

South Huron Minor Hockey Association

Girls Coach and Manager Manual 2025-2026 Season

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Coaching Requirements

Bench Staff

Head Coaches are to select a bench staff that will be suitable for the team. Once selected, a list of bench staff will need to be submitted for executive approval as well as review of qualifications. Each position has specific requirements to be met as provided by Hockey Canada (see Qualifications section below). Teams can have a minimum of 2 bench staff. You must have at least **one qualified head coach and one trainer**. It is suggested you have an assistant coach and assistant trainer to allow for coverage in the event of illness, holidays or suspensions. You may also include 1 manager in the bench staff – the manager will only need to be rostered if you plan to use them on the bench. In this case there would be required courses (along with a VSC check).

Teams are not required to use all rostered staff on the bench at all times – your coaching plan may only have 3 in the bench, but it is still recommended you roster 5 to have backups available.

A minimum of one coach and one trainer is required for any on ice activity (practices and game play included). Should you not have a trainer available for a game, you can arrange to share a trainer with the opposing team. It is possible your trainer may be asked to do the same.

Should this happen, the trainer will need to sign in on both sides (home and visitor) of the gamesheet and attend to any injuries for both teams. Failure to complete this step could result in a suspension for the head coach.

Should the head coach be unavailable for a game and the assistant coach is filling in, be sure to adjust the positions listed on the game sheet to reflect this.

A list of required qualifications for each position can be found on the Team Official tab on the website. All qualifications must be completed prior to being rostered.

Head Coach to submit bench staff contact information using the following form no later than August 15, 2025 (if named head coach after this date, to be completed as soon as possible):

- [Bench Staff Submission Form](#)

Qualifications

A list of required qualifications for bench staff can be found on the website under the Team Officials tab, Coaching Requirements as well as on the [OWHA Website](#)



TEAM STAFF QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS 2025-2026

All qualifications listed are the **MINIMUM REQUIREMENT**

All Rostered Individuals Must...

- Have completed Respect in Sport (RIS) - Activity Leaders and Gender Expression and Identity Course.
- Anyone 18 and over must have a **satisfactory VSS/VSC & Declaration document must be submitted and processed via the Screening Portal**, in accordance with the OWHA Screening Policy.
- Be registered with the OWHA, and complete Rowan's Law Resource Review & Acknowledgement.
- Be a minimum of two (2) years older than the oldest player in all divisions except for Senior division
- Be a minimum of 16 years of age, this includes Trainers
- Have at least ONE (1) insured female staff
- Each team **must** have a minimum of two (2) Dressing Room Monitors, and they must have Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration
- All Dressing Room Monitors must be screened and rostered with the OWHA Team / Association
- All Third-Party Instructors must be rostered with the OWHA Team / Association
- Each team must have a screened and certified Trainer.

DIVISION	CATEGORY	HEAD COACH (REQUIRED)	ASSISTANT COACH (RECOMMENDED)	TRAINER (REQUIRED)
Fund, U7, U8 & U9	ALL COACH & ALL ASSISTANT COACHES in these divisions MUST have Coach 1 No other qualifications will be accepted for these divisions.			HTCP Level 1
U11	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U11	Competitive	Development 1 Trained ³	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U13	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U13	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U13	AA, A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U15	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U15	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	House League / DS	Coach 2	Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U18	BB, B, C	Development 1 Trained ³	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U18	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U22	House League	Coach 2 - Coach Level	Hockey Canada Coach 2	HTCP Level 1
U22	A, B, C	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U22	AA	HP1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
Senior	All	OWHA Senior teams with 1 or more participants under the age of 18 require a certified coach, trainer and all staff to be screened with satisfactory Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration Any Senior team registering a coach must ensure that all rostered coaches are certified with a minimum of Coach 2 Level, Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration. All OWHA Senior Teams MUST roster a certified trainer. If there is a player under the age of 18, the trainer also require a Respect in Sport Activity Leader, Gender Identity and Expression and screened with satisfactory VSC and Declaration. OWHA Senior teams with ALL participants over the age of 18 do not require a rostered coach. OWHA Senior teams with ALL participants over the age of 18 do not require staff to be screened, but it is recommended.		

COACHING QUALIFICATION LEGEND:

1. Coaches of FUNDamentals, U7, U8 and U9 divisions **must** have Hockey Canada Coach 1 qualification. **No other qualifications are accepted.**
2. Hockey Canada Coach 2 or higher: Hockey Canada Coach 2 or Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified'; High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
3. Development 1 'Trained' or higher: Development 1 'Trained' or 'Certified' or High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
4. Development 1 'Certified' or higher: Development 1 'Certified' or High Performance 1 & 2 'Trained' or 'Certified.'
5. High Performance 1 'Certified' or higher: High Performance 1 & 2 'Certified.'

