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**REGULATION H: TAMPERING AND PROHIBITIVE ADVERTISING**

- H1 No representative of a Team within the OHF, may contact, encourage or invite directly or indirectly a Registered Participant of another team in accordance with G3 (d) and (e) to participate in activities including but not limited to skating parties, conditioning camps, refresher programs, practices, scrimmages or skills sessions that are operated by individuals that are part of the next season's Team or acting on behalf of the next season's Team, inclusive of parents of current or prospective

Players, prior to the first day of Player Evaluations for the respective Division. Whereby a representative of a Team within the OHF wishes to contact a Registered Participant after Player Evaluations, they may only do so with having first obtained permission in writing from the Registered Participant's Team. 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's Association.

**H2 Any determination of a violation of H1 will be based on the balance of probabilities, meaning an assessment that the case before the panel there is a greater than 50% chance the allegation is substantiated.**

H3 For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G3, G4 and/or H1, the following sanctions will apply for a first offence:

- (a) the head coach of the offending Team will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of five (5) regular season games if they are not involved and a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to one (1) calendar year if they are involved and any other Team Official or individual involved will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to one (1) calendar year;
- (b) The offending Association Team will be fined a sum of \$5,000.00, 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 Player, with any Team in the Association of the offending Team.

H4 For failure to comply with Playing Regulation G3, G4 and/or H1, the following sanctions will apply for a second offence:

- (e) the head coach of the offending Team will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of ten (10) regular season games if they are not involved and up to three (3) calendar years if they are involved and any other Team Official or individual involved will be suspended from all sanctioned Minor Hockey activities until the completion of a minimum of fifteen (15) regular season games and up to three (3) calendar years;
- (a) The offending Association Team will be fined a sum of \$5,000.00, 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;
- (b) any such fine will be remitted to the OHF; and
- (c) the subject Player will not be eligible to sign, or to play as an Affiliate Player, with any Team in the Association of the offending Team.

H5 The offending Association that has a finding of Tampering may be additionally subject to sanctions from the OHF that may include but are not limited to, loss of participation in OHF Championships, loss of participation in tournaments, and / or loss of permission to operate tournaments, for the offending Team and/or the entire Association.

- H6 Any charge of tampering must be filed in accordance with the procedures set out in OHF Regulation 7, 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.
- H7 If through submission of documents, staff of a Member or the OHF identify information that may suggest tampering occurred the staff are obligated to turn it over to the OHF Executive Director's designate for a determination if a tampering allegation will be placed in front of the Registration Committee.
- H8 Prohibited Advertising
- (a) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not announce publicly or privately to any individual other than the Team Officials themselves, Board of Directors and/or staff, prior to February 15, the names and contact information of Team Officials for the following season. Publication includes any form of print (digital inclusive), whether public or private, and external verbal communication. If a Team Official that is named prior to February 15 publicizes in any manner their selection or role for the following season, this will be construed as tampering in accordance with H1.
  - (b) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not advertise the time, date or location of evaluations for the following Season before February 15. For this purpose, any form of printed, whether public or private, solicitation (including promotional articles about existing Teams) that contains this information shall be considered as a form of advertising.
  - (c) Minor Hockey Associations and Teams shall not advertise "Players Wanted" anywhere until after the 21-day evaluation period has concluded. No "Players Wanted" advertisement shall specify a specific evaluation time. U21 Teams shall be exempted from this provision.
  - (d) Any allegation relating to actions by a Minor Hockey Association or Team Official will be subject to H3, H4 and H5 with the exception that H3(d) and H4(d) may be applied.
  - (e) Any Association representative, employee or director found responsible by the Board or a Registration Committee Panel for the publication of such prohibited advertising in addition to the sanctions of H8(d) shall be suspended for a period of not less than 60 days or such further period of time as determined by the panel.
  - (f) Two or more individuals may be found responsible for the same publication.

Tampering allegations involving Registered Participants in Junior Hockey, Senior Hockey, and OWHA will be governed by Hockey Canada Regulations.

#### **REGULATION I: DISCIPLINE & SUSPENSIONS**

- I1 Minimum Suspensions for rule infractions in Minor, Junior and Senior hockey shall be created and approved annually by the Board.
- I2 Members, the Board or the OHF Chair of the Board shall have the authority to impose Supplemental Discipline over and above the approved minimum Suspension wherever conditions and circumstances warrant.

- 13 Any Supplemental Discipline imposed by the Member, Board or the OHF Chair of the Board may include Suspensions for the individual up to and including all Hockey Canada sanctioned activities for the duration of their Suspension.
- 14 Any Suspension incurred by a Player participating as an Affiliate Player must be reported to the appropriate Member with whom the Player is Registered with a copy of the Official Game Report within 48 hours of the game. In all cases where a Player is suspended, the Suspension shall be served with the Team with whom the Player is Registered and the Player will not be permitted to participate in a sanctioned game until such time as the Suspension has been served. For example, a Player suspended for two games for an incident while participating, as an Affiliated Player shall serve the Suspension with the Team with whom the Player is Registered and the Player is not eligible to participate with the Affiliate Team until the Suspension has been served.
- 15 Players who have a Suspension that carries over past the final game of a season shall be eligible to participate in Player Evaluations the next season. The remaining portion of the Suspension will be served at the start of the regular season with the Team with whom the suspended Player registers.
- 16 Any Team Official that has been ejected but is not identifiable by the game Officials shall be identified by the first Team Official requested to do so by a game Official. Failure to do so will result in the Suspension of all Team Officials for not less than two games. This Suspension shall be in addition to any Suspensions incurred in the game.
- 17 Any application of Hockey Canada Rule 10.14 – Refusing to Start Play – shall be assessed against the Head Coach as identified on the Official Game Report.
- 18 Any Registered Minor Hockey Player or Team Official who participates in a game, Tournament, training camp, prospect camp, selection camp or any other similar event (other than those organized and operated by recognized academic institutions or native people organizations) that is not sanctioned by the OHF or a Member and that interferes with their OHF Team’s regular season or play-off schedule shall immediately be suspended for one year.