

TEAM STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS 2025-2026

All qualifications listed are the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**

All Rostered Individuals Must...

- Have completed Respect in Sport (RiS) - Activity Leaders and Gender Expression and Identity Course.
- Anyone 18 and over must have a **satisfactory VSS/VSC & Declaration document must be submitted and processed via the Screening Portal**, in accordance with the OWHA Screening Policy.
- Be registered with the OWHA, and complete Rowan's Law Resource Review & Acknowledgement.
- Be a minimum of two (2) years older than the oldest player in all divisions except for Senior division
- Be a minimum of 16 years of age, this includes Trainers
- Have at least ONE (1) insured female staff
- Each team must have a minimum of two (2) Dressing Room Monitors, and they must have Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration
- All Dressing Room Monitors must be screened and rostered with the OWHA Team / Association
- All Third-Party Instructors must be rostered with the OWHA Team / Association
- Each team must have a screened and certified Trainer.

DIVISION	CATEGORY	HEAD COACH (REQUIRED)	ASSISTANT COACH (RECOMMENDED)	TRAINER (REQUIRED)
Fund, U7, U8 & U9	ALL COACH & ALL ASSISTANT COACHES in these divisions MUST have Coach 1 No other qualifications will be accepted for these divisions.			HTCP Level 1
U11	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U11	Competitive	Development 1 Trained ³	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U13	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U13	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U13	AA, A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	House League /DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U15	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U18	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U22	House League	Coach 2 -Coach Level	Hockey Canada Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U22	A, B, C	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U22	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
Senior	All	<p>OWHA Senior teams with 1 or more participants under the age of 18 require a certified coach, trainer and all staff to be screened with satisfactory Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration</p> <p>Any Senior team registering a coach must ensure that all rostered coaches are certified with a minimum of Coach 2 Level, Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration.</p> <p>All OWHA Senior Teams MUST roster a certified trainer. If there is a player under the age of 18, the trainer also require a Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration.</p> <p>OWHA Senior teams with ALL participants over the age of 18 do not require a rostered coach.</p> <p>OWHA Senior teams with ALL participants over the age of 18 do not require staff to be screened, but it is recommended.</p>		

COACHING QUALIFICATION LEGEND:

- Coaches of FUNdamentals, U7, U8 and U9 divisions **must** have Hockey Canada Coach 1 qualification. **No other qualifications are accepted.**
- Hockey Canada Coach 2 or higher: Hockey Canada Coach 2 or Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified'; High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
- Development 1 'Trained' or higher: Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified' or High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
- Development 1 'Certified' or higher: Development 1 'Certified' or High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
- High Performance 1 'Certified' or higher: High Performance 1 & 2 'Certified.'