

# GLANCASTER BOMBERS



## MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

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## **Section One**

### **Governance**

*The Glancaster Bombers (Bombers) are a result of an OMHA pilot project between the Ancaster Minor Hockey League (AMHL) and the Glanbrook Minor Hockey Association (GMHA). Both associations are under the Corporation Act of Ontario and operate under the governance of its General By-Law and the Manual of Operations of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA). These rules and regulations are combined policies of AMHL and GMHA as defined in both associations' respective By-Law and having been considered and approved by each Board of Directors.*

### **Levels of Hockey**

#### **House League and Select**

**AMHL and GMHA will run their own house leagues and select programs.**

#### **Rep**

*Rep teams are comprised of players who desire a high level of competition and are willing to make a tremendous commitment in time and finances to the operation of the team. These players try out in April and September and the successful candidates will be chosen to represent Ancaster and Glanbrook from Novice to Midget age categories. The Rep teams play locally in the Tri-County Minor Hockey League and or Niagara District Hockey League and will enter OMHA play downs in January*

## **Section Two**

### **Code of Conduct and Ethics**

#### **ALL MEMBERS**

*PURPOSE: To establish and maintain standards for members of the League and to inform members of the public using the services of the League. The standards are comprised of, but not limited to, the following principles:*

- 1) Members must endeavor to respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being and endeavor to treat everyone equally within the context of their activity.*
- 2) Members have a responsibility to declare a high degree of commitment and perform to that level of commitment.*
- 3) Members should communicate and co-operate with other sports organizations, non-sport organizations, medical practitioners and educational institutions in the best interest of its players.*
- 4) Members should encourage directors, parents, players and officials to obey the rules and spirit of the sport, and to treat each other in a courteous manner.*
- 5) Members should never advocate the use of performance enhancing drugs and/or banned substances.*
- 6) Members should be clear as to what is to be regarded as confidential information and not divulge any such information without expressed approval of the individuals concerned.*
- 7) Members are expected to consistently display high personal standards both professionally and personally.*
- 8) All reasonable steps should be taken to establish a safe environment in keeping with the regular and approved practices within the sport.*
- 9) Members have a responsibility to themselves and the League to maintain their own effectiveness, resilience and abilities.*
- 10) Members should not display any affiliation with any business or organization in a manner that falsely implies sponsorship or accreditation by that organization.*

#### **SOCIAL NETWORKING POLICY**

*SOCIAL NETWORKING is defined as communicating through on-line communities of people such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, You Tube, blogging, etc.*

*The AMHL and GMHA understand the importance of SOCIAL NETWORKING, however, it also allows for inappropriate unsupervised conduct which may be detrimental to the welfare of the Bombers' and the future of Bombers' players.*

*The Bombers holds the entire AMHL and GMHA community, including Board Members, Managers, Coaches, Trainers, Players, Scouts, Support Staff, on/off-ice Officials and others who participate in SOCIAL NETWORKING to the same standards as it would with all forms of media.*

*Inappropriate behavior over SOCIAL NETWORKING media will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary action being taken by the Bombers.*

*The first violation will result in a verbal warning from a team official and notification of the violation to the Bombers Sub-Committee and/or respective association Board Members.*

*The second violation will result in an automatic 5 game suspension and a discipline meeting with the Bombers Sub-Committee and/or respective association Board Members.*

*The third violation is automatic suspension until a discipline meeting with the Bombers Sub-Committee and/or respective association Board Members arranged with possible player release from the Bombers and their respective association.*

*The Bombers Sub-Committee and/or respective association Board Members recognizes that perpetrator intent and victim impact may differ in each case and reserves the right to escalate the process to automatic suspension immediately.*

### **Policy for Electronic Devices in Locker Rooms**

*Electronic Devices include but are not limited to – Cameras, Smart Phones and Video recorders.*

*The use of any form of Cameras, Smart Phones and Video recorders is prohibited in or around any recreational facility change room, during any Bombers sanctioned event.*

*Technology advancements have allowed Cameras, Smart Phones and Video recorders etc. to carry new functions – such as cameras that allow users to secretly photograph objects in front of them while appearing to dial a number. These phones are very popular and widespread.*

*The ability to snap photos without others knowing has raised significant concerns for members within our Association. The potential exists for deviant behavior of camera-phone users photographing others undressing and showering in change rooms. Cell phones already take better pictures than most video cameras; cell phones eliminate the evidence (send it somewhere else), rather than storing it where it can be easily found; unlike video cameras, cellphones, iPods, etc. don't require disguises or excuses to be brought into such sensitive areas as change rooms, bathrooms etc.*

