

# HOCKEY EASTERN ONTARIO

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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: July 22, 2025  
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Hockey Eastern Ontario (HEO) held their Annual General Meeting on July 21, 2025

Some highlights include:

### **HEO Board of Directors Election**

Congratulations to the following individuals who have been elected to the to the HEO Board of Directors for a two-year term:

**HEO Director:** Mario Paquette  
**HEO Director:** Brian Flynn  
**HEO Director:** Chris Benson

These individuals will join the existing HEO Board of Directors:

HEO President: Craig Halpenny  
HEO Director: Andrew Creese  
HEO Director: Fabio Onesì

HEO and its members thank Sylvette Brousseau, and Del Brown HEO Directors for their service and contributions to amateur hockey across the Branch.

Other key AGM highlights included the following:

- HEO Members received the 2024-25 HEO financial and audit statements from KPMG.
- HEO's Members received a report from HEO President, Craig Halpenny on behalf of the Board outlining progress made in 2024-25 on a variety of policy, program and governance initiatives for the benefit of members. Some examples include:
  - Ontario Junior Hockey Summit with an overall goal to create a new development model for Junior Hockey in Ontario.
  - HEO participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hockey Canada Beyond the Boards Summit, which was hosted to address critical issues in hockey culture, focusing on inclusivity, safety and meaningful change. The summit spotlighted sexism, gender-based violence, homophobia and transphobia.
  - HEO teamed up with Hockey Quebec to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cross Border Challenge, spotlighting U14-U16 AAA Program of Excellence players.
  - This past year there has been more collaboration with the OHF and HNO in such things as the Ontario Screening Policy.

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- HEO partnered with Hockey Quebec to host the Cross Border Challenge for U14-U16 AAA program of excellence players. The event was a success, and we look to build on the experience for HEO players in the coming years.
- HEO was fortunate to have 29,258 total participants registered in 2024-25 of which were players, coaches/bench staff and officials.
- HEO was part of the hosting and steering committee for the World Juniors in which we were excited to have participants take part in goalie skills clinics, skills events at TD place, Arnprior and Brockville, a try hockey event, and Coaching clinic hosted by Hockey Canada which included World Junior staff.
- HEO families received \$70,409.96 from the Hockey Canada Assist Program in 2024-25.
- HEO organizations ran 5 NHL First Shift programs involving 200 participants.
- 13 HEO bursaries were awarded to deserving HEO participant/students in 2023-24.
- HEO was excited to host the first “We are Coaches” clinic which was a female only Coach 1 clinic with a female instructor

For more information, consult the Governance webpage on HEO’s website: [www.hockeystearentario.ca](http://www.hockeystearentario.ca)