



COACHES ONBOARDING

U5 / U6 / U7

Qualifications:

ALL COACHES, TRAINERS, MANAGERS, AND ON ICE HELPERS MUST COMPLETE A POLICE CHECK BEFORE STEPPING ON THE ICE. Forms will be provided by TAMHA so there is no expense.

<https://www.opp.ca/index.php?id=147&lng=en>

- Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)

The following courses – if payment is necessary – reimbursement is provided by TAMHA.

1. In order to be the **Head Coach** of a **U7 & BELOW HL/LL/MD/Select** team you will need to complete the Coach 1 - Intro to Coach course:
 - [HU - Coach 1/Coach 2 - Prerequisite for Coach 1 - Intro to Coach course](#)
 - [Coach 1 - Intro to Coach Course](#)
 - [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#)
 - [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#)
2. In order to be the **Assistant Coach** of a **U7 & BELOW HL/LL/MD/Select** team you will need to complete the Coach 1 - Intro to Coach course:
 - [HU - Coach 1/Coach 2 - Prerequisite for Coach 1 - Intro to Coach course](#)
 - [Coach 1 - Intro to Coach Course](#)
 - [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#)
 - [Gender Identity & Expression Course](#)
3. For you to be the **Trainer** of a **U7 & BELOW HL/LL/MD/Select** team you will need the following courses:
 - [Hockey Trainers Ontario Level 1 Course](#)

- [Gender Identity and Expression Course](#)
 - [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#)
4. For you to be the **Manager** of a U7 & BELOW HL/LL/MD/Select team you will need the following courses:
- [Gender Identity and Expression Course](#)
 - [Respect in Sport - Activity Leader](#)

Other:

Sponsorship is taken care of by the TAMHA executive and Tim Horton's supplies jerseys and socks.

Tournaments / Jamborees - only jamborees are available. Can be found on the Lambton Middlesex Local League website: <https://lml.ca/> or at <https://www.omha.net/jamboreelisting>

One parent must complete Respect in Sport for Parents: <https://www.hockeycanada.ca/en-ca/hockey-programs/parents/respect-in-sport> As an association we do ask that parents look at the documentation together as there is some good advice and pointers contained in the course material.

Expectations for the U5/U6/U7 year:

It is the expectation of the executive that the coaches have all the opportunities to make it a great year for the players. This is the first introduction to hockey for many kids and their families.

The Executive will support the coaches through the coaching coordinator and would request that coaches check with the coaching coordinator when looking to make any additional changes to the programming or add additional events or team functions outside of the normal practice times. This isn't referring to team dinners or social gatherings but would include fundraising, swag, parade floats etc. This request is simply to avoid conflict in what the executive may already be planning in advance for the entire association in the upcoming season. Fundraising for tournaments etc. is especially important and one where the executive is simply asking for advance warning to avoid teams overlapping fundraisers or choosing the same activity only days apart.

The jerseys and the socks provided by Tim Horton's are a highlight of the year for the kids at this age. It will be important to make a quick evaluation of the skill levels of the group and distribute jerseys and socks as soon as possible. Ideally this is by the end of the second week of the season. Additional sets are often available if a re-evaluation of skills is needed as the year progresses.

As a reminder, success in hockey at this age is not measured on the scoreboard in games, it is more about finding a way to teach fundamental skills in a fun way that keeps the kids engaged and enthusiastic about coming to the rink for many years to come.

Thank you,

TAMHA Executive