*If someone uses a device in this way and takes a photo and puts it on the Internet, it's a violation of personal privacy and will not be tolerated by the Bombers.*

### **Co-Ed Locker Room Policy**

*In order to comply with Hockey Canada and with the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the following Co-Ed Locker room policy is in effect and mandatory within the Bombers – AMHL and GMHA.*

### **HOCKEY CANADA CO-ED DRESSING ROOM POLICY**

*The following is the policy of Hockey Canada with respect to co-ed dressing:*  
*Hockey Canada firmly believes in accommodating both genders in our great game. We further believe in balancing this goal with the safety, privacy, modesty and wishes of ALL our members without compromising the aspects of camaraderie, social integration and bonding inherent in a team sport. This policy attempts to meet all these goals while providing a safe and respectful environment for our participants.*

- 1. Hockey Canada stresses the importance of coaches in ensuring both male and female players have equal access to pre and post team sessions and to all team related activities.*
- 2. Hockey Canada recognizes the physical limitations of some facilities and encourages our members to work with local facility management to ensure that appropriate changing facilities are available to both genders.*
- 3. Hockey Canada allows co-ed dressing room situations to exist at the Initiation Program, Novice and*

Atom levels, 5-10 years of age provided participants in a co-ed situation either arrive in full equipment or wear at a minimum gym shorts or long underwear as well as a full t-shirt (no tank tops) all of which must be in good condition and without holes/tears.

**4.** At the Pee-Wee (11 years old) level and above the following conditions will apply in all co-ed team environments:

- Females and males will change in separate rooms
- Both genders shall congregate in one dressing room fully prepared to participate in the game/practice not more than 15 minutes prior to the scheduled ice time unless otherwise indicated (to be there earlier) by the coaching staff.
- The lesser represented gender shall depart the dressing room not more than 15 minutes after the game/practice unless otherwise indicated (to stay longer) by the coaching staff.
- The gender in the majority shall not begin changing, helmets, gloves and skates excepted, prior to the departure of the lesser represented gender.
- When necessary, due to facility limitations, dressing and showering shall be done in shifts with the gender in the majority dressing and showering first. Once the room with shower facilities has been fully vacated the lesser represented gender may use the shower facilities.

### **OMHA Code of Conduct**

This Code for Conduct identifies the standard of behavior which is expected of all OMHA members and participants, which for the purpose of this policy shall include all players, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, committee members, conveners, team managers, trainers, administrators and employees involved in OMHA activities and events.

OMHA is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Members and participants of OMHA shall conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of OMHA which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

During the course of all OMHA activities and events, members shall avoid behavior which brings OMHA or the sport of hockey into disrepute, including but not limited to abusive use of alcohol, use of non-medical drugs and use of alcohol by minors.

OMHA members and participants shall at all times adhere to OMHA's operational policies and procedures, to rules and regulations governing OMHA events and activities, and to rules and regulations governing any competitions in which the member participates on behalf of OMHA.

Members of OMHA shall refrain from comments or behaviors which are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist or sexist. In particular, behavior which constitutes harassment or abuse will not be tolerated and will be dealt with under OMHA's Harassment Policy.

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of OMHA. Such action may result in the member losing the privileges which come with membership in OMHA, including the opportunity to participate in OMHA activities and events, both present and future.

### **COACH'S AND TEAM OFFICIAL'S CODE**

All team officials shall:

- 1) Be a resource person able to assist the athlete to develop his/her athletic potential and self-dependency
- 2) Recognize individual differences in athletes and always think of the athlete's long-term best interests. Aim for excellence based upon realistic goals. The activity undertaken should be suitable for the age and abilities of the players.
- 3) Lead by example. Teach and practice co-operation, self-discipline, respect for officials and

*opponents and proper attitudes in language, dress and deportment. Rules are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.*

- 4) *Make sports challenging and fun. Skills and techniques need not be learned painfully. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet current safety standards.*
- 5) *Be honest and consistent with athletes. They appreciate knowing where they stand.*
- 6) *Be prepared to interact in a positive manner with administrators, league officials and parents.*
- 7) *Be responsible people who are flexible and willing to continually learn and develop.*
- 8) *Encourage athletes to be fit all year, every year and not just for the season.*
- 9) *Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again.*
- 10) *Set and monitor boundaries between a working relationship and friendship with their players. Team officials should realize that certain situations or friendly actions could be misinterpreted, not only by the player, but by others motivated by jealousy, dislike or mistrust and could lead to allegations of misconduct or impropriety.*

