

# **VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**



## **HANDBOOK 2025-2026**

**CONSTITUTION BY-LAWS  
REGULATIONS**

## MISSION STATEMENT

To promote minor hockey in partnership with member associations and leagues stressing fun, respect, sportsmanship, fair competition, development, and safety for minor hockey players of all skill levels.



## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

First and foremost, I want to express my sincere gratitude for placing your trust in me as President of the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association. It is an honour I do not take lightly, and I am proud to embrace the challenges and responsibilities that come with this role.

We find ourselves in a period of significant change across all levels of hockey. The landscape is evolving, and we must continue to adapt and grow. Our focus must be on moving forward—thoughtfully and collaboratively—for the betterment of the game and the youth we serve. This includes working closely with government bodies, school, academies and all sporting organizations to strengthen the foundation of youth sport across the board.

In particular, I believe it's essential that we continue to invest in a support the 90% of our players who participate at the recreational level. By building a strong, inclusive base, we will naturally elevate the competitive stream and enhance the overall quality and integrity of the sport.

I also want to recognize the incredible work done by our office staff and Vice Presidents. They carry a significant workload and do so with dedication and professionalism. Their efforts keep our operations, communications and leagues running smoothly, and they deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

To our Commissioners and Referee-in-Chiefs—thank you for your engagement and commitment. Your involvement ensures that the game is safe, fair and enjoyable for all. Your contributions are truly invaluable.

To Association Presidents, I am continually grateful for your support, wisdom and collaboration. Whether you're serving on a committee, providing input on complex issues, or simply offering a sounding board for ethical decisions, your leadership strengthens our community. I encourage all Presidents to remain actively engaged—not just within their own associations, but with one another. Our collective strength is what makes VIAHA thrive.

Looking ahead, I hope for a smoother road, fewer obstacles and a continued spirit of cooperation. My phone is always on, and I welcome your calls—whether you have a question, a concern, or simply need to talk. We are in this together.

Thank you again for your trust. I look forward to an exciting year ahead. Stay healthy, stay connected and most all—enjoy the game. It goes by quickly.

Sincerely,

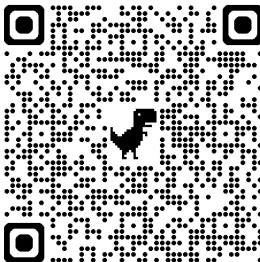


Al McCulloch  
President VIAHA

## VIAHA SCHOLARSHIPS PROJECT

The BC Amateur Sport Fund has partnered with the Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association (VIAHA) to raise money for its VIAHA Scholarships Project. This initiative seeks to raise money to provide three scholarship awards to graduating participants to recognize hockey excellence, community involvement, and academic achievement as they pursue post-secondary educational goals. Your gift will help aid in athlete development by helping to provide rewards for excellence and the pursuit of athletic and academic accomplishment.

For more information, please visit [viaha.org](https://viaha.org), follow the link below or email [info@viaha.org](mailto:info@viaha.org).



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# IMPORTANT DATES

*Dates and items subject to change*

## August

- 15 Deadline for Tentative Team Declarations to be submitted to the VIAHA Director of Hockey Operations

*Reminder: All team officials will need Concussion Awareness Training Tool (CATT) certification, Respect In Sport (RIS) Activity Leader, Criminal Record Checks and to sign critical waivers prior to volunteering in the new season*

## September

- 2 Deadline for player release in Tier 1 tryouts
- 7 VIAHA EXEC Committee Meeting–11:00am (Sunday)
- 7 Final Team Declarations

## October

- 12-14 Thanksgiving weekend
- 18 VIAHA EXEC Committee Meeting – 11:00am (Saturday)
- 31 Deadline for player under or over age exemption requests
- 31 Deadline for one (1) parent to complete the Respect in Sport (RIS) Parent Edition requirement – (player is deemed ineligible if one (1) parent does not take)

## November

- 11 Remembrance Day

## December

- 1 Final date for MHA's to declare their intent for carded/competitive Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 teams to compete in a higher category in the BC Hockey Championships
- 1 **All Carded Coaches** must be certified or registered in a Development 1 course
- 1 **Head Coaches** at all levels U11 and above must have the Checking Clinic Certification
- 15 **All Recreation Coaches U11 & Above:** Must be certified or registered in a Coach Level 2 course *(Reminder to also take applicable age corresponding modules \* Plus do the HU (Online Coach 1 / 2 Pre-requisite)*
- 15 **All Recreation Coaches below U11:** Must be certified or registered in a Coach Level 1 course *(Reminder to also take applicable age corresponding modules \* Plus do the HU (Online Coach 1 / 2 Pre-requisite)*
- 13-14 Last weekend of League Play before Christmas Break
- 31 Last day for a carded team to withdraw from BC Hockey Championships

