



INSURANCE SAFETY & ASHARE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



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2025 2026 American Special Hockey Association Member & Affiliate Insurance Summary

The following is a summary of the insurance policies provided to ASHA registered members & affiliates in good standing.

General Liability Coverage

General liability coverage provides commercial general liability insurance with a \$4,000,000 general annual aggregate limit. This coverage protects the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA) and its registered members against claims of negligence during an ASHA-sanctioned event. General Liability Insurance provides coverage for negligence, injuries, property damage, and lawsuits including but not limited to:

- Third-party bodily injuries.
- Third-party property damage.
- Products Liability
- Advertising injuries.

General Liability Limit of Insurance

- \$4,000,000 General Aggregate Limit
- \$4,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate Limit
- \$2,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit (Any One Person or Organization)
- \$2,000,000 Each Occurrence Limit
- \$100,000 Rented To You Limit (Any One Premises)
- \$5,000 Medical Expense Limit (Any One Person)

Accident Medical Benefits

Accident & Health Insurance is excess medical payments for athletes, volunteers, coaches and officials, and participants or affiliates of ASHA, if injured during sponsored and supervised activities. The coverage may pay up to a maximum of \$50,000 for covered medical expenses incurred for medically-necessary treatment required as a result of an accidental bodily injury. All medical and dental expenses are payable in excess and only after all other valid and collectible insurance in force at the time of the accident has been applied to the claim.

Accidental Medical Benefits: Full Excess – coverage will respond after the primary insurance of the injured party, or in the absence of primary health insurance. For covered incidents, the following coverage applies:

- \$500 deductible
- Accident Medical Expense \$25,000
- Benefit Period: 52 weeks
- Accidental Death: \$10,000
- Accidental Dismemberment: \$10,000
- AD&D Aggregate Limit: \$500,000



Crime Coverage

Crime coverage is a necessity and has a variety of purposes; ASHA carries a \$25,000 limit for each of the following:

- Employee Theft – covers ASHA from loss due to theft from employees or volunteers
- Funds Transfer (including 'social engineering' coverage) – covers ASHA for loss of funds due to unauthorized transfers, willful or not
- Counterfeit Funds & Money Orders – covers ASHA for unauthorized transactions or checks

Directors & Officers Coverage

(available optionally to Member Teams)

Directors & Officers Insurance (D&O) is a business liability policy that protects board members who are sued over decisions they make while serving on your board. The policy usually covers legal expenses for accusations of discrimination, defamation, and mismanagement of funds.

- D&O Limits of Insurance
- \$1,000,000 Each Policy Period
 - \$1,000,000 Aggregate
 - \$1,000 Retention

Association members are encouraged to independently obtain additional D&O Coverages. Contact us for details.

Participant Legal Liability Coverage

Participant Legal Liability (PLL) offers coverage if an incident occurs during participation which is the alleged result of poor or defective quality and conditions of the playing surface or area. PLL is an essential part of any sports & recreation insurance policy and is a requirement for ASHA and all its affiliates.

All normal ice hockey-related activities, such as games, practices and scrimmages, between registered ASHA hockey teams and affiliates (in good standing) are automatically sanctioned/approved. Coverage is provided for affiliated members from the United States and Canada for approved and sanctioned events. Regular use of premises for meetings and fundraising do NOT require a special event sanction/approval, unless the proprietor (owner) requires being named as an additional insured on ASHA's coverages. The selling of alcoholic beverages will not be sanctioned/approved, and such sales are not covered. Other restrictions apply.

**Certificates of insurance will be provided with a completed and approved
2024/2025 ASHA Season Member/Affiliate Team Application and Event Sanctioning Request.**



HOW TO REQUEST A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (COI)

For ASHA Affiliated Teams & Programs ASHA provides Certificates of Insurance (COIs) for member teams in good standing. COIs are typically required by rinks, venues, or event partners to verify liability coverage for American Special Hockey Association activities.

