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MHC bar seven coaches from helming teams in the MHL

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KUALA LUMPUR: Seven coaches from the national set-up have been barred from helming teams at next month's Malaysia Hockey League (MHL).

The seven are Stephen van Huizen (national men's team coach), Lim Chiow Chuan (assistant national men's team coach), Tai Beng Hai (1MAS coordinator), K. Dharmaraj (women's national team coach), K. Gobinathan (women's development team coach), Lailin Abu Hassan (assistant national women's team coach) and Wallace Tan (men's development team coach).

Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) coaching committee chairman Datuk Ow Soon Kooi said barring the coaches was a collective decision.

"We want our coaches to concentrate on their national duties. They can now watch the MHL matches without any hindrance. It's difficult for them to coach the club sides and carry out their national duties like picking and assessing the players.

"Now, the other coaches are given a chance to prove themselves. It will give us a bigger coaching pool in the future," said Soon Kooi, who is also an MHC vice-president.

Several Premier Division teams like Maybank and Tenaga Nasional have already hired new coaches.

Saiful Azli Abdul Rahman will take charge of the Tigers while M. Kalisweran is the Tenaga coach.

Sapura, who had Stephen and Beng Hai at the helm for the last few years, will have Yahya Atan as their coach.

Former champions Kuala Lumpur Hockey



Barred: National set-up coaches Stephen van Huizen (left) and Tai Beng Hai will not be allowed to coach teams in the Malaysia Hockey League this season.

Club (KLHC) are also affected by MHC's move. They have to replace Dharmaraj and Chiow Chuan and Singaporean Harun Rashid is tipped to get the job.

Out of the six Premier Division sides, only Terengganu and Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) will have the same coaches.

Sarjit Singh will get the chance to go for a

third double with Terengganu after leading the east coast side to the league and overall titles for the last two seasons.

As for UniKL, they have retained A. Arulselvaraj.

The MHL will kick off with the Division One and Women's League on Aug 5. The Premier Division will start on Aug 15.