



Cochrane Minor Hockey Association (CMHA)

Policy Title: Junior Coach Policy

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Website: www.cochraneminorhockey.com

1.0 Overview

This policy outlines the guidelines and eligibility criteria for current CMHA minor hockey players who wish to **volunteer as Junior Coaches** within CMHA. The intent is to ensure that the process is **fair, transparent, and consistent**, while providing mentorship and leadership opportunities for youth.

2.0 Junior Coach Eligibility

Junior Coaches may be utilized in CMHA under **three specific scenarios**. In all cases, **formal approval** from a **Vice President (VP)** and the **Division Director** of the applying team is required.

2.1 Formal Mentorship Programs

- These programs are **initiated and supported by CMHA**.
 - The program must be approved and signed off by a **VP** and the **Division Director**.
 - **Example:** The Chaos team working with younger female programs would require approval from the **Female Director** and a **VP**.
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2.2 School-Sponsored Accredited Programs

- The Junior Coach must be participating through a **school-accredited program**.
 - A **letter from the school** must be submitted indicating:
 - The **credits being received**
 - The **requirements to earn the credit**
 - Approval must be granted by a **VP** and the **Division Director**.
 - **Example:** A Grade 10 student earning credits for assisting with on-ice activities for a U9 team.
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2.3 General Junior Coach Requests



- These are requests from **teenaged players** expressing interest in assisting younger teams.
 - Approval must be obtained from a **VP** and the **Division Director**.
 - The Junior Coach must be **officially carded** on the **CMHA and Hockey Canada roster**.
 - A clear **commitment level** and expectations must be defined for the coach.
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3.0 Ineligible or Unapproved Participation

A Junior Coach or helper will be **ineligible** if **any** of the following apply:

- They are **not participating** through one of the three eligible streams above.
- They are **not carded** as an official coach on the team.
- They have **not received formal approval** from both a **VP** and the relevant **Division Director**.