

## **Wilmot Girls Hockey Association (WGHA) Head Coach, Coaching Staff and On-Ice Helper Policy**

When applying for **any position** on a team the following is needed prior to going on the ice and/or being added to a team's roster:

1. Completed and approved coaching application for the current season (including appropriate credential numbers) – **note all staff must be approved by the coaching selection committee.**
2. Valid police check or WGHA Criminal Offence Declaration
3. All missing credentials must be obtained prior to December 1st of the current season and Development Director must be kept up-to-date of pending courses.
  - on WGHA website, Coaching Manual see the Staff Certification to view requirements

**Any staff member identified to be involved with team activities, who has not submitted the above documentation will be suspended until further notice. The head coach will be notified of this suspension as well.**

### **Head Coach and Coaching Staff**

All Head Coaches must be at least 19 years of age with full credentials. Those 19-21 years of age can only be head coach up to the Bantam level. All other coaching staff must be a minimum of 16 years of age. All coaching staff must have all appropriate certificates.

All coaching staff must be at least 3 years older than the oldest player on the team they are helping with.

### **On-Ice Helpers**

The minimum age to be an on-ice helper is peewee aged or above for WGHA registered players. These girls can help on-ice for any lower aged team where there is at least one age division gap. Example - a 13 year old bantam player can be an on-ice helper for atom and below teams.

Other on-ice helpers must be a minimum of 14 years of age and be at least 2 years older than the oldest player on the team.

All on-ice helpers 16 years of age and older must have at least a PRS and a valid Police Check to help out with practices.

All on-ice helpers under 16 must be registered and playing hockey for the WGHA or another recognized association. (PRS and Police check are not required.)

All personnel must be registered on each Team's OWHA's registration form. (registrar)

### **Alliance Coaching Certification – Conversion to OWHA**

Anyone who obtains their coaching credentials via OMHA or through Alliance Hockey is responsible to send in the forms to convert their cards to OWHA numbers.

### **Police check**

Police check/vulnerable sector checks are now valid for four years.