
DEPARTMENT: RECREATION

TITLE: ICE HELMET POLICY – AMHERST STADIUM

Minutes reference date: June 25, 2018

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Amherst is committed to the safety of all individuals and groups using the Amherst Stadium. Therefore, for the protection and safety of the public, the wearing of a Canadian Standard Association (CSA) approved protective ice helmet is mandatory for all on-ice participants wearing skates at the Stadium.

POLICY

CSA approved protective helmets are mandatory for all individuals, at all times, while on skates on the ice at the Amherst Stadium. This policy will be clearly posted with other established regulations for activities. Face masks are not mandatory however young skaters may benefit from the added protection.

PROCEDURE

Effective August 15, 2018 all individuals and groups are to wear CSA approved ice helmets while on skates on the ice surface at the Stadium. The chinstrap of the helmet shall be securely fastened under the chin. Failure to wear a helmet will result in the removal of the individual from the ice surface until they are wearing an approved helmet.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemption to this policy may be granted on an individual basis where the wearing of a helmet would interfere with the observance of a religious custom, showing respect during National Anthems and or official ceremonies, or the user group assumes liability coverage as follows:

1. Application for such exemption must be made to the Town of Amherst in writing.
 - a. Granting of such exemption will require the applicant to provide a signed Helmet Policy waiver prior to the participation in any on-ice activity.

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2. User groups that assume liability coverage (Proof of coverage must be provided at the time of booking) include: Skate Canada, Skate Nova Scotia, and the Amherst Skating Club.
3. Figure Skaters who are registered with Skate Canada after successfully completing the CanSkate program, as well as figure skating during sanctioned competitions, are exempt from wearing a protective helmet during their activities as standard practice in the sport, which is supported by Skate Canada and Skate Nova Scotia.
4. Maritime Junior “A” Hockey League – This policy shall not apply to MHL team coaching, training, and game operations staff who are required to access the players bench and ice surface during the course of the game.
5. Those responding to a medical emergency.

All other requests for exemption must be submitted in writing to the Town of Amherst for consideration.