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**MATT RABIDEAU NAMED DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
FOR ONTARIO'S 2011 CANADA WINTER GAMES UNDER-16 TEAM**

Toronto - The **Ontario Under-17 Program Policy Committee** is pleased to announce the appointment of **Matt Rabideau** as Director of Operations for Ontario's Under-16 Canada Winter Games Team.

"There were many outstanding candidates from which to choose from," noted Ted Baker Chairman of the Under 17 Policy Committee. "The committee is very pleased with their selection and is confident that the appointment of Mr. Rabideau will provide a foundation of leadership and excellence for Team Ontario to build upon as they move towards competing at the 2011 Canada Winter Games."

"It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I accept the role of Director of Operations for Ontario's Under-16 Team. I am honoured to be a part of the Program of Excellence and I look forward to the challenge of identifying and evaluating Ontario's high performance hockey players at this age classification. We will begin the process of identifying our athletes with regional under-16 camps that will be held throughout the Province during April and May 2010. We will conclude the identification process with a tournament that will be held in Kitchener, Ontario in August 2010. The tournament format will have representation from each of the following organizations: GTHL, OMHA, NOHA, ODMHA, HNO and ALLIANCE HOCKEY. Our ultimate goal is to name a team that will represent Ontario and win a gold medal at the 2011 Canada Winter Games being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia beginning February 11, 2011," stated Rabideau.

Mr. Rabideau is currently the **Manager of Hockey Education Services** for the Ontario Hockey League.

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