

## **Helmets to be Mandatory for Coaches Beginning with the 2009-2010 Season**

The Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association (SMHA) has approved a motion that, beginning in the 2009-2010 season, all coaches (and assistants and helpers) coaching SMHA teams and all coaches on teams in SMHA leagues must wear a CSA approved hockey helmet while on the ice for any practices.

All SMHA coaches and helpers are strongly encouraged to begin wearing a helmet for practices immediately.

The mandatory helmet rule will apply to any coaches, assistant coaches, managers, trainers, assistant managers and stick boys that assist on the ice at practices.

This is a very important decision that was not taken lightly. The safety of the volunteers that assist minor hockey kids is imperative.