



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: OMHA Member Associations
CC: OMHA Board; OMHA Convenors
FROM: OMHA Development
SUBJECT: ACCOMMODATIONS – COACHING QUALIFICATIONS – SEASON START-UP

The OMHA Development Committee and Board of Directors have reviewed some of the challenges being faced with season start-up and Rostering as we return to hockey for the 2021-2022 season.

With the transition to HCR 3.0 there have been some obstacles and delays encountered in implementing clinic functionality, some of which currently remain unresolved or for which bugs have been identified.

Similarly, these challenges in clinic functionality and delivery may present some potential obstacles in our transition back to hockey. In the interest of mitigating these obstacles in facilitating a return to play, the OMHA Board of Directors has reviewed and passed accommodations to allow conditional rostering of Coaches for the startup of the 2021-2022 Season, upon completion of the following:

Coach 1 – Intro to Coach

- H/U Coach 1/2 (Clinic Registration Prerequisite)
- H/U Planning a Safe Return to Hockey
- Respect in Sport Activity Leader
- Gender Identity and Expression Course
- ***Must be Registered to complete the Coach 1 – Intro to Coach clinic***

Coach 2 - Coach Level

- H/U Coach 1/2 (Clinic Registration Prerequisite)
- H/U Planning a Safe Return to Hockey
- H/U Checking (Clinic Registration Prerequisite)
- Respect in Sport Activity Leader
- Gender Identity and Expression Course
- ***Must be Registered to complete the Coach 2 – Coach Level clinic***

Development 1

- H/U Planning a Safe Return to Hockey
- H/U Checking (Clinic Registration Prerequisite)
- Respect in Sport Activity Leader
- Gender Identity and Expression Course
- ***Must be Registered to complete the Development 1 clinic***

Coaches who have completed all requirements for their position and have registered for the required Clinic must fulfil the clinic attendance requirement before October 31, 2021 to remain active.

It is also important to remember that the intention is to not ultimately lessen the requirements, it is simply granting some additional time to allow Coaches to be active with their teams until they can complete their clinic. **Clinic Registration is currently unavailable, and will be posted as soon as confirmed.**

D1 Certifications & Field Evaluations

Coaches moving from D1 Trained to Certified are required to complete the following:

- Completion of the Post Task workbook
- Completion of the Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- Completion of the D1 Field Evaluation through the Local Association Evaluator

In the 2020-2021 season Coaches were allowed to complete the following to allow Coaches with Trained status to roster in a role requiring D1 Certified Status:

- Completion of the Post Task workbook
- Completion of the Make Ethical Decisions Online Evaluation
- Submission of the Evaluation request form for a D1 Field Evaluation to the Association and/or D1 Field Evaluator.

Once proof of all of the above was verified to the OMHA Office, the qualification was extended, and the coach remained eligible in a role requiring D1 Certification.

With the challenges being faced in completing this element, and in the interests of ensuring as smooth a transition back to traditional programming, this accommodation will continue as an option for Associations until such time as Field Evaluations can safely be completed.

As previously communicated in Action Bulletin 210812-001-A, the OMHA will be facilitating a D1 Field Evaluator Training session in late September, and Member Associations are encouraged to identify and submit candidates to complete the training.

Any questions may be directed to your Regional Director, or the OMHA Office.