



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SUBJECT: Pre-Roster Exhibition Games

Some MHAs have requested permission for their teams to participate in exhibition games against teams from other MHAs as part of the player evaluation and selection (tryout) process. These games would take place prior to some of the team's players being rostered. This bulletin will clarify VIAHA's policy with regard "to pre-roster exhibition" games.

- There must be a team roster on the HCR and the roster must include all bench staff. The staff must have all necessary certifications including CATT, Respect in Sport, HCSP. These team officials need not to remain with the team for the season and can be released on the HCR roster when the season begins.
- All players must be pre-registered on the HCR. If the player has been "carded" (s)he should be moved to the team roster on the HCR but at a minimum all players must be pre-registered.
- A game number must be obtained from the League Managing Director. The Managing Director will not issue a game number until they have been provided with copies of the team roster and the pre-registered player list from the HCR. All reporting protocols relating to submission of Game Reports and game sheets must be followed and it will be considered a "game" for the purposes of VIAHA policy.
- This includes exhibition, placement, league, tournament games but does not include scrimmages. If players from more than one Association are participating then on-ice officials must be used. Teams that scrimmage within their own Association without referees do not need a game number.

Discipline will be dealt with as if the games were regular exhibition with suspensions arising from these games being served during league placement games. Players serving carry-over suspensions from 2016-2017 will be ineligible to participate in "pre-roster exhibition" games.

If you have any further questions please contact the Island League Vice President or the Managing Director of your Division.

Yours truly,

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