STEP-BY-STEP: HOW TO REQUEST A COI

Email ASHA@specialhockey.org

& use the following format to ensure your request is processed quickly and accurately.

1. **Subject Line Format:** COI Request ASHA: [Team Name]; Need by [MM/DD]
2. **Email Body Details:** Please include ALL of the following information:
3. **Who is the certificate for?** (Rink Name or Facility Name)
4. **Facility Contact Information:** (Name / Phone Number / Address / Email)
5. **What is the certificate for?** (Specify the purpose Practice, Game, Event, etc. Must be ASHA-related.)
6. **Is the facility requesting to be listed as "Additional Insured"?**
 - a. If yes, provide exactly how they want to be listed on the certificate.)
 - b. Any special instructions or requests?
 - c. (Example: specific language or endorsements needed.)
7. **Team Name** _____
8. **Head Coach Name & Contact Number** _____
9. **Team Manager Name & Contact Number** _____

Program Eligibility Reminder: Your team must have a current season team application on file with ASHA. The team must be an accepted program in good standing to receive a COI.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

Q: CAN I GET A COI FOR A NON-ASHA EVENT?

No. COIs are only issued for activities directly related to ASHA programming.

Q: WHAT IS A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE (COI)?

A COI verifies that your team is covered under ASHA's general liability insurance for approved activities (practices, games, events, etc.). It may be required by rinks, venues, or other facilities.

Q: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO RECEIVE THE COI AFTER I SEND MY REQUEST?

Please allow 5-7 business days for processing. Requests with missing information will take longer.

Q: WHAT DOES "ADDITIONAL INSURED" MEAN?

This means the rink or venue is requesting to be listed on the certificate as an additional covered party. Be sure to ask them exactly how they want to be listed.

Q: DO I NEED TO REQUEST A NEW COI EACH SEASON?

Yes. COIs are issued per location and per season. Renewing teams must submit a new request each year.



ASHARE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

GEAR UP FOR INCLUSION!

The ASHAre Equipment Program is one of the most impactful ways the American Special Hockey Association supports growth and accessibility in the game of hockey. We're proud to collaborate with Private Foundations, Bauer Hockey, Hockey Monkey, Pure Hockey, and the NHL Industry Growth Fund (IGF) (Under specific circumstances) to get essential gear into the hands of athletes who need it most.

This program focuses on helping new athletes get started and supporting those who require adaptive equipment or aids to fully participate in the game.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

- Standard hockey equipment for new athletes joining a special hockey team
- Adaptive gear such as skate Aids, Kaye Trainers and Sleds for recreational adaptive sport.
- Supplies for athletes who need extra protection, sensory-sensitive materials, or social stories, communication tools and balance aids
- Primarily supporting new programs and those growing their rosters with new.

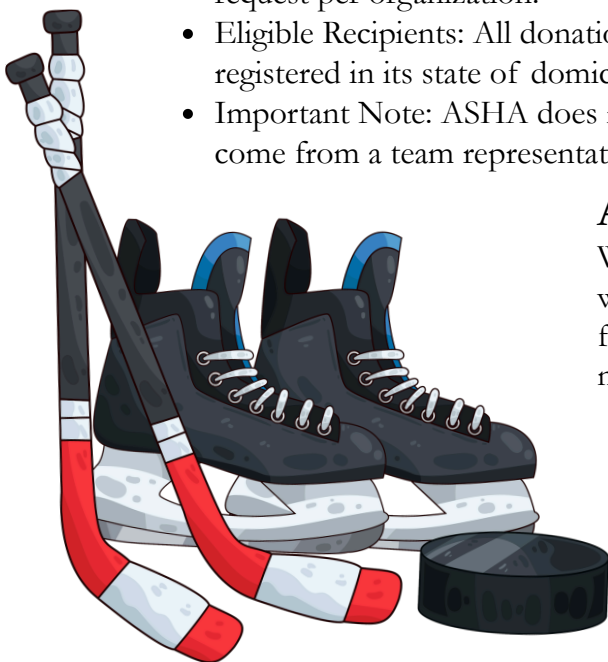
OUR PHILOSOPHY

At ASHA, we believe hockey should be for everyone—regardless of diagnosis, physical or cognitive ability, or access to resources. The ASHAre Equipment Program reflects our commitment to equity through participation: making sure every athlete has a chance to get on the ice, feel safe, and experience the power of inclusion. Participation in sport builds confidence, community, and joy—and no one should be left out because of gear barriers. That's why this program exists: to make sure the equipment gap doesn't become an opportunity gap.

