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OHF Helmet Policy Takes Effect

TORONTO – The Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) announces that the following Helmet Policy applicable to the four Minor Member Partners of the OHF including ALLIANCE, GTHL, NOHA, and OMHA is effective immediately. The Policy was passed at the OHF Board of Directors meeting on February 17, 2008. The Policy is intended to promote safety to youth playing minor hockey and for the protection of our on ice personnel.

The OHF was the fifth Branch of Hockey Canada to develop a Policy and at this time of implementation there are now eight Branches with Helmet Policies for their coaches.

OHF Helmet Policy:

All minor hockey team officials, volunteers, and NCCP instructors are required to wear CSA approved helmets during all on-ice activities.

Trainers or any other team officials who enter the ice surface for the purpose of attending an injured player are exempt from this rule.

Any person found to be in violation of this rule will receive a warning for a first offence, a two week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.

The OHF is the largest of Hockey Canada's 13 Branches with over 220,000 registered participants. The Federation governs minor, junior, and senior hockey with the support of its seven Member Partners. The OHF along with Hockey Northwestern Ontario and the Ottawa District Hockey Association govern amateur hockey in the Province of Ontario.

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