



# Greater Toronto Hockey League

## Helmet Policy for Team Officials and Volunteers

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### **Background**

Minor hockey has always been concerned about the safety of participants. To this end, various items of safety equipment have been mandated by Hockey Canada for players and on-ice Officials. Chief among these is helmets.

Unfortunately, being careful or being an experienced skater is no guarantee against having an accident on the ice that could be fatal or leave a Team Official or on-ice volunteer with serious physical impairment for the rest of his or her life.

### **Policy**

All Team Officials and on-ice volunteers under the jurisdiction of the GTHL will be required to wear a C.S.A approved helmet during all on-ice activities, including tryouts. During the course of a game, a Trainer or any other Team Official who is attending to an injured player at the direction of the Referee is considered exempt from this policy.

### **Sanctions for non-compliance:**

- 1) The first infraction by a Team under the policy results in a suspension of 2 weeks, or a minimum of 3 League games, to the Head Coach and the Club shall be fined \$250,
- 2) For a second infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from participation in all hockey activity for one month and the Club shall be fined \$500, and
- 3) For a third infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from participation in all hockey activity for a period of 1 year and the Club shall be fined \$2,000.