



OMHA DEVELOPMENT • 2007-2008 CERTIFICATION UPDATES

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Effective the 2007-2008 season, the universal date for expiring certifications is August 31st. The universal grace period for Coaches & Trainers certification is October 31st.

Please be advised of the following information regarding certifications for Team Officials & Referees in the OMHA for the upcoming season.

REFEREE PROGRAM

POLICE RECORD CHECKS (PRC)

All new HCOP Officials registered with the OMHA shall be required to produce a police record check in a sealed envelope at the OMHA Referee Clinic that they will be attending for the 2007-2008 hockey season.

TRAINERS PROGRAM

Individuals with expired HTCP Level I Certification as of August 31st of the current season (i.e. 071TR#####) will be permitted a grace period until **October 31, 2007** to re-certify at Level I.

Individuals renewing expired HTCP Level II Certification of the current season (i.e. 062TR#####) will be permitted a grace period until **October 31, 2007** to renew.

Effective January 1, 2006, all House League Teams must include a Team Official who is Certified and Registered with the OMHA as a Registered Trainer.

The following information is issued as a reminder to all OMHA Members regarding adherence to Hockey Canada Regulation E1(a) which states:

'Definition of 'Teams' for registration purposes. A group of team officials, at least one of whom must be a coach, and one of whom must be qualified in the Hockey Canada Safety Program (1998-99 for competitive teams and 2000-2001 for all teams)...'

As a result of this, OMHA House League Regulation 6.2 f) iv) (Manual of Operations) states:

It is required that all House League teams include an official who is certified and registered with the OMHA as an HTCP trainer as per OMHA regulations/policy.

COACHING PROGRAM

The OMHA has passed a motion the following motion effective the 2007-2008 season regarding Assistant Coaches at the House League level:

Effective the 2007-2008 season, the certification requirement for Assistant Coaches at the HL level may be PRS only. Head Coaches at the HL level will be required to be NCCP certified at the level appropriate to the age of players they are coaching in addition to PRS certification.

This regulation will continue to ensure that every player in the OMHA has a 'qualified' Head Coach and will also lessen the burden on the local association to have all Assistant Coaches NCCP certified.

NOTE: The certification for Assistant Coaches for House League may be PRS only, but they would require the same certification as the Head Coach for participation with teams from outside its House League (i.e. exhibition and/or tournament play). In addition, if the Head Coach were not available to start a House League game, an appropriately Certified NCCP Coach would be required to act as the Head Coach.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR COACHES - FOR THE CURRENT (2006-2007) SEASON:

- NCCP Certifications (Coach Level, Coach Stream, Development 1, and Development 2) with 06, 05, 04, 03, 02, 01, 00, 99, 98, 97 and no prefix numbers **are ineligible** to coach until such time as a the coach has attended a Coach Refresher Clinic or met the requirements of the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches (More information on renewing NCCP certification is included in this package - **4 STEPS TO RENEWING YOUR NCCP COACHING CERTIFICATION**).
- NCCP Certifications (Coach Level, Coach Stream, Development 1, and Development 2) with a 07 prefix must complete a Coach Refresher Clinic or met the requirements of the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches **on or before October 31st, 2007** to remain eligible to coach in the OMHA.

REMINDERS:

1. ***In the 2009-2010 season, Intermediate coaches will be required to RENEW their certification through the Continuing Education Program (CEP) for Coaches.***
2. ***All Coaches require PRS (Speak out) certification.***
3. ***Head Coaches of House League teams in divisions Novice and below (age 8 & below) must be CHIP certified.***
4. ***Assistant Coaches at the House league level do not require NCCP or CHIP certification, however; they require PRS (Speak Out) certification.***

Please refer to the OMHA Coaching Certification chart, which summarizes details regarding minimum Certification Requirements for OMHA Coaches for the upcoming season.

INITIATION (CHIP) CLINIC: MINIMUM AGE TO ATTEND

The minimum age to attend a CHIP Clinic and be certified in the CHIP Program is 14 years of age. Age determinations are made as of December 31st of the current year. Individuals below age 16 would be granted 'Associate' status until they reach the age of 16, at which time they would be eligible to be Carded Coaches, providing other Certification (i.e. Prevention Services) is in place.

INITIATION (CHIP) ASSOCIATE STATUS - RATIONALE

The intent of this 'Associate' status provides an opportunity and encouragement to young potential future coaches to gain experience in assisting experienced IP Instructors. This enables these young people to serve as assistants and contribute toward the implementation and delivery of the IP in their Local Association while at the same time enhancing their personal development under the guidance of experienced IP Instructors. Much like the IP itself for players it is hoped that this will serve as a formative initiation to coaching.

PREVENTION SERVICES (SPEAK OUT!)

It is required that all Team Officials (Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Trainers, and Managers) are required to be Prevention Services (Speak Out!) certified and registered with the OMHA in addition to all other Certification appropriate to their position, in place prior to the approval of their Team Official's card.

For more information please visit the OMHA website at www.omha.net or contact the OMHA Office.

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OMHA COACHING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

All NCCP certifications listed are the MINIMUM REQUIREMENT.

DIVISION	HL (Head Coaches ONLY) / LL / SELECT –		REP LEVEL – ALL Coaches	
	Certified prior to 2004-2005	2007-2008	Certified prior to 2004-2005	2007-2008
BELOW NOVICE (INITIATION/TYKE)	CHIP ONLY*	CHIP ONLY*	N/A	N/A
NOVICE	CHIP ONLY*	CHIP ONLY*	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream
MINOR ATOM/ ATOM	CHIP or NCCP Coach Level	CHIP or NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream
MINOR PEE WEE/ PEE WEE	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
MINOR BANTAM/ BANTAM	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
MINOR MIDGET/ MIDGET	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1
JUVENILE	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Coach Stream	NCCP Coach Level	NCCP Development 1

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