



## **IMPORTANT MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All Minor Hockey Association Registrars  
St. John's Junior Hockey League Registrar  
Central West Senior Hockey League Registrar  
Avalon East Senior Hockey Teams/League  
NL AAA Hockey League  
NL U18 Major Hockey League  
Female AAA Hockey League  
Don Johnson Hockey League  
All School Hockey Teams

**FROM:** Tamar Hobbs, Senior Manager, Operations, Hockey NL

**INFO:** All Minor Hockey Association Presidents  
President, St. John's Junior Hockey League  
President, Avalon East Senior Hockey League  
President, Central West Senior Hockey League  
Hockey NL Board & Council Executive Committee Members

**DATE:** September 19, 2024

**RE: HCR Registration Restrictions - Update**

This past June at our AGM, the Board of Directors approved changes to our screening and registration process for the upcoming season. These changes were communicated to all of those in attendance and communication was also sent via email to all members in July.

In addition to the restrictions previously communicated, the following restriction has also been added:

Coach 1 and Coach 2. Should a staff member not have the required Coach 1 or Coach 2 Learning Lab course completed along with the respective Pathway (if applicable) and showing under their Qualification Tab via the HCR, they will not be able to be added to a team until such time as the respective courses are completed by the member.

As previously communicated, when registering for the upcoming season, should an individual not have a current Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC), Criminal Record Check (CRC), and Declaration (Screening Application) showing on their HCR profile, Registrars will not be able to add them to a team. VSCs and CRCs are valid for three (3) seasons unless otherwise stipulated for annual screening as per our policy. Members often encounter delays when applying for their CRC/VSC with

the RNC/RCMP due to a # of reasons. EVERYONE is encouraged to do this as early as possible to reduce any delay in obtaining these clearances and participation.

Another restriction that was approved for this season includes Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders and Respect in Sport for Parents. Should a member (player or staff) not have the required RIS course completed and showing under their Qualification Tab via the HCR, they will not be able to be added to a team until such time as the respective course is completed by either the Parent or Staff member.

The Respect in Sport for Parents is a onetime program that is required to be completed for first time registrants. It is important to note, that if a family has a second or subsequent child they do not need to complete the course again but are required to link their child under the Child Management Section of the program. When this is completed, it will alleviate any challenges the parent may face when registering their child.

Please note that these are both online courses and can be completed via the following links:

Respect in Sport for Activity Leaders: <https://hnl.respectgroupinc.com/>

Respect in Sport for Parents: <https://hnlparent.respectgroupinc.com/>

**It is important to note, that if a member is NOT approved on the HCR for Screening, Coaching levels and/or Respect in Sport, they are not eligible or insured to participate in any practices or games unless a written exemption has been provided or until such time as they are registered and approved to do so within the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Hockey NL Branch Office. Thank you for your time and volunteering with Hockey NL and helping us foster safe, fun, and inclusive hockey experiences.

Thank you,



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Hockey NL