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OHF Bulletin

To: OHF Members and Registered Minor Hockey Associations/Clubs/Teams

From: Phillip McKee, Executive Director

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Re: Rowan's Law

The Ontario Hockey Federation has been working with Hockey Canada on the implementation of Rowan's Law since the adoption of the Rowan's Law Concussion Safety on March 7, 2018. The Ontario Hockey Federation is in full support of the intent of Rowan's Law to create awareness of concussion, change the culture on concussion and provide safe sport participation.

Consistent with the 2019-20 season Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport requirements and in line with the Rowan's Law Act and Regulations, every player, parent of a minor, Team Official and On-Ice Official must review the OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and the appropriate Concussion Awareness Resource in order to register/participate.

Requirements

- All Registered Participants registering or volunteering after July 1, 2019 must have completed a review of the information and acknowledgement prior to registration/participation.

The Ontario Hockey Federation has provided the following method for the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/ Team to validate that the Players and Team Officials that Register with the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team to have acknowledgement of the OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and the Ontario Governments Concussion Awareness Resources.

Players and Team Officials will be required to review the material in person or on-line and sign the OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgement Form prior to being eligible to Register/participate.

It will be the responsibility of the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team to retain a copy of the Acknowledgement Form, through one of the following methods:

Method 1: HCR Online Registration

Participants, and his/her Parent/Guardian (as applicable), has/have reviewed the OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and the appropriate Concussion Awareness Resources and commit(s) to operating within the parameters of the OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and checked the Waiver Box.



Method 2: Paper Registration

Participants, and his/her Parent/Guardian (as applicable), must physically sign the OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgment Form **and** an individual (Registrar or administrator) from the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team must upload the scanned document to individuals' profile within the HCR and check the Waiver Box for each individual that physically signed the acknowledgment form.

Method 3: Paper Registration

Participants, and his/her Parent/Guardian (as applicable), must physically, sign the OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgment Form **and** the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team must maintain the document, for a period of not less than seven (7) years. An individual (Registrar or administrator) from the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team must manually check off in the HCR the Waiver Box for each individual that physically signed the acknowledgment form.

Method 4: Online Registration Completed Prior to April 2, 2020 (Availability of Rowan's Law Waiver in the HCR)

Participants, and his/her Parent/Guardian (as applicable), must physically, or electronically, sign the OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgment Form **and** the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team must maintain the document, or electronic record, for a period of not less than seven (7) years. An individual (Registrar or administrator) from the Minor Hockey Association/Female Hockey Association/Club/Team must manually check off in the HCR the Waiver Box for each individual that physically signed the acknowledgment form.

Audit Process

The OHF will randomly select a minimum of fifteen (15) Minor Hockey Associations/Clubs/Teams within the current season to ensure compliance has been met within the legislation under Rowans Law. The purpose of the audit is to randomly select Minor Hockey Association/Clubs/Teams to ensure compliance and to validate submissions of these forms.

The Audit process will require the Minor Hockey Associations/Clubs/Teams to produce the OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgment Forms that have been retained for comparison and review with the players that have are Registered/participating in programming.

Honour System

Outside of the Audit Process for the implementation in the 2020-2021 Season, compliance with this program will be based on an Honour System. Each Minor Hockey Association/Club/Team is verifying that when they submit a Roster for approval that the Minor Hockey Association/Club/Team has received an OHF Rowan's Law Acknowledgment Form for each Registered Participant on the Roster.

On-Ice Officials

All On-Ice Officials will receive the OHF Concussion Code of Conduct and Ontario Government Concussion Awareness Resources as part of the on-line recert or their introduction clinic for the 2020-2021 season and will be managed by the OHF and its Members.

If you have questions about the logistics please contact your Member.