

OMHA BENCH STAFF REQUIREMENTS 2025-26 SEASON

If you are not already registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (New in 2021) you will need to create an account for yourself, see below.

How to Create a New Account - Click [HERE](#)

How to Link your Profile and Check Qualifications - Click [HERE](#)

The OMHA will be following Hockey Canada and Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF) requirements* for coaches entering the 2025-26 season.

The outlined requirements will be for all coaches (local league or Rep) who wish to be rostered to a team. Previously trained coaches may have attained many of the requirements.

- Head Coaches taking a clinic for the first time will not be required to have a certified status to be rostered for the current season. This includes being D1 "Trained" for the current season even if you are required to be D1 "Certified"
- Coaches who currently have D1 'Trained' status and wish to become 'Certified' will have to complete the Making Ethical Decisions Evaluation, the D1 Work Book and then be evaluated by a D1 Field Evaluator. Please reach out to Brayden Lord and more information is available [here](#).
- Coaches with an expiring or expired certified status are required to participate in professional development to maintain their certified status. For information on certification maintenance, click [HERE](#).

All Ages: On ice Volunteers and Team Managers w/ Player Interaction

- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)
- After being added to a roster, log into your HCR account and complete Rowan's Law and Hockey Canada Waivers

U9 & Below Programming

HEAD COACHES and ASSISTANT COACHES

- [Hockey Canada Coach 1](#) (4 hrs - \$115)
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)
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TRAINERS

- [Hockey Trainer Level 1 online](#) (6 hrs - \$20) OR [Level 1 Recertification](#) (3 hrs - \$8)
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
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U11 & Above Programming

LOCAL LEAGUE HC and ASST COACHES, and U10A/U11A ASST COACHES

- Pre-requisite to C2: [Hockey Canada Skills - Checking](#) (2 hrs - \$22.50)
- [Hockey Canada Coach 2](#) (4 hrs - \$110) OR previously obtained Coach Level 2 or higher qualification
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)
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LOCAL LEAGUE: TRAINERS

- [Hockey Trainer Level 1 online](#) (6 hrs - \$20) OR [Level 1 Recertification](#) (3 hrs - \$8)
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
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REP A/B: U10/U11 HC, and U12 – U18 ASST COACHES → D1 Trained

- Pre-requisite to D1: [Hockey Canada Skills - Checking](#) (2 hrs - \$22.50)
 - *Note: If you already have the Specialty Skills - *HU - ONLINE Checking course, you are not required to take the Hockey Canada Skills - Checking course.*
- Pre-requisite to D1: [Hockey Canada Development 1 Online Prerequisite](#) (2.5 hrs - \$10)
- Attend a [Development 1 Clinic](#)
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)
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REP A/B: U12 – U18 HEAD COACHES → D1 Certified

- Pre-requisite to D1: [Hockey Canada Skills - Checking](#) (2 hrs - \$22.50)

- *Note: If you already have the Specialty Skills - *HU - ONLINE Checking course, you are not required to take the Hockey Canada Skills - Checking course.*
- Pre-requisite to D1: [Hockey Canada Development 1 Online Prerequisite](#) (2.5 hrs - \$10)
- Attend a [Development 1 Clinic](#)
 - If previously D1 'Trained' then begin the process to become 'Certified' by reaching out to OMHARep@SMMHA.ca
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)
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REP A and B: TRAINERS

- [Hockey Trainer Level 1 online](#) (6 hrs - \$20) OR [Level 1 Recertification](#) (3 hrs - \$8)
- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
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LOCAL LEAGUE, REP A, B: MANAGERS

- [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#) (2.5 hrs - \$30)
- [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#) (1 hr - No Cost)
- Vulnerable Sector Screening: [VSS Police Check Info](#)

CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE

If you are currently D1 certified and it has not expired or are getting D1 certified, you will need to earn 20 Professional Development (PD) points every 5 years to maintain your certification and avoid having to retake the D1 course.

PD Points can be earned by:

- taking online or in-person clinics offered by OMHA
- by taking online clinics offered by the Coaching Association of Canada (CAC)
- you will earn 1 PD point for each year you actively coach. You will need to self-report these in 'The Locker' (see below)

To sign up for clinics offered by the CAC and monitor your D1 status you will need to register yourself with the national Coach Certification Program (NCCP) as this is what Hockey Canada uses to track coaches. Once registered with the NCCP, you will have access to your coaching transcript through what is called 'The Locker'.

For instructions on how to access 'The Locker', click [HERE](#) or watch a training video by clicking [HERE](#) (Source: GTHL)