HOW TO REQUEST EQUIPMENT

Team Managers can access the ASHAre Equipment Request Form through their “Troubleshooting” link on the ASHA website.

- Who Can Submit: Only the Head Coach or Team Manager for each team may submit one request per organization.
- Eligible Recipients: All donations must go to a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that is registered in its state of domicile.
- Important Note: ASHA does not accept individual or family requests—all requests must come from a team representative.



AVAILABILITY REMINDER

We do our best to fulfill as many requests as possible using our warehouse inventory. However, submission does not guarantee fulfillment. Equipment is distributed based on availability and overall need, with priority given to:

- New athlete participation
- Adaptive equipment needs
- Programs in historically under-resourced areas

**Together, we're building a stronger,
more inclusive hockey community
one stick, one helmet, one athlete at a time.**

How to Request Equipment from the ASHAre Equipment Program

The American Special Hockey Association is proud to support our affiliated teams and programs through the ASHAre Equipment Program, made possible by partnerships with Bauer Hockey, Pure Hockey, Hockey Monkey, the NHL Industry Growth Fund, Hockey Players in Business, and generous private foundations.

This program provides essential equipment support for adaptive hockey programs. Requests are coordinated through ASHA's central warehouse and reviewed on a monthly basis during the regular season.

Please note: Submitting a request does not guarantee that the requested items are in stock or available.

Step-by-Step: How to Submit an Equipment Request

Complete the official [ASHAre Equipment Request Form](#) available through your online administrative trouble shooting page. For urgent or time-sensitive requests, email: asha@specialhockey.org

Required Information for the Online Submission:

1. **Organization Name**
2. **Is your team currently registered and in good standing with ASHA?**
3. **501(c)(3) Charity Verification (EIN & state of domicile)**
4. **Head Coach Name & Contact Info**
5. **Team Manager Name & Contact Info**
6. **Requested Equipment List**
 - Quantity and sizes (Be as specific as possible - See sizing guide)
 - Are these for NEW athletes?
 - Are any adaptive tools or modifications needed?
7. **Would you like to:**
 - Donate toward shipping costs
 - Pick up equipment at ASHA's warehouse
 - Be contacted about alternative options if equipment is unavailable (gently used or discounted gear)
8. **Eligibility & Restrictions**
 - Only the Head Coach or Team Manager for each team in good standing.
 - One request per team will be reviewed per season.
 - No individual/family requests will be accepted.
 - Do not publicly share the request form or link.
9. **Requests may be denied if:**
 - The team is not in good standing with ASHA
 - Equipment is requested for stock, not current registered athletes
 - Required documentation is incomplete or missing
10. **Equipment Use Agreement**
 - By submitting a request, you agree to:
 - Use all donated equipment only for ASHA athletes and programs
 - Not resell, rename, or repurpose any donated equipment
 - Reimburse full retail value if items are misused or misallocated
 - Credit applicable partners and ASHA when posting on social media
11. **NHL Adaptive Learn To Play Program**
 - ASHA and the NHL Industry Growth Fund also support a dedicated Adaptive Learn to Play Equipment Program for new athletes with disabilities entering hockey.
 - Pre-Approval Required
 - Requests must include specific sizing and adaptive needs
 - Equipment may include: sensory tools, social stories, adaptive gear
 - Shipping is free, and items are provided based on verified need and program capacity
 - To pre-qualify, contact: ASHA@specialhockey.org



ASHAre Equipment Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Q: Can we request equipment for programs not associated with ASHA?

