

Coaching Requirements

Coaching Certification

1. Coach Level + Hitting Clinic (Formerly Hybrid)

- **All Recreation Coaches Atom and above** must have completed the required BC Hockey clinics Coach 2 –Coach Level by December 15th of the current season.
- **All Recreational Coaches below Atom** must attend a Coach 1 – Intro to Coach clinic by Dec 15th of the current season or have achieved previous trained status at the Coach 2 – Coach Level.
- You will be reimbursed once you have completed this clinic and have been checked off by LCDMHA Head Coach Coordinator. Please submit your receipt into the LCDMHA Treasurer at treasurer@lakecowichanminorhockey.com
- The link below will provide a list of what is needed, descriptions and also where and when these clinics can be taken
www.bchockey.net/clinics/clinics.aspx

2. Respect in Sport for Leaders

- **All Recreational Coaches** must have completed Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders prior to volunteering in the new season. You will be reimbursed once you have completed this clinic and have submitted your receipt into the LCDMHA Treasurer at treasurer@lakecowichanminorhockey.com
- **Certification is good for five years.** If you are unsure if your certification is still valid, please contact the LCDMHA Registrar at registrar@lakecowichanminorhockey.com
- Please use the link below to complete the online Respect in Sport Clinic.

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3. Criminal Record Check

- **All Recreational Coaches** must have a Criminal Record Check (CRC) and Vulnerable Persons Check submitted prior to volunteering in the new season.
- **Once completed these checks are valid for 3 years.** If you are unsure if your checks are still valid, please contact the LCDMHA Registrar at registrar@lakecowichanminorhockey.com
- Please visit your local RCMP Detachment to have your checks completed.

4. Concussion Awareness Tool

- BC Hockey announced June 27, 2016 that all BC Hockey team officials are required to be qualified in the Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) prior to their participation in any practice or game starting for the current season. This includes safety personnel, team managers, and all coaches
- The CATT link is: www.cattonline.com/
- The course is approximately 40 minute long, and FREE!

****It is a good idea to save a copy of all of your completed certificates****

Coach's Responsibilities

LCDMHA Coaches will:

- 1.** Strive to accomplish the goals and objectives of the LCDMHA.
- 2.** Act as an appropriate role model to all players at all times.
- 3.** Always be prepared. Follow the guidelines in the NCCP for Seasonal Plans, Game Plans, and Practice Plans, and keep a record of your year's practice plans.
- 4.** Utilize allocated ice time as effectively as possible.
- 5.** Provide an appropriate selection and variety of drills to develop self-confidence in players.
- 6.** Ensure that courtesy and respect is demonstrated by the coach with all team interactions and activities.
- 7.** Ensure that all players are properly supervised until the last player leaves the dressing room.
- 8.** Make every effort to attend coaching clinics and meetings as provided by LCDMHA.
- 9.** Advise players and parents of the required protective equipment and uniform expectations and ensure it is being worn properly at all times.
- 10.** Ensure that all players attending ice times under his supervision are registered with LCDMHA.
- 11.** Maintain control over players at all times and not allow unsafe activities or improper behaviour both on and off the ice.
- 12.** Ensure that all doors leading to the ice surface are closed at all times during a game or practice.
- 13.** Ensure that no player goes on the ice until the ice cleaning is completed, the referees have ensured the ice surface is safe and ready for play and there is a coach present. This means the Zamboni is off the ice and the gate is closed.
- 14.** Ensure that all players go directly to the bench in the result of an on ice injury
- 15.** Familiarize themselves with HOCKEY CANADA, VIAHA, BC Hockey rules with particular attention to penalties and suspensions.
- 16.** Always treat officials and their decisions with respect.
- 17.** Make appropriate allowances for female players with regards to dressing rooms, as per BC HOCKEY policies, and ensure that BC HOCKEY policies are followed.
- 18.** Ensure fair and consistent discipline as per LCDMHA Guidelines.
- 19.** Wear a helmet during on ice practices.
- 20.** Ensure proper communication with fellow team coaches and officials and hold regular parent meetings.
- 21.** The Head Coach will have the authority to suspend any player on the Team, with just cause, for one (1) game and must notify the 1st Vice President immediately upon doing so via written explanation. If the coach feels further action is necessary they must notify the 1st Vice President and in consultation with the President, will proceed as deemed appropriate.
- 22.** If a player is ejected from a game, the Head Coach must inform the 1st Vice President within 24 hrs outlining the situation and advising of any related information to assess potential disciplinary action by the association.
- 23.** The Association Coach Coordinator must be informed of any coach suspensions within 24 hrs of the notification of suspension.