#### **PARENT'S CODE**

- 1) *Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.*
- 2) *Remember children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.*
- 3) *Encourage your child to always play by the rules.*
- 4) *Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.*
- 5) *Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
- 6) *Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.*
- 7) *Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty.*
- 8) *Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.*
- 9) *Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for your child.*
- 10) *Set an example by supporting and respecting your child's coach. When problems arise, communicate on an individual basis. Public comments are not appropriate.*

#### **PLAYER'S CODE**

- 1) *Play for the "fun of it", not just to please your parents or coach.*
- 2) *Play by the rules.*
- 3) *Never argue with the officials' decisions. Let your captain or coach ask any necessary questions.*

- 4) *Control your temper – no “mouthing off”, breaking sticks, throwing gloves or other equipment.*
- 5) *Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.*
- 6) *Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays, whether your team’s or your opponents’.*
- 7) *Treat all players as you yourself would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of any player.*
- 8) *Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good. Do not be a show-off, or always try to get the most points or penalties.*
- 9) *Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents, for without them you would not have a game.*
- 10) *Remember that you are representing yourself, your parents, your team and your Town/Sponsor at all times; to, from and at the arena.*

### **SPECTATOR’S CODE**

- 1) *Remember that children play organized sports for their own fun. They are not there to entertain you, and they are NOT miniature pro athletes.*
- 2) *Be on your best behavior. Do not use profane language or harass players, coaches or officials.*
- 3) *Applaud good plays by your own team and the visiting team.*
- 4) *Show respect for your team’s opponents. Without them there would be no games.*
- 5) *Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition.*
- 6) *Condemn the use of violence in all forms.*
- 7) *Respect the officials’ decisions.*
- 8) *Encourage players to always play according to the rules.*



## Section Three

### Eligibility and Registration

- 3.1 Participation is open to all persons upon payment of the prescribed registration fees and in compliance with registration requirements including provision of proof of age as herein after proved.
- 3.2 The Bombers reserves the right to prescribe requirements from time to time including promulgation of the By-Laws specifying grounds for refusing or withdrawing participation, disciplinary actions and related matters.
- 3.3 PRIORITY TO REGISTER WILL BE:**
- Firstly, residents of Ancaster and Glanbrook along with residents of neighboring municipalities deemed by the OMHA to be within the territorial boundaries for Ancaster and Glanbrook as an OMHA Centre "Right of Choice"**
- 3.4 All applicants must be registered within their respective association (AMHL or GMHA) via the Hockey Canada Registration (HCR) Website. Players/Parents must sign the OMHA Letter of Commitment (LOC) will be assigned to their respective age group for AA, A or AE Bombers team prior to participating in an on-ice activity.
- 3.5 Respective association registration sites will remain open until the start of tryouts. New to area residents will be accepted at the discretion of the respective associations and/or as specified by the OMHA Regulations.
- 3.6 A potential Bomber player must be registered in their respective association and accompanied by the appropriate association fees and tryout fees, before any player can participate in any activity sponsored by the League. Potential players will not be allowed to try out until they have registered and paid the appropriate fees.

### 3.7 Registration Refunds

a) Non-Medical refunds

Players that withdraw from the Bombers as a result of a non-medical reason are entitled to a refund of their registration fees in accordance with this sub-section.

A refund for non-medical reasons is prorated depending on the number of months skating for a Bombers team.

The amount of the refund for respective league fees are as follows:

Prior to skating	Registration fee minus admin fee
After skating to September 30	75% refund minus admin. fee
October 1 to October 31	50% refund minus admin. fee
After October 31	no refund"

For rep hockey:

Prior to October 1	\$500+ admin fee will be held back
Prior to November 1	\$1,000+ admin fee will be held back
After December 1	no refund

- b) Players that receive a long-term suspension due to their conduct on or off the ice are not entitled

to a refund of their registration fees for any reason whether the reason is medical, non-medical or if they are a AAA player.

c) *Medical refunds*

*Players that withdraw from the Bombers for medical reasons are entitled to a refund of their registration fees in accordance with this sub-section.*

*In order to qualify for a refund of registration fees for medical reasons in accordance with this sub-section medical documentation from a medical doctor, a dentist or a person that practices the profession of optometry, chiropractic, physiotherapy, chiropody, podiatry, osteopathy, audiology, psychology, dietetics, (a "medical practitioner") stating that the player is unable to play hockey for medical reasons, must be submitted with the request for a registration refund.*

