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To: NOHA Associations and Teams

From: John Jamieson

Re: Staff Certification/Position Changes

As no doubt everyone is aware, Hockey Canada insurance provides coverage for all participants in the NOHA. This insurance covers participants to perform the tasks for which they are registered – a player is insured to play hockey, a coach is insured to coach.

For the last few seasons, the NOHA has allowed Associations to change a staff's role within a team by providing a letter from the President. It has become apparent to the NOHA Executive that there are cases where staff are not performing the role for which they are insured to perform (i.e. a Trainer who is Coaching – providing instruction).

Please be aware that this puts your Association and all participants who are involved in the team activity (practice or game) at risk to not be covered by Hockey Canada Insurance should there be an injury or another situation where the insurance is required.

Our current position change letter allows for the Trainer and/or Manager to be on the ice in practice to move pylons or pucks, however should the NOHA Board feel that this is being taken advantage of and a Trainer is in reality "Coaching", this policy will be changed and only Coaches will be allowed on the ice.

If you have participants within your Association who are not properly registered, please make the change immediately so that all participants on the team are covered if required.

Should you have any questions, please contact your District Council Director.

Yours truly,

John Jamieson
NOHA President