



TEAM STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS 2026-2027

All qualifications listed are the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**

All Rostered Staff Must be registered with the OWHA and...

- Have completed the Shift Forward (New 2026) or the RiS for Activity Leader, and Gender Expression and Identity Course.
- If 18 and over must have a **satisfactory VSS/VSC & Declaration document that must be submitted and processed via the Ontario Screening Submission Portal**, in accordance with the OWHA Screening Policy.
- Have current certification to be a trainer if rostered as a Trainer. Beginning in the 2026-27 season the Hockey Canada Safety Program will be replacing the Hockey Trainer Certification program in Ontario. Current HTCP qualifications will remain valid until expiry.
- Have 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

Each team Must...

- Have a minimum of two (2) Dressing Room Monitors, who must have Shift Forward or Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened and rostered with satisfactory VSC and Declaration
- Have all Third-Party Instructors registered and rostered with the OWHA Team / Association
- Have a screened and certified Trainer.
- Have at least ONE (1) rostered female staff

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/ HCSP Level 1
U11	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U11	Competitive	Development 1 Trained ³	Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U13	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U13	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U13	AA, A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U15	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U15	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U15	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U15	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U18	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U18	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U18	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U18	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U22	House League	Coach 2 -Coach Level	Hockey Canada Coach 2	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U22	A, B, C	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
U22	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP/ HCSP Level 1	
Senior	All	<p>All Senior teams with 1 or more players who are under the age of 18 must follow all requirements for rostered individuals and the Head Coach must have a Coach 2 or higher qualification.</p> <p>All Senior teams must have a rostered Trainer with a HTCP Level 1 or the Hockey Canada Safety Level 1 course completed.</p> <p>It is recommended that all staff registered to Senior teams have their Vulnerable Sector Screening (VSC), Declaration, Shift Forward and Gender Identify and Expression qualifications.</p> <p>A Rostered Coach is not Mandatory if all players on the team are over 18.</p>			

COACHING QUALIFICATION LEGEND:

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