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ON-ICE TEAM OFFICIALS TO WEAR HELMETS STARTING WITH THE 2008-2009 SEASON

The Ontario Hockey Federation passed the following motion on February 16, 2008:

“All Minor Hockey team officials, volunteers and NCCP Instructors are required to wear CSA approved helmets during all on-ice activities. Trainers or any other team officials who enter the ice surface for the purpose of attending an injured player are exempt from this rule. Any person found to be in violation of this rule will receive a warning for a first offence, a two-week suspension for a second offence, and a one year suspension for a third offence.”

Who enforces this Policy?

The Local Hockey Association is to enforce this policy. All warnings and/or suspensions must be in writing from the Local Association to the people not complying with this policy. Copies of all letters are to be sent to the NOHA District Council Director and copied to the NOHA Office.

What does this mean?

As a registered Team Staff member who goes on the ice during practices, you must wear a CSA approved helmet during these on-ice activities. This helmet must be worn properly as per Hockey Canada Playing Rules.

Hockey Canada Playing Rule 24 (b): While on the ice, including pre-game warm-ups, all players, including goaltenders, shall wear a CSA approved helmet. Any alteration to a CSA approved helmet automatically destroys the certification. The chin straps of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin.

(NOTE: Since we are not required to wear facial protectors, this part of the playing rule has been removed from the text above)

All NOHA Instructors who are doing on-ice sessions must wear a CSA approved helmet.

All participants who are attending a NOHA Clinic and are on the ice must wear a CSA approved helmet.

How does this affect me?

I am attending a NOHA Coaching Clinic and they have an on-ice session. Do I have to



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wear a helmet during the on-ice session? According to the policy you must wear a helmet during the on-ice session. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed on the ice. I am a trainer and during a game one of my players gets injured. Do I have to put a helmet on before going onto the ice surface? The policy does not require you to put a helmet on before attending to the injured player.

For further information or clarification, please contact your District Council Director if your question involves an Association or Team. If your question deals with clinics, please contact the NOHA Office.