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➤ **Body Checking at the Atom Level**

The motion passed by the Hockey Canada Board at its May meeting in Regina allowed body checking at the ATOM level in Branches where research is being conducted. The **ODHA** is one of those Branches and Hockey Canada has given the **ODHA** permission to permit body checking at the ATOM Level for the 2003/4 hockey season **only**. The Branch has subsequently endorsed the **ODMHA's** request to allow body checking at the Competitive AA, A and B levels. Body checking at the ATOM level in **ODMHA** house leagues is not authorized.



CENTRAL JUNIOR A HOCKEY LEAGUE

➤ **Elimination of Off Side Pass Rule**

Approval has been granted to the **CJHL** to eliminate the off side pass rule (commonly referred to as a two-line pass) for the 2003/4 season. This is consistent with the decision of the other nine Junior A Hockey Leagues in Canada.

Junior B & C and Minor hockey are not affected by this change.

➤ **20 Year Old Players**

Approval has also been granted by the **CJHL** to increase the number of 20 year old players permitted per roster, from 5 to 7.

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