

Prospective Coaching Staff Member,

Thank you for considering being a volunteer on the coaching staff with a Brampton Hockey team. The information below should help clarify the information new volunteers need to know. If you require further clarification, please contact the Brampton Hockey office during regular business hours. (905-453-3243)

In the Recreational League, the minimum team staff for any team is a **coach** and a **trainer**. To be an official member of the team staff and be on the bench during games, all volunteers are required to submit a satisfactory **police check**. The police check process can take anywhere from 2 to 8 weeks and occasionally even longer. Details on how to obtain a police check are available from the Brampton Hockey office. As well, all members of the coaching staff must complete the **Respect in Sports** qualifications. This clinic is available online through the OMHA website. To be eligible to be on the bench during games, an official member of the team staff must also complete the appropriate certification(s) for the position they hold on the coaching staff (coach, trainer, etc.) Many teams will have one or two additional people staff members on the team's official coaching staff. In the recreational League, these additional staff members could be an assistant coach and/or an assistant trainer.

Head Coach Certification Requirements – In addition to the **police check** and **Respect in Sports** course, the OMHA and Brampton Hockey requires all head coaches to take a coaching certification course – CHIP, Coach Stream or Developmental 1, etc. The charts below give the specific requirements by age group and descriptions of the clinic.

Entry Points for Coaches – from the OMHA website

The following entry points for coaches are based on each program design being geared towards providing an educational opportunity for coaches who are working with a specific group of athletes.

Coaching 5, 6 and 7 year-olds [Initiation/Tyke]	Intro Coach [Initiation/CHIP]
Coaching 8-10 year-olds [Novice/Atom]	Coach Stream
Coaching House League 11-18 year-olds [Peewee/Bantam/Midget]	Coach Stream
Coaching Rep Hockey 11-18 year-olds[Peewee/Bantam/Midget]	Development 1
Coaching Junior, University	High Performance 1/2

Clinic Descriptions

Intro Coach [Initiation/CHIP]	The CHIP clinic focuses on technical skills and the development of basic skills for players from 5-8 years of age in a fun and supportive, learning environment.
Coach Stream	The Coach Stream is designed for a coach who is new to the coaching program and working with players at the House League/Local League level.
Development 1	The Development Stream is separated into 2 parts and focuses on the needs of the coach working with Rep level players - Peewee and above. The Development 1 clinic focuses on improving basic skill acquisition and introduction of team play and individual tactics.
Development 2	Development 2 build upon the concepts covered in the D1 clinic and the curriculum includes team play concepts, strategy, and game analysis. The D2 clinic also includes a formal Field Evaluation component.
High Performance 1 & 2	The High Performance 1 & 2 are aimed at coaches working with athletes at the Junior, University, Provincial & national levels. In the past Advanced 1 clinics were typically held every 2 years in Ontario.

Clinics

The BYHA arranges for the **CHIP, Coach Stream and Development 1** courses to be offered in Brampton. Details of where and when the courses are offered are posted on the Brampton Hockey website under the Team Management tab -> Clinics section (<http://www.bramptonhockey.ca/>). The cost for the clinic must be paid for by the participant. Currently, this amount will be reimbursed by Brampton Hockey when the participant completes the clinic. These costs are reviewed annually during the budget deliberations and costs may not continue to be covered in future years.

Ideally, coaches and trainers should obtain their qualifications prior to the start of the season. This is not always possible. Generally there are clinics offered in October each year for coaches that are added to the team staff at the start of the season.

If you are unable to attend a Brampton clinic, a participant may sign up for a clinic in another community (ex. Georgetown, Orangeville) via the OMHA website under Development Programs (<http://www.omha.net/>).

Trainer – The OMHA requires all teams to have a qualified trainer for all teams. Details of where and when the courses are offered are posted on the Brampton Hockey website under the Team Management tab -> Clinics section (<http://www.bramptonhockey.ca/>). The trainer's course is also available online via the OMHA website.

Respect in Sports (Speak Out – All Team Officials are required to hold the respect in sports certification. The Speak Out! [PRS] certification and registered with the OMHA in addition to all other Certification appropriate to their position.

On-ice helpers can be utilized during practice times without being members of the team's official staff but their name must be submitted to the Brampton Hockey office so that the person is covered for insurance purposes.

Coach's Manual – Each year, prior to the start of the season (mid September), a coach's meeting is held and Coach's manual is distributed to each head coach. The manual will assist new coaches in preparing for the season.

Teams Composition – In the divisions minor atom (9 year olds) and higher, players are placed on teams at the beginning of the season and each team will play three exhibition games. After the three exhibition games the coaches participate in a draft to select their team for the season. During the three exhibition games, the coaching staff for each team needs to scout and rate all the players on all teams in order to prepare for the draft.

If you require further information, please contact the Brampton Hockey office via email at: info@bramptonyouthhockey.com or 905-453-3243 and your inquiry will be directed to the appropriate person.