



## INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**TO:** MHA Presidents, Administrators and Registrars  
**COPY:** VIAHA Officers  
**FROM:** Charlotte Johnson, VIAHA Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Important New Season Deadlines and Reminders

In an effort to help us all prepare for a smooth running season here are a few things to remember ...

### Age Exemption Requests:

When approving request to forward on to VIAHA we ask that MHA Presidents keep in mind BC Hockey's mandate for all players under Atom to play Cross Ice. \*Please remember this when receiving requests from parents with Novice age children as it will save everyone a lot of time.

The deadline for all other over overage and underage exemptions to VIAHA is October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Volunteer Credentials:

Reminder: All Coaches, Managers, Safety People and On-Ice Helpers MUST have at least the following before working with players or BC Hockey will mark and consider them as ineligible:

- **CATT Certification** (Concussion Awareness Training Tool)
- **RIS Certification** Coach/Volunteer Version (Respect in Sport)
- **Have a CRC** (Criminal Record Check) completed or in progress

### Team Declarations:

David Beatty will be sending out his usual yearly memo's to address these deadlines shortly. Please begin looking at your registration numbers now so you can give your best estimate of teams to David by the **'Tentative' Team Declaration Deadline of August 15<sup>th</sup>**.

\*The Final Team Declaration Deadline will be by the next VIAHA Executive Meeting scheduled for Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. \*After this point it is very hard to add or remove teams as scheduling is in progress.

**The below information is frequently inquired about whilst MHA's are forming teams...**

**Recreation:** The maximum number of players permitted on a Recreational team roster is:

- Twenty three (23) for Peewee and Bantam teams
- Twenty five (25) for Midget and Juvenile teams.

\*If a team roster exceeds twenty (20) players, no overaged players will be permitted.

The maximum number of players permitted in a game is seventeen (17) skaters and two (2) goaltenders.

**Carded:** The Maximum number of players rostered on a carded team is 19 the minimum number is 15 (one of which must be a Goaltender)

\*All teams requesting entry into the Atom Development or Island League must fully roster a minimum of fifteen (15) players (one of which must be a goaltender) **prior to the first placement game.**



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### Parent Respect in Sport:

**Reminder:** All players, except Juveniles must have at least one (1) parent/guardian certified in the Parent Version of RIS (Respect in Sport) by October 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be eligible. \*Note - Many MHA's now make this a requirement at registration – this is a great time saving practice to adopt.

### Affiliate Players (AP's):

Minor hockey players registered on a recreational team may not participate as an affiliate to a higher Division/Category team prior to the first Wednesday following the Thanksgiving weekend or prior to participating in a league game with the recreational team unless approved by the Officers.

\*After your teams are formed, please make time to focus on adding AP's to all your rosters especially Goaltender AP's! Lateral Movement/Player Relief Requests/Emergency Goaltender Requests will only be considered as a last resort.

### Female Players:

As carried at the VIAHA AGM on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – With consent of the VIAHA Officers female players may register on both a recreational integrated team and a recreational female team. Females registering on an Island League Team, Atom Development Team or Female Competitive Team may not register on a second team. We are looking to create a Dual Roster Request Form which we will make available as soon as possible.

There are of course many other deadlines and reminders I could mention but these are some hot spots. The 2017-2018 VIAHA handbooks will be available shortly. It is the MHA's responsibility to properly distribute and encourage members to read and carry them. This, and correct representation at Coach/Manager Meetings, are very important keys in helping to ensure a successful season.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope you find the above information helpful.

Thank you.

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