



FREDERICTON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION HELMET POLICY FOR TEAM OFFICIALS

BACKGROUND

Minor hockey has always been concerned about the safety of participants. Since 1998, at least seven coaches within Hockey Canada and USA Hockey have died of head injuries as a result of falling on the ice during practices. In 2004 alone, USA Hockey reported 47 documented head injury claims by coaches.

POLICY

Effective August 1, 2010, each team official (head coach, assistant coach, trainer, manager, volunteer) under the jurisdiction of the FYHA will be required to wear a CSA approved helmet during all on-ice activities. A trainer or other team official who is attending to an injured player at the direction of the referee is considered exempt from this policy.

SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- 1) The first infraction under this policy results in a written notification/warning by the FYHA Director of Coaching.
- 2) For a second infraction by the same party, the individual shall be suspended from participation in FYHA activity for a minimum of 2 weeks.
- 3) For a third infraction by the same party, the individual shall be suspended from participation in FYHA activity for a period of 1 year.