A: If there is available inventory from Bauer Gives Back, programs not affiliated with ASHA may submit a request.

Q: How do I submit a request

A: All requests must be submitted through ASHAre online submission form. This form can be located at SpecialHockey.org/MembersOnly/ASHARE

Q: Can we request equipment for future athletes or extras to keep on hand?

A: No. Equipment requests must be based on identified needs for currently registered athletes.

Q: How long does it take to receive the gear?

A: Please allow up to 4–6 weeks for processing. Requests are reviewed monthly, and fulfillment depends on inventory.

Q: What if you don't have what we need?

A: You'll be given the option to:

- Access gently used equipment through our network
- Purchase gear through ASHA's discounted partner program

Q: Can we publicly post the request form?

A: No. Please do not share the form publicly or with anyone not authorized to complete it on behalf of your organization.

Q: Can we request helmets or gear for athletes not registered yet?

A: No. All requests must be tied to registered participants in the current season.

Q: My team needs additional therapeutic resources like a Kaye Trainer or Skate Aides. Can ASHA help?

A: Yes. ASHA is committed to supporting adaptive hockey athletes by helping teams identify and access therapeutic equipment and on-ice mobility aids, including Kaye Trainers, Skate Aides, gait supports, and other adaptive tools. These requests are reviewed individually and coordinated in partnership with our vendors and supporters whenever possible.

Q: My team is looking for sensory supports or communication tools. Can ASHA provide these?

A: Yes. ASHA recognizes the importance of sensory regulation, communication access, and behavioral supports for many athletes. We will work with your program to provide or help develop resources such as:

- Sensory bags or fidgets
- Social stories tailored to hockey routines
- Visual communication cards
- Quiet spaces or calming corner ideas

Please include these needs in your request and contact ASHA@specialhockey.org if you would like help developing customized solutions for your team.

Thank you for all you do to grow the game and support your athletes. ASHA is proud to stand with you—and to work together to make Special Hockey possible for every player, of every ability.

Questions? Email: asha@specialhockey.org

ASHA FUNDRAISING PLATFORM WITH GIVESMART

ASHA's GiveSmart Platform is made available by the generous support of Hockey Players In Business



WHAT IS GIVESMART?

GiveSmart is a secure and user-friendly online fundraising platform used by thousands of nonprofits nationwide. ASHA provides access to GiveSmart for free to all Member Teams under a 100% pass-through model—this means ASHA collects no portion of funds raised. The only fees incurred are standard credit card processing fees per transaction. Currently this platform is only available for members and affiliate based in the United States.

GiveSmart helps ASHA Member Teams raise funds creatively and efficiently through online auctions, peer-to-peer campaigns, and text-to-donate options.

FUNDRAISING OPTIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH GIVESMART

1. ONLINE AUCTIONS

- Run a digital silent auction where families, friends, and community supporters can bid from anywhere.
- Showcase donated items, memorabilia, or experiences.
- Promote with links, QR codes, and social media—no physical event required.
- Automatic outbid notifications encourage continued participation and giving.

2. CHAMPION FUNDRAISING PAGES (PEER-TO-PEER GIVING)

- Supporters create their own fundraising pages connected to your team's campaign.
- Ideal for athletes, parents, or coaches to say: "Help me raise \$500 to support my team!"
- Great for birthdays, holidays, Giving Tuesday, or to celebrate your team's accomplishments.

3. TEXT-TO-DONATE CAMPAIGNS

- Donors can text a custom keyword (e.g., ASHATeamName) to 76278 and receive an instant link to donate.
- Fast and mobile-friendly—perfect for tournaments, team events, or local media promotions.
- No app or account needed, just a phone and a few clicks.

GETTING STARTED IS EASY

1. EMAIL ASHA AT ASHA@SPECIALHOCKEY.ORG

- Include your team name, primary contact, and a short description of your planned fundraiser or campaign.

