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To the Members of Port Stanley Minor Hockey

The spring weather is finally starting to co-operate and summer will soon be upon us, but it is time to start thinking about hockey season again. Registration is now open on-line at www.psmha.com and click [Online Registration](#) then **2011-2012 REGISTRATION** to get started.

Many of you may have heard in the media that the OHF has passed a motion to remove body checking from all divisions of recreational hockey on Ontario. I have had many phone calls/emails and questions about this move and how it affects our teams. In short, it DOES NOT affect us at all.

This ruling was made to remove body contact from House League and House League Select play only. It does not affect Local League play. This applies to centers with "in house leagues" only, and in reality most of the "in-house leagues" already had bans on body checking in place. The ruling has no effect on Local Leagues or Rep Leagues.

OMHA recently released a second memo on this clarifying that this will not affect Local League play. Body checking at the Pee wee division and above is still allowed.

This coming season we will be changing our Peanut and Tyke divisions to Junior I/P and Senior I/P respectively. This means we will be adopting the Hockey Canada Initiation Program (I/P) and following Hockey Canada guidelines on skill and player development. The Tykes will no longer play games in the first half of the season but will work on development, and then we will organize some games with other centers after the New Year. This is a proven long term development model and will prepare our younger players for competitive play in the future. Any players who may be ready for a full schedule of games are encouraged to move up to Novice Local to play while still participating in the skills development.

I look forward to another year of team success and development in Port Stanley. Remember; Register Today!

Sincerely, Matt Moyes

President
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