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Message from the Chair of the Risk and Safety Committee

What would hockey be without our volunteers?


The role of a volunteer is so vital to any organization, yet quite often so overlooked. Hockey Canada's programs wouldn't survive without our volunteer base. These are the people whose worth is truly immeasurable, for they are the backbone of grassroots hockey across our country. They are our coaches, assistant coaches, initiation program instructors, trainers and safety people, managers, administrators, officials and the many other helpers who deliver our programs to the over half a million players throughout Canada.

These individuals give so willingly to our game and sacrifice so much of themselves to do it. They spend countless hours at the arena providing instruction, support and encouragement. They work behind the scenes preparing for everything from practices, to road trips, to year-end banquets. They encourage our players by helping them to identify, achieve and celebrate milestones. They model and instill in our players life skills including respect, integrity and sportsmanship, all of which benefit our young athletes in other parts of their lives.

Our volunteers understand that the development of a hockey player is a long-term progressive process that takes dedication, patience, commitment and practice. They focus on the player's journey through development, and not always on the end result — the scoreboards of life. They understand that children and youth play hockey for many reasons and benefit so much from positive sporting experiences. They understand that winning is great, but that losing is important too.

I wonder how often they are recognized for their efforts. Did someone actually thank them? These people don't often get a pat on the back for a job well done. They don't often get awards or plaques they can put on their "ego walls" to tell them they're doing good work. Instead, their reward is in knowing they're making a difference — that they are influencing the young lives of so many and will be remembered for doing so, far beyond this season.

So, to all of our wonderful and selfless volunteers...
THANK YOU!

Thank you for providing our young athletes with such rewarding experiences, ones that build the foundations for lifelong memories, relationships and attitudes. Thank you for providing them with the tools of life and the knowledge to use them. Thank you for being a volunteer. 

Brent Dick

Chair, Hockey Canada Risk and Safety Management Committee

Dr. Karen Johnston wins the 2005 Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award

"The Pashby Award is the Stanley Cup of sports medicine." - Dr. Karen Johnston



Dr. Karen Johnston

Dr. Karen Johnston, a neurosurgeon and the director of the Concussion Program at the McGill Sport Medicine Clinic in Montreal, was named the 2005 winner of the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award.

Dr. Johnston is also Director of Neurotrauma at

the McGill University Health Centre and a principal investigator in the McGill Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education. She is heavily involved in many concussion research projects.

Her expertise is recognized internationally in the field of athletic concussions. She is currently working with the ThinkFirst Foundation to facilitate and enhance the education and awareness of health-care practitioners and the general public about concussion diagnosis, treatment and management. This includes a public education road show travelling across Canada as mentioned in a Time magazine story on Dr. Johnston in May 2005.


Dr. Johnston was the unanimous selection of the Pashby Award Committee and Advisory Committee composed of Thérèse Brisson, Murray Costello, Ken Dryden, Richard Garneau, Russ Jackson, Kerrin Lee-Gartner and Brian Williams.

More about the Pashby Sports Safety Award

The Pashby Sports Safety Award recognizes the outstanding contributions towards the prevention of catastrophic injuries in sport and recreational activities. The award can be won by researchers, equipment or facility designers, doctors, trainers, educators, entrepreneurs, rule makers, organizers, innovative athletes, coaches, referees, parents, or simply any concerned Canadian citizen. Even writers or broadcasters, who have significantly raised awareness of catastrophic risks thereby contributing to the prevention of these devastating injuries, are potentially eligible to receive this award.

The Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund in presenting this award is pleased to have the support of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. The Pashby Safety Award trophy and its winners will become part of a new sport safety display being designed for Canada's Sports Hall of Fame with input from some of Canada's greatest sport heroes.

Along with a replica trophy, the winner receives a \$10,000 prize. The actual Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Award will be housed in Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

Nominations for the 2006 Award are now being accepted. Please visit the Pashby Fund website at www.drpushby.ca for more information. 

EQUIPMENT: **HELPFUL HINTS**

- Occasionally check the inside padding of the helmet by pressing the thumb into the padding. If the padding retains its original shape, the helmet maintains its protective quality. If the padding breaks or cracks, then it is time to replace the helmet.
- Occasionally check the front visor screws to ensure they have not rusted in place.

The Puck Stops Here

New standard designed to reduce risk of injury to spectators at indoor arenas across Canada

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Canada's leading developer of standards and codes, has published a new voluntary standard to reduce the risk to spectators and non-participants of injuries at indoor sporting events caused by objects such as pucks or balls leaving the playing area.

Officially titled CAN/CSA-Z262.7, Guidelines for Spectator Safety in Indoor Arenas, the new standard provides guidance to owners and operators, architects, planners, engineers, construction companies, construction contractors and appropriate inspectors in the design, construction, and operation of indoor arenas with respect to indoor safety.

