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OMHA TO ALLOW PLAYER MOVEMENT TO A AND AA

RICHMOND HILL, Ontario - The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) passed the following motion at the August 2010 Board of Directors meeting to allow player movement to A and AA categories. The OMHA Board believes this motion will have a positive effect on our players ensuring they are afforded every opportunity to develop and play to their potential.

MOTION: *"To allow all OMHA participants at Peewee age and above the opportunity to try-out at A or AA with the intent to commence for the 2011-12 season."*

This motion is the next step in the OMHA 'Made for Ontario' Plan. The OMHA established a 'Made for Ontario' Ad Hoc committee in 2009 with a mandate to "Assess and review the current hockey landscape within the Ontario Minor Hockey Association and identify opportunities for potential change that will enhance the minor hockey experience of all the members."

"Society has changed and the concept of player movement within hockey is part of that change," explained OMHA President Wayne Pries. "We feel this motion will meet the objectives of the OMHA while maintaining the integrity of 'Hometown Hockey'."

Any questions regarding the OMHA 'Made for Ontario' Plan should be directed to the OMHA Office at omha@omha.net or 905-780-6642.

About the Ontario Minor Hockey Association

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association, founded in 1935, is the largest minor hockey association in the world and oversees a participant base of 300,000 consisting of players, coaches, trainers, officials, hockey volunteers and parents across the province. The OMHA has 250 active member minor hockey associations and annually coordinates 45 leagues and approximately 600 development clinics throughout Ontario.

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