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## GTHL POLICY

### Wearing of Helmets by Team Officials, On-ice Volunteers, NCCP and Third-Party Instructors

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#### Introduction:

This policy shall also be known as the “GTHL Helmet Policy”.

#### Definitions

Definitions of “Head Coach”, “Organization”, “Team” and “Team Official” are as outlined in GTHL Regulations.

#### Policy

All Team Officials and volunteers under the jurisdiction of the Greater Toronto Hockey League (“GTHL”), NCCP and third-party instructors working with a Team, MUST wear a CSA-approved helmet, secured and with chinstraps properly fastened, during all on-ice activities, including evaluations. A participant wearing a facial protector must ensure that the straps of their facial protector, when designed to allow such straps, are securely fastened to their helmet.

During a game, a Trainer or any other Team Official who is attending to an injured player at the direction of an on-ice official is considered exempt from this policy.

It is each Organization’s responsibility to monitor and ensure compliance with this policy.

#### Penalties for non-compliance:

Without limiting further disciplinary action that may be taken by the League:

- 1) The first infraction by a Team shall result in the Head Coach being suspended from all hockey activity for two (2) weeks or a minimum of 3 games and the Organization being fined \$250.
- 2) For a second infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from all hockey activity for one (1) month and the Organization shall be fined \$500.
- 3) For a third infraction by the same Team, the Head Coach shall be suspended from all hockey activity for one (1) year and the Organization shall be fined \$2,000.

If the Team’s Head Coach did not participate in the on-ice activity where a breach of this policy occurred, the Team Official acting as the head coach for the on-ice activity will be the person held responsible for the breach and against whom the suspension will apply.

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