in another centre must report such games to their Convener at least 48 hours prior to commencement of the game.
- 11.5.2 Rep and LL teams may only participate in Exhibition Games with another OMHA/OWHA registered team.
- 11.5.3 The costs of exhibition games are the responsibility of the team (officials and timekeepers)

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**List of Changes to Rules of Operation
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#	Details	Authorization
Changes May 2008-April 2009		
8.2 Mileage Section 8 – Subsidization (for Certification)	Added 8.2 for Mileage re: reimbursement for mileage to League Meetings. Changed Section title from “Subsidization for Certification” to just “Subsidization”.	Motion – Aug 13/08, Item 3.3
8.1.4, Subsidization for Certification	Added 8.1.4 for re: reimbursement for AED/CPR reimbursement	See May 9, 2007 Minutes and prior (Feb?), Jan 14, 2009
6.7.6 Selection of Coaches	Added 6.7.6 re: interview requirements for coaches.	Motion August 27, 2008, Item 1.4
5.1.3 Conduct and Discipline	Changed wording – changed “with the exception of age of majority fundraising events” to “excluding fundraising events where minors are not present”	Minutes Dec. 10, 2008, Item 3.2
5.3.1, 5.3.1.1, 5.3.1.2 Complaints	Added that all complaints must be signed, anonymous will be discarded.	Board Minutes Jan. 14, 2009, Item 2
5.3.1.3, 5.3.1.1 Complaints	Added section 5.3.1.3 for general/board related complaints. Specified 5.3.1.1 be coaching related	Board Minutes Jan. 14, 2009, Item 2
Changes May 2009-April 2010		
6.7.3 Selection of Coaches	Coach Selection Committee to select coaches	Motion May 13, 2009, Board Item 4.3
2.4 Eligibility and Registration	Various changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fees must be paid before hockey starts - deleted “signing of the players card” and replaced with “participation in any DMHA activities” • Board determines if late registration accepted (acceptance by individual does not constitute acceptance, etc.) 	Accepted Sept 8, 2010 See 2010-11 Registration Procedures passed March 10, 2010
Section 4 Player Placement & Movement	Significant changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Made Try-out section more detailed • Added that players must attend all tryouts to be eligible for Rep team or for affiliation to Rep team (referenced requirement in Affiliation section too) • Try-out dates to be determined and posted by DMHA 	Accepted Sept 8, 2010

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to attend all try-outs 	
4.4.6 – Affiliated Players	Inserted section – players must attend try-outs to be eligible to affiliate (see above)	See above
4.4.7 – Affiliated Players	Corrected reference to paragraph 4.8.5 to 4.4.6	Housekeeping correction
6.1.10 – Qualifications	Volunteers must be at least 14 years old	Motion Oct 15, 2009
4.4.9 – Goaltender Affiliation	Removed rule regarding goaltender affiliation	Motion Sept 8, 2010
6.1.10 – Junior Coaches	<p>Volunteers don't have to be 14 years old. Developed a "On-Ice Volunteer/Mentorship Program" which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have to be in volunteer list. • have to have signed Consent Form (OMHA insurance). • preference given to DMHA players and to those working toward volunteer hours. 	Motion Sept 8, 2010