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# MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

## SHOULDER PADS

In Ontario, shoulder pads are a **mandatory** piece of equipment for **all** players U19 and below.

If an official suspects, or fields a complaint about, the lack of shoulder pads, the process should be to confirm with the player and their bench staff, that unless they can prove they are wearing the required equipment, they cannot return to the ice.

The player may pull the neck of their jersey sufficient to reveal the pads, tap their own shoulder with their stick, or some other action to establish their compliance.

Regardless of the method, the requirement is for the player to prove compliance with the rule to the satisfaction of the on ice official. At no point in time is the official to touch the player. If the player is not willing to prove that they are wearing shoulder pads, that individual is not allowed to return to the ice until the situation has been corrected.

After an equipment check has been established by the official or a bench staff, both benches will receive a warning.

If **any** player is found to be non-compliant after the warning, that player will be asked to leave the ice until the equipment is corrected and the team will be assessed a delay of game penalty.

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