



INFORMATION BULLETIN

Date: June 19, 2013

To: All Minor Hockey Associations
Senior Male & Female Teams
Junior A, B, C & Female Teams
Board of Directors
Hockey Alberta Councils

From: Drew Dixon- Coordinator, Hockey Development

SUBJECT: Hockey Alberta Coaching Clinic AGM Update

Please note, there are a few key information bullets and changes as they relate to coaching clinics for the 2013-2014 season. These changes stem from a Hockey Canada decision to review clinic certification options of putting current training online. The e-learning platform referred to as "Hockey University" will affect the following programs:

Hockey Canada Safety Program (HCSP)

- The HCSP will be completed entirely online with re-certification options being finalized for the upcoming season.
- Based on feedback from membership, there is an overwhelming response that multiple team officials should be certified with HCSP Level 1 (currently only 1 person needs certification).

Intro to Coach and Coach Level

- Intro to Coach and Coach level clinics will be combined as a pilot for the 2013-2014 season. The name of the clinic is being finalized and this will not affect certification requirements other than the wording. Two coaches on each Initiation team will still require certification while the Head Coach of Novice through Midget (other than those teams requiring Development 1 or HP1) will require the Head Coach to be certified.
- The Intro/Coach level clinics will now require the completion of a 4 hour online and 4.5 hour in person (1.5 hours will be one ice) clinic to be fully certified. Please note, coaches will be required to complete the online component before attending the in person portion.
- Details with regards to cost, registration process and clinic requesting guidelines will be forwarded to all members once finalized. Requesting an in person clinic will be done through respective regional Centre Staff.



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Checking Skills Program

- Changes to the Checking Skills certification requirements will not be affected by the removal of Body Checking from all levels of Pee wee.
- A review will take place both provincially and nationally with regards to coach education as it related to certifying coaches in the area of "teaching checking".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Drew Dixon".

Drew Dixon
Coordinator, Hockey Development