



**CONSENT FORM FOR:**

**Minor Age Hockey Players**

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**Title of Project:**

Multicultural Common Spaces: A Study of Canadian Hockey Arenas and Social Integration

**Sponsor:**

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This consent form, a copy of which has been given to you, is only part of the process of informed consent. If you want more details about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study. Participation is completely voluntary and confidential. You are free to discontinue participation at any time during the study.

**Purpose of the Study**

The purpose of this study is to find out your opinions and experiences, as a hockey player, about the game of hockey as it is played in hockey arenas in Canada. We want to find out if you think hockey helps to promote Canadian identity and whether hockey helps to encourage the integration of different ethnic groups in Canada. If you want more details about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should feel free to ask.

### **What Will I Be Asked To Do?**

You will be asked to answer a few questions in a personal interview which will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. The questions will be about your views of, and experiences in, playing in hockey games in arenas. An example of a question would be the following: Have you gained new friendships by playing hockey? With your permission we will audio-record the interview so that the interview can move along more quickly and we can get your words accurately.

You will be asked to answer questions about your views on hockey and social interaction in arenas as a part of an interview which will take approximately 45 minutes to one hour. With your permission we will audio-record the interview so that the interview.

Your participation is completely voluntary for this interview and you may decline to participate altogether and may also decline to participate in parts of the interview in that you do not have to answer all the questions. Further may withdraw from the interview at any time.

### **What Type of Personal Information Will Be Collected?**

Should you agree to participate in the interview you will be asked to provide your gender, age, ethnicity, educational level, and level of the hockey league you are in, along with your opinions of, and experiences in, the game of hockey and hockey arenas..

Access to the audio-recording of your interview will be only available to members of the research study team. The recording will never be aired in public. Interviews will be transcribed and quotes will not be attributed to you. If a quote is used, a pseudonym will be assigned.

*I grant permission to be audio-taped:* Yes: \_\_\_ No: \_\_\_

*The pseudonym I choose for myself is:* \_\_\_\_\_

### **Are there Risks or Benefits if I Participate?**

There are no foreseeable risks to participation in this study. To show our appreciation for your time spent in participating in the interview we will provide you with a small \$25 Tim Hortons or Starbucks gift card at the beginning of the interview.

### **What Happens to the Information I Provide?**

No one except the members of the research team will be allowed to see or hear any of the answers to the recorded interview. Your identity will remain confidential for any presentations, reports, or publications. If there is any reference to information you provide then your confidentiality will be maintained by a pseudonym and by grouping your information with others. Your digitally recorded interview and its electronic transcription will be kept on computer hard drives, encrypted, and will be only accessible by

members of the research team. Audio files will be stored for five years after publication on password protected computers and drives, at which time, it will be permanently erased. Anonymized transcripts will be kept for research purposes. If you choose to withdraw from the interview before it is completed then any information you have provided up to that point will be deleted. If you choose to withdraw from the research project after your interview then your interview information will also be withdrawn up to one month after your interview date.

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### ***Signatures***

Your signature on this form indicates that 1) you understand to your satisfaction the information provided to you about your participation in this research project, and 2) you agree to participate in the research project.

In no way does this waive your legal rights nor release the investigators, sponsors, or involved institutions from their legal and professional responsibilities. You are free to withdraw from this research project at any time. You should feel free to ask for clarification or new information throughout your participation.

Participant's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher's Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Researcher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Questions/Concerns**

If you have any further questions or want clarification regarding this research and/or your participation, please contact:

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If you have any concerns about the way you've been treated as a participant, please contact the Research Ethics Analyst, Research Services Office, University of Calgary at (403) 220-6289/220-4283; email

[cfreb@ucalgary.ca](mailto:cfreb@ucalgary.ca). A copy of this consent form has been given to you to keep for your records and reference. The investigator has kept a copy of the consent form.