



Policy: On-Ice Helper Policy	
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Purpose

This policy is in place to ensure that the proper equipment is worn at all times by On-Ice Helpers for hockey practice to eliminate risk of injury.

On-Ice Helpers

The maximum number of On-Ice Helpers is two (2) per team and names must be identified along with team staff by submission to the CMHA office. Separately as per the CMHA coaching handbook, all On-Ice Helpers must fill out an information sheet within the handbook and have it submitted to the CMHA office. If an On-Ice Helper is a player on a roster or approved on a current roster, there is no need to complete the handbook form.

Mandatory Equipment Requirements for On-Ice Helpers

The guidelines for mandatory equipment requirements for those individuals acting in the role of On-Ice Helpers participating in On-Ice activities are as follows:

- a volunteer 16 years and above would be eligible to wear the same equipment as On-Ice Team staff/officials. (i.e. CSA Certified Helmet, skates, gloves)
- a volunteer below 16 years would be required to wear full hockey player equipment.

Note: On-Ice Helpers must be at least two years older than the division age limit they are associated with. (Minimum age: 12 years old prior to December 31 of the season)



Sanctions for Non-Compliance

In the event of non-compliance of the mandatory equipment requirement by an On-Ice Helper the following shall take effect:

- a) First incident results in written notification/warning to the Head Coach by the CMHA Director of Safety.
- b) On a second incident by the same party, the Head Coach shall be suspended from participation in CMHA activity for a minimum of two (2) weeks.
- c) For the third infraction of the policy, the matter will be reviewed by members of the CMHA Board and the Head Coach shall be suspended indefinitely until an appropriate corrective action has been determined.

Helmets for Team Officials

****All on-ice Head Coach, Trainer, Assistant Coach, Assistant Trainer, On-Ice-Helpers, Volunteers or hired companies will be required to wear CSA approved helmets during all on-ice activities****