



## BC HOCKEY 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 BC Hockey Member or as an Associate Member, the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) needs to be updated to include this person on the roster as a “volunteer” with the team(s).
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 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). 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 are not volunteers, and must become an Associate Member prior to participation. A person working in this capacity should not be rostered with an MHA.
6. MHAs are not to create “Volunteer” teams within the HCR for volunteers and executive members who do not participate in on-ice activities with the registered participants.

I trust this to be in order, but if you should have any questions please contact your local association, Risk Manager or the BC Hockey office.

