



A popular post at rinks in North America says it all!
 These are kids!
 This is a game!
 Parents should cheer for everyone!
 The referees are human!
You and your child ... do not play in the NHL

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2015 PLAYOFFS THEY ARE HERE!

Hard to believe that the regular season is behind us and that playoffs are here already!
 So, it's a whole new season. Anything does and will happen in playoffs – it's hockey, after all. First place teams will lose to last place teams, teams who have few wins, will pull it together for a championship run. This is what makes the game exciting and fun.
 So please remember, sport brings out passion, and hockey fans are known for their enthusiasm for a great game. Don't lose sight of the fact that these are children playing for fun, led by volunteers who love the game. Respect the coaches, game officials and hockey volunteers. Together we can provide your children with positive life experiences that will serve them well.

Players make mistakes, coaches make mistakes, game officials make mistakes.

Focus on the positives and enjoy your time at the rink!

MHL Challenge Tournament

The MHL is hosting a 48 team tournament that you won't want to miss!

Guarantee of three games. No gate fee.

Divisions include:

- Minor Atom- House League (all levels) & Select/Red
- Atom - House League (all levels) & Select/Red
- Minor Pee wee Select/Red
- Pee wee Select/Red

Where: Hershey Centre
When: April 10-12, 2015.

*Great way to end your season!
 Details at the MHL website
www.hockey.on.ca under "Events" section*

Register Now!
Hockey Canada
Skills Development Camp

Mississauga, ON
 Iceland Arena
 Friday March 20th, 2015

705 Matheson Boulevard East, Mississauga, ON L4Z 4A6 – PA DAY CAMP

*Open to all skill levels for registered Minor/Major Atom & Pee wee aged players

HockeyCanada.ca/SkillsCamps

Suspensions are down in the MHL over 50% and as result, a similar reduction in "AT RISK SITUATIONS" and "RESPECT ISSUES"

In each of the past 8 years the MHL has reduced suspensions by working with the Discipline Emphasis Program.

Constantly improving Safety!

By combining the work of the on-ice-officials with the Discipline Emphasis and adding:

- increased communication,
- training,
- dialogue and coaching

A safer place to play!

Q10: Suspensions
Change from 2013-14 to 2014-15 YTD



Without the concerted efforts of the MHL on ice officials and Discipline Committee, this would not have been possible.



RELIANCE HOME COMFORT MHL FAIR PLAY CHALLENGE

The Mississauga Hockey League has again partnered with Reliance Home Comfort for the 2014-15 hockey season, sponsoring the Reliance Home Comfort MHL Fair Play Challenge, whereby teams at all age and skill levels will be rewarded for "fair play" within regular season league play.

The idea is simple... to keep players out of the penalty box and on the ice.

"Fair play" and a focus on the MHL Discipline Emphasis Program over the past few years has helped to reduce player suspensions and injuries. Reliance and the MHL would like to reward those teams and players who consistently respect their opponents and the rules of the game.

Using the Average Penalty Minute statistics for every level/colour, each MHL team is monitored during the regular season and those who stayed below their benchmark during MHL games are awarded a Fair Play Point. The teams with the most Fair Play Points are declared the winners.

OUR 2014-15 RELIANCE HOME COMFORT MHL FAIR PLAY CHALLENGE WINNERS:

- Port Credit Peewee White 72**
- Port Credit Midget Red 113**
- Meadowvale Minor Peewee A 60**



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Meadowvale to host Bantam A Provincials

The Provincials are an exciting way to end hockey season!

For the first time, the Meadowvale Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) will host the Bantam A Provincials

Streetsville Arena - Vic Johnston Community Centre
335 Church Street, Mississauga

**Community
Hours!**

Event Volunteers, please email:
programmingdirector@meadowvalehockey.com

Sponsorship Enquiries, please email: 2015bantamaohf@gmail.com

Opening Ceremony followed by a game - Friday, April 10th at 6.45 pm
Final Game followed by the Closing Ceremony - Sunday, April 12th at 3 pm
Day Pass \$10, Weekend Pass \$25

***Free admission to the Opening Ceremony & game
for anyone wearing a Meadowvale jersey.***

Get the latest tournament details <http://mmhaohf.wordpress.com/>

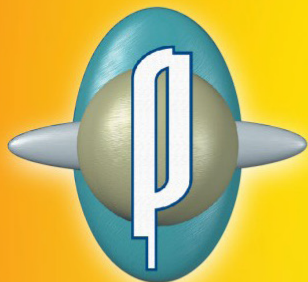
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Visiting Referee From China

IIHF & Hockey Canada certified Ivy Xu from China, officiated MHL games on Sat Feb 7 at Chic Murray and Wed Feb 11 at Iceland #4. She was in Toronto for a couple of weeks to prepare for an IIHF tournament in March. She also officiated games in the GTHL and NYHL during her time here. For the past 3 years she has attended the GTHL Referee School and is a certified Level 3 official in Hockey Canada. Ivy is shown here with referee supervisor Dave Mailloux. Great to see that *Canada is helping to develop hockey throughout the world.*



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- SA Approved Hockey helmet with full facial protection, hockey gloves, soccer style shin pads, athletic cup.
- Soft elbow pads and soft knee pads are also recommended.

