



ON-ICE PRACTICE POLICY

This policy is in relation to Minor Hockey players participating with other Minor Hockey teams in the capacity of coach and/or volunteer. It has become evident in recent years that older Minor Hockey players partake in practises with teams of lower divisions to assist and volunteer within their association.

The following policy will apply:

Minor Hockey Players coaching Minor Hockey

- As per Hockey Canada's National Coaching Certification Program, all certified coaches must be a minimum of 16 years of age by December 31st of the current season.
- All coaches must be carded members of the applicable team and approved by Hockey PEI.

Minor Hockey Players volunteering with other Minor Hockey Teams (Lower Division)

- Players that volunteer within an association must be a registered playing member of that association.
- Players may volunteer with a team in their association at practices. They may only be demonstrators and are not permitted to partake in any drills/scrimmages.
- Volunteer players must be at minimum, one age division (ie. Midget, Bantam etc...) higher than the team that they are volunteering with.
- Volunteer players must wear as a minimum a CSA helmet, full facial protection, neck guard and hockey gloves. Associations may mandate that such volunteers wear full gear. Hockey PEI only requires the minimum outlined.

Minor Hockey Players volunteering with other Minor Hockey Teams (Higher Division)

- Players are **not permitted** to volunteer/participate at any time in practices/scrimmages with a team at a higher division.
- This does not include players who are registered "Affiliated Players" with a higher category team.
- Players who are carded members (approved by Hockey PEI) of a higher division team than their applicable age category, are permitted to participate in practice.

NOTE: All team members must wear full gear for all practices. This includes players that may be returning from an injury and may only be skating with their team. Such players must wear full gear, there are no exceptions.

Hockey Canada insurance will be honoured as long as members adhere to this policy.

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