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## MEMORANDUM

TO: OMHA Member Centres  
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Executive Director  
CC: OMHA Board, Convenors  
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SUBJECT: OMHA Respect Integration Implementation Guide

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At the 2013 Ontario Minor Hockey Association's Annual General Meeting, the OMHA Board of Directors announced the OMHA will move to become a complete '**Respect**' integrated association effective the 2014-2015 season. Initial response from all stakeholders has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive.

The '**Respect in Hockey**' initiative will require all Team Officials, On-ice Volunteers, On-Ice Officials and Parents to take the appropriate 'Respect' education. At least one parent or guardian of each player registered in minor hockey in the OMHA will be required to complete the Respect in Sport - Parent Program as a condition of participation. The one-hour online course 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.

Team Officials, On-ice Officials and On-ice volunteers will be required to complete the online Respect in Sport - Activity Leader Program or in-class Speak Out! certification.

These programs encourage positive behaviour, effective communication, and provide valuable tools which can only enhance the enjoyment of our game for all stakeholders

The next step in this initiative is to provide support to our member centres in the successful implementation and delivery of these programs. With this in mind the OMHA has created the '**Respect in Hockey**' **Implementation Plan** which is a detailed guide including program overview, pricing models, administration, timeline and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

The OMHA '**Respect in Hockey**' **Implementation Plan** is attached with this Memo, and will be available for download, along with more information and course registration links on the OMHA website [Respect Education page](#)

Thank you again for your continued support and ongoing commitment to providing the most positive, safe and enjoyable environment in which all participants can enjoy our great game.

Sincerely  
ONTARIO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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