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Information on how to register for OWHHA coaching clinics is available on the [OWHA website](#), under the Team Officials tab.

Bench staff will register and pay for courses out of pocket. Once all required training for the season is complete, please submit your receipt, certificate of completion to your division coordinator.

Send certification of completion and receipt to the appropriate Division Coordinator contact:

- U5/U7 (IP) Coordinator
- U9 Pathway (Girls)
- U11 – U18 (currently Treasurer)

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

VSC (Vulnerable Sector Check)

A current VSC is required for all SHMHA Team officials including but not limited to head coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers and at large team officials, on-ice volunteers, skills coaches, third party skills coaches, dressing room supervisors and anyone else who, through their duties may work with children.

Completed Vulnerable Sector Checks are being centralized through Ontario Hockey Federation (OFH) and must be submitted online. Instructions on the VSC, frequently asked questions and how to submit can be found on the OHF's [Vulnerable Sector Checks \(VSC\)](#) page.

Note: For the 2025/2026 season:

- A VSC from the 2023/2024 season will be accepted. This documentation is required to be submitted online through the OHF Screening Submissions Portal. A [Declaration](#) for Year 3 is also still required for this process.
- A VSC from 2022 is considered expired as of May 31, 2025 and a new VSC must be submitted, along with a signed declaration.

If you require a new VSC to be completed, please complete this process as soon as possible as processing times may be delayed.

- [Letter for VSC from OFH](#) (required to be submitted with your police check). On this form, it will ask for the following details: Member: OMHA, OWHA (example), Association: South Huron Minor Hockey
- [Ontario Provincial Police - Online Police Record Check](#)

All VSC must be completed and approved within the OHF portal (HCR profile will be updated to green and show as valid once the VSC is approved) prior to any off or on ice team activity.

Email for confirmation of VSC Status and questions to the Vulnerable Sector Check Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Season Information

IMPORTANT: Please review the [2025/2026 OWHA Handbook](#) prior to your season start. This document includes important policies/procedures, suspension procedures and other important details that you should know. In the case of discrepancies with this manual, the manual of operations supersedes this manual.

Important Season Dates

Coaches and bench staff are encouraged to review the important season dates found under the Team Officials tab on the website. This will outline important meetings, clinics, rostering deadlines, blackout dates for the association for tournaments and guidelines.

Parent Meeting

Following the formation of teams, it is important for the coach to call a parent meeting to introduce themselves, the bench staff and clarify expectations and goals for the season. This meeting can be held in the lobby of either SHRC or STA, or in a changeroom provided one is available. It is suggested to schedule it either before or after a practice.

In preparation for this meeting:

- Coach – determine tournament dates and fees

- Manager – collect volunteer bond cheques (\$500 dated February 1, 2026) and medical forms to provide to team trainer

Suggested topics to cover:

- Team responsibilities – carrying away jerseys, gamesheet, timeclock, payment of referees – these are items that can be scheduled or assigned to parents
- Expectations of players and parents
- Role of the team Trainer
- Confirm up to date or preferred contact information for parents
- Determine/discuss best option for communications – email, group chat
- Dress code for players (warm up gear required)
- Expected arrival times ahead of practices and games (home and away)
- Tournaments – dates, fees
- Mode of communication between coaches and parents and reminder regarding the 24-hour rule when addressing concerns

Rosters

Your roster cannot be created until all members of your team (players and bench staff) are registered on [RAMP](#) for the current season AND bench staff has completed the required qualifications.

All teams will need an approved roster for regular season games as well as tournaments (pre-season exhibition may take place before roster is approved). Players/bench staff will not appear on your RAMP GameSheet app until your roster is approved.

Substitute or pick up players can be used and are not rostered to the team, but rather sharing of the player is completed via RAMP. See Pick Up Players below for information.

A copy of your approved roster will be sent to you or your manager.

Roster questions or status contact the [Roster \(Girls\) contact](#).

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Pick Up/Substitute Players

Teams can use a pick-up player to replace a rostered player who is unavailable. You cannot have more players than the number of players approved on your

roster in any game. Adding a pick up player is done by the coaches (the team the player is rostered to and the coach picking up the player). The coach that wants to borrow the player will submit a request to use a pick up player through the RAMP team Games Portal and once approved by the coach of the team the player is rostered to, the player can be added to the RAMP GameSheet app (see info below).

Pick-up/substitution changes to be added to the manual at a future date. Please contact your league representative for clarification for the 2025/2026 season.

After the coach requests the player via RAMP (team page) and the rostered coach approves the request, the pickup player can be added to the game sheet. This can be done through the “ROSTER” tab and then by selecting either the Home team or the Visiting Team. The “ADD PLAYER” button is there and all information pertaining to that player can be added (NEED TO HAVE THE PLAYER ADDED AS A PICK UP PLAYER FIRST).

Tournaments

The majority of SH teams will select between 1 and 3 tournaments to play in each season. The expenses for the tournaments are to be paid by the teams and are not covered by SHMHA. The selection of these tournaments is determined by the coach and should use parent input on the number, timing, cost and location. Tournaments can fill quickly and teams will need to register for these as early as possible to ensure entry. SHMHA works hard to host a home tournament for each of our teams each season. If a home tournament is available for your team, it is expected that your team will register for it as one of their selected tournaments. When making these selections, please consider the travel expenses involved for families.

Once tournaments have been selected:

- Coaches will need to reschedule any conflicting league games
- Notify Ice Convenor to have the tournament added to your calendar.
 - You will need to provide tournament name, dates and location.
 - After the ice scheduler has added the tournament to your team’s calendar, managers can add tournament games to the team calendar using the mobile app or desktop version.

Notify the Ice Convenor of any tournaments.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Practices & Player Development

Teams have been provided with a weekly practice and game schedule that will remain consistent through the season starting early in October and ending in March (watch for black outs during home tournaments).

Should you need to cancel or change a practice, please notify the ice scheduler **as soon as possible**. Any cancelled practice times will be sent out to other teams to fill. It is our hope that no ice goes unused as it remains an expense to SHMHA regardless of use.

Alternatively, your team contact will also receive emails listing any open ice times that are available to your team to add to your schedule throughout the season.

There should only be 1 team contact communicating with the Ice Scheduler throughout the season (pick up ice, cancellations etc.). This contact is identified at the beginning of the season by the head coach in the bench staff submission.

SHMHA endeavours to distribute extra ice as evenly as possible, but there may be times when ice will need to be swapped, cancelled or rearranged to accommodate weather cancellations or the rescheduling of games etc.

***NEW FOR 2025/26 Season:** Any additional player development activities (including social activities), outside of regular scheduled ice time, **must be optional for players and cannot be made mandatory**. These activities are not to be added to your team's webpage as an event or activity.

Medical Information

A medical information sheet must be completed for each player. A copy of the form can be found on the SHMHA website under Team Officials tab. The forms are to be filled out by the parents and should be kept on file by the team trainer. Be sure to also collect a form for any affiliate players that will be skating with your team. These forms are to be destroyed at the end of the season.

Concussion and Return to Play

See links under Team Officials Tab for links to information on concussion facts, prevention and return to play form.

- [Concussion Facts and Prevention \(hockeycanada.ca\)](https://hockeycanada.ca)
- [Return to play form.pdf \(rampinteractive.com\)](https://rampinteractive.com)

Injury Reports

For information related to injury reports, refer to the Trainers Manual (under the Team Officials tab). All questions related to Trainers responsibilities, medical forms, and injury reporting be directed to the Trainer Coordinator (Wellness and Safety).

Contact the Trainer Coordinator if you have questions related to player wellness and safety.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Supervising Your Team

There must be at least one team staff member in the arena when the first player arrives and until the last player leaves. Do not leave players unattended.

OHF “Two deep dressing room policy”:

It will be the Policy of the Ontario Hockey Federation that, when any player under the age of 19 is in the team dressing room(s) before, during and after a game or practice, a minimum of two of the following shall be present in the dressing room(s) or immediately outside the dressing room(s) with the door ajar: two team or club/association officials, properly screened or one such official and an adult person associated with the team. In the situation of Juvenile or U21 hockey the coach may use an adult player over the age of 19 to be the second adult associated with the team.

Two deep policy applies during any interactions with players (coach discussion with player, trainer assessment off ice etc.)

On the Ice

No player will be allowed on the ice at any time without proper equipment. Any individual under the age of 16 as an on-ice helper with a team must wear full gear. Helpers over the age of 16 (including coaches and bench staff) must wear a helmet.

Ice time is scheduled by the hour, but this block is only 50 minutes to allow 10 minutes to clear and resurface the ice. This applies to all groups.

No person is allowed on the ice surface while it is being cleaned. No person is to enter the ice surface until the staff has cleared from the area and closed the doors.

