

OLA COACHES AND TRAINER'S CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

OLA Constitution sections addressing certification requirements for OLA participation:

MR2.12(b)

All approved and carded bench personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in OLA sanctioned games:

- a) A first-year minor coach/bench personnel must have successfully completed a Community Development Clinic;
- b) All bench personnel coaching Pee Wee and below need to be Community Coach Development trained;
- c) All bench personnel coaching Bantam and above must be "In Training" or "Trained" at Competitive Introduction (accompanying workbook and Making Headway online concussion module must be completed by December 31st of the same year);
- d) Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent) and must be present during all zone, interlock, tournament and Provincial Play.

NOTE: At minimum, all rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own for that game. Should the other team's trainer choose not to accept responsibility for both teams, the game shall not be played.

Policy clarification on trainer's certification and equivalencies:

- (1) Any St. John Ambulance *Emergency First Aid* course of 8 hours (or more);
- (2) Canadian Red Cross *Standard First Aid & Basic Rescuer CPR* course;
- (3) Sport Alliance of Ontario/Canadian Red Cross *Sport First Aid* course;
- (4) Ontario Hockey Trainer's Certification Program;
- (5) A professional designation which includes a current letter of employment (acceptable examples: MD; RN; Police Officer; Firefighter).

From the above, CPR Training (as stand-alone certification) is NOT considered an equivalency.

A photocopy of a trainer certification card (provided by any of the above groups) must be uploaded to the OLA Registration form as proof of certification.

The OLA recognizes only one trainer per team per game as responsible for the health and well-being of the team (activities which do not include coaching athletes).