



HELMET POLICY

HELMET REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1 All hockey team officials, volunteers, NCCP instructors and third party on ice instructors working with Associations, Teams, Clubs or Leagues, **MUST** wear a CSA approved hockey helmet secured and chinstraps properly fastened, during all sanctioned on-ice activities. For those participants wearing a facial protector, the straps of the facial protector, when designed to allow such straps, shall also be securely fastened to the hockey helmet.
- 1.2 Trainers or any other team officials who enter the ice surface for the purpose of attending an injured player are exempt from this rule.
- 1.3 It's the Member's responsibility to monitor and enforce the helmet policy. All fines will be collected and retained by the Member the infraction occurs in.
- 1.4 Sanctions for non-compliance:
 - 1) The first infraction by a Team shall result in the Head Coach being suspended from all hockey activity for two (2) weeks or a minimum of 3 games (whichever is longer) and the Association being fined \$250.
 - 2) For a second infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from all hockey activity for one (1) month, and the Association shall be fined \$500.
 - 3) For a third infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from all hockey activity for one (1) year, and the Association shall be fined \$2,000.

If the Team's Head Coach did not participate in the on-ice activity where a breach of this policy occurred, the Team Official acting as the head coach for the on-ice activity will be the person held responsible for the breach and against whom the suspension will apply.

Should any facility being used by the OWHA for games or by a Team for practices or other on-ice activities have a policy on helmets that is stricter than this policy, then the facility's policy will prevail.