



SOOKE & DISTRICT MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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On-Ice Helper Policy

Introduction

From time to time minor hockey teams enlist older hockey players or other volunteers to assist with practices, scrimmages and other activities. It is important to ensure that insurance is in place for anyone participating in sanctioned activities, that volunteers are screened and they possess the appropriate certifications.

Effective Date

September 3, 2024

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to our members, parents, teams and coaches on the selection and use of on-ice helpers, while ensuring the safety of SDMHA players and safe opportunities for our volunteers.

Scope

This policy applies to all SDMHA teams participating in Hockey Canada sanctioned events including games, practices, and other on ice activities.

Requirements

On-Ice Helper - Required Certifications and Equipment			
Helper Age	Registration	Equipment	Certification
14 Years and Below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must be registered member of BC Hockey or Hockey Canada If not registered, must be added as a "volunteer" on HCR Roster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Hockey Equipment U15 Goalies can wear full player equipment instead of goalie gear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Required
15 Years Old		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA-Certified Helmet Chin Strap fastened, Full Face Mask, BNQ-Certified Neck Guard, Hockey Gloves Full track suit or pants and sweater recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not Required
16 Years Old		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA-Certified Helmet Chin Strap fastened, Full Face Mask, BNQ-Certified Neck Guard, Hockey Gloves Full track suit or pants and sweater recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect in Sport
17 Years Old		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA-Certified Helmet Chin Strap fastened, Full Face Mask, BNQ-Certified Neck Guard, Hockey Gloves Full track suit or pants and sweater recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect in Sport If turning 18 during the calendar year will require Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Person Check
Adult (18 years and Up)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA-Certified Helmet Chin Strap fastened, Full Face Mask, Hockey Gloves Full track suit or pants and sweater recommended 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect in Sport Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Person Check (valid for 3 yrs)
Non-Member (Offering coaching or on-ice help for a fee)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must become an Associate Member Not to be rostered in HCR with a MHA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must follow above age based equipment requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certification requirements identified on Associate Member Application



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Description of On Ice Helper Duties

- Assist with team drills during practices;
- Assist the Head & Assistant Coaches during practices;
- Assist players to understand drills;
- Be there to help players, not participate in the practice;
- Be encouraging and positive with players;
- Reports to the team Head Coach.

Selection

- On ice helpers must meet **all** requirements outlined in this policy **prior** to participating in on ice activities;
- Appointed by the Head Coach (**must** have permission of Coach).

References

- BC Hockey bulletin 2021-010