



## Cochrane Minor Hockey Association (CMHA)

### Policy Title: Driving Policy – U18 Division

**Effective Date:** September 15, 2024

**Website:** [www.cochraneminorhockey.com](http://www.cochraneminorhockey.com)

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### 1.0 Overview

This policy outlines CMHA's expectations and safety recommendations regarding driving by U18 (Midget age) players. The intention is to promote safety and minimize liability for players, teammates, and families.

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### 2.0 Driving Policy for U18-Age Players

Players who are of legal driving age are required to follow the guidance and recommendations below:

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### 3.0 CMHA Recommendations

#### 3.1 For Practices

- 3.1.1 CMHA **recommends** that players not **drive themselves or their teammates** to practices.
- 3.1.2 Practices scheduled **after 7:30 p.m.** should involve **parent-driven transportation** when possible.
- 3.1.3 Parents are encouraged to coordinate **carpooling arrangements** to reduce the number of required drivers and promote safety.
- 3.1.4 Players who do drive must travel **directly** to and from the practice location. No detours or stops are permitted for other purposes, as per **Hockey Canada Insurance guidelines**.

#### 3.2 For Away Games

- 3.2.1 Players are **strongly discouraged** from driving themselves or teammates to any **away games**.
- 3.2.2 Team Managers and parents should work together to coordinate **safe transportation arrangements** for players.

#### 3.3 For Home Games

- 3.3.1 Players may drive themselves **only** to games held **within Cochrane** and must drive **directly** to the rink.



**3.3.2** For home games **outside a 45 km radius** (e.g., Cremona or Mini Thni), CMHA recommends that **parents provide transportation**.

**3.3.3** If parents are unable to attend, it is suggested that **alternative rides** be arranged in advance.

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#### **4.0 Acknowledgment of Responsibility**

By signing below, the undersigned **acknowledge and agree** that CMHA is **not liable** for any incidents that occur if the player or parent **chooses not to follow** the recommendations outlined in this policy.

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**Player Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_