



Coaches Program Updates 2014-2015

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The Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) working with the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) and Hockey Canada will see significant changes to Coach Education effective the 2014-2015 season. These changes will impact clinic delivery, terminology and qualification requirements for Coaches. This document provides a summary of all updates and changes effective the 2014-2015 season.

Clinic Registration through HCR | eHockey Profiles

Effective 2014-2015, Clinic registration will be completed online. To do this, Clinic Participants will have to create an eHockey Profile. This will allow all participants the ability to view their profile including certifications and expiry dates. Centres wishing to host clinics, that have not already done so, will be required to create a Merchant Account through the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).

Hockey University (HU) – Community Coach Stream

Hockey Canada's Hockey University (HU) is a new, interactive online platform that will form part of a blended learning approach for entry-level clinics of Coach and Official education.

The HU-Community Coach Stream program is delivered in two parts. In Part A, the Participant must register and complete the 4-hour HU Online component before proceeding to Part B, the in-person clinic which includes 4 hours in-class and 2 hours on-ice.

This program replaces the current Intro Coach (CHIP) and Coach Stream clinics. Coaches will now only have to attend one clinic and they will receive the following qualifications which will be posted on their e-Hockey profile on HCR:

- Coach 1 – Intro to Coach
- Coach 2 – Coach Level

The OMHA will pilot this course this spring and will fully implement in the fall. An information document will be distributed to our Centres this Spring in order to plan for course delivery in the Fall.

Clinic requests will continue through the Coaches Program Coordinator for their Region as is the current process.

High Performance – Competition Development Stream

Hockey Canada passed the following motion at the Hockey Canada Semi-Annual Meeting:

All Head Coaches coaching Bantam, Midget, Junior A teams that compete in Interprovincial or National Championships or the highest level as determined by the Branch, must be High Performance 1 Certified. It is recommended that all Assistant coaches be at minimum Development 1 trained. This would take effect starting in the 2015/16 season and 2016/17 for Junior 'A'

The OHF has adopted this and created the following Policy Statement:

All Head Coaches coaching Male Bantam AAA (Minor and Major), Male Midget AAA (Minor or Major) and Junior 'A' must be High Performance 1 'Certified' according to Hockey Canada policy by December 15 of the 2015-2016 season, 2016-2017 season for Junior 'A'. It is recommended that all Assistant Coaches be at minimum Development 1 'Trained'

This is a significant change and expectation for Head Coaches and Minor Hockey Associations moving forward. This summer, the OHF will be delivering multiple High Performance 1 (HP1) clinics to accommodate the demand required of this new policy.

The OMHA also recommends that current Minor Peewee and Peewee AAA Coaches should consider attending a High Performance 1 clinic this spring/summer looking forward to 2015-2016 if they intend to continue coaching at the AAA level at Minor Bantam and above.

Clinic details, dates and locations will be posted to the OMHA and OHF websites as soon as they are finalized.

As part of our information document, we will be providing the following updates:

1. NCCP / HCR Qualifications & Codes

This document provides a summary of course and qualification names that have been updated by Hockey Canada. All current qualifications will be updated in the HCR with updated terminology.

2. 2014-2015 Team Staff Qualification Requirements

Updated chart reflecting terminology changes and qualification updates.

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