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TO: All OMHA Centres
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DATE: January 11, 2010
SUBJECT: Helmets: Third Party Service Providers

A question has arisen with respect to third party service providers working with Associations and teams, who may not be wearing helmets for on-ice activity.

Clearly, a mixed message is being communicated to participants, parents and other stakeholders when individuals in positions of leadership are not adhering to OMHA policy.

This issue has been addressed by the OMHA Development Committee and OMHA Board at its December, 2009 meetings, and it has been determined:

OMHA Members contracting third party service providers insist that helmets be properly worn by any personnel conducting any on-ice activities, per OMHA Policy 2.4.1 for Team Officials. Additionally, it should also be noted here that the Policy also means that helmets must be CSA approved, and must be properly worn (i.e. chinstraps properly fastened).

It is essential to ensure that consistency with Safety and Risk Management initiatives, Coaching philosophy, and messaging with respect to the positive role modelling for players remains in the forefront of OMHA programming.

Please contact the OMHA office if you have any additional inquiries.

Sincerely
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