

Ontario ParaSport Winter Games (OPWG)



The Ontario Sledge Hockey Association (OSHA) has worked very hard over the 3 years to develop and maintain programs for sledge hockey players to participate. Previous to the development of the OSHA leagues the players were limited to participation in many practices a few exhibition games and the occasional tournament with their local teams.

These programs are highlighted by both Junior and Intermediate Leagues, the bi-annual Ontario ParaSport Winter games (OPWG) and Sledge Team Ontario (STO) programs. OSHA worked with ParaSport Ontario to conduct the sledge competition at the OPWG for both the 2006 games in Huntsville and the 2008 games in Collingwood. In order for players, coaches, trainers and managers to participate in these OSHA programs, they must be registered as members of the Ontario Sledge Hockey Association. OSHA league players and management (coaches, trainers, and managers) pay annual OSHA registration fees of \$25 and \$15 respectively when they register with their local club teams.

OSHA has created an '**Individual Membership**' for management and players in Ontario that do not belong to OSHA club teams. This membership enables these players and management to participate in the OSHA elite programs such as the OPWG and Sledge Team Ontario.

We are sending this notice to you and are expecting, in the best interests of all players and management, they get a copy of the attached Individual Membership form.

Players and management must be aware of the conditions attached to the individual membership. Specifically:

- 1) Individual Membership fee (\$25/player, \$15/management) is non-refundable
- 2) Players and management on Individual Memberships are not eligible to participate in OSHA Junior or Intermediate Leagues
- 3) Players must meet the eligibility requirements as identified by ParaSport Ontario for the OPWG including attending the Talent Identification Camp and a minimum of 50% of the Exhibition games.
- 4) Completed forms must be submitted to the OSHA ParaSport Committee no later than September 30th of each season.
- 5) Individual Memberships are only for players and management who reside in Ontario outside of regions currently serviced by an OSHA member clubs.

We are excited about the possibility of getting all the best players together to compete in these OSHA programs. Given the success and excitement from both the Huntsville (2006) and Collingwood (2008) games we expect the 20120 OPWG in Kingston to be even better!!!

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