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## 1.0 OVERVIEW

This document will serve as the guidelines for allowing our current minor hockey players the ability to volunteer on an Airdrie Minor Hockey team as a Junior Coach. The main purpose of this policy is to provide for fair, transparent and consistent processes when allowing players to become junior coaches in AMHA.

## 2.0 JUNIOR COACH ELIGIBILITY

For our junior coaches, only current rostered players within Airdrie Minor Hockey will be considered to be a junior coach for a team 2 divisions lower than they are currently playing on. Some exceptions may apply to 3rd year U18 players wanting to help with U15 teams. As a junior coach you can assist the Head Coach and Assistant Coaches at practice only.

<u>Current Age/Team Playing on:</u>	<u>Team you can be a Junior Coach with:</u>
U13	U9
U15	U11
U18	U13

Junior Coaches are required to be in full gear. There are no course requirements to be a junior coach unless the Head Coach is wanting you to help out on the bench. In that case you will need to be over the age of 16 and you are required to complete the Respect in Sport Activity Leader course, and AMHA will reimburse you for the cost.

We would also ask the Head Coach to ensure that if they are willing to take on a Junior Coach that they work them into their practice plan with skills and drills that they can help the younger players with and they are not just using the ice as an extra practice for themselves.

**Younger players should not be going to an older team's practice unless they are an affiliate to that team.**

Each team can, if interested, have a maximum of 1 to 2 Junior Coaches each year per team.