

ASSOCIATION: _____ **TEAM NAME:** _____

417 MIDGET JUVENILE HOCKEY LEAGUE

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APPLICATION FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP, 2005-2006 SEASON

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Association acknowledges that the 417 Midget Juvenile Hockey League (the "League") is a recreational, non-contact league, and further acknowledges that its organizational structure permits it, on the direction of the League, to remove from further participation in the League its Juvenile Team or any Players or Team Officials who do not take reasonable steps to control themselves, the Players, Team Officials and those attending its Home Games (Fans).

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

1 THE OTTAWA DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

The ODMHA Constitution, By-laws, Regulations and Code of Discipline (the "ODMHA") shall prevail over this Contract and the League By-law and Rules (the "Rules"), it being the intention that this Agreement and the Rules clarify and expand on the ODMHA. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement, the Rules, the Bylaw and the ODMHA, the latter shall prevail.

2 OBLIGATIONS OF THE LEAGUE

- 2.1 **Rules:** To operate the League and to establish by-laws and rules for the conduct of associations, team officials and players.
- 2.2 **Schedule:** To establish schedules for regular season play and for play-offs.
- 2.3 **Statistics:** To provide league statistics on a regular basis.
- 2.4 **Discipline:** To provide and enforce discipline procedures for coaches, team officials and players who breach By-laws, Rules or the ODMHA.
- 2.5 **Officiating:** To establish officiating policy and qualifications for officials engaged by each team for its home games.

3 OBLIGATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- 3.1 **Teams:** To establish and maintain throughout the season a team of eligible players to participate in the League, and to ensure that players and team officials are at all times eligible to participate in hockey as prescribed by the League and the ODMHA.
- 3.2 **Coach:** To engage a qualified coach for each team, and to provide all necessary supervision and assistance as that coach may require for the registration and operation of his or her team and the control and discipline of all assistant coaches, managers, trainers, players and fans.
- 3.3 **Insurance:** To ensure that all players and team officials are registered and insured in accordance with the ODMHA.
- 3.4 **Ice Times:** Except as the League may otherwise permit, to provide 80 minutes of playing time per game for one game per week for the playing season from late October to the end of March, maximum home ice 18 games.
- 3.5 **On-ice and Off-ice Officials:** To provide and pay for On-ice and Off-ice Officials, and to ensure that those Officials act in accordance with the League's Referee Policy.
- 3.6 **League Fee:** To pay the League Fee when due before the start of the season.
- 3.7 **Team Control:** To take reasonable steps to ensure that all team officials and players are under control at all times, from their arrival at the arena until their departure from it, including activities in the arena stands, lobbies and hallways and the parking lots adjacent to it, and to assist and support the coach and team officials to exercise full control over the players and team officials at all times, and to remove from play or from the team any players not able to demonstrate discipline and self-control.
- 3.8 **Crowd Control:** To take reasonable steps to ensure that fans and others present in arena where the Association has been designated to be the home team are under control at all times, from the arrival of both teams at the arena until their departure from it, including activities in the arena stands, lobbies and hallways and the parking lots adjacent to it, and to take reasonable steps to remove any fans who are not able to demonstrate discipline and self-control.

4 BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT:

The Association and the League agree that the only consequence intended by this Agreement for breach of it by the League is its reimbursement of the League Fee paid by the Association, and for breach of this Agreement by the Association is the termination of the right of its Juvenile Team to play in the League. Neither the Association nor the League shall declare that the other party has breached this Agreement until it has allowed the other party at least five days to remedy the breach complained of, and all such complaints shall be made in writing to the League, the President of the Association and the Chair of the ODMHA District 8 Council. This Agreement, and the documents incorporated herein by reference, forms the entire agreement between the parties.

5 APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE:

The signatures below confirm this Agreement or alternatively, transmission of this document by email with a covering note from a person in authority of the Association, and this Agreement shall take effect on the Application Deadline. Prior to that Deadline, any team may withdraw from the League and obtain the return of the League Fee, if paid for that Season. Addendum A forms part of this Agreement.

