

ICE HELMET POLICY

Template

Preamble

The *(Rink/Arena Name)* is committed to the safety of all individuals and groups while utilizing the *(Rink/Arena Name)*. Therefore, the mandatory wearing of a Canadian Standard Association (CSA) approved protective helmet on ice for all participants is for their protection and safety during ice activities at the *(Rink/Arena Name)*.

Policy Statement

This policy was implemented for the safety and wellbeing of all users while participating in ice skating activities at the *(Rink/Arena Name)*.

Policy

CSA approved protective helmets are mandatory for all individuals *(enter age if applicable)* while enjoying ice activities at the *(Rink/Arena Name)*. This policy will be clearly posted with the other established regulations for activities and placed at the entrance of *(Rink/Arena Name)*.

Procedures

All individuals and groups *(enter age if applicable)* are to wear a CSA approved helmet during on-ice events. The chinstrap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin. The failure to wear a helmet by an individual *(enter age if applicable)* will result in the removal of the individual from the ice surface until a helmet is available for wear.

Exemption

Exemption to this policy may be requested on the basis that the wearing of a helmet would interfere with the observance of a religious custom or the user group assumes liability coverage, as follows:

- Application for such exemption must be made to the *(Rink/Arena Name)* in writing.
 - Granting of such an exemption will require the applicant to provide a signed *(Rink/Arena Name)* Helmet Policy Waiver prior to the participation in any on ice activity.
- User groups that can assume liability coverage;
 - Skate Canada & Skate NL
 - Figure Skaters who are registered with Skate Canada, after successfully completing the CanSkate program as well as figure skating competition during sanctioned competitions are exempt from wearing a protective helmet during these activities as standard practice in the sport, which is supported by Skate Canada and Skate NL.
 - Pro Hockey League
 - The policy will not apply to team personnel during bookings made by the teams associated with the Pro Hockey League.