"CSA is well known and respected for developing a number of standards designed to protect hockey players. These standards have contributed significantly to the reduction of head, face and eye injuries," said Pat Keindel, President, Canadian Standards Association. "However, with the rapidly evolving speed and intensity of today's sporting events, there has been an increasing risk of serious injury or even death for spectators.

"This new standard was supported by the Canada Safety Council, endorsed by the Canadian Recreation Facilities Council, and is designed to help prevent injuries at indoor arenas so that spectators can enjoy Canada's national pastime and other indoor sporting events," Keindel said.

The standard was developed by the CSA Technical Committee on Equipment and Facilities for Ice Hockey Players, which includes stakeholders such as Health Canada, the National Hockey League, Hockey Canada, the National Hockey League Players' Association, Ringette Canada, manufacturers, municipalities and medical professionals. The Canada Safety Council initiated and provided funding to develop the standard.

"We have horror stories about flying pucks hitting spectators in arenas," said Emile Therien, President, Canada Safety Council. "Millions of Canadians visit these facilities on a regular basis, especially during the hockey season. Deaths are rare, but injuries are all too common, including lost eyes and even fractured skulls."

According to Therien, the lack of a national standard has made it hard for those in charge of arenas to know how best to protect spectators. The Canada Safety Council took action on its longstanding concern by providing seed funding for CSA to develop a voluntary standard, the first of its kind in the world. Therien hopes other countries will follow Canada's lead when planning safety features in their arenas.

"There are more than 2,501 community arenas in Canada, and many of them date back at least 30 years," said Randy Kinnee, Chair, Canadian Recreation Facilities Council (CRFC) and Manager of Operations, Parks and Recreation, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

"Many of these facilities are due for renovations, and this new standard will serve as an excellent resource for owners and operators committed to incorporating new measures to protect fans, vendors and others in the stands," Kinnee said. "CRFC fully endorsed the development of this standard and recommends it be used at indoor arenas across Canada when renovations, upgrades or new construction is being planned."

The standard also outlines requirements to consider when an object can travel in a direct line from the playing surface to an area where spectators and non-participants are located. Other requirements outlined in the standard include highly visible warnings on signs throughout the premises, printed warnings on event tickets and game-time broadcast announcements warning of potential dangers and advising spectators that they need to pay attention to objects leaving the playing area during games.

For more information, please visit the CRFC website at www.crfc.ca. 

Hockey Canada Contributes to Tsunami Relief at the 2005 Canadian Hockey Foundation Celebrity Classic

Canada's 2005 World Junior Champions were reunited in Toronto on July 11 and 12, 2005, in recognition of their spectacular gold medal winning performance. The event presented a one-of-a-kind opportunity for caring Canadians to come together and help raise money that will be used to help build an endowment program that will benefit Canada's game for generations to come. Also at the event, Hockey Canada made a substantial donation to help tsunami survivors.

Over 550 supporters were on hand at the fundraising gala to participate in the evening's festivities, highlighted by the presentation of championship rings to Canada's 2005 World Junior Championship team. The rings were presented to the players by a special group of young people acting as representatives of their local hockey community.

The following day, celebrity players joined sponsors for a wonderful golf outing. Tournament participants had the opportunity to play a fun, fast-paced round of golf with their team, captained by one of Hockey Canada's celebrity players.

As part of the World Junior Championship festivities held in Grand Forks, North Dakota from December 25, 2004, to January 4, 2005, a set of game-worn jerseys were auctioned off on eBay to help raise money for the Canadian Hockey Foundation. After the devastating news that a tsunami had hit Southeast Asia on December 26, Hockey Canada decided to donate one half of the proceeds from the jersey auction to the Canadian Red Cross in aid of tsunami relief.

On the evening of July 11 at the gala fundraiser in Toronto, Hockey Canada, on behalf of the 2005 World Junior Champions, presented a cheque for \$71,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for tsunami relief.


Presentation of the cheque to the Red Cross



Bob Nicholson (President, Hockey Canada),
René Marcil (Chairman of the Board, Hockey Canada),
Gord Moore (Canadian Red Cross),
and Mike Richards (Team Captain of 2005 World Jr. Champions)

Each year, the Canadian Hockey Foundation provides funding for both current and next generation initiatives that:

- Make children's first contact with hockey a safe, positive experience.
- Develop fundamental skills while introducing the principles of respect, fitness and teamwork.
- Provide qualified community-based coaching resources for all levels and streams of hockey.
- Provide officiating to ensure fair application of the rules of the game and the safety of all participants.
- Prepare players for higher stages of competition at the domestic and international level.
- Support the continued growth of female hockey, the fastest growing segment of the Canadian game.
- Educate players and parents about the core values of respect, responsibility, and pure enjoyment of our game.

