



## **Coaching Certification Policy**

### ***Rationale:***

OSHA teams need to provide the best coaching for their players. The skill level has improved significantly over the past four years and coaching must continually improve to satisfy the needs and demands of the players as well as requirements of government funded programs.

Firstly: It was decided at the January 2010 Board meeting that teams will be required to send at least one coach to the OSHA coaches clinic each year in September. It was also decided this weekend would always be the second one after the Labour Day weekend.

Secondly: The application process to integrate sledge hockey into the Ontario Winter Games (OWG) requires an explanation of OSHA's program to develop coaches.

Lastly: Since coaches must attend the coaching clinics, OSHA should not wait for Hockey Canada (or OMHA or Alliance hockey...) but create our own accreditation system, geared to improving sledge coaching skills and establishing coaching standards for the sport.

### ***Coaching Certification Program:***

1. Coaches who attend their first OSHA clinic would receive an Ontario Sledge 1 designation (OS1). When that coach attends their second September clinic, they would receive an OS2. Coaches that attended one clinic in the past two years (2008 & 2009) would be grandfathered with an OS1.
2. As of October 2011, OSHA league coaches would need to have OS1 in addition to the Development 1 already mandated. (This would give coaches two more chances -- Sept 2010 and Sept 2011 -- to attend one clinic and get OS1 certification).
3. In order to coach OWG teams, OS2 certification would be required. (Again, they would have 2 more chances to get the OS2 level).
4. OSHA League Committee would keep a record of coaches and their qualifications, updating it each September after the clinic is held.
5. Each level of certification would be awarded upon completion of all components of each certification clinic i.e. classroom and practical on-ice sessions.

**The OSHA Board of Directors adopted this Policy on September 18, 2010.**