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## UNDERAGE COACHES & ON-ICE HELPERS POLICY

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Below outlines the current CMHA policy for teams within the CMHA utilizing on ice helpers:

**I. WHEN CAN AN ON-ICE HELPER BE UTILIZED**

There are three scenarios when an on-ice helper can be utilized within the CMHA hockey association.

**A. Formal Mentorship Programs** – these programs are initiated and supported by the CMHA.

- i. A VP and the current director of the applying division require formal approval and sign off.

Example:

The Chaos team will be working with our younger female programs within CMHA

– Directors approving would be A VP and Female Director

**B. School-sponsored credited programs**

- i. The helper must apply and be on the ice through a school credited program.
- ii. The Helper must provide a letter from the school and identify what credit they receive as well as the requirements to receive that credit.
- iii. A VP and the current director of the applying division requires formal approval and sign off.

Example:

A Grade ten student can receive 3 credits for special projects if they help with on-ice activities for a novice aged team. – Directors approving this would be A VP and Director.

**C. Junior Coach** – Interest from a teenaged player in helping a younger team within the CMHA:

- i. A VP and the current director of the applying division requires formal approval and sign off.
- ii. This coach would be officially carded in the CMHA and Hockey Canada roster. Expectations for commitment would be required.

**II. WHEN A HELPER CANNOT BE UTILIZED:**

**A.** When one of the three outlined criteria for a helper or junior coach within the CMHA has not been met:

- i. When the helper is not carded as a coach on the team they are helping.
- ii. When A VP and the associated director have not given formal approval.