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OMHA AND ALLIANCE HOCKEY TO ALLOW PLAYER MOVEMENT TO A AND AA

RICHMOND HILL and STRATFORD, Ontario - The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and Alliance Hockey have come to agreement after a meeting on December 13th, 2010 to allow player movement to A and AA OMHA Centres and Alliance Hockey Seeded League teams.

The OMHA and Alliance Hockey have been working on an agreement since the OMHA passed the following motion September. The motion will now include Alliance Hockey and the Seeded League which takes into account both A and AA entities. The OMHA in conjunction with Alliance Hockey believes this motion will have a positive effect on players ensuring they are afforded every opportunity to develop and play to their potential and at the same time allowing participants to try-out in the closest centre.

MOTION: “To allow all OMHA and Alliance Hockey 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 original motion was the next step in the OMHA ‘Made for Ontario’ Plan. The OMHA met with Alliance Hockey to incorporate the ALLIANCE Hockey into their motion. The OMHA and Alliance Hockey established ‘Made for Ontario’ Ad Hoc committee’s in 2009 with a mandate to “Assess and review the current hockey landscape within their Respective Association’s in an effort to identify opportunities for potential change that will enhance the minor hockey experience of all the members across OMHA and ALLIANCE Hockey Centres.” Through the combined efforts of the OMHA and Alliance Hockey an agreement was reached “Society has changed and the concept of player movement within hockey is part of that change, it made sense to incorporate Alliance Hockey into this change” explained OMHA President Wayne Pries. “We feel this motion will meet the objectives of the OMHA and Alliance Hockey while maintaining the integrity of ‘Hometown Hockey’.”

Tony Foresi, President of Alliance Hockey said that, “we are extremely happy to work out an agreement with the OMHA that benefits the Minor Hockey player in both organizations” Tony Foresi, went on to thank the OMHA for their vision in working out this agreement.

This motion will go forward to the OMHA Semi-Annual Meeting in January 2011 for ratification by their membership.

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