



To: Members of Waterford, Simcoe and Port Dover Minor Hockey Associations

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OMHA APPROVES REP Partnership Agreement

It's been a discussion point amongst a number of hockey associations within Norfolk County for the past few years. What can we do to improve the sport of hockey for 'everyone'? For the minor hockey associations of Waterford, Simcoe and Port Dover a *REP Partnership Agreement* was created to do just that; deliver improvements to hockey programming for all.

On Saturday, January 25, 2020, representatives of our three minor hockey associations presented the *REP Partnership Agreement* to the OMHA Board of Directors. It is fair to say that the presentation and proposal was positively received.

On January 29, 2020 – the OMHA **APPROVED** the REP Partnership Proposal. This decision allows for the creation of **Norfolk Minor Hockey (NMH)** for the 2020/2021 season. OMHA also confirmed that NMH will be categorized as an **"A"** hockey centre.

Norfolk Minor Hockey will compliment the existing hockey associations of Waterford, Simcoe and Port Dover and allow us to provide a comprehensive hockey program that will satisfy the needs off ALL hockey players and ensure our players have fun and maximize development. Further, this change will provide a higher level of competitive hockey in Norfolk and will result in greater player retention, attraction of new players from outside our area, and will keep our players playing longer, thereby increasing enrollment immediately and growing it further in the longer term.

The REP Partnership Working group will move quickly onto the next set of actions necessary to ensure the success of Norfolk Minor Hockey. Those steps are set out below for your information and we will keep you informed as we move along. It is extremely important that all understand how this new hockey program model works so that you make informed decisions with respect to your opportunities and options.

The Minor Hockey Associations of Simcoe, Waterford and Port Dover would like to thank everyone who took the time to listen, learn and understand why this is an important step for minor hockey in Norfolk County. Should you have any questions, please connect with us through our [**@NorfolkMinorHockey**](#) facebook page.



Sincerely,

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“Our intent is to collaborate, develop and deliver improved hockey programming in each of our centers and for the benefit of every child that chooses to step on the ice, to learn and play hockey. It needs to be positive and meaningful for every child at every level – and this is our goal.”

NORFOLK HOCKEY ASSOCIATION – YEAR 1 ROADMAP

JANUARY	APPROVAL OF REP PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL BY OMHA (January 30, 2020)	STEP 1	
FEBRUARY	LOCAL BOARDS APPOINT DIRECTORS TO FORM THE NORFOLK HOCKEY BOARD	STEP 2	WE ARE HERE
	INCORPORATE NORFOLK HOCKEY AS A LEGAL ENTITY	STEP 3	
	NORFOLK HOCKEY 1st BOARD MEETING 1. SET 2020-2021 BUDGET 2. REGISTRATION TIMING* 3. OPEN CALL FOR COACHING* 4. SET TRY-OUT SCHEDULE* 5. DEVELOP “TEAM NAME / LOGO” * - Key dates above will be announced	STEP 4	
	COMMUNICATION BRIEF TO BE ISSUED	STEP 5	
MARCH	HOLD COACHING INTERVIEWS	STEP 6	
APRIL	TRY-OUTS for U12 and ABOVE (U12 previously called Peewee)	STEP 7	

- STEP 5 COMMUNICATION - TO INCLUDE KEY DETAILS ON:**
1. Boundaries and Permitted Player Movement (Right of Choice, NRP's)
 2. Registration Process
 3. Try-out Procedures
 4. Preparing for Evaluations (try-outs)
 5. Competition Loop (if known)