



OMHA APPEAL PROCEDURES, SCHEDULE, FAQ's & APPLICATION

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An Appeal to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), as allowed under OMHA Regulation 16.0 requires the following steps to be completed:

1. The Filing of Appeal form, attachments and applicable fee (\$400.00) are required to be submitted to the OMHA Office: 25 Brodie Drive, Unit 3, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3K7.
2. Complete the Filing of Appeal form in full.
 - Appeals applications must be received by the OMHA Office, via the address at the top of the Appeal Application Form, or, by email at OMHA.appeals@omha.net, no later than 4:30 PM on the date of the filing deadline of the hearing for which you are applying.
 - The **OMHA Application fee of \$400** (which includes GST) must be also be received prior to the filing deadline and may be made by one of the following methods:
 - E-transfer to financial@omha.net
 - Credit card (Visa or MC) by contacting the OMHA Office at 905.780.6642
 - Debit by attending the OMHA Office in person
 - Certified cheque
3. Direct the appeal submission to the attention of the **"OMHA Appeals Committee"**
 - **You must be specific regarding the matter being appealed, the grounds for the appeal, the facts supporting the case and the desired outcome.**
 - Be concise and, preferably, use numbered paragraphs. **The maximum number of pages that will be accepted in a submission is five (5) pages, not including the application form.**
 - If an Appeal is for exemption from Regulations of Hockey Canada/Ontario Hockey Federation/Ontario Minor Hockey Association, e.g., Residency Regulations, be specific regarding the **grounds for being exempt from those Regulations.**
 - The Appellant and any attending Respondents will appear via a video conference call before the Appeal Committee. Information from the submitted application, its supporting documentation, information submitted by any Respondents, as well as, information obtained during the Appeal hearing will be used by the Appeal Committee in making its decision.

4. Possibility of Further Appeal

- Any person wishing to appeal a decision of the OMHA must submit, to the OHF, a completed OHF appeal application form accompanied by the appropriate fee within seven (7) days of receiving the decision. An OMHA Appeal hearing satisfies the requirements of OHF Regulation 6.6.1.

5. Appeals will not be scheduled until the Filing of Appeal form and written submission, together with full payment, as noted previously, are received at the OMHA office. The Appeal Committee date will then be established using the application's received date. All hearings are held via video conference call. Attendees should ensure that they have a stable connection available.

*OMHA Appeal Committee Dates	Filing Deadlines @ 4:30 PM NO EXCEPTIONS
August 20, 2023	August 9, 2023
September 9 or 10, 2023	August 30, 2023
September 23 or 24, 2023	September 13, 2023
October 22, 2023	October 11, 2023
November 4 or 5, 2023	October 25, 2023
November 25 or 26, 2023	November 15, 2023
January 21, 2024	January 10, 2024
March 3, 2024	February 21, 2024
April 13, or 14, 2024	April 3, 2024
May 4 or 5, 2024	April 24, 2024
May 25 or 26, 2024	May 15, 2024

***Dates are tentative. Each session of Appeals may be held on the date(s) listed or may be scheduled for the week following the posted tentative dates depending on the number of appeals filed and pending the availability of the Committee(s).**

6. Upon receipt of a properly filed appeal, the OMHA office processes the appeal as follows:

- Appeal is reviewed by the OMHA President to determine whether or not the situation is appealable.
- Following the filing deadline confirmation regarding whether or not the application has qualified for a hearing is emailed to the Appellant.
- A Notice of Appeal Hearing form is emailed with the appeal application to the affected OMHA Centre(s) and to the OMHA Regional Director(s) involved (Respondents), allowing them to provide comments with respect to the appeal and/or attend the scheduled appeal hearing.
- Details regarding the scheduled date, time and location of the hearing will be emailed to the Appellant(s) and Respondent(s).

7. After the appeal has been heard the OMHA office will:

As per OMHA Regulation 16.2 the OMHA shall give its final decision in writing after the hearing and/or fact finding or further investigation is concluded. The decision will be communicated to the Appellant and Respondents by email.

