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Memo

To: Alliance Hockey, GTHL, NOHA, OMHA
From: Phillip McKee - OHF Executive Director
Date: 9/13/2017
Re: CLARIFICATION Initiation Program Implementation

Below is the requested clarification to the OHF Memo "Initiation Program Implementation" dated July 13, 2017.

To be clear **all** programming, regardless of skill, for players aged five-years-old and six-years-old must be provided in cross-ice/half-ice format. This includes practices and games. If a Minor Hockey Association fails to provide cross-ice/half-ice programming, it will not be provided sanctioning to attend or host tournaments for **all** age groups in the MHA.

Secondly, if players five-and-six-years-old are registered to play in programming designed for seven-year-olds, it must also be cross-ice/half-ice hockey. The only exception, is if the seven-year-old programming with players six-years-old and under, has been approved by the Member. This is to avoid MHA's from circumventing the implementation of cross-ice/half-ice hockey for players five-and-six-years-old.

If an MHA allows players six-and-under to participate in programming for seven-year-old players **without the approval of their Member**, that MHA will not be provided sanctioning to attend or host tournaments for all age groups in the MHA.

The Member approval set out above is based on the following scenario: OHF Members have the ability, upon request, to provide written approval from the Member to that Team to participate for this season only as a seven-year-old program, in those instances where players six-and-under are required to form a Team predominantly made up of seven-year-old players. The key criteria being that without the six-year-old players, those seven-year-old players would have no opportunity to play the game of hockey in their community.