



## Michigan District Coaching Requirements for U-6 & U-8

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**Introduction:** In order to involve more people in youth hockey player development, especially in the 8U age category, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association has approved this clarification of the USA Hockey national coaching requirements. Essentially, it allows on-ice assistants during practices only to help supervise various stations in an organized practice, without taking the Level 1 coaching clinic. These coaches are strongly encouraged to complete Level 1. Coaches who want to participate in full-ice or cross-ice competition (games) must complete Level 1. *USA Hockey has also changed the national requirements so that coaches in this category have the option to remain at Level 1 until they move to an older age group as a coach.*

Specifically, for the 2012-13 season The Michigan coaching requirements for U-6 and U-8 are as follows:

- **Initiation Program (Red, White, Blue):**
  - The lead instructor on the ice must be a Level 1 (or higher) certified coach, have taken the Age appropriate ADM coaching Module (Mites <8), be USA Hockey registered, and have submitted a valid background check.
  - On Ice Practice Station Instructors must be USA Hockey registered, have taken the ADM age appropriate Module (Mites < 8), and have submitted a valid background check.
- **Note** Wearing a helmet is always required while on the ice.
  
- **U-8, U-6 (Red, White, Blue) Cross/Full Ice**
  - All coaches in the category who supervise any competition must be level 1 (or higher) certified coaches, be USA Hockey registered, have taken the ADM age appropriate module Mites< 8), and have submitted a valid background check.
  - On Ice Practice Station Instructors must be USA Hockey registered, have taken the ADM age appropriate module (Mites < 8), and have submitted a valid background check.
- **Notes:** On Ice practice Instructors cannot participate during cross-ice or full-ice games. Wearing a helmet is always required while on the ice.
  
- **All on ice practice-instructors need to register with USA Hockey under the Ice Player/Coach category in order to take the ADM age appropriate module.**

### Administration:

- This policy will be monitored and enforced by the Association Coaching Director and Michigan Coaching Director. Each respective MAHA District Council shall have authority to discipline those individuals who are not in compliance of this policy.