If you would like more information on the Canadian Hockey Foundation, visit www.hockeycanada.ca or contact Noel Fader at nfader@hockeycanada.ca . 

RBC Insurance, Hockey Canada & Hockey Hall of Fame Launch Search for Canada's Most Dedicated Hockey Volunteers

RBC Insurance, Hockey Canada and the Hockey Hall of Fame are recognizing outstanding community leaders from across the country who dedicate their time to supporting grassroots hockey as part of the second annual RBC Local Hockey Leaders program.

The winners (one from each of Hockey Canada's 13 branches) will be chosen from submissions received in a cross-country search. RBC Insurance will donate \$10,000 to local minor hockey in each regional winner's name, plus each will be recognized in the Hockey Hall of Fame and receive a signed Team Canada jersey.

Last fall and winter more than 3,000 Local Hockey Leaders were nominated and recognized through the program.


RBC Insurance initiated the RBC Local Hockey Leaders Program in 2003-2004 to recognize behind-the-scenes individuals who dedicate their time to hockey at the community level. To date, the program has donated more than \$200,000 to grassroots hockey initiatives across Canada.

A panel of hockey experts including Hockey Hall of Fame Director of Public Affairs Ron Ellis, Hockey Canada officials and Team Canada players select the winners based on guidelines that include dedication, leadership, commitment and impact on hockey and hockey players in their community.

The deadline for submissions is midnight on January 31st, 2006.

"RBC Insurance is investing in Canadian communities through the RBC Local Hockey Leaders

program, and we are proud to be a part of this effort," said Bob Nicholson, President, Hockey Canada. "In a year that has had its share of negative hockey stories, the RBC Local Hockey Leaders program aims to highlight the true behind-the-scenes individuals who put their time and effort into making hockey fun and accessible for Canadian kids."

To find out more information on the RBC Local Hockey Leaders please visit their website at www.rbcinsurance.com 

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The 2005 Local Hockey Leaders



GTHL Announces New Program for Monitoring Conduct

Process allows league to monitor and assess conduct of players, team officials and spectators.

The Greater Toronto Hockey League (GTHL) has launched a two-year partnership with Justplay Sport Services Inc. that is designed to help monitor the behaviour and conduct of spectators, team officials and players in the league.

Justplay is a tool used by sport associations to identify sources and other variables that contribute to incidents of violence, harassment and abuse within their organizations. Justplay uses the sport official to quantify the behaviour of sport participant groups — spectators, players and coaches. It can, therefore, measure the effectiveness of programs implemented to modify or improve behavior. Perhaps most importantly, Justplay can identify potentially high-risk situations.

The Justplay program identifies the specific sources of problem behaviour, allowing the GTHL Executive to respond quickly. The Justplay program also identifies poor referee satisfaction ratings, again allowing the GTHL to respond proactively to retain their officials. The program will help the league assign officials to appropriate levels and situations.

Justplay is very proud to be working with the GTHL, which has taken a leadership position in the development of minor hockey. The league's participation with the Justplay program reflects its desire to do something positive to reduce the effects of problem behaviour in minor hockey.

"The GTHL has just raised the bar, and this can only be a good thing for the sport of hockey," said Elaine Raakman, President and Founder of Justplay Sport Services Inc.

At the end of each GTHL league and playoff game, each on-ice official will rate the conduct and behaviour of players, spectators and team officials on a scale of one through five. The ratings are compiled into reports, which will provide valuable information to assist in developing codes of behaviour and sanctions that promote an environment of accountability for coaches, players and spectators. Useful information can also be obtained by comparing the reports filed by different officials.

"The implementation of this program is extremely valuable to both the GTHL and our clubs," said GTHL President John Gardner. "It will allow us to take a proactive approach to identifying problem areas quickly and work with those clubs in addressing the problems directly."

Information on the Justplay program can be found at www.wejustplay.com. 

FAIR PLAY CODES – OFFICIALS

- I will make sure that every player has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his or her ability, within the limits of the rules.
- I will avoid or put an end to any situation that threatens the safety of the players.
- I will maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition.
- I will not permit the intimidation of any player either by word or by action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, players or spectators.
- I will be consistent and objective in calling all infractions, regardless of my personal feelings towards a team or individual player.
- I will handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity.
- I accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play, especially with young participants.
- I will be open to discussion and contact with the players before and after the game.
- I will remain open to constructive criticism and show respect and consideration for different points of view.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my officiating skills.
- I will work in cooperation with coaches for the benefit of the game.




McDonald's Canada Launches a One STOP Website for Minor Hockey Safety News

New website will provide players and parents with access to up-to-date safety and news information.