*A refund for medical reasons is prorated depending on the number of months skating. The amount of the refund is as follows:*

<i>Prior to skating</i>	<i>Registration fee minus admin fee</i>
<i>After skating to October 31</i>	<i>75% refund minus admin. fee</i>
<i>November 1 to November 30</i>	<i>50% refund minus admin. fee</i>
<i>After November 30</i>	<i>no refund</i>

d) *AAA players*

*Players that have registered with their respective associations in order to be eligible to play AAA hockey are entitled to a refund of their registration fees in accordance with this sub-section.*

*In order to qualify for a refund of registration fees as a result of registering with the Bombers in order to be eligible to tryout/play AAA hockey in accordance with this sub-section written proof that the player plays for a AAA Hockey team must be submitted with the request for a registration refund.*

*The amount of the refund is as follows*

<i>Immediately after making AAA team</i>	<i>full refund no admin fee</i>
<i>Prior to October 1</i>	<i>\$500+ admin fee will be held back</i>
<i>Prior to November 1</i>	<i>\$1,000 + admin fee will be held back</i>
<i>After December 1</i>	<i>no refund</i>

e) *For the purposes of this Section 3.8 the administration fee is fifty (\$50) dollars*

f) *All registration refund requests must be presented in writing to the Bombers Registrar. If the request is presented via email the registration refund request is not considered to be received if the registrar does not acknowledge receipt of the request by email. The Bombers registrar and one of either the President, Vice President or Treasurer must approve the refund application. The refund will be made to the credit card in which the payment was received, unless the payment was made by cheque, the AMHL is not able to credit the credit card or the refund is requested to be paid in another manner. In the latter three cases the refund will be paid by cheque.*

*The refund request will not be considered to be received until the following information is submitted in writing:*

- *Player's name;*
- *Player's age group;*
- *Reason for the refund request:*
  - *Non-medical reason*

- *Medical reason*
  - *AAA Player*
  - *If the refund is requested due to medical reasons, then medical documentation from a medical doctor, a dentist or a medical practitioner stating that the player is unable to play hockey for medical reasons, must be submitted with the request for a registration refund;*
  - *The refund request must be received by the Bombers prior to the dates indicated above for the applicable refund (for example, if a player withdraws prior to December 1 but does not submit a registration refund request until after December 1, no refund will be issued).*
  - *If the refund is requested because the player has registered with the AMHL or GMHA in order to be eligible to play AAA hockey, then proof that the player has signed an OHF - AAA Hockey LOC, the refund request must be submitted to the Bombers' Registrar along with a copy of the signed AAA LOC to receive a full registration refund. No refunds will be made until the signed LOC has been received as proof.*
- g) This policy applies to all registration refund requests received after April 1, 2019.*
- h) Players withdrawing from any Bombers team must deal directly with their respective teams Head Coach and Rep Director before any decisions can be made with respect to the refunding of any association registration fees or team fees. However, the Bombers reserve the right to withhold a portion of the refund as payment of the rep fees owing to the rep team.*

### **3.8 Late Registration**

*Request for late registration (i.e. after all the registration dates):*

*Late registration fees are prorated depending on the number of months missed from the beginning of the season.*

*The prorated registration fee may be assigned by the Junior or Senior House League Convener or the Registrar.*

#### **Amount of Payment**

<i>Prior to the start of Regular Season</i>	<i>Total fee</i>
<i>Prior to October 15th</i>	<i>Total fee</i>
<i>October 15 – November 14</i>	<i>90 %</i>
<i>November 15 – December 14th</i>	<i>75 %</i>
<i>December 15 – January 10</i>	<i>60 %</i>

*Registrations after January 11th will be reviewed by the Registrar, directors and the appropriate conveners.*

## Section Four

### Equipment

#### 4.1 Mandatory Equipment

The following equipment is MANDATORY and must be worn by ALL PLAYERS AT ALL TIMES when engaged in activities on ice, whether practice or games.

