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Coaching

a. Coaching Education Required Levels

All team coaches shall meet the coaching education levels as set forth in the current USA Hockey Annual Guide. All coaches (head and assistants) **shall** have an appropriate level Coaching Education Program card by December 31 of the calendar year. Coaches shall carry their Coaching Education Program card with them to all games and be prepared to show proof of their coaching education level as specified in the USA Hockey Annual Guide. The CEP number, level of certification and date of last certification for all team coaches shall be shown on the score sheet for games played by a team.

In as much as **local Associations** interview and choose their coaches, it is incumbent upon those Associations to ensure their coaches are certified at the proper level with respect to the age level they are participating. The local Association shall ensure all coaches are properly certified by December 31st of each season. **In the event that a coach is not properly certified, the coach shall not be eligible to participate in any post season play.** Providing the coach is making satisfactory progress toward attaining the proper level of certification, he or she may obtain one (1) temporary coaching card during his or her career.

Beginning January 1 of each year, a coach who has not met the required level of certification with respect to the age level they are coaching, **the "Association" must remove that coach from the roster of that team immediately.**

All ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth, high school, disabled, girls/women's 19&under and below programs **must wear an ice hockey helmet during all on ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages** and coach and referee clinics (seminars), with the exception of when a team official is tending to an injured player. **Any team personnel found in violation of this rule by their District/Affiliate may be subject to a recommended of not less than 30 days.**