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Date: January 28, 2025

To: NOHA Associations, Leagues and Single Entry Teams

From: Brian Beaupre

Re: ONCA Compliance

Please be reminded of the important requirement for all NOHA member organizations: compliance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) by the start of the 2025/2026 season to be a Member in Good Standing with the NOHA.

At the 2023 Annual General Meeting, the Membership voted to mandate incorporation under ONCA for all NOHA Associations, Leagues, and Single Entry Teams. A two-year grace period was provided to allow sufficient time for implementation, which will come to an end prior to the 2025/2026 season.

Importance of Incorporation and ONCA Compliance

Incorporation and compliance with ONCA are essential for ensuring good governance, transparency, and accountability across all member organizations. These principles are foundational to maintaining trust within our hockey community and aligning with provincial regulations. Furthermore, incorporation protects your organization by limiting liability for directors and members while enhancing your ability to operate effectively and sustainably.

Financial Support from the NOHA

We understand that achieving compliance may involve some financial burden. To assist in this transition, the NOHA is offering up to \$2,000.00 in financial support per organization to help offset the costs associated with becoming incorporated and compliant with ONCA. This funding is intended to alleviate expenses such as legal fees, registration costs, and other administrative requirements.

Legal Support

If any members require support in contacting a lawyer for assistance with incorporation or ONCA compliance, the NOHA is happy to direct you to D'Agostino Law and Associates. They have worked closely with the NOHA to create and update the NOHA By-Laws to ensure compliance. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require their contact information or further assistance.



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If you have any questions or require additional support during this process, please do not hesitate to reach out to the NOHA Office. We are here to assist you every step of the way. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your commitment to fostering a strong, well-governed hockey community within Northern Ontario. Together, we can ensure a seamless transition to compliance and set the stage for continued success in the years ahead.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Beaupre".

Brian Beaupre
NOHA President