2. ASHA WILL SET YOU UP

- We'll provide your team with a custom GiveSmart campaign and help you get started.
- Campaign Dashboard is transparent and teams can access

3. LAUNCH AND SHARE

- Use email, social media, text, and team meetings to promote your campaign or auction.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES

- All funds raised must directly support your ASHA Member Team's programs and activities, including ice time, equipment, athlete support, and travel.
- Personal fundraising is not permitted. Funds may not be used for individual financial gain or unrelated expenses.
- Campaigns must comply with ASHA's policies and reflect our commitment to transparency, accessibility, and community values.

QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

We're happy to walk you through setup or brainstorm ideas. Email asha@specialhockey.org to get started!

GETTING THE RIGHT FIT

A GUIDE FOR SPECIAL HOCKEY FAMILIES

Let's Make Fitting A Positive Experience

We know equipment fittings can be overwhelming for some athletes. Take your time. Let athletes touch and try things at their own pace. Celebrate small wins. If something doesn't feel good, that's okay—we'll try something else. We want every player to feel like they belong in this game—and it starts with making sure they feel good in their gear.

Equipment Guide

One of the biggest thrills for a new youth hockey player is getting the chance to put on their equipment.

Follow this guide in numerical order to get yourself ready to play.

1 SUPPORTER AND CUP: essential protective equipment

2 SHIN PADS: check for proper length to ensure pads protect the knee and shin completely

3 HOCKEY SOCKS: pull on over shin pads and attach to Velcro on hockey supporter

4 PANTS/BREEZERS: pants provide protection for the lower spine, hips and thighs

5 SKATES: should be laced from bottom to top tightly to ensure that ankles do not bend

6 SHOULDER PADS: line-up the center-line of player's shoulders with the center of the shoulder pad caps

7 ELBOW PADS: tighten straps so pads do not move on the arms during play

8 JERSEY: goes over shoulder and elbow pads

9 HELMET & FACEMASK: must be of a design and construction approved by the Hockey Equipment Certification Council (HECC)

10 GLOVES: check for good finger and hand mobility

11 STICK: length should generally extend from the ice to the player's chin (with skates on)

Right Size, Right Support

Hockey gear isn't one-size-fits-all, and it shouldn't be. Elbow pads should actually cover elbows. Shin guards should reach the top of the skate. Chest protectors shouldn't shift when the athlete moves. For younger athletes or those still learning balance, this kind of proper fit matters even more—it helps prevent injuries and gives athletes the support they need to build skills at their own pace.

What Matters Most? Helmets, Skates, and Pads

All equipment is important, but some items are essential for head-to-toe protection. Helmets must fit snugly and stay in place—with full face protection. Skates should feel stable and secure, especially for athletes who are still working on balance. Shin guards, elbow pads, and chest protectors are there to prevent painful bumps and bruises. These are the pieces to get right first. Other gear—like gloves, pants, or jerseys—offers more flexibility based on what feels good for your athlete. If it's comfortable, protective, and allows your athlete to participate with confidence, you're doing it right.

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT SIZING GUIDE

Helmets (Head Circumference in Inches)

X-Small 19.2" - 21.2"	Small 20.4" - 22.4"	Medium 21.8" - 23.6"	Large 22.8" - 24.8"	X-Large 23.6" - 25.6"	
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Shoulder Pads (Senior)

Small 5'5"-5'9"	Medium 5'7"-5'11"	Large 5'9" - 6'1"	X-Large 5'11" - 6'3"	XX-Large 6'1" - 6'5"	
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Shoulder Pads (Junior)

Small 4'3" - 4'8"	Medium 4'7" - 5'0"	Large 4'11" - 5'4"			
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Shoulder Pads (Youth)

X-Small 3'0" - 3'10"	Small 3'3" - 4'1"	Medium 3'7" - 4'4"	Large 3'9" - 4'7"		
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Elbow Pads (Senior)