Website

Each team has their own page on the SHMHA website. Teams are to assign one team webmaster (usually the Manager) to have access for posting on this site.

Users who have previously had website access will maintain their existing username and password. New users will be assigned a username and password after their information has been submitted.

Request team webmaster access to the team page by contacting the Web Administrator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

The team webmaster will be able to post articles and information (schedule for gamesheet/time clock), tournament game scores and also add tournament games.

Once the ice scheduler has been given tournament information and dates, they will add the tournament to the team calendar. After it has been created and shows on the team calendar, the team webmaster can then add individual games.

In order to help with scheduling, if you must block off a specific time/date on your team calendar that your team is unavailable, please use DO NOT BOOK (location set to none) to ensure that no games are scheduled. No other details are required for this.

All content posted must adhere to social media policy (located on the website under Policies and Procedures [Social Media and Electronic Devices Policy \(South Huron Minor Hockey\)](#)).

Officials

Officials are automatically assigned when games are added to the schedule. Sufficient notice to reschedule a league game or add an exhibition game must be given in order to allow for this to happen. There is a severe shortage of qualified officials, so please give the ice and referee scheduler as much notice as possible to both schedule and cancel.

Teams will be responsible for paying and tracking officials for all of their home games. Cheques will be distributed at the beginning of the season to each head coach in order to allow for this to happen. Tracking forms are available on the website (under the Team Officials tab) and must be filled out at each game. Officials receive mileage upon arrival along with pay for the game – if your game is the first one of a series that the official has arrived for, you will be responsible for paying it.

You may request more additional funds and have another cheque written. This could take a week or more, so please track your funds carefully.

Request additional funds for Official payment by contacting the Treasurer.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

A pay schedule for referees can be found on the website under Team Officials tab. Fees are based on the division as well as the length of the game.

League game times/period lengths for OWHL Southern and WOGHL may vary. **It is important for you to contact your league representative for clarification to these prior to your season start.**

- [OWHL Southern League Playing Rules & Regulations](#)
- [WOGHL Regular Season Rules](#)

RAMP Gamesheets

Gamesheets are completed electronically on iPad that are provided at the arenas. **iPads need to be returned and charged after each game.**

- Stephen Arena - iPads are located in the SHMHA equipment room
- SHRC - there is a lock box on the wall as you leave the lobby towards the new dressing rooms.

Codes for the lock box at both arenas is [REDACTED] and will also be emailed to coaches. The code to unlock the iPad is [REDACTED].

Teams will be provided a team login and password which is used to login to the team page to access game codes: <https://admin.rampcms.com/login>. It is suggested that one person is assigned (manager or RAMP rep for the team) that can access the game codes for each game. For each game, there are 4 codes on the RAMP team webpage:

- Home Team
- Visiting Team
- Gamesheet
- Officials

The manager or RAMP rep for the team will email out the Gamesheet code for the timekeeper before each game. The coach will need to log into the RAMP GameSheet app (either using the home or visiting team code) and mark who is present/absent for the game (bench staff and players) and the coach will also sign the gamesheet electronically.

Each timekeeper will need to create their own username and password to log into the RAMP GameSheet app. They will then use the game code provided by the team manager (or team assigned RAMP rep) to load the game onto the iPad.

Follow the links below for instructions on how to use the RAMP GameSheet and FAQs:

- [Electronic gamesheets - For Timekeepers.pdf](#)
- [Electronic gamesheets - For Teams \(Oct 29\).pdf \(rampinteractive.com\)](#)
- [Question - Ramp Gamesheet App \(Oct 27\) Final2.pdf \(rampinteractive.com\)](#)

Note: OWHA requires suspendable offenses occurring during a League game to be reported within 24 hours by the offending team via email to: stats@owha.on.ca. Failure to do so will result in suspensions issued to the head coach.

Exhibition Games

SHMHA allows teams to arrange for home exhibition games where ice time and referees are available. The selected time slot must be long enough to allow for a game. It is not recommended to schedule games in practice time slots as these are often not as long as game slots. Enough notice to allow for referees to be scheduled must be given. Once scheduled, notify the ice scheduler to have it added to your calendar. As it is not a league game, it will not be linked to your opponents calendar and they will also have to have it added on their end. The situation also applies in reverse should you be travelling for an exhibition game.

Notify Ice Convenor to add an exhibition game to your calendar.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Exhibition games are inputted under Portal Games in RAMP and the home team needs to send the game codes to the away team and timekeeper.

There will be times where requests for home exhibition games may not be able to be accommodated due to referee shortages. In these cases, coaches will be notified as quickly as possible and will be responsible for notifying the other team to cancel the game.

