



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Subject: 2008-09 COACH CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The primary goal of the Hockey Manitoba certification model is coach education - providing a safe, positive and rewarding experience for players while creating an atmosphere where they can develop their skills.

It is the responsibility of all Minor Hockey Associations to ensure that any team official placed on a roster is certified in accordance to Hockey Manitoba regulations. A summary of the regulations in place for the 2008-09 season includes:

Coach Certification Deadline – December 1, 2008

Certification for the Initiation, Coach stream, Development I and Safety and programs must be obtained on or before December 1st, 2008.

Minor Hockey Associations will be charged \$50.00 for each rostered coach that is not properly certified with the Initiation or Coach certification by December 1st of the current season. Coaches will remain eligible to coach for the remainder of the current season (with their current team only), once the fine has been paid. The charge must be paid in full to remain in good standing with Hockey Manitoba. Fees collected will be utilized in the future promotion of the coach development and certification programs.

All team officials not certified as indicated above will not be permitted to roster with any new team (including development programs or extended season teams) during the current season. In addition, they will be ineligible to roster in any subsequent season until properly certified.

Please Note: Minor Hockey Associations will not be charged for team officials that are removed from their roster (by submitting deletion form) by the December 1st deadline. The deletion form must be submitted to the association's appropriate Hockey Manitoba registrar.

In addition, team officials listed as Safety people that have not received the Hockey Canada Safety Program certification by December 1st of the current season are ineligible to continue until the Safety certification is achieved. All teams must appoint a certified Safety person to their roster to continue play.

We have attached a copy of our Coach Certification Flyer for your information.

Respect in Sport

Effective in the 2008-09 season, all coaches must have their Respect in Sport or Speak Out certification before they are permitted to roster or coach in any capacity the current season. The on-line program can be accessed through the Hockey Manitoba website at www.hockeymanitoba.mb.ca.

Mandatory helmets

Effective in the 2008-09 season for the safety of our members, any on-ice participant (including team officials) must wear a CSA approved helmet during all Hockey Manitoba sanctioned Minor Hockey activities.

Please Note: Members in violation of the above regulation (based on written complaint only) will be subject to the following sanctions:

1st offence – Written warning

2nd offence – 1 week suspension

3rd offence – Suspended indefinitely and must attend discipline hearing

Please note: Hockey Manitoba is currently looking to develop a helmet discount program for our coaches. Visit our website for more information. We have attached a copy of our Mandatory Helmet Flyer.

Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) On-line Database

This season a number of Associations will be using the HCR on-line database to register and monitor their member information. If you are fully using the system this season, and have taken the applicable training, please monitor your coaches' certification in the database and look for any deficiencies from previous seasons. Remember that team officials' deficient last season are not permitted to roster until certified.

If your Association is not registered to use the system fully this season, you can register for read-only access so you are also able to monitor you coach certification and deficiencies. Please contact Esther Thiessen at Hockey Manitoba for more information at 204-925-5760 or esther@hockeymanitoba.mb.ca.

Coach Qualification Printouts

Hockey Manitoba will provide each Minor Hockey Association with a list of individuals in their area that have received any form of coach certification. This list is for your information and should be used to assist in the selection and registration of your team officials. Please note that the most efficient method to monitor your coaches' certification is through the HCR on-line database.

Coach Certification Promotion

Hockey Manitoba has developed two initiatives to assist in the promotion and recognition of the coach certification program. These are:

- a) Manitoba Moose Prize Package Draws – Each newly certified coach in 2008-09 will be entered into monthly draws to win complimentary team packages to a Manitoba Moose home game!
- b) Fox Whistle – Each newly certified coach in 2008-09 will receive a complimentary Hockey Manitoba Fox Whistle and Lanyard!

Please remember: Coaches are leaders, and regardless of what level of hockey you may be coaching, the goal is to ensure positive experiences and development opportunities for our players.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.