Small		Medium		Large	
Height (in)	Weight (lbs)	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)
5'5" - 5'9"	120 - 160	5'7" - 5'11"	140 - 180	5'9" - 6'1"	160 - 200

Elbow Pads (Junior)

Small		Large			
Height (in)	Weight (lbs)	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)		
4'3" - 4'8"	60 - 90	4'11" - 5'4"	80 - 110		

Elbow Pads (Youth)

Small		Medium		Large	
Height (in)	Weight (lbs)	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)	Height (in)	Weight (lbs)
3'3" - 4'1"	40 - 60	3'7" - 4'4"	45 - 65	3'9" - 4'7"	50 - 70

Gloves (Senior)

13"		14"		15"	
Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*	Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*	Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*
5'5" - 5'9"	12--13	5'7" - 5'11"	13--14	5'9" - 6'1"	14--15

*Please note that arm length is measured from knuckle to elbow.

Gloves (Junior)

10"		11"		12"	
Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*	Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*	Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*
4'3" - 4'8"	9--11	4'7" - 5'0"	10--11	4'11" - 5'4"	11--12

*Please note that arm length is measured from knuckle to elbow.

Gloves (Youth)

8"		9"			
Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*	Height (in)	Arm Length (in)*		
3'3" - 4'1"	7--8	3'9" - 4'7"	8--9		

*Please note that arm length is measured from knuckle to elbow.

Shin Guards (Senior)

13" 5'5" - 5'9"	14" 5'7" - 5'11"	15" 5'9" - 6'1"	16" 5'11" - 6'3"	17" 6'1" - 6'5"
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Shin Guards (Junior)

10" 4'3" - 4'8"	11" 4'7" - 5'0"	12" 4'11" - 5'4"
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Shin Guards (Youth)

7" 3'3" - 4'1"	8" 3'7" - 4'4"	9" 3'9" - 4'7"
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Player Pants (Senior)					
X-Small		Small		Medium	
Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)
N/A	N/A	5'5" - 5'9"	30" - 34"	5'7" - 5'11"	32" - 36"
Large		X-Large		XX-Large	
Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)
5'9" - 6'1"	34" - 38"	5'11" - 6'3"	36" - 40"	6'1" +	40" +
Player Pants (Junior)					
X-Small		Small		Medium	
Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)
4'1" - 4'7"	22" - 23"	4'3" - 4'8"	22" - 24"	4'7" - 5'0"	24" - 26"
Large		X-Large			
Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)		
4'11" - 5'4"	26" - 28"	5'3" - 5'8"	28" - 30"		
Player Pants (Youth)					
X-Small		Small		Medium	
Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)	Height (In)	Waist (In)
3'0" - 3'10"	20" - 22"	3'3" - 4'1"	20" - 22"	3'7" - 4'4"	21" - 23"
Large					
Height (In)	Waist (In)				
3'9" - 4'7"	21" - 23"				
Senior Skates					
Skate Size	6	6.5	7	7.5	8
Shoe Size	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5
Skate Size	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5
Shoe Size	10	10.5	11	11.5	12
Junior Skates					
Skate Size	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
Shoe Size	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.5
Skate Size	3.5	4	4.5	5	5.5
Shoe Size	5	5.5	6	6.5	7
Youth Skates					
Skate Size	8	9	10	10.5	11
Shoe Size	9.5	10.5	11.5	12	12.5
Skate Size	11.5	12	12.5	13	13.5
Shoe Size	13	13.5	1	1.5	2

Adapting Gear for Sensory and Physical Needs

Some of our players are sensitive to the feel of fabrics, seams, or tight straps. Others may need help getting dressed or use mobility aids. That's okay. There are ways to make gear work better:

- Try soft, tagless base layers under equipment for athletes with sensory differences.
- Look for gear that's easy to adjust and accommodates braces, gloves, or assistive equipment.
- Allow time for athletes to get used to new items slowly and without pressure.
- Talk to your coach or team manager if you're not sure how to adapt gear safely.