**Coaches and Referees will:**

*Enforce this section without exception. Each Executive Member is responsible for enforcing this article.*

- a) OMHA and CSA approved helmet equipped with approved chin strap fastened.
- b) OMHA and CSA approved facial protection which completely covers the face.
- c) Approved BNQ neck protectors and goalie throat protectors.
- d) Coaches and on ice staff will wear CSA approved helmets at all on-ice activities with chin straps fastened.
- e) CSA approved mouth guards unless exempted by OMHA.
- f) All coaches and on ice helpers must wear a CSA approved helmet and hand protection ie; hockey gloves

#### 4.2 Recommended Equipment

The following equipment is suggested and highly recommended, but not mandatory:

- a) Goal tenders' regulation skates.
- b) Shatterproof eye glasses.
- c) Athletic support.
- d) Shin guards – preferably with a molded knee cap.
- e) Approved hockey gloves.
- f) "Body armor" (chest and arm protectors) for all goaltenders.
- g) Shoulder pads for all players.
- h) CSA approved elbow pads.
- i) Hockey pants with tailbone protector.

4.3 All Rep teams will wear the Bombers colors as prescribed by the Bombers. Sweater colors for the rep teams will be navy, white and grey. The sponsor patch, letters "C" and "A" must be sewn on to each sweater. Glue is not to be used to affix any item to the sweater.

4.4 In order to standardize Team clothing (jackets, turtlenecks, wind suits, hats, etc), all purchases must be made through the Bombers authorized list supplier of League uniform/clothing. Disciplinary action will be taken for those teams that do not follow these guidelines. Coaches may choose to wear shirt and ties to games but a uniform look should be the guideline.

## Section Five

### Organization of Teams

#### 5.1 Teams and Ages

a) *The Bombers shall operate a Rep program only. Bombers teams for all eligible boys and girls registered in the following divisions. Ages specified are before January first (1st) of the season.*

<b>Novice</b>	<b>8 and under</b>
<b>Minor Atom</b>	<b>9 and under</b>
<b>Atom</b>	<b>10 and under</b>
<b>Minor Pee Wee</b>	<b>11 and under</b>
<b>Pee Wee</b>	<b>12 and under</b>
<b>Minor Bantam</b>	<b>13 and under</b>
<b>Bantam</b>	<b>14 and under</b>
<b>Minor Midget</b>	<b>15 and under</b>
<b>Midget</b>	<b>17 and under</b>

b) *There must be a AA team fielded at minor and major before any other entries such as A or AE can occur.*

c) *A or AE Program*

- *There will be one A and one AE team per minor and major age groups.*
- *No more than 3 teams will be fielded per minor and major age group. Combined AE or A teams could be considered depending on tryout numbers. If this is to occur, the combined team would be required to play at the major level in their respective age group.*

d) *An independent Rep Evaluation committee agrees that those players released from the AA, A and AE tryouts.*

#### 5.2 Size of Teams

a) *It is recommended that Bomber teams carry a maximum of fifteen (15) skaters and two (2) goalies.*

#### 5.3 Affiliate Players (AP)

- All potential AP players that a Head Coach may be considering must be discussed with the Bombers Subcommittee prior to any offers being made.*
- Players that were released from the tryouts will be given first consideration*
- Unless otherwise approved by the Rep Hockey Operations Committee, AP's for AA level Rep Teams should be taken from the A Team below. AP's for A level Rep Teams should be taken from the AE Team below (should there be one) and/or LL at the correct age group, as opposed to taking Rep players from the age group below. In the event that an AE Team is viable and approved, AP's for an AE level Team would be taken from the GMHA Local League Teams and AMHL House League Teams*
- Only with the approval of the Bombers sub-committee will exceptions be considered to allow AP's from the team at the same level (AA/A/AE) from a lower age group. And under those exceptional scenarios, only players from the team one year below will be considered (i.e. 2006 birth year player for a 2005 team).*
- All Head Coaches at both the Rep and Local League levels are required to communicate and cooperate with one another in order to facilitate the AP Movement process*
- Coaches are required to release players for AP opportunities, so long as it does not interfere with regular scheduled games, practices, tournaments, or play-downs as well as any related travel time associated with the player's base category team.*
- Teams should only roster AP's who they are prepared to use in games and such players should be regularly invited to practice and play from time to time with the team to which they are rostered as AP's.*

