



# BC HOCKEY RISK MGT BULLETIN

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**TO:** BC Hockey Membership

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**SUBJECT:** On-ice Helpers

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From time to time minor hockey teams enlist older hockey players or other volunteers to assist with practices, scrimmages and other activities. It is important to ensure that insurance is in place by following the below guidelines:

1. Any on-ice helpers must be a current registered member of BC Hockey / Hockey Canada. If the individual is not currently registered through a minor association, junior team, senior team or as an associate member, the association wishing to have this person help must register the individual.
2. All on ice helpers must wear a CSA certified helmet with chin strap fastened and appropriate face protection required for the player's level of play. A BNQ certified neck guard must also be worn by all minor hockey aged players assisting as an on ice helper.
3. Bantam and below on ice helpers must wear full gear. All other helpers (above Bantam) are to wear what is appropriate to their Division.
4. Any helper who is not a BC Hockey minor or junior player must have certification in Respect in Sport (RIS) or SpeakOut!. Additionally, they must be under the direct supervision of the certified team officials.
5. Non Members offering coaching or other on-ice help for a fee is not a volunteer, and must become an associate member prior to participation. A person working in this capacity should not be rostered with an MHA Volunteer team.

I trust this to be in order, but if you should have any questions, please contact your local association, risk manager or myself.