Furthering its commitment to educating kids and parents about minor hockey safety and sportsmanship, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited has launched a new website called Safety Towards Other Players (STOP) at www.safetytowardsotherplayers.com.

Designed by Cyberteks Design, this website provides up-to-date minor hockey news, safety tips, polls, contests, links to minor hockey governing bodies, and information on where to obtain materials for the STOP program, sponsored by McDonald's Canada.

"As part of our sponsorship, we want to ensure that the valuable information we provide through the STOP program is easily available and accessible to the players and parents," said Barry Desclouds, Ontario Regional Vice-President, McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited. "This website will provide another forum where parents and players can go and learn about the latest minor hockey news and the STOP program."

McDonald's Canada began supporting the STOP program in 2002 with the goal of teaching proper values, such as sportsmanship, to young hockey players across Ontario. The launch of this new website is the next step in ensuring kids and parents have easy access to the information they need about Safety Towards Other Players. 

Hockey Canada Insurance Program


Are you covered?

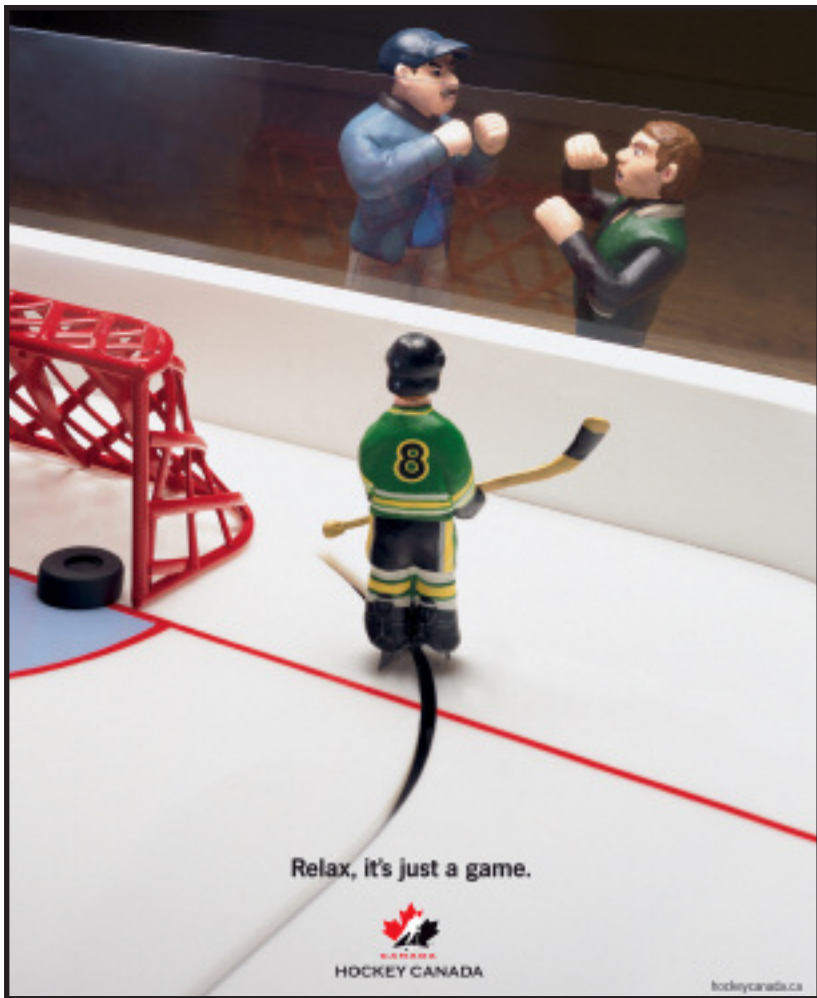
Hockey Canada and each of the Branches of which Hockey Canada is comprised is specifically named as an insured, and all sub-associations, leagues and teams which form a part of Hockey Canada. It includes any officer, director, employee, coach, volunteer worker, instructor, referee or member of a Committee **while acting within the scope of his or her duties**. It includes members of any teams, leagues, Branch teams, division teams, national teams or international teams provided all are registered with or affiliated with Hockey Canada. It includes any sponsor of any team or Hockey Canada, but only with respect to his, her or their liability as such; and it includes any owner of any insured team.

Note: A volunteer is a non-paid person donating his or her time and who is assigned specific duties and **for whom a premium has been paid**.

When are you covered?

1. Hockey Canada/Branch sanctioned events (league games, tournaments, practices, training camps, sanctioned fundraisers) when playing member teams only!
2. Transportation directly to and from the arena or venue.
3. Accommodations while billeted or at a hotel during a Hockey Canada/Branch sanctioned hockey activity.

For more information on the Hockey Canada Insurance program please visit our website at: www.hockeycanada.ca 



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