



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: Minor Hockey Associations
CC: Board of Directors & Zone Registrars

From: Hockey Manitoba

Subject: 2008-09 COACH CERTIFICATION INFORMATION - REMINDER

Hockey Manitoba has asked all Minor Hockey Associations to ensure that any team official placed on a roster is certified in accordance to Hockey Manitoba regulations. A reminder of the regulations in place for the 2008-09 season include:

Coach Certification Deadline – December 1, 2008

Certification for the Initiation, Coach stream, Development I and Safety 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 deficient team officials that are removed from their roster (by submitting deletion form) by the certification deadline. Hockey Manitoba registrars will accept these deletions until Friday December 5th as we understand it may be logistically difficult to have your forms completed and submitted on the same day as the deadline. The deletion form must be submitted to the association's appropriate Hockey Manitoba registrar.

Associations using the HCR database can obtain a deficiency report directly to determine the status of each of their coaches' certification. Associations not using the HCR database can contact their respective Hockey Manitoba registrar to obtain this list.

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.

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.