Coach Certification Exemption Request

- The Coach & Volunteer Requirement Chart for the 2025-2026 Hockey NL season can be found here: Hockey NL Coach & Volunteer Requirement Chart. All associations must make every effort to ensure their coaching staffs have the necessary requirements completed before the February 28th deadline. Coaches who cannot complete the necessary coaching requirements due to a reason listed below may apply for a Coach Qualification Exemption for the current hockey season.

- The coach was unable to attend an in-class clinic due to work or personal circumstances.
- The coach requires Development 1 certification but is unable to obtain it because they completed Coach 2 during the current season.
- The coach's team was ranked at a level that required a specific certification; however, there was insufficient time to obtain it, or the required clinic was not offered during the hockey season after the coach was selected as part of the coaching staff.
- The coach was unable to complete their post-task submission and evaluation before the deadline for reasons outlined in their detailed exemption request.

For a coach to qualify for a certification exemption they must have all necessary online requirements completed that are indicated in the coach certification requirement chart for their desired level. If they do not have this done, they will not qualify for an exemption.

Exemptions will only be granted for extenuating circumstances. Every attempt must be made to place a qualified coaching staff member with a team. **The exemption request is the last resort**. The exemption request must be filed by the association President or Administrator before the February 28th deadline.

An exemption may be granted at the discretion of Hockey NL's Hockey Development Chair and Manager, Development & High-Performance, and will only be valid for the current season. If the coach wishes to coach next year, they will be required to complete the necessary coaching certifications needed and will not quality for the same exemption again next season.

Name of Association Requesting Exemption:

Team/Coaching Staff:

Detailed Reason for Exemption:

Date:

Coach Signature:

Date:

Chair, Hockey Development & Manager, Development & High-Performance Approval Signature:
