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ROWAN'S LAW/CONCUSSION CODE OF CONDUCT AND CONCUSSION AWARENESS RESOURCE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

As of July 1, 2019, every sport organization in Ontario must adhere to the Government of Ontario's enactment of *Rowan's Law* (Concussion Safety).

If you are an Ontario Ball Hockey Association (OBHA) athlete under 26 years of age, the parent of an athlete under 18, a coach, a team trainer or a game official, you need to follow the rules of Rowan's Law, which include:

1. Review the Ontario's official Concussion Awareness Resources before registering or serving with the OBHA. Concussion Awareness Resources can be found at this website: www.Ontario.ca/concussions
 - [10 and Under Concussion Awareness Resource](#)
 - [11-14 Concussion Awareness Resource](#)
 - [15 and Over Concussion Awareness Resource](#)
2. Review the OBHA's Concussion Code of Conduct that is provided to you found on the OBHA website at www.ontarioballhockey.ca under the Rowan's Law Tab.
3. Confirm that you have reviewed both of these resources every year with the OBHA.

Acknowledgement of Review

By signing this form, I confirm that I have reviewed the applicable Concussion Awareness Resource at www.ontario.ca/concussions and that I have fully reviewed and commit to the Ontario Ball Hockey Association's applicable Concussion Code of Conduct.

Name of the Participant: _____ Date of Birth Of Participant: DD/MM/YYYY
_____/____/____

For participants under 18 years of age,

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of the Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of the Participant if over the age of 18: _____

Disclaimer: In order to register/participate in the Ontario Ball Hockey Association this signed form must be submitted to the Ball Hockey Association that you are registered with.

INTRODUCTION TO THE OBHA CONCUSSION POLICY & ROWAN'S LAW

Rowan's Law (Concussion Safety), makes Ontario a national leader in concussion management and prevention by establishing mandatory requirements that call for:

- Annual review of concussion awareness resources that help prevent, identify and manage concussions, which athletes, coaches, educators and parents would be required to review before registering in a sport.
- Removal-from-sport and return-to-sport protocols, to ensure that an athlete is immediately removed from sport if they are suspected of having sustained a concussion and giving them the time required to heal properly
- A concussion code of conduct that would set out rules of behaviour to minimize concussions while playing sport.

In honour of Rowan Stringer, the 17-year-old rugby player whose death resulted from sustaining multiple concussions, the legislation establishes the last Wednesday in September as "Rowan's Law Day".

Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to pass concussion safety legislation, setting a precedent for sport legislation across the country. The Ontario government worked closely with key medical experts, athletes, coaches and sport leaders – most notably the members of the Rowan's Law Advisory Committee – in establishing this first-of-its-kind legislation.

Starting this season, participants will be required to review the issued Concussion Awareness Resources, sign the [acknowledgment form](#) and submit it to their respective local ball hockey organization.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRANTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- All Registrants registering July 1, 2019 or after must complete the review of information and acknowledgement prior to participation in the first game.
- All Team Officials registering July 1, 2019 or after must complete the review of information and acknowledgement prior to the start of the season.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPORT ORGANIZATIONS

1. ensure that athletes under 26 years of age, parents of athletes under 18, coaches, team trainers and officials confirm every year that they have reviewed Ontario's Concussion Awareness Resources
2. establish a Concussion Code of Conduct that sets out rules of behaviour to support concussion prevention
3. establish a Removal-from-Sport and Return-to-Sport protocol

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