



GCGH Policy Directive

ON-ICE HELPERS

1. Within GCGH, we understand that many individuals are interested in helping with our programs and we know that these volunteers are essential to its effective delivery. As well, some of these volunteers are/will be required to fill different roles within a team including on-ice activities. This policy will help to set out guidelines specific to the on-ice helpers' designation. All other team roles such as Coach, Assistant Coach, Trainer, Manager, etc must meet the established Hockey Canada/OWHA requirements.
2. "On-Ice Helper" is neither a qualification nor a designation to be used in the Initiation Program or higher levels. Rather, it is limited to those under age 20 who wish to give something back to the game, obtain high school volunteer credit hours or perhaps wondering if they would be interested in coaching in the future.
3. As defined by the OWHA, on-ice helpers will fall within one of the below categories:
 - In-house volunteer – An individual that will be demonstrating drills and will not provide any coaching. They can help at any age level, just a more skilled player on the ice helping demonstrate. Must wear full gear.
 - In-house volunteer as a staff member – An individual 16 yrs of age and older, who is minimum 2 years older than the players. They must meet staff requirements (ie: RIS), but do not need a VSS if under the age of 18, must be on the roster, not required to wear full gear.
 - Outside youth volunteer – These individuals are considered staff and must meet all staff requirements (ie over 16, 2 years older etc, RIS, on the roster) and does not need VSS if under 18.
4. On-ice helpers may not participate in any activities with the players such as scrimmages or drills.
5. They must be at minimum two age division's higher than the team they are volunteering with (e.g. a U-15 aged player may help at the U-11 level or below). They are not permitted to volunteer as an on-ice helper with a team at the same or higher age division.
6. Teams must notify the GCGH Registrar and GCGH Director of Risk *prior* to those players being On-Ice helpers to be rostered (if necessary) and ensure all screening is completed

NOTE: All team players must wear full gear for all games and practices with their own team.