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ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION **MIDGET PILOT PROJECT**

The focus of the OMHA Midget Pilot Project is to encourage the retention of current midget-aged players by providing opportunities in a positive environment with an emphasis on safety and competitive balance.

OHF Major Midget AAA Pilot

In March of 2013, the OHF approved a Major Midget AAA Pilot for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 seasons which sought to evaluate the positives and negatives of greater movement at the Major Midget AAA level. This pilot has been extended into the 2015-2016 season.

OMHA Midget – Pilot Project

The OMHA Midget Pilot Project addresses circumstances when an OMHA Centre does not have sufficient players to roster a Midget Team in a Representative base category AA and below. This Pilot is a two-year project commencing the 2015-2016 hockey season.

Seasonal Structure

- Regular season league schedule will consist of a maximum of twenty-four (24) games
- Regular season league schedule will commence no earlier than October 8th, 2015 (start date for 2016 to be determined).

Home Centre Responsibilities

- i) Home Centre shall pre-register players eligible for their Centre and determine the players interested in playing Midget Representative Hockey.
- ii) Home Centre shall schedule tryouts for team(s) it plans to roster and ensure that these tryouts are well publicized through normal channels (i.e. Centre website, email, personal contact, etc.)
- iii) Home Centre must declare to their Pre-Registered Midget Players no later than the 27th day of September (2015) if they will be rostering a Midget Representative team(s) for the season and must inform the Regional Executive Member of this decision.



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- iv) Home Centre which determines it cannot roster a Representative Team, or offer the pre-registered player a roster position on their base category Representative Team or subsequent Representative Team (s), or fails to notify their pre-registered players and the Regional Executive Member no later than the 27th day of September (2015), must provide, upon request, pre-registered players who indicated an interest in playing representative hockey an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form**.
- v) Home Centre which rosters their base category team and any subsequent Representative Team (s) and releases players who took part in the tryouts must, upon request, issue those players not offered a roster position an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form**.
- vi) Any Centre which issues an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** for a specific team shall not be eligible to sign any player who was provided an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** by another Centre.

Authorization to Move (ATM)

Home Centre is unable to provide a Representative Team for Midget Aged Players.

1. When a Home Centre is unable to provide a Representative Team for Pre-Registered Midget-Aged Players who are eligible by age and residency, the player will be given an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** to another Centre eligible to accept players under OMHA Midget Pilot Project and is offering a Midget Representative Hockey Program.
 - i) The player must pre-register with their Home Centre, attend any scheduled tryouts or make it known to the Home Centre that they are available for tryouts if tryouts are not scheduled.
 - ii) Exhaust all Representative Team options provided by their Home Centre
 - iii) Attendance or intent to attend tryouts must be validated by Home Centre tryout records.
 - iv) The player will be provided an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** from Home Centre, signed by Centre President and Centre Contact.
 - v) **Authorization is for one (1) season only.**



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- vi) When the player is offered a roster position and registers to participate on the Representative team, the **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** is uploaded to the Hockey Canada Registry Player Profile upon approval of the player transfer as a share.
- vii) Player requesting their return back to Home Centre must provide written request to the Rostering Centre, Home Centre and Regional Executive Member.
- viii) There will be no movement of players after November 1st unless agreed by the player, player's parent or guardian, the Rostering Centre and the Home Centre.

2. Affiliation

A player on an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form**:

- i) Once approved on a roster, will be permitted to participate as an affiliate player with one team of a higher division or category in the Centre where they have been approved during the current playing season.
- ii) Will not be permitted to affiliate to any teams in their Home Centre.
- iii) May choose to affiliate to his eligible Home AAA Centre/ Zone as designated by their Home Centre.

3. Other

A player on an **Authorization to Move (ATM) form** does not count towards the maximum number permitted in Regulation 3.5 c) iv)