



## **Underage Coaches and On-Ice Helpers Policy**

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

### **When can an on-ice helper be utilized:**

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

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

1. 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

### **School-sponsored accredited programs:**

1. The helper must apply and be on the ice through a school accredited program.
2. The Helper must provide a letter from the school and identify what credit they receive as well as the requirements to receive that credit.
3. 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.

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

1. A VP and the current director of the applying division requires formal approval and sign off

2. This coach would be officially carded in the CMHA and Hockey Canada roster. Expectations for commitment would be required.

**When a helper cannot be utilized:**

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

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