



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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To: All Hockey Alberta Members

From: Barb Marsh, Manager, Development

SUBJECT: Coach Education Program Changes

Please be aware that beginning immediately and continuing into the 2010-11 season, Hockey Alberta will be implementing changes to coach education programs. Clinic content and certification processes will change as a result. This will also impact the hosting of clinics and the required certification levels for minor hockey.

Please find attached an outline of program changes and timelines.

Thank you,

Barb Marsh
Manager, Development



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1. Speak Out/Respect in Sport

- 1.1. Effective immediately, Speak Out clinics will no longer be scheduled and may no longer be requested by MHA's. Speak out certification and Respect in Sport certification will henceforth be considered equivalent.
- 1.2. Hockey Alberta bylaw Section F as pertaining to coach requirements will now read as follows:
"All teams registering with Hockey Alberta must have one (1) member of the registered team officials achieve Speak Out or Respect in Sport Certification by December 31 and be on the bench at all games."

2. Intro to Coach

- 2.1. In order to better serve those that serve the athletes, ITC will now contain a 1.5 hour on ice session. This session will be mandatory and coaches must attend both on ice and off ice portions of the clinic to receive certification. MHA hosting requests will only be granted to MHA's who intend to host both the off ice and on ice portion of the clinic.

3. NCCP Coach level

- 3.1. Removal of Speak Out certification option
 - 3.1.1. Coaches attending Coach level clinics will no longer be able to receive Speak Out certification through completion of the coach level post task.
- 3.2. Addition of on ice session
 - 3.2.1. All NCCP coach level clinics are to include a 1.5 hour on ice session. This session will be mandatory and coaches must attend both on ice and off ice portions of the clinic to receive certification. MHA hosting requests will only be granted to MHA's who intend to host both the off ice and on ice portion of the clinic.
- 3.3. Elimination of Coach Qualification, replaced with Certification only
 - 3.3.1. Currently, coaches attending the in class portion of a Coach level clinic become Coach Qualified only. Coaches are then required to complete the Coach level Post Task to receive Coach Level Certification. In 2010-11 Coaches will no longer receive Coach level qualification by attending any portion of an NCCP Coach level clinic. All coaches who attend both the off ice and on ice portions of a coach clinic will instead receive NCCP Coach Level Certification. Coaches who do not attend 100% of both on ice and off ice portion of the clinic will receive no certification or qualification of any kind.



3.3.2. Coaches that are currently coach qualified may complete the Coach Level post task to receive certification. Coaches will have the 2010-11 season as a grace period. Coaches must be completed this process by September 1st 2011

3.4. Section F Bylaw change

3.4.1. All coaches required to be Qualified at the NCCP Coach Level as per the 2009-2010 Hockey Alberta Bylaws will now be required to be CERTIFIED at the NCCP Coach Level as per the 2010-2011 bylaws.

4. Checking Skills

4.1. Starting in the 2010-11 season, all Head Coaches of Bantam and Midget Teams must be certified in the Hockey Alberta Checking Skills clinic.

Timelines for Program Changes

1. Speak Out/Respect in Sport (Coach Program)

1.1. Effective immediately, June 11th 2010

1.2. Hockey Alberta bylaw Section F changes ; August 1st 2010

2. Intro to Coach

2.1. Clinics run prior to September 13th 2010 will not be mandated to have the on ice portion. After September 13th 2010, the ice session will be mandatory

3. NCCP Coach level

3.1. Removal of Speak out certification option

3.1.1. Effective immediately: June 11th, 2010. All coaches attending clinics after this date can no longer receive Speak out certification

3.2. Addition of on ice session

3.2.1. Effective September 13th 2010. Clinics run prior to September 13th 2010 will not be mandated to have the on ice portion and coaches will receive coach level qualification only for clinics with no ice session.

3.3. Elimination of Coach Qualification, replaced with Certification only

3.3.1. Coaches attending clinics run on or after September 13th 2010 will gain NCCP Coach Level Certification.

3.3.2. Coaches that are currently coach qualified may complete the Coach Level post task to receive certification. This process must be completed by September 1st 2011



3.4. Section F Bylaw change

3.4.1. December 31st 2010. As per Hockey Alberta Bylaws 2010-2011

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