

## SECTION R: Risk Management: On Ice Helpers Policy

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### On-Ice Helpers

From time to time hockey teams enlist older hockey players or other volunteers to assist with practices, scrimmages and other activities. It is important to ensure that insurance is in place by following the below guidelines:

1. Any on-ice helpers must be a current registered member of Hockey Nova Scotia / Hockey Canada. If the individual is not currently registered through a minor hockey association, female hockey program, junior team, senior team or as an associate member, the association wishing to have this person help must register the individual with Hockey Nova Scotia.
2. All on ice helpers must wear a CSA certified helmet with chin strap fastened and appropriate face protection required for the player's level of play. A BNQ certified neck guard must also be worn by all minor hockey aged players assisting as an on-ice helper.
3. Pee Wee and below on ice helpers must wear full gear. All other helpers (above Pee Wee) are to wear what is mentioned above with appropriate helmet and face protection to their Division.
4. Any helper who is not a Hockey Nova Scotia player must have certification in Respect in Sport (RIS) or SpeakOut!.
5. Additionally, all "on ice helpers" must be under the direct supervision of a certified team officials and are not to participate in drills, they are on the ice to assist coaches and demonstrate only.

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