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To: Minor Hockey Associations

From: Andrew Corradini

Re: Grassroots Festival Proposal – 2018-19 Season

Over the last several seasons, the Northern Ontario Hockey Association has hosted a series of Grassroots Festivals in communities across the North. The NOHA is currently looking for Minor Hockey Associations that are interested in hosting a Grassroots Festival in the 2018-19 season.

What is a Grassroots Festival?

NOHA Grassroots Festivals are structured as a one-day event aimed at Initiation and Novice-aged players (Atom and Pee wee players can be included in the day if need be). Players attend two on-ice sessions taught by an NOHA Trained Instructor that emphasize the principles of the Initiation/Novice Programs, including fun, team work, and skill development. Players also attend either one or two off-ice sessions consisting of fun games, stretching, or off-ice stickhandling. Participating players will receive a gift from the NOHA and be provided with lunch.

As part of the NOHA Grassroots Festival, your Minor Hockey Association's coaches will be able to attend a Free Hockey Canada Instructional Stream Clinic, led by an NOHA Learning Facilitator. Lastly, your area's officials will be able to attend a development seminar to improve their skills.

Minor Hockey Association Responsibilities

The event would be at no-cost to your Association but we would require your assistance in providing ice time, volunteers, and a hall for off-ice activities. I have included an outline of the ideal amount of volunteers required to run a Grassroots Festival (please note that this is an ideal scenario, Grassroots Festivals can be run with less volunteers than what is outlined in this document). In addition, I have included an agenda from one of this season's events to help you understand the ice time requirements. Please note that the agenda can be adjusted based on the Association's ice or hall/boardroom availability.

If your Minor Hockey Association would like to host an NOHA Grassroots Festival in the 2018-2019 Season, please fill out the survey [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the Grassroots Festival, please contact me at either acorradini@noha.on.ca or (705) 474-8851.

Yours truly,

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Players Program

These skills sessions focus on the principles of the Initiation Program, including fun, team work, and technical skill development (skating, shooting, passing, puck control, and checking).

Sample Agenda – Grassroots Festivals

Saturday or Sunday (times can be altered to fit the MHA's ice allotment)

9:30 AM to 10:00 AM	Player and Parent Registration – All	Lobby
10:00 AM to 10:45 AM	Off-Ice Activities – Group #1	Hall #1
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Ice Session – Group #2	Arena Ice
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Ice Session – Group #1	Arena Ice
11:15 AM to 12:00 PM	Off-Ice Activities – Group #2	Hall #1
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	Lunch – Group #2	Hall #1
12:15 PM to 12:45 PM	Lunch – Group #1	Hall #1
12:30 PM to 1:30 PM	Ice Session – Group #2	Arena Ice
12:45 PM to 1:15 PM	Off-Ice Activities – Group #1	Hall #1
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM	Ice-Session – Group #2	Arena Ice

Coaches Program

Sample Agenda – Hockey Canada Specialty Clinic or Instructional Stream Clinic

Friday or Saturday (times can be altered to fit the MHA's ice allotment)

6:00 PM to 6:15 PM	Registration	Hall #1
6:15 PM to 8:00 PM	Specialty Clinic – Class Session	Hall #1
8:00 PM to 9:30 PM	Specialty Clinic – On-Ice	Arena Ice

Officials Program

Sample Agenda – Officials Clinic

Saturday or Sunday (times can be altered to fit the MHA's ice allotment)

9:45 AM to 10:00 AM	Registration	Hall #3
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Communication	Hall #3
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Game Management	Hall #3
12:00 PM to 12:30 PM	Ice Session	Arena Ice
1:00 PM to 1:45 PM	Lunch	Hall #3
1:45 PM to 2:30 PM	Puck Retrieval and Face-Offs	Hall #3
2:30 PM to 3:00 PM	Linesman Procedures	Hall #3
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Rules Session	Hall #3

Please Note: Participants will need to bring their Officiating equipment, rulebook/casebook, a note pad and a pen.



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Ideal Number of Volunteers Required

Players Program: 10 volunteers total

- Five coaches for each on-ice session.
- Two volunteers to help with registration and handout lunch.
- Three coaches or volunteers to run/assist with off-ice games.

Coaches Program: 1 volunteer total

- One volunteer to help with classroom setup and registration

Officials Program: 1 volunteers total

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**Please note that these are ideal circumstances. Grassroots Festival can be run with a minimum of 7 volunteers.*