

Eastern Shore Minor Hockey Association

Mandatory Team Staff Meeting

Date: February 12, 2026

Time: 1800

Location: Eastern Shore Community Center – Mezzanine

Meeting Objective:

The purpose of this meeting is to address the concerns of our hockey officials and executive.

Chaired by Adam Jennex – ESMHA VP

Our hockey officials have asked the ESMHA membership for assistance and leadership to foster a healthy and safe environment for all in attendance.

We need to lower the temperature in the rink as tempers have been high with regards to officiating calls. While the events that occurred on February 6 highlighted the need for this meeting, there have been many other issues throughout the season.

It is therefore necessary to remind our membership that we need to END THE CULTURE harassing officials.

- 1) There will be ZERO tolerance of official and timekeeper abuse. Failure of spectators to comply will result in an immediate 1 game suspension.
- 2) Repeated and severe infractions will result in coordination with Hockey NS Risk Assessment and potential indefinite suspension.
- 3) If an official feels unsafe during an event they have the right to end the game

Procedure for spectator ejection

- 1) Official will eject spectator.
- 2) If the spectator(s) fail to comply, we will need the bench staff to ask for assistance from the parents, team staff, rink manager.
- 3) If matters escalate, call the RCMP (or threaten to as this usually results in their compliance)

How we speak about our officials translates to our children. We all need to be the good example and foster a safe and fun atmosphere in which our children can continue to play hockey.

We ask the team managers/level coordinators/coaching staff to communicate with your respective cohorts that the tolerance level of official abuse has decreased, and the consequences of abuse have increased.

Representatives in attendance

Victoria Meldrum Young, **U7 level coordinator**

Angela Banfield, U7-1

Emily Hunter, U9 development

Cody McMaster, U9 Intermediate, U13 C

Greg Fitzgerald, U9 Advancing, U13AA

Laura Rockwood, **U11 level coordinator, ESMHA Executive**

Gillian Florence, U11 A, **U13 level coordinator**

Aaron Graham, U11A

Kelsey Gallant, U11C Black

Dave Rockwood, U11C Gold

Amy Slade, U13C

Ryan Slade, U13 C

Cameron Lobban, U13 B

Becky Warner, U13AA, **ESMHA Executive**

Adam Jennex, U13AA, U15A, **ESMHA Executive**

Chelsea Burgess, **U15 Coordinator**

Abbey Matheson, U15A

Brad Burgess, U15A, U13AA

Jayne Breton, U15C, **ESMHA Executive**

Gavin Greenland, U15C

Danny Faulkner, U23

Fred Werner, U23

Pete Lenihan, Referee in Chief

Tanya Bezanson, **ESMHA Executive**

Janet Boutilier, **ESMHA Executive**

Ashley Halloran, **ESMHA Executive**

Sheryl Delaney, **ESMHA Executive**

Julie Wagner, **ESMHA Executive**