FAQs

- Q: I have filed an Appeal Application, when will I receive confirmation of receipt?
- A: You will receive confirmation of receipt of your Appeal Application within 48 hours following the filing deadline for the next hearing date.
- Q: The reasons for my Appeal Application include allegations that pertain to the Code of Conduct involving an Association and/or individual; is this information considered by the Committee?
- A: Allegations involving matters pertaining to the OMHA Code of Conduct will not be considered by the Committee unless a Code of Conduct Complaint has been filed and that process has been completed by OMHA Risk Management. OMHA Appeal Committees are not in a position to make decisions that involve matters not vetted through the Risk Management process. Appellants are advised to deal with the Code of Conduct allegations before filing an Appeal.
- Q: Who is notified that I have filed an Appeal Application?
- A: Any OMHA Association affected by the outcome of your Appeal's decision will receive notice and a copy of your Appeal Application. They are deemed to be the Respondent(s) and as such may submit a written response stating their position and/or attend the Appeal Hearing. The OMHA Regional Director responsible for any of the responding Associations involved will also be notified and receive a copy of your Appeal Application and may provide a response and/or attend the Hearing.
- Q: If a Respondent or OMHA Regional Director submits a response will I be provided a copy of the response ahead of the Appeal Hearing?
- A: Yes, you will be provided a copy of any response received from the Respondent(s) and/or OMHA Regional Director.
- Q: When will I be notified of the confirmed date and time of the Appeal Hearing?
- A: You will be notified of the confirmed date and time for your Appeal Hearing by end of day on the Thursday prior to the tentative hearing date.

Q: Am I required to attend the hearing?

A: Yes, your attendance at the hearing is required.

Q: Where do the Appeal Hearings take place?

A: All Appeal Hearings will be held by video conference call.

Q: The Appellant is my child, should they attend the Appeal Hearing?

A: If the Appellant is a child the Committee encourages them to attend the Hearing, however, this is a parenting decision. You are best qualified to make that determination.

Q: If my Appeal is successful will I be refunded the Appeal fee?

A: No, the Appeal fee is non-refundable. The Appeal Committee, at its discretion, may grant a refund of up to 50 % of the Appeal fee paid if deemed appropriate.

Q: Can I bring legal counsel or other persons with me to the Appeal Hearing?

A: While you may bring legal counsel and other persons with you to the Hearing the Committee will be addressing the Appellant and/or the parent of the Appellant.

Q: I've never attended an OMHA Appeal Hearing before, what can I expect?

A: The OMHA has three (3) separate Appeal Committees assigned on a rotating basis to consider Appeal Applications. While each Chair has their own process for conducting their Hearings they generally follow a similar format:

- Introductions
- Opportunity for the Appellant to outline their Appeal
- Opportunity for the Respondent(s) to state their position
- Questions from the Committee
- Wrap up by the Appellant
- Wrap up by the Respondent(s)
- Closing instructions from the Chair of the Committee

Q: How and when will the Committee's decision be communicated?

A: The Committee's decision will be sent by email to the email address provided in your Appeal Application. There is no set timeline on when the decision must be communicated. In general, you can expect a decision within two weeks but this can vary as there may be follow-up that needs to be conducted by the Committee following the actual Hearing.



APPEAL APPLICATION FORM

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This appeal is being filed on behalf of the following person:

Surname: _____ First Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Last Three Teams:

	Centre/Association	Team's Category (AA, A, B, Etc.)	Team's Division (U7, U8, U9, U10, etc.)
20____ - 20____ Team:			
20____ - 20____ Team:			
20____ - 20____ Team:			

Residential Home Centre: _____

Residential AAA Zone _____

Appeal filed by: (Please Print) _____ Primary Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

IMPORTANT! Please ensure printing is legible.

State the reason you are filing this Appeal. For example: Denied AAA Waiver; Denied Right of Choice Release; Rejected Residential Transfer:

Reason for Appeal: _____

In order to provide the Appeal Committee as much information as possible prior to the hearing, please attach a description of the events that have led to this application, the grounds on which you are making this appeal, the facts supporting the case and the desired outcome. Be concise and preferably use numbered paragraphs. The maximum total number of pages that will be accepted in a submission (not including the application form) is five (5) pages.

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Date: _____

Signature: _____

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The information requested on this form is required by the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) and the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) (their respective executives, employees, coaches, trainers, referees and volunteers) for registration purposes and to administer the rules and regulations of the OMHA and provide notification of any upcoming events or other activities. In order to do so, the OMHA, its Member Associations, OHF and Hockey Canada may, if required request proof of a player's identity, address and date of birth.