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**OPERATIONAL POLICY: PROPER USE OF HELMETS**  
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**Policy:** For the safety of all participants, it is mandatory in all levels of amateur hockey within Alberta that any player, team official (coach, trainer, assistant coach, manager, etc.), guest coach or volunteer who is on the ice for any practice, game or other ice session must wear a CSA approved helmet with the chin strap of the helmet securely fastened.

All levels of hockey registered under the authority of Hockey Alberta are subject to this policy:

- University (USport)
- College (ACAC)
- Senior (Male and Female)
- Junior (Male and Female)
- Minor (Male and Female)
- Accredited Schools (Male and Female)
- Recreational

Exceptions to this policy will only be considered where team officials are required to directly cross the ice to access the player's bench, where team officials are shaking hands with the opposing team, during the playing of the national anthem and/or during awards ceremonies.

**Monitoring / Reporting:** Violations of this policy can be reported to Hockey Alberta by any concerned party, whether a registered participant, stakeholder or member of the public. Violations must be submitted to Hockey Alberta in writing, including photo or video evidence of the violation. The submission must provide the date(s) and location(s) of the violation as well as the names of the offending participant(s).

**Investigations / Discipline:** Failure to comply with this policy will result in the individual(s) being suspended and an investigation being conducted by Hockey Alberta.

- Violation of this policy will result in the following:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offence:** 1 Game Suspension for each individual violating the policy plus a written warning issued to the Team and/or MHA;

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offence:** 2 Game Suspension for each individual violating the policy plus a fine of \$100.00 to the Team and/or MHA;

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offence:** Indefinite Suspension for each individual violating the policy plus a fine of \$500.00 to the Team and/or MHA.