**OBHA OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

The Ontario Ball Hockey Association Officials Code of Conduct and Ethics provides guidance to registered officials in Ontario. All Member Leagues and participants should expect from all OBHA Officials the highest possible standards of personal integrity, competence, sound judgment and discretion at all times.

The OBHA Code of Conduct and Ethics was developed by the OBHA Technical Committee, and is a public declaration of an official’s obligation to himself, his peers and the game itself.

I will..........

• Do my best each game, no matter what the category of hockey. – Always showing respect for my fellow officials, the players, coaches and fans.

* I will continue to improve my knowledge of the OBHA playing rules, policies and procedures by studying the OBHA Casebook/Rulebook and the OBHA Referees Manual.

• Represent myself and the rules of the game fairly and as accurately as possible at all

times.

• Represent myself as professionally as possible in appearance and physical conditioning to

suit the level of ball hockey that I am Officiating.

• Always be unquestionably impartial, keeping a professional and appropriate distance from

teams.

• Understand that the use of alcohol is not encouraged and is totally unacceptable on game days. The use of drugs is against the law.

• Uphold the philosophy and right of all hockey participants to “Fair Play” and penalize accordingly all violent acts.

• Raise the standard of play in each game that I officiate.

• Be supportive of my fellow on-floor and off floor officials at all times, even when I am a spectator, player or coach.

• Accept the fact that I will make mistakes, but I will not get frustrated or let this learning process affect my performance or my professionalism.

• Respect and accept constructive feedback from supervisors and the assignments I receive from my administrators.

* While in uniform to officiate a ball hockey game, always give my full attention to the game at hand and not be distracted by carrying cell phones or other electronic devices which may interfere with my ability to properly officiate the game due to distractions such as texting or verbally communicating on a phone while the game is in progress.

By registering with your Provincial Branch in the OBHA OFFICIATING PROGRAM implies that you understand and will comply with the Code of Conduct and Ethics. Officials not complying with the OBHA Code of Conduct and Ethics may be subject to disciplinary action.

**I have read and understand the above OBHA Officials Code of Conduct and Ethics and agree to abide by the standards listed.**