

RISK AND SAFETY REPORT

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1. We now have an excellent data base collected for all coach applicants. This will help to facilitate a quicker, easier process during the coach interview phase at the beginning of the season. We will already have courses and certs from the majority of the coaches from this year. A simple update of a few items will be all that is needed.

- This will continue next year and the association will ensure all coaches and bench staff are certified and qualified for the safety of the players and the association
- HEO provided the association with a new Police Record Check Policy.

2. First Aid Training for Trainers

- With an initial idea to provide our team trainers with 1st Aid Training and certification I decided to put it off in order to a bit more research on the feasibility as well to see if it would be better to just introduce the Making Ethical Decision course and the Headway in Sports course that will provide a bit more knowledge and understanding of certain situations and injuries for our trainers.
- We will also be discussing over the summer the fact that currently, there is no rule stating a HC cannot also be the team trainer.

3. This year we had trainers present with trainer kit during the player evaluations to help reduce risk and increase safety.

4. Gender Diversity Training

- Excellent numbers on coaches and assistant coaches taking the course this year.
- Initial confusion regarding the “two deep rule on this training”

5. Injury Reports

- Only received a handful of Injury Reports that were, ultimately, submitted to HEO
- I will be proposing a better understanding of these procedures for next season and a better understanding for flow of information.
- Ensuring team trainers have their player medical sheets filled out for bench staff to be aware.

6. Two interesting community situations arose this year within the community.

- Report that a former OMHA player was jumped and robbed by a group of kids and was hurt badly
- Report that there was a suspicious individual seen around the BobMac facility and the OPS had to be contacted to take care of it.

7. Coach Evaluations

- Started as a mid-season evaluation that has not been completed yet. Coaches are currently having their sit down with the Mentorship committee.
- Next year's process will be streamlined to ensure coaches are getting the feedback earlier in the season

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