
Parents of Future Muskies players,

As part of playing the great sport of hockey in the OMHA (Ontario Minor Hockey Association), there are many different rules and regulations that must be adhered to for each and every player and parent involved.

Part of playing hockey in the OMHA, and paying registration fees to a local association such as Lindsay Minor Hockey (LMHA), is insurance coverage. For all registered and rostered players. In order for LMHA to roster players, (and in fact for any player to be eligible to play hockey in the OMHA) each family MUST complete a small online course called "Respect in Sport – Parent Program".

I am in the process currently of trying to roster all of your players to their "Pre-school" hockey team, but am not able to do so until each and every one of them has this Respect in Sport (RiS) Parent Program showing up in their file. Those that have another player already playing will already be familiar with this on-line course, but will still be required to complete a small step in order for the program to cross over to their new player.

I will start with the website to go to for the course: <https://omhahockeyparent.respectgroupinc.com/>

For those that already have a child registered and playing Minor Hockey, please follow the link and sign in to your existing account. Once signed in, please follow the link to "add a participant" or "add a child" (I'm not too sure what the link specifically says to be honest), and enter the required information to get your newest player into your profile. I then would request that you send me a quick email to let me know your child's name and that they should be done. I can verify the information.

Info for both groups: I am sure there will be some people that even once they let me know they have added their child that there will still be an issue. In many cases parents have either rostered their child with the wrong spelling of their first or last name, or they have entered the wrong date of birth for their child. If either of these two things have happened during your registration with LMHA, or during your registration and adding your player to your RiS profile, things will not match up and we will have more work ahead of us to sort it all out. Believe me I have been through it more times than I can recall! Please be very careful when entering information.

For the parents that have their first child playing hockey under this new requirement, you will also need to follow the link to the RiS website, where you will need to register and create a profile, complete the course (I believe it is a \$10 or \$15 charge but I may be wrong on the amount), and add your player to your profile. Once that is all done and you have been granted your certificate, please as with the other group, send me a quick email with your players' name to let me know that the course should be in his or her profile.

One last requirement that the OMHA has started for this year, is mandatory age verification for EVERY player from Atom level below (working towards having age verified for every player that will be in the OMHA in the coming years). So once again, in order for each player to be approved to a roster, the Regional Executive Member (REM) that approves the rosters, must see a copy of some form of government identification showing name and date of birth. This is something that I must upload into each players' profile. In order for me to do that, I need to have an electronic copy of one of the following:

Birth certificate

Health Card

Passport

The easiest thing is if you have a smartphone, please take a clear picture and email it to me. Simple as that. If you do not have a smartphone, I will need you to please send me a scanned copy of one of the above, or make arrangements to get a copy to me somehow. I know some of you are thinking 'I provided one when I registered' or 'I gave a copy to ...', please, if at all possible and if it is easy enough for you to do, please just send me a copy directly as sometimes other copies do not make it to my inbox and this way I can make sure I do in fact have all of them.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, please don't hesitate to send me a question to p.starling@live.com

Thank you very much for your timely attention to these matters. I need to get all this information completed ASAP in order to get the kids properly rostered under the OMHA.

Thanks in advance,

Paul Starling
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