



BC HOCKEY RISK MGT BULLETIN

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TO: BC Hockey Membership

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SUBJECT: Helmet Policy – Mandatory Branch Requirement

Please review the following information with respect to the BC Hockey Helmet Policy:

1.24 HELMET POLICY - MINOR HOCKEY PRACTICES/EVENTS

1. All Minor Hockey Coaches are to wear a CSA approved helmet during BC Hockey on-ice sanctioned events. The chin strap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin in accordance to Hockey Canada Official Playing Rules with respect to Protective Equipment. The failure to wear a helmet by a minor hockey coach in a BC Hockey sanctioned activity will result in the pulling of BC Hockey's sanction of the event. Unsanctioned events are not covered by the association's insurance policy.
2. Exemption to this policy may be requested on the basis that the wearing of a helmet would interfere with the observance of a religious custom, as follows:
 - I. Application for such exemption must be made in writing to the BC Hockey Executive Director.
 - II. Granting of such exemption will require the applicant to provide a signed BC Hockey Helmet Policy Waiver Form to the Executive Director prior to participation in any sanctioned activity.

Should you have any question regarding the above policy, please contact your District or Divisional Director or me.