

CSA Hockey Helmet Program



The Need

In Nova Scotia, many recreation facilities strongly recommend or require CSA hockey helmets to be worn for particular age groups or for anyone who is on the ice. Many school sanctioned skates require all children participating to wear proper headwear. These policies impact participation as not everyone has the proper safety equipment required. The CSA Hockey Helmet Program can help increase community participation in public skates, as well as create a supportive environment for school sanctioned skates, by providing helmets for participant use. Offering helmets during these skates can open a world of possibilities to various groups within the community (e.g. children, newcomers, etc.) who might otherwise never have the chance to participate or try new activities.

In recent years, employee safety on the ice has also become a trending topic. Many arena employers are implementing safety policies requiring employees who work on the ice to be wearing the proper safety headgear. This push for the promotion of safety protocol in arenas could be greatly benefited by the CSA Hockey Helmet Program.

The CSA Hockey Helmet Program will ensure that arenas can provide the proper protective equipment needed for participation in school sponsored skates, public skates and for employee and participant safety, helping everyone become active, reduce injuries and promote safety.

Program

Through the CSA Hockey Helmet Program, local arenas can order affordable, CSA approved hockey helmets to provide proper protective gear for public skating, school skates and employee safety.

Participating facilities can purchase CSA hockey helmets for \$10.00 each or \$24.00 each for helmets with a face shield. A **maximum of 20 helmets per application** (one application per facility per year) can be purchased as there are a limited number of helmets available.

Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from recreation facilities (arenas), municipal recreation departments and schools. Helmets are meant to be left on location for participants to use. They cannot be sold, given away or used primarily for sporting clubs. RFANS and the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage will from time to time follow-up with those who participate in the Helmet Program. Information such as frequency of use and increased participation will help to determine whether the program has been successful and should be continued or expanded. Your assistance with this data collection is greatly appreciated.

How to order

Application forms can be sent to the Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia at:

Email: rfans@sportnovascotia.ca

Fax : 902-425-5606

Mail : 5516 Spring Garden Road, 4th Floor

Halifax, NS B3J 1G6

The deadline for applications is in October of each year. Please see the application form on our website

for the deadline date.

Thank you!

The Recreation Facility Association of Nova Scotia recognizes the support of the Province of Nova Scotia.

We are pleased to work in partnership with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage to develop and promote our resources for all Nova Scotians.

