

**OHF Approves Sanctions for Participation in the Greater
Metro Junior Hockey League
GMJHL Policy**

TORONTO, Ontario - The Greater Metro Junior Hockey League (GMJHL) is a league that is not affiliated with, and not connected in any manner with, Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and its Member Partners.

The GMJHL, including its teams, players, coaches, management staff, executive staff, on-ice officials and programs are not covered under the Hockey Canada Insurance Program.

No player, coach, management staff, executive staff or on-ice official may participate in and/or register with the GMJHL or any GMJHL-related program while being registered with Hockey Canada, the OHF and its Member Partners.

Any player, coach, management staff, executive staff and on-ice official:

1. who, as of September 19, 2006, is participating in and/or is registered with the GMJHL shall be deemed suspended and ineligible to participate in OHF programming (including that of OHF Member Partners) for the 2006-2007 hockey season effective October 1, 2006 unless he removes himself from GMJHL participation and registration and verifies his eligibility with the Office of his OHF Member Partner, both before October 1, 2006;
2. who, as of September 19, 2006,
 - a) is registered with an OHF Member Partner for the 2006-2007 hockey season;
 - b) has neither participated in nor registered with the GMJHL; and
 - c) is registered with an OHF Member Partner and has not been released from that registration,and who subsequently participates in and/or registers with the GMJHL, shall be deemed suspended from and ineligible to participate in OHF programming (including that of OHF Member Partners) for both the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 hockey seasons; or
3. who, as of September 19, 2006,
 - a) is neither participating in nor registered with the GMJHL;
 - b) is not registered with an OHF Member Partner; or
 - c) is registered with an OHF Member Partner but is subsequently released from that registration,and who subsequently participates in and/or registers with the GMJHL shall be deemed suspended and ineligible to participate in OHF programming (including that of OHF Member Partners) for the 2006-2007 hockey season

The OHF is the largest Hockey Canada Branch with a membership base representing close to half of the total Hockey Canada membership. The OHF is comprised of seven Member Partners; the Minor Hockey Alliance of Ontario (ALLIANCE), Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL), Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), Ontario Hockey Association (OHA), Ontario Hockey League (OHL) and the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA).

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