

CSA Hockey Helmet Program

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The Need

In Nova Scotia, many recreation facilities have now made wearing CSA hockey helmets mandatory for all who participate in public and school-sponsored skates. These policies impact participation as not everyone has the proper safety equipment to meet these policies.

The Hockey Helmet Program will ensure that arenas can provide the proper headgear needed to participate in school-sponsored and public skates, increasing community participation and helping everyone stay active and safe.

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. The CSA Hockey Helmet Program could benefit arenas as the push to promote safety protocols increases.

The Program

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

Participating facilities can purchase CSA hockey helmets for **\$10.00** each to a maximum of 20 helmets. Helmets with face shields are also available at **\$24.00** per unit.

One application per facility per year, as a limited number of helmets are available.

Eligibility

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 participating in the Hockey 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.

**Applications are due in December
Helmets will be delivered in January**

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