Scheduling/Cancelling/Rescheduling Games

RAMP and our website are not linked in any way. So all home games need to be created by the home coach in RAMP, plus the coach needs to notify the Ice Scheduler of ALL games to have them added to the calendar.

There are various reasons why a game may need to be cancelled. The travelling/visiting team may need to cancel for inclement weather. The coach will need to notify the Ice Scheduler ASAP and they will remove it from the website which will also trigger cancellation of the refs for home games.

League games must be rescheduled if this happens and the coach is responsible for rescheduling this game with the opposing team.

Please contact your league representatives for any specific rules on scheduling, cancelling or rescheduling games that may apply to your team.

Notify the Ice Convenor of scheduled/cancelled/rescheduled games.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Team Equipment

Practice Locker and Equipment

SHRC and STA have both been stocked with practice equipment in a locker.

- STA: The code for the equipment room (across from the staff office) is [REDACTED], turn clockwise. The code for this locker is [REDACTED].
- SHRC: The code for the equipment room (below spectator seating) is [REDACTED], turn clockwise. The code for this locker is [REDACTED].

The lockers should remain locked at all times. A bucket of practice pucks is available for your use and **MUST** be returned to the locker once your practice has ended. **If you are the last Sabres ice slot of the day at the arena, please ensure all lockers and equipment rooms are locked, with pucks returned to the locker.**

For issues or concerns about lockers and equipment, contact the Equipment Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Provided Equipment

Each team will be provided with a trainer's kit, a set of game pucks and jersey bag.

To replace items in your trainers kit or request additional pucks, contact the Equipment Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Please do not take team pucks from the bucket of practice pucks as practice pucks needs to be available for all teams to share

Teams must return their trainers kit and remaining pucks at the end of the season.

Jerseys/Lockers

Teams will be provided with 2 sets of jerseys – home (white) and away (grey) in their team locker. Teams will be provided with a code for their locker at the earliest possible time.

If you require your locker code, please include the number written on your lock and contact the Equipment Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Teams should take the time to assign jersey #'s to players and ensure there is a fit for everyone well ahead of your first game. Every effort has been made to make sure proper sizing has been provided, but you may find you need to switch some sizes. SHMHA will accommodate as much as possible.

To request additional jersey sizes, contact the Equipment Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Do NOT remove jerseys from other lockers unless specifically directed to do so.

Once completed, the jersey tracking form (located on the website under the Team Officials tab) must be filled out and returned by October 15, 2025.

Jerseys should NOT be carried by players in order to avoid damage. Home jerseys can be kept in the team locker and a jersey bag will be provided to each team for carrying the away jerseys to games.

Both sets of jerseys should be washed throughout the season as well as prior to returning the jerseys at the end of the season. This is a team responsibility. Carrying the away jerseys and washing both sets can be assigned to a parent.

Request an additional jersey bag for a tournament or report a damaged jersey by contacting the Equipment Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Should a jersey become damaged during the season please notify the equipment so a replacement jersey can be ordered.

At the end of the season, complete sets of WASHED jerseys matching the list must be returned to SHMHA. A designated date and location will be provided at that time.

Other information for Team Parents/Guardians

Team Photos

SHMHA arranges for a photographer to take photos of individual players and teams. Each team will be scheduled for a time slot to attend and all players and coaches should have their photo taken even if they do not plan to order a package – ensuring everyone is included in team photos. Information, schedule and order forms will be provided via email early in the season. Coaches/managers will then distribute to team members.

For additional information or questions regarding team photos, contact the Photography Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Volunteer Requirements

SHMHA members are responsible for one volunteer shift per player each season. These shifts are typically completed during home tournaments. Additional information can be found under the Volunteering tab on the website.

The team manager is responsible for collecting a bond cheque from each player \$500 dated February 1, 2026.

These cheques are not cashed unless volunteer requirements are not met.

The package of bond cheques must be complete and is to be submitted on or before October 15, 2025.

You may have families who have opted out of volunteering and have paid a fee to do so during the registration process. If this is the case, please confirm those members with the volunteer contact prior to submitting your package to ensure completion.

To arrange for volunteer drop off cheques or confirm opt-out members, contact the Volunteer Coordinator.

All current contacts can be found on the [Organization Contact List](#) page.

Financial Assistance

SHMHA is committed to make hockey accessible to as many players as possible. Should you or your players need assistance with funding applications, registration, equipment or season expenditures, please contact your division registrar or the treasurer for additional information.

Learn more about programs available on our [Financial Assistance](#) page.