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Name: _____ Signature: _____

TEAM COACH Name: _____ Signature: _____

ASSISTANT COACH Name: _____ Signature: _____

**ADDENDUM A TO THE
417 MIDGET JUVENILE HOCKEY LEAGUE
APPLICATION FOR LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP AND BY-LAW**

ASSOCIATIONS ALLOWING THEIR JUVENILE TEAM TO AFFILIATE WITH ODHA TEAMS

CHA Affiliation Rule:

Generally, Section E, Part III of the Regulations, of the "Hockey Canada Articles, By-laws, Regulations, History, As amended to June 2004" (herein referred to as the "CHA Rules") apply to "Teams, Clubs and Affiliations".

The 417 League is a recreational League, and generally does not have the administrative capability to deal with the intensity and competitiveness that characterizes hockey as it is played and administered at other hockey levels, including those at the Junior rank.

It is the intention of the 417 League, and those who join the League, that the players and coaches in the League will be those who recognize that the 417 League is an "introduction to adult hockey", that is neither the players nor the coaches have aspirations or desires to proceed to what are known euphemistically as the "higher levels of hockey", be those higher levels Junior A, B or C, Major Junior, or any of the professional levels of hockey, or Midget or Bantam AA, A or B.

There are those who read into the CHA Regulations that no one can interfere with the right of a team coach from an "upper tier", "higher level", or whatever, to affiliate a player from any lesser tier, level, species or other characterization of hockey to his or her team.

417 By-law, par. 4.3, expressly denies the right to any player on any team within the 417 League to play as an affiliated player on any other such team:

4.3 No player registered on any Junior A, B or C, Midget or Bantam AA, A or B team (those that used to be 'carded') can play in the League, and no player in the League is permitted to be affiliated to any such team.

This by-law has been in place in the 417 League for a decade. Its purpose is to isolate those in the 417 League who do not affiliate with Junior or other teams - about 300 players - from the disciplinary processes employed by the Junior teams, which are rule-dominated, very time-consuming and frequently the subject of appeals. The Junior disciplinary process requires strict adherence to the reporting process for suspendable penalties, a process that cannot be met by the 417 League without a substantial increase in administrative time, and by the use of Junior officials for the 417 League games. No such time is available, and the costs to go to Junior officials is prohibitive and contrary to one of the 417 League's objectives of developing young officials not yet qualified for Junior hockey.

Failure by a 417 team to report a penalty giving rise to a suspension may result in that player being called up to play as an affiliated player for a Junior team while he or she ought to be suspended. This has happened in the past, and a Junior team had a number of game results reversed, causing much distress in the Junior B League.

That being the case, the 417 League chooses to relax its By-law 4.3 as follows:

Affiliations of Players to Junior or Other Teams Contrary to 417 By-law 4.3:

1. The Association hereby waives By-law par. 4.3, and replaces that paragraph with the following.
2. The coach or manager of any team affiliating to his or her team any player who is registered to play in the 417 Midget Juvenile Hockey League (the "417 League") shall notify by email, with a copy by regular mail addressed to the 417 League, the name, address and 417 League team name of each player who has been so affiliated at the time the ODHA Registrar is notified of the affiliation.
3. Any coach or manager affiliating a player, registered to play on a team in the 417 League, who fails to so notify the 417 League shall be deemed to be playing an illegal player on his team, notwithstanding his compliance with any other rule, regulation or requirement that may be imposed by his Association, Club, League, Branch, or any other hockey organization. For purposes of any disciplinary action, the player so affiliated shall not be deemed an illegal player, it being the sole responsibility of the coach or manager of the team affiliating such player to suffer the consequences of any failure to fulfill this notification obligation.
4. Any player registered to play on a team in the 417 League who is affiliated to any other team shall, in the event of his or her incurring any suspension under the ODMHA Code of Conduct or the 417 Rules or By-law, be subject to the maximum sanction applicable under the CHA Rules, the ODMHA Code of Discipline and the 417 Rules and By-law, pending any review that may be undertaken by the 417 League in its sole discretion. The player, the coach of his or her team in the 417 League and the Association acknowledge and agree that the 417 League does not have the administrative capacity to consider any appeal in less than two weeks, and the player, the coach of his or her team in the 417 League and the Association acknowledge and agree that the inability of the 417 League to meet any shorter appeal time shall not establish any further right of appeal.

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