

TOWN OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL

HELMET POLICY

POLICY NO. 16

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The following information is to promote understanding of the terms, conditions, rules and regulations governing the Florenceville-Bristol Helmet Policy at the Northern Carleton Civic Centre.

1. PURPOSE

- a) To prevent individuals from sustaining head injuries & concussions on the ice.
- b) To educate persons about the importance of personal protective equipment.
- c) To promote personal safety to all arena users.

2. GENERAL PROCEDURE

- a) QUALIFYING USERS: Pursuant to Hockey Canada Rules while on the ice, including pre-game warm-ups, all players regardless of age, including goaltenders, shall wear a CSA-certified hockey helmet. Individuals that are 18 years of age and less are required to wear a helmet when taking part in any on-ice activities. It is a recommendation only and not a requirement that individuals 19+ wear a helmet when taking part in non-hockey on-ice activities. In addition, Town staff are required to wear a helmet when working on the ice as part of their Standard Operating Procedures.
- b) HELMET SPECIFICATIONS: Helmets must be a Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved helmet for ice sports. For non-hockey on-ice activities, this may include a hockey helmet, a ski helmet, a bicycle helmet or a snowboard helmet.
- c) HELMET FIT: A proper fitting helmet should sit squarely on top of your head and should not slide around loosely. The cheek pads must be touching cheeks without any discomfort. There should not be any gaps between your temple and the cheek pads. The helmet should move with your skin to ensure a comfortable fit.
- d) EXEMPTIONS: If any group or individual wish to be exempt from this policy; they must present a written request to Town Council one month prior to entering the ice

surface. This request must state the reason for the application and why they wish to be exempt from this policy.

3. GROUP RESPONSIBILITIES

a) TOWN OF FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL:

- i) Provides use of a limited amount of CSA hockey helmets;
- ii) Enforce the Helmet Policy;
- iii) Approves proper personal protective equipment;
- iv) Provides the use of limited amount of Ice-Grippers (fitted over regular footwear) for any on-ice activities or ceremonies.

b) PUBLIC:

- i) Follows the Helmet Policy;
- ii) Ensures they wear the correct safety protection;
- iii) Provide personal safety equipment when possible.

c) TOWN OFFICE & POLICY & BYLAW COMMITTEE:

- i) Manages the Helmet Policy;
- ii) Will be responsible for any changes or updates as required or when deemed necessary.

Certification for Town of Florenceville-Bristol Policy Manual:	
I certify that this <i>Helmet Policy</i> , as indicated above was adopted by Council.	
_____	<u>April 12, 2022</u>
Mayor	Date of Council Resolution
_____	<u>April 12, 2022</u>
Clerk	Date Policy in Effect