

RE: OMHA Respect Integration Implementation

Dear Parents

In an ongoing effort to foster a safe and enjoyable environment for our athletes in our great game, the OMHA is implementing a plan to ensure the OMHA is a complete Respect integrated organization.

At least one parent or guardian of each player registered in the OMHA will be required to complete the online Respect in Sport Parent Education Program as a condition of their child's participation. Garden City Minor Hockey Association submits their rosters to OMHA in July therefore the deadline for completing the course is July 1, 2014.

The Respect in Sport parent program is a proactive, educational program that empowers parents with the tools to ensure the game is enjoyable and respectful for themselves, their children and all other stakeholders in the game. This portion of the program is only one of the three pillars of our respect platform. The Respect in Sport Activity Leader program is currently a condition of participation for all Team Officials (Bench Staff), and will be a requirement for all on-ice Volunteers and all on-ice referees **(Age 16 and above)**.

Through this mandate, all stakeholders will be introduced to Respect education when considering the needs of our athletes.

Garden City Minor Hockey Association will be responsible for implementing these requirements as established by the OMHA and requires your support and cooperation with ensuring the completion of this certification. Although the OMHA has identified a deadline for compliance, many member Associations have chosen to be proactive and have set earlier deadlines for compliance. The OMHA supports Member Associations who have opted to adopt this proactive approach.

Please ensure that you provide feedback as requested upon completion of the program, to provide your insights on optimizing program content, and system functionality. Thank you for your commitment to the safety, enjoyment and success of your child, and all OMHA participants.

Garden City Minor Hockey Association

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