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Dear Ringette BC Members,

Over the last few years there have been several changes to our athlete pathways and programs and their accompanying policies. We are pleased to provide you with an updated Team Leadership Qualifications policy, which replaces the Coach Certification Policy. This policy outlines the necessary qualifications and certifications for all team staff, including coaches, managers, trainers and on ice helpers.

The updated policy can be found on our website and is also linked below.

• 2.1 Team Leadership Qualifications

The major changes you will see reflected in this policy include

- Adjusted minimum certification requirements for Club level coaches
- Entry level requirements for FUNdamentals Coaches
- Standardized requirements for On Ice Helpers

The policy breaks down the required certification by division, pathway, and role. In addition, you will find information on the maximum number of coaches permitted on the bench, unqualified leaders, females on the bench, and coach substitution in the event of an absence.

It is worth noting that the qualifications listed are the *minimum* qualifications required. It is recommended that coaches continue to seek out additional training and education to support athlete development. All team staff are still required to complete a Criminal Record Check and sign the applicable Code of Conduct to their role.

We hope that this updated policy will make it easier for you all to support your members in achieving their required certifications, with all the information easily accessible in one place.

Sincerely,

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