



Memo: 2017-21

Date: November 20, 2017

To: Team Officials

CC: AMHA Board of Directors, AMHA Coordinators

From: AMHA Board of Directors

Re: PCAHA Semi Annual AGM Highlights for Team Officials

Attentional All Team Officials:

Please find below some highlights and reminders from the PCAHA Semi Annual AGM for which the AMHA was in attendance November 19, 2017. The intent of this memo is specifically for information to Team Officials.

- 1) **Inappropriate Language.** PCAHA this season has seen a sharp increase in “inappropriate language” during games, both by players on the ice, and Team Officials in the stands. Currently PCAHA is on track to equal and potentially surpass last year’s penalties/suspensions due to inappropriate language. Hockey is an emotional game/sport, but please remind your teams of our Codes of Conduct in respect to inappropriate language.
- 2) **December 1st Deadline for Team Officials.** Just a reminder December 1st is approaching very quickly for all Team Officials to have appropriate qualifications/certifications. Please ensure your Team Official’s are up to date, and accurate as Team Officials will be removed from rosters on December 2nd. There is also a possibility that teams without proper Team Officials can be removed from playoffs.
- 3) **Tobacco Products.** Just a reminder, this season an updated Zero Tolerance Tobacco policy has been put in place by BC Hockey. There have been a number of complaints about contravention of this policy within PCAHA thus far this year. Just as a reminder BC Hockey has a Zero Tolerance Policy on Tobacco not only by players, but all Team Officials.
- 4) **Cancellation of Games due to Weather.** As our inclement weather season approaches all Associations were reminded that “Weather Advisories” are not sufficient reason for cancellation of games. When a “Weather and Travel Advisory” are in place, there may be sufficient reason to cancel the game. Please check with your League Manager or Managing Director for approval.
- 5) **Officiating Complaint Procedure.** Thus far this season there has been a significant rise of complaints on referees where Team Officials and Parents are not following the proper procedure. The procedure is to contact your RIC and President first, not directly to PCAHA.
- 6) **Request to Move up a Flight.** Please note for any team that is requesting to move up a flight for the post Holiday season part of the schedule, this request has to be done through the President by mid-December.



- 7) **Initiation/Novice Games.** Just a reminder as Initiation and Novice games begin cross ice rules have been put in place and the biggest complaint is “icing, off-side and face-offs” are not part of the cross ice rules. The reminder to associations has particular intent with those Associations with “small ice rinks” such as Abbotsford’s ATR rink.
- 8) **IP Leads out in Communities.** BC Hockey does have the Lower Mainland’s Initiation (IP Leads) out in the communities checking in on the program. As such the AMHA reminds you to abide by the Cross ice Hockey Rules. For further info on these rules, you can find them on our website under “Documents and Forms”.
- 9) **Skills Academy Participants.** Those members who have their children attending Hockey Canada Sanctioned Skills Academies please be advised that in the event of a suspension of greater than 30 days you will not be permitted to participate on ice in your Skills Academy program under Hockey Canada suspension guidelines. This affects both Fraser and MEI Skills Academy programs. This reminder was put forth under the pretence of point number one on this list.

Regards,

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