

Dear GTHL organizations:

The Mississauga Rattlers organization and the players and families of the U16 team are requesting you sign this petition.

As you may know, the GTHL decided to give the boys on the Rattlers U16 team 16 default losses on games they won, moving them from a top team to eliminating them from the playoffs. These kids and their families are very upset.

This was due to the fact that they had a trainer on their team that they thought was registered and permitted on the bench, until they learned in December he was not properly registered. This team needed 2 trainers and has proof that they submitted all the correct credentials for both trainers back in September. The team thought he was permitted on the bench.

There was a lack of knowledge and understanding about the “trainer-at-large” policy that allows trainers outside of the 5 team official spots. Our organization was not aware of this and never got his registration completed. They are sorry. The team did not know. Once this issue came up he was properly registered as a “trainer at large”. In no way did he impact the outcome of a game or did the team know anything was wrong.

This was an understandable mistake by the organization and GTHL policy permits this to be overturned if it is an understandable mistake. The 15 year old kids should not be punished for this error. It is causing these kids a lot of mental and emotional harm. These kids are completely innocent and the priority of all our organizations should be to protect the kids playing in the GTHL. The standings have lost credibility for the GTHL west making things unfair for many teams until this is fixed.

The Rattlers organization and all our families are asking you to sign this petition saying that the **“players should not be punished for this understandable mistake and their record should be restored”** The organization can be disciplined in other ways.

Please reply to this email saying you support this petition to protect the kids from further harm.

Thank you.

The Mississauga Rattlers & all our families