



What does it take to get involved with Minor Hockey on a bench? Are you a first-time coach or trainer?

Strathroy District Minor Hockey Association will reimburse applicants upon successful completion of the selected and required courses. Applicable to new coaches and trainers assigned to volunteer within the Strathroy District Minor Hockey Association.

All qualifications listed are the MINIMUM REQUIREMENT

- ✓ Coaches, Trainers and Managers must be 19 years of age or older
- ✓ Assistant Coaches must be 16 years of age or older
- ✓ All bench staff must be a minimum of 4 years older than the players they are coaching
- ✓ All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer, & Manager) require Respect in Sport (RiS) - Activity Leader ([Register here](#))
- ✓ All Team Officials (Coach, Trainer, & Manager) require Gender Identity & Expression Course (GIEC)
- ✓ All Team Officials must complete Rowan's Law Resource Review & Acknowledgement
- ✓ All qualifications must be registered in the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR)
- ✓ All Bench staff and volunteers require a valid Police Vulnerable Sector or Police background check uploaded to Spordle.)
- ✓ All coaching Clinics listed below [Coaching Clinics](#)
- ✓ Trainer course ([register here](#))

ACTING IN THE ROLE OF HEAD COACH: Should a team's Head Coach not be available, an Assistant Coach rostered to that team is eligible to act in the role of Head Coach for that game only. If the Head Coach resigns or is removed from the position and subsequently removed from the team's Roster, the Association is responsible to Roster a new individual as Head Coach holding the qualifications appropriate to the role.

LOCAL LEAGUE (LL):

- Assistant Coaches at Local League require Respect in Sport (RiS)-Activity Leader or Speak Out! and Gender Identity and Expression Course Only. However, they would

require the appropriate qualifications listed in the chart below for participation with teams from outside their Local League (i.e. exhibition and/or tournament play)

- In addition, if the Head Coach were not available to start a Local League game, an appropriately NCCP qualified Coach would be required to act as the Head Coach.

Anyone interested in coaching or volunteering for Strathroy District Minor Hockey Association, Please reach out to our Coaching Director Rick Taylor
<mailto:coaching@sdmha.org>



TEAM OFFICIAL QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

2025-2026

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DIVISION	CATEGORY	HEAD COACH	ASSISTANT COACH	TRAINER
U7 U8 U9	ALL	Coach 1 ¹	Coach 1 ¹	HTCP Level 1
U10 - U21	House League (HL) Local League (LL) Minor Development (MD) Select	Coach 2 Trained ²	Coach 2 Trained ²	HTCP Level 1
U10 U11	Representative	Development 1 Trained ³	Coach 2 Trained ²	HTCP Level 1
U12 U13 U14 U15 U16 U18 U21	Representative (Below A)	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U12 U13 U21	AAA/AA/A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U14 U15 U16 U18	AA/A	Development 1 Certified ⁴	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 1
U14 U15 U16 U18	AAA	High Performance 1 Certified ⁵	Development 1 Trained ³	HTCP Level 2

COACHING QUALIFICATION LEGEND:

1. Coaches in divisions U9 and Below **must** hold Coach 1- **No other qualifications are accepted**
2. Coach 2 'Trained' or higher: Coach 2 'Trained' or 'Certified'; 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 2 'Certified'

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HOUSE LEAGUE (HL):

- Assistant Coaches at House League require Respect in Sport (RiS)-Activity Leader or Speak Out! and Gender Identity and Expression Course Only. However, they would require the appropriate qualification listed in chart above for participation with teams from outside their House League (i.e. exhibition and/or tournament play)
- In addition, if the Head Coach were not available to start a House League game, an appropriately NCCP qualified Coach would be required to act as the Head Coach.

For more information please contact coaching@sdmha.org