

Dear Coaches,

After a successful pilot project that saw the Pee wee division allow head coaches to protect a trainer during the 2018/19 season, the CRHL Board has decided to extend this program through all of our house league divisions for the upcoming 2019/20 season. Please keep in mind that the purpose of allowing coaches to reserve a trainer's child is to allow bench staff to remain together for multiple years. This is not meant to be an opportunity to create the strongest team possible, but rather a chance for coaches/trainers to work together and improve their practice over an extended period. We request that you, as coaches, keep in mind that making this league as fair and equitable as possible for all involved is the best way to ensure that our kids experience all of the benefits that a positive hockey experience can bring.

Thank you,

Peter Gadd and Kevin Walchuk  
CRHL Coaching Selection & Draft Committee

### **Coaching Staff - Protected Volunteer Application Guidelines**

- 1) The parent of the protected player must be an on-ice helper in the capacity of trainer, which will require full certification before rostering can be completed.
- 2) A coaching application form must be submitted by both the coach and the trainer by September 1, 2019 to allow time to be reviewed and approved by the draft committee.
- 3) All protected players are subjected to the protected player rules during the draft, whether they are the coach's child or that of their trainer.
- 4) Unlike the coach's individual and initial protected player, additionally protected players are not guaranteed. There must be sufficient players available within each rating level to warrant a player qualifying as a second protected player. For example, if you draw the 9<sup>th</sup> spot to pick in the draft and your trainer's child is one of only 7 'A' rated players, the protected player would become available for selection amongst the first 7 picks in that category. This rule is intended to maintain the fairness provided by the random draft order.
- 5) The Board reserves the right to deny a request for the purpose of team equality.