

**Town Council of the Town of Gander
Policies and Procedures**

Policy Topic: Ice Helmet Policy		
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Section: Recreation	Amendment Motion:	Amendment Date:
Issued By: Recreation & Community Living		

Policy Statement:

It is mandatory to wear a Canadian Standard Association (CSA) approved protective helmet for ice sports by all participants and staff at the Gander Community Centre and the outdoor skating rink.

Purpose:

This policy is for the protection, safety and well-being of all users while participating in ice related activities at the Gander Community Centre and the outdoor skating rink.

Guidelines:

This policy is in effect for any person on the ice surface at the Gander Community Centre and outdoor rink with the exception of the following:

- Figure Skaters who are registered with Skate Canada and have successfully completed the CanSkate program. Any figure skating competition that is sanctioned by Skate Canada and Skate NL are exempt from wearing a protective helmet during these activities as standard practice in the sport.
- Any personnel administering emergency first aid.
- The policy will not apply to team personnel during bookings made by the teams associated with the Pro Hockey League.
- Exemptions to this policy may be requested on the basis liability coverage is assumed by the user group or in the case of emergency personnel being requested on the ice surface after serious injury as follows:
 - Application for a request must be made the Director of Recreation and Community Services
 - Granting of an exemption will require the applicant to provide a signed Community Center Policy Waiver prior to the participation in any on ice activity and provide proof of liability.

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of the Director of Recreation & Community Services and staff to ensure compliance with this policy.

This policy will be clearly posted with the other established regulations for activities and placed at the entrance of Gander Community Centre.

All user groups will be informed of the policy.

Staff will inform patrons of violations should any be observed and removed from the ice surface until a helmet is available to wear.