



Helmet Policy

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1. 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. Ontario Hockey League coaches are exempt from this policy, unless the Ontario Hockey League coach is participating in on-ice sanctioned activities of another OHF Member.
- 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 (which ever 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.