- h) *Teams utilizing AP's should do so for the purposes of supplementing available players only. AP's should only be used to replace absent players rostered to the team. Each player may only be affiliated with one team. Local League players from both AMHL and GMHA will be eligible to AP for Bombers AE Rep Teams.*
- i) *All Head Coaches are encouraged to AP at least 1 Goalie as early as possible from the corresponding lower tier Rep Team (i.e. AA team AP's 1-2 Goalie(s) from A team, and so on).*
- j) *Local/House League players from both AMHL and GMHA cannot be added as an AP until the LL/HL rosters are official. For AE teams, an exception will be made to allow the AP of an AE Goalie from the age group immediately below.*
- k) *Local/House League players from both AMHL and GMHA will pay a fee to cover the cost for the uniform and ice sessions. The fee will be decided by the Bombers subcommittee.*
- l) *Local/House League players from both AMHL and GMHA will be guaranteed at least 10 sessions (practices and/or games) with the rep team they are affiliated with.*
- m) *In addition to this Policy, all OMHA Affiliation Rules must be followed by the Coaching staff.*
- n) *The deadline to add any AP's is January 15, 2020.*
- o) *All Head Coaches wishing the use of affiliated players must complete an OMHA Affiliated Player form listing all players they wish to affiliate. The form must be signed by the Team Head Coach, the Affiliated Player's Registered Team Head Coach, and the Parent/Guardian. In the signing of this form the Registered Team's Head Coach has given consent for this player to play as an Affiliated Player during the regular season.*
- p) *Prior to the beginning of the play-downs the Registered Team's Head Coach shall come to an understanding with the Player and Parent/Guardian as to the availability of the Affiliated Player to the Affiliated Team and inform the Affiliated Team's Head Coach of their decision. If a conflict still exists, the situation shall be brought to the Bomber subcommittee for a final decision.*
- q) *As a courtesy, the Head Coach requesting the use of an affiliated player, should inform the player's regular coach prior to each and every game that the player is required.*
- r) *Existing Rep Players (A/AE) selected for AP opportunities will not be required to contribute towards additional Team Fees required by the Rep Team they are occasionally playing for.*

#### *5.4 Tryout Process*

- a) *Tryouts will follow the end of AAA tryouts, starting with AA (7 days), A (7 days) and AE (7 days).*
- b) *Each AA and A tryout will consist of five (5) or six (6) on-ice evaluation sessions. Exhibition games may be scheduled by Bombers sub-committee or coaches during the tryout period. In scheduling such games, the total number of on-ice evaluations during the tryout period (ie: tryout skates plus games) cannot exceed six (6). AE tryouts will follow the A tryouts with 2-3 on-ice evaluation sessions and/or exhibition games. In scheduling exhibition games, coaches must obtain a valid Travel Permit.*
- c) *Each player attending AA tryouts are guaranteed a minimum of 2 on-ice evaluations after which he or she may be released at the discretion of the head coach and independent evaluator(s) to the A team where the same policy will occur. 2 mandatory skates for A and if released another 2 skates at AE. Not all players trying out for the Bombers be selected to a Rep team and could be released to their respective associations House League.*
- d) *All players attending tryouts must begin at the AA and receive their TIN#, progression to A and then AE tryouts.*
- e) *Medical exemptions, players MUST present a signed doctor note to their respective AA coach and/or Rep Director outlining the medical injury. The Bombers Sub Committee members will make decisions on how to proceed.*
- f) *Independent Evaluators: As part of the tryout process, the head coach must have a minimum of two (2) independent, non-parent evaluators to assist with on-ice evaluations. An independent evaluator is defined as an individual (a non-parent and not related to a player in the tryout process) who has adequate hockey knowledge, experience and expertise. Independent evaluators will work with the head coach in the selection of players who will be offered positions on the team. In addition, the Bombers will assign two (2) separate evaluators/observers to each team's tryout to support the player selection process. This will allow for the Bombers to respond to any concerns from parents and/or players as to the impartiality and transparency of the tryout process. Non-parent assistants who are not related to any player in the tryout process can work in conjunction with the head coach during the tryout process.*
- g) *Communication with Parents: At no time during the tryout process will the head coach, independent evaluators or AMHL evaluators discuss players and their performance with any parent.*
- h) *During the tryout process all players, parents and coaches are expected to adhere to the OMHA and*

*Bombers' Codes of Conduct as well as the City of Hamilton Zero Tolerance Policy. Any behavior contrary to the codes will result in immediate expulsion from the tryout process.*

#### *5.5 Player Releases*

- a) The TRYOUT IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN #) is a new system introduced last season. The TIN # is a coded number to identify each player without identifying their name. For example, at the Minor Peewee A tryouts, a player may receive a TIN # that is coded MPAA347. After the tryout, and before the next tryout, the players who are selected to advance to the next tryout will be posted on the AMHL website [www.ancasterminorhockey.com](http://www.ancasterminorhockey.com) and identified by the age group and their TIN #. TIN #'s will be randomly assigned to each player. Please keep your TIN # card private and in your possession. The TIN # system will be in effect until the last rep tryout.*
- b) If a player/parent wishes to discuss their individual evaluation the request to do so must come after 24 hours of the final tryout for the age group. The objective of such requests should be to obtain feedback regarding on-ice performance for the purpose of facilitating player improvement.*

