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To: Hockey Alberta Member Associations
Hockey Alberta Member Teams
Leagues
Hockey Alberta Councils

From: Kevin Macrae
Manager, Member Services

SUBJECT: Coach Education Requirements

The 2011-2012 Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations contain key information with regard to Coach Education Requirements for the upcoming season.

The information provided on pages 2-4 below is copied from Section F of the Hockey Alberta Bylaws and Regulations and can be found in the hard copy of your book or online at http://www.hockeyalberta.ca/association.aspx?p=bylaws_and_regulations.

The requirements set out in Section F apply to **all Hockey Alberta registered Male and Female Hockey Teams**, unless otherwise indicated in the Regulations of that specific division (Minor, Junior, Senior/Junior Female, Senior Male).

i.e. **Peewee (11-12 years old)**

Teams registered as a Hockey Alberta Non Provincial Team and Provincial Team A, B, C, D

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Peewee (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

The example shown above indicates that "**all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Peewee**" have completed the Coach Level and Checking Skills Program. This requirement must be met by all registered teams at the Peewee level, including both Male and Female Teams.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Macrae".

Kevin Macrae
Manager, Member Services



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SECTION F – COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. NCCP & Checking Skills Coaching Qualification Requirements

The following regulation requirements are based on a team's categorization prior to December 31 of the current playing year.

Initiation (5-6 years old)

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st of the current playing year, that all on ice instructors at the Initiation Level (ages 5-6) have completed the NCCP Intro to Coach Program.

Novice (7-8 years old)

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Novice are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Coach Level course.

Atom (9-10 years old)

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Atom are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level. Completion of the Checking Skills Program is also highly recommended.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Coach Level course and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

Peewee (11-12 years old)

Teams registered as a Hockey Alberta Non Provincial Team and Provincial Team A, B, C, D

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Peewee (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Coach Level course and the Checking Skills Program.

Teams registered on Hockey Alberta Provincial Teams: Peewee AA

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Peewee (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Developmental I Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Developmental I Level course and the Checking Skills Program.



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Bantam (13-14 years old)

Teams registered as Hockey Alberta Non Provincial Team and Provincial Team A, B, C & D

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Bantam (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Coach Level course and the Checking Skills Program.

Teams registered on Hockey Alberta Provincial Teams: Bantam AA & AAA

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Bantam (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Developmental I Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Developmental I Level course and the Checking Skills Program

Midget (15-17 years old)

Teams registered as a Hockey Alberta Non Provincial Team and Provincial Team A, B, C & D

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Midget (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Coach Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Coach Level course and the Checking Skills Program.

Teams registered on Hockey Alberta Provincial Teams: Midget AA

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Midget (categories outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP Developmental I Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP Developmental I Level course and the Checking Skills Program

Teams registered on Hockey Alberta Provincial Teams, Midget AAA

All LMHA's will ensure by December 31st, that all Head Coaches coaching in the division of Midget (as outlined above) are qualified at the NCCP High Performance I Level and have completed the Checking Skills Program.

All Head Coaches will have two years to become qualified at the NCCP High Performance I level. The rationale for this is that Hockey Alberta only hosts the High Performance I Seminar every two years.

It is highly recommended that all LMHA's ensure by December 31st of the current playing year that all Assistant Coaches are qualified in the NCCP High Performance I Level and completed the Checking Skills Program.



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Senior Female

Teams registered on Hockey Alberta Provincial Teams

At least one (1) member of the registered Coaching Staff with all Female teams participating in Provincial Playoffs, must hold a minimum of Coach Level Certification in the National Coaching Certification Program and be on the bench in all games.

Attendance at a Coach Level Seminar must be complete on or before December 31 within the current Hockey Season.

2. OTHER TEAM OFFICIAL REQUIREMENTS

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

All Hockey Alberta teams must have one (1) person registered to their team that has completed the Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP) and be at all games.

Teams must have a registered, eligible (as defined below) safety person by December 31 of the current Hockey Season. Teams failing to adhere to this regulation may jeopardize their eligibility for Provincial, Regional and National Playoffs.

An eligible safety person is defined as a person who has successfully completed the requirements for certification in the Hockey Canada Safety Program. The certification for this program is valid for a period of three (3) hockey seasons from the date of the clinic attended to August 01 of the third hockey season.

Respect In Sport - Coach

By December 31st of the current Hockey Season each Hockey Team in the province of Alberta must have at least two (2) registered Team Officials be on the bench with certification in the Respect in Sport "Activity Leader/Coach" program or at least have the equivalent "Speak Out" program certification already completed.

***(Excluding Senior Female Recreational unless they have a Minor aged player on the bench).**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING COACH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, GO TO
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