

Short Form Notice

DID YOU PLAY MAJOR JUNIOR HOCKEY IN THE ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE OR THE WESTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE?

If you were abused while playing Major Junior Hockey in the Ontario Hockey League (“OHL”) or the Western Hockey League (“WHL”), you can claim compensation.

Since 1975, hockey players may have experienced bullying, hazing and abuse while playing on teams in the Canadian Hockey League, which includes the OHL and the WHL. The court has created an opt-in process for legal claims to allow these players to seek compensation. If you want to be part of this process, you must opt-in by **April 6, 2027**.

Am I eligible to make a claim?

You are eligible to make a claim if:

- (1) You played for, including participating in training or tryouts for, a team in the OHL or WHL, at any time since 1975; and
- (2) You experienced bullying, hazing or abuse while playing in the OHL or WHL.

If you are eligible, you can opt-in to the process to make a legal claim to seek compensation for the abuse that you experienced. If successful, you will receive money to compensate you for the harms that you suffered because of that abuse.

How do I make a claim?

This is an opt-in claims process. To start a legal claim using this process, you must contact Koskie Minsky LLP by **April 6, 2027**.

Email: hockeyabuseclaims@kmlaw.ca
Call: 1-833-630-1791

How will my claim be determined?

If you choose to take part in this opt-in process for legal claims, your claim will be determined as part of a “joinder action” alongside the claims of other people who played for the same team. This means that Koskie Minsky LLP would start an action on your behalf, and on behalf of others who played for the same team as you.

The action that you are part of will be against the team that you played for, the regional league you played in (either the Ontario Hockey League or the Western Hockey League), and the Canadian Hockey League. The action will be brought and determined in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

Who will represent me?

If you participate in this process, you will be represented by the law firm Koskie Minsky LLP.

If you do not wish to be represented by Koskie Minsky LLP, you can still bring a lawsuit in relation to the abuse that you experienced in the CHL, either by retaining another lawyer or by representing yourself, but you cannot do so as part of this opt-in process for legal claims.

Is this a class action?

This is not a class action. In 2020, a proposed class action was started by Daniel Carcillo, Garrett Taylor and Stephen Quirk on behalf of players but it was not certified as a class action by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. In 2025, the Court of Appeal for Ontario dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal from the dismissal of their certification motion. This opt-in process for legal claims is taking place instead of a class action. In a class action, you are part of the lawsuit unless you opt-out by choosing not to participate. In this plan, you must opt-in to participate.

What happens if I don't take part in this claims plan?

If you do not take part in this process, you can still bring a separate lawsuit in relation to the abuse that you experienced while playing for a team in the CHL.

However, you should be aware that a limitation period may apply to your claim. A limitation period is the length of time that you can bring a lawsuit for after the events that the lawsuit is about took place. There may be a limitation period applicable to your claim. When Koskie Minsky LLP started the proposed class action, the limitation period was suspended, or paused. The limitation period will resume running on **July 12, 2027**.

If you wish to start a legal action in relation to your experiences in the CHL outside of this plan, you should seek legal advice on the limitation period prior to **July 12, 2027**. Koskie Minsky LLP cannot assist you in bringing a claim outside of this plan.

For more information visit: <https://kmlaw.ca/chl>