TO REGISTER ON-LINE PLEASE VISIT

WWW.MDMBHL.COM

PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE IN-PERSON

REGISTRATION DATES



THE MISSISSAUGA DISTRICT MINOR BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE IS THE ONLY LEAGUE IN MISSISSAUGA THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE ONTARIO BALL HOCKEY FEDERATION (OBHF). THE OBHF IS THE ONLY BALL HOCKEY ORGANIZATION IN ONTARIO THAT IS SANCTIONED BY THE CANADIAN BALL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (CBHA).

THE CBHA IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF HOCKEY CANADA.

PLEASE VISIT www.hockeycanada.ca FOR A LIST OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF HOCKEY CANADA.

Ball Hockey.....It's Your Game!



Parent Corner You Asked us...

My son was knocked to the ice and did not get up right away. The referee did not whistle the play immediately. He could have been badly hurt!

Injured Players Hockey Canada Rule 2.6(g)

When a player is injured so that he cannot continue play or go to his bench, the play shall not be stopped until the injured player's team has secured possession and control of the puck. If the injured player's team is in possession of the puck at the time of the injury, the play shall be stopped immediately unless his team is in a scoring position, at which time the Referee shall allow the play to be completed.

Note 1: Where there is suspicion that a player has sustained serious injury, any on-ice official may stop play immediately

Note 2: Where play has been stopped due to an injured player, excluding the goaltender, the injured player shall leave the ice and may not return to the ice until the play has resumed. If the player refuses to leave the ice, a Delay of Game penalty shall be assessed.

It is a difficult judgement call, but the on ice official will always look to "safety first" checking on the player as much as possible without affecting the flow of play or competitive advantage.

In many cases you will see a Referee standing beside the player watching their condition until play can be called.



Based on your comments we have changed!

Voicing your concerns:

- this season we added an Ombudsman to voice your concerns.

Schedule:

- have discontinued games over the Christmas break this season.
- have discontinued games over the March break this season.
- have discontinued games over the Family Day this season.
- minimized games during exams for high school aged players this season.
- are reviewing moving the pattern of playing the same night at the same arena used in Juvenile for Midget teams too. It will depend on ice availability and number of teams next season.

On Ice Officials:

- Will be working on a development program to get the On Ice Officials more communicative with the benches.

The City controls our contracts for ice, assigns them in 26 week blocks and allocates the amount based on our registration numbers over the past few years. We have managed to negotiate the changes noted above but the City will not provide any more exemptions. We have to pay for that ice no matter what, so we schedule games to fill all the blocks.

What we currently have to do, due to the City contracts:

- have to schedule games either Sunday or Monday of Thanksgiving – we took Thanksgiving Sunday off.
- have to schedule games at Halloween although there is an exception for younger players.
- have to schedule games on Easter Sunday.

One of the results...

Game Schedule

March Break 2015

No MHL games scheduled Saturday,

March 14 to Sunday, March 22nd inclusive.

- "A" Playoff games will resume on Monday, March 23rd.
- House league Championship Weekend will be held Friday, March 27 to Sunday, March 29.

ENJOY YOUR MARCH BREAK!



President Cup Trophy Port Credit Atom "A"

Congratulations to the Port Credit Atom 'A' team on being the 2014/2015 season President's Trophy winners! Their outstanding record was 34 wins and 1 loss! Each player will be presented with an individual trophy to celebrate this accomplishment!



MHL Charity Golf Tournament

Stay tuned for up coming details about the MHL Charity Golf Tournament to be held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 at the Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Georgetown. All proceeds from the tournament will go towards the MHL's Playmore Program.



Fundraising Opportunities



FUNdraising with the **Steelheads**

The Mississauga Steelheads offer a wide variety of group ticket options and packages to fit your group's specific needs.

Our FUNdraising program is great for minor hockey teams, schools or local sports teams that are looking to raise some extra money for a team party, class field trip or even an end of the year/season party.

The Steelheads offer group pricing of:

- \$12.00 Red level ticket for 25+ people
- \$11.00 Red level ticket for 50+ people
- \$10.00 Red level ticket for 100+ people

*all plus HST

Your group can then sell the tickets for up to face value of \$14.95 (plus tax) and keep the profits!
Depending on availability,

we also offer the opportunity to run a 50/50 or a puck toss during the game!
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Nicole Stefaniuk at 905-502-7788 ext. 241.



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