#### *5.6 Offers of Positions*

- a) Players will be offered positions on their respective team via an OMHA Letter of Commitment.*
- b) Players that are offered a position on a Bombers team are required to sign an OMHA Letter of Commitment within 14 days of the commencement of tryouts. If the Letter of Commitment is not signed, the head coach, at his/her discretion, may release the player from the team and offer the position to another player previously released.*
- c) If a player is offered a position with their chosen team and refuses that position, the player is released directly to House League in their respective association and is not eligible to tryout for any other Bombers team at his/her age level.*

#### *5.7 Coach Selection*

- a) Submission of Head coaching applications will begin in early February, applications will be available on the Bombers website and must be received by the applicable deadline posted each year. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted unless there is a vacant coaching position available after the deadline has passed.*
- b) A short list of coaching applications will be selected by the Bombers Sub-Committee and applicants will be interviewed by an independent coach selection panel who will provide a ranking to the Bombers Sub-Committee of recommended coaches for each position available. The Bombers Sub-Committee will make the approve coaches and each respective association will pass the coach recommendations through their respective boards.*
- c) The Head coach shall submit his/her bench staff (assistant coaches, trainer and manager) to the Bombers Sub-Committee for approval only after their team's final roster has been determined. Once approved then the coach can name their bench staff.*

#### *5.8 Penalties/Suspensions*

*Bombers operate under all OMHA penalty guidelines.*

*Any player, coach or team official who receives a penalty with a subsequent suspension, may not play for any other team until the suspension has been served with the team in which the penalty was received.*

## **Section Six**

### *Conduct and Discipline*

- 6.1 *The Bombers sanctions the OMHA Code of Conduct and the City of Hamilton Zero-Tolerance policy and this policy supersedes all other codes of conducts listed in the Bombers Manual of Operations*
- 6.2 *Under no circumstances does the League permit the presence or consumption of alcoholic beverages or the presence of unprescribed drugs at any game, practice or any other Bomber function or where prohibited by law.*
- 6.3 *All Public Buildings in the City of Hamilton are smoke free properties. There is to be no smoking on any player's bench or in the dressing rooms.*
- 6.4 *Bombers reserve the right to discipline and/or suspend players, coaches, trainers and parents whose behavior /actions may cause harm to other members. Suspensions may be additional to the OMHA guidelines.*

#### *6.5 Complaint Procedure*

- a) *Grievance Committee: A Grievance Committee is formed to hear the complaints of parents and coaches alike. This committee shall deal with uncomfortable situations that occasionally arise between parents and coaches. In order to be as direct as possible, it is important that the system is used correctly. Anyone wishing to register a grievance should address their complaint to the Grievance Committee using the form available in Appendix A and email it to their respective Vice Presidents of either AMHL or GMHA. By submitting the complaint in writing to their Vice President (Chair of the Grievance Committee) a Grievance Committee meeting will be held to look into the grievance. The Committee could consist of the Past President, President, convener(s) or delegate of the Rep or House league Faction or any other Director for the AMHL or GMHA.*

#### *6.6 Disciplinary Committee*

- a) *The Disciplinary Committee will be formed to address situations of alleged non-compliance with the rules and regulations governing the AMHL and GMHA, including Hockey Canada, Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), OMHA, and rules of other governing bodies. A Discipline Committee will also be formed to deal with unacceptable actions by a Bombers player, coach, parent and/or guardian, Member or referee.*
- b) *The Disciplinary Committee shall:*
  - i) *Consist of a minimum of three (3) members: the President, who shall serve as chair, and include as members the Vice-President (or his delegate), the appropriate program Director and any other Bombers representative. In the event of a conflict or other circumstances, The Chair of this Committee shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors.*
  - ii) *in an appropriate and timely matter, interview those involved in an alleged incident and any person(s) who have pertinent information;*
  - iii) *report back to the Executive Committee with recommendations for actions to resolve the issues and penalties to be levied;*
  - iv) *ensure that any and all appeals to the decisions of the Disciplinary Committee are made to the full Board.*
  - v) *Penalties imposed by the Discipline Committee shall be in addition to penalties prescribed in either the playing rules of the Bombers, OMHA or the Ontario Hockey Federation.*
  - vi) *The Disciplinary Committee will receive any reports generated by the Grievance Committee that the Board deems necessary.*



