



Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association

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MEMORANDUM

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**TO: MHA Presidents
VIAHA Officers**

FROM: Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President

SUBJECT: Extension of Island League Tier 1 Pilot

Based on the response from my memorandum of June 27, 2019 VIAHA will be extending the Tier 1 pilot for the 2019-2020 season subject to the following changes:

- Eliminate the showcase games as part of the evaluation process. The showcase weekends could be held later in the season, possibly as part of the regular season schedule.
- Return to the practice of setting Island League Divisions based on calibre of play. Division 1 would not necessarily consist solely of Tier 1 teams and each team would be placed in the appropriate Division based on its level of play in the placement games.
- The target date of returning players to their home association would continue to be at the end of the Labour Day Weekend except for Midget. Midget players could be released to their home MHA as late as September 16, 2019.
- Evaluations/tryouts can commence no earlier than August 17, 2019.
- At Pee wee and Bantam there would be five Tier 1 host MHAs, Comox Valley and Nanaimo in the Mid and North, and Juan de Fuca, Victoria and Victoria Racquet Club in the South. Juan de Fuca could accept players from Kerry Park and Sooke, Victoria Racquet Club from Peninsula and Victoria's draw zone would be their own players. In Midget Victoria and Juan de Fuca would be South hosts along with Nanaimo and Comox Valley. Movement outside of the established zones would be permitted only with Officer's approval.

All players from outside of a Tier 1 catchment area that intends to participate in the tryouts for the appropriate Tier 1 team in their area must register with the Tier 1 team before the tryouts. The transfer will not be finalized until the player has been successful. To assist in the tracking of players please provide Charlotte Johnson (cjohnson@viaha.org) with a list of those players who will be participating in the tryouts.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President