## **Section Seven**

### *Responsibilities*

#### *7.1 Team Official Responsibilities*

- a) *All Head Coaches, Assistance Coaches, Trainers and Managers must have Police Checks, Speak Out, Respect in Sport and Gender Identity Training.*
- b) *Coaches, Trainers and Managers shall adhere to the OMHA Code of Conduct with Zero Tolerance for noncompliance.*

## **Section Eight**

### *On-Ice Officials*

- 8.1 *Officials for the Bombers games will be coordinated by the Referee-in-Chief.*
- 8.2 *No official can be involved in a Bombers game unless he/she is carded through the OMHA.*
- 8.3 *Officials are remunerated according to current OMHA and Bombers guidelines.*

## **Section Nine**

### *Fundraising*

- 10.1 *All money raised must be for the betterment and development of the players. All fundraising activities are optional and are not to be considered mandatory for any team or player.*

## **Section Ten**

### *Sponsorship*

- 11.1 *No Breweries, Distilleries, Wineries or Tobacco Companies will be permitted to sponsor any team in the League. Any fundraising activities that involve the selling or consumption of alcohol must be pre-approved by the league. Any fundraising activities such as 50/50 draws, hockey pools and gambling activities must be operated in such a way that specific rules be provided to all participants. It is also recommended that the winner of the fundraising activity is posted in the Bomber website.*
- 11.2 *All approved sponsorships shall be for one (1) year duration.*
- 11.3 *All Team Wear and equipment etc. shall be of a type and standard approved by the League. All Team Wear is to be acquired from the supplier approved by the League.*
- 11.4 *Only one sponsor name is permitted to be displayed on Rep team sweaters. This does not preclude a team from obtaining multiple sponsors.*
- 11.5 *Sponsorships will be granted under the stipulation that it is solely a financial sponsorship and does not imply or afford the sponsor further involvement with the team.*
- 11.6 *All Representative and Select team sponsors must be identified and all monies accounted for with the Team Operating Budget (TOB) submitted to the Bombers Sub-Committee. All*

*sponsorships received must be input into the TOB to ensure transparency of the sponsorship. The Team Treasurer or Manager shall keep track of, and deposit cheques. Logos from sponsors or sponsorship recognition may be displayed within each team's website within the Bombers website. It is the team's manager, treasurer or fundraising/sponsorship representative's responsibility to deliver the sponsorship benefits that were promised to the sponsors (i.e. sponsor bars, sponsor plaques, sponsor banners, etc.) in calibration with the association.*

- 11.7 Bombers teams are permitted to seek out sponsorship opportunities for their team with all funds going to support hockey related team activities such as player development, tournament fees, additional ice time and team items (ie. Team Pants, Team Bags etc.). Proceeds generated from sponsorship are not intended to and will not be permitted to pay individual rep fees or a player's financial commitment to participate on the team and 100% of the funds raised through sponsorship are to be applied as revenue to the team budget and distributed evenly to offset team expenses.*
- 11.8 All payments (cheques) for sponsorship should be made payable to the account designated by the individual Bombers team.*

**COMPLAINT FORM**

**IMPORTANT!** Please print neatly

Submit appeal forms with payment attached to either:

1. By Mail to: Glancaster Bombers, Attention: Vice President (AMHL or GMHA),  
P.O. Box 10003, 27 Legend Court, Ancaster, Ontario L9K 1P2, or

2. In person delivery to: Glancaster Bombers, Attention: Vice President (AMHL  
or GMHA) Deposit in AMHL Mail Box, Morgan Firestone Arena, Jerseyville  
Road, Ancaster, Ontario

Complainant Surname (Player): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_(Day/Month/Year)

Complainant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division (i.e., Atom) if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Address; (Incl. #, street name, Lot & Con.): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Complaint filed by: (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Tel. (Residential): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Business): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Complaint submitted to be heard and Applicable fee payable on filing complaint (circle one):

**Written complaint \$25.00\*    In Person complaint \$50.00\***

\*The Glancaster Bombers may in its discretion waive the related fee.

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Appellant First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division (i.e., Atom) if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (Incl. #, street name, Lot & Con.): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Appeal filed by: (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information: Tel. (Residential): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Business): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Item of Appeal (Brief description and basis of Appeal, and relief requested): \_\_\_\_\_

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