## **January**

- 10 Final date for Residential Waivers
- 11 A U13, U15 or U18 Hockey team that has twenty (20) players registered on January 10 shall not be permitted to register any further players during the current season. A team which has less than twenty (20) players registered may (if it has unused Hockey Canada player registration certificates) register qualified players until the final registration date; but, once such a vacancy on the player roster has been filled, it shall not be used again
- 10-11 League play resumes after Christmas Break
- 11 VIAHA EXEC Committee Meeting –11:00am (Sunday)
- 15 Final date for Affiliated Players (AP's) to be added to a team's HCR roster

## **February**

- 10 Final player registration date in all hockey divisions

## **March**

- 1 Deadline for BC Hockey resolutions submissions to be sent to VIAHA (if endorsed by VIAHA)
- 1-2 Recreational League Playoffs begins
- 8-9 Recreational League Playoffs conclude
- 15 Deadline for Island League game officials claim forms for playoff semi and final games
- 15 Deadline for VIAHA AGM resolutions to be submitted
- 15-18 BC Hockey Championships for Integrated teams
- 19-22 BC Hockey Championships for Female and Juvenile teams
- 31 Deadline to submit nominations for VIAHA awards and scholarships

## **April**

- 12 VIAHA EXEC Committee Meeting – 11:00am (Sunday)

## **May**

- 24 VIAHA Annual General Meeting

## **June**

- TBA 2025 BC Hockey Summit & AGM—TBA



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## **CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS and REGULATIONS**

Adopted at  
Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association  
Annual General Meeting on  
Sunday, May 25, 2025

Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association is registered under the  
Society Act of the Province of British Columbia

This edition is prepared for easy and convenient reference and should  
By-laws or Regulations be changed, or errors occur, the contents of  
this book will be superseded by the official minutes of the Society.

# CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE #1

### Name

- 1 The name of the Society is the "Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association", hereinafter referred to as the "Society."

## ARTICLE #2

### Purposes

- 2 The purposes of the Society are:
  - (a) To encourage, foster, improve and perpetuate the game of amateur hockey on Vancouver Island;
  - (b) To promote sportsmanship and harmony among its players, coaches, and referees;
  - (c) To increase the interest and involvement in amateur hockey; this brings an improved quality of life for both participants and spectators;
  - (d) To encourage and assist all others interested in getting involved in amateur hockey;
  - (e) To exercise general care and supervision over all aspects of the game of amateur hockey;
  - (f) To administer and provide hockey programs for the youth on Vancouver Island;
  - (g) To provide avenues for the pursuit of excellence in hockey;
  - (h) To be a viable method of promoting health and encouraging opportunities for youth;
  - (i) To co-ordinate the mutual interest of member associations of this Society;
  - (j) To provide guidance to member associations in the following areas, but not limited to:
    - (i) finances;
    - (ii) organizing competitions; and
    - (iii) building effective hockey programs.

## BY-LAWS

### BY-LAW #1

#### Interpretations

- 100 The mission of this Society is to promote minor hockey in partnership with member associations and leagues, stressing fun, respect, sportsmanship, fair competition, development, and safety for minor hockey players of all skill levels.
- 101 In these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (a) "Officers" mean the Officers (Board of Directors) of the Society;
  - (b) "Directors" mean the MHA Presidents whom are elected by their respective memberships being members of the Executive Committee of the Society;
  - (c) "Society Act" means the Society Act of the Province of British Columbia from time to time in force and all amendments as they apply;
  - (d) "Registered Address" of a member means the address of that member as recorded in the register of members;
  - (e) "BC Hockey" refers to the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association;
  - (f) "HC" refers to Hockey Canada; and
  - (g) "MHA" refers to a member Minor Hockey Associations.
- 102 The definitions in the Society Act on the date these By-Laws become effective apply to these By-Laws.
- 103 Words importing the singular include the plural and vice-versa; and words importing a male person include a female person and a corporation.
- 104 In these By-Laws, wherever submission of a notice, declaration, or other formal communication is required, such notice, declaration, or communication may be transmitted by email or facsimile.

### BY-LAW #2

#### Membership

- 200 The members of the Society are those who were members of the Society at the time of incorporation of the Society as well as those who subsequently become members in accordance with these By-Laws, and, in either case, have not ceased to be members.
- 201 The Society's membership shall be composed of:
- (a) Minor Hockey Associations and their membership, and
  - (b) Persons currently serving as Officers or Directors of the Society.

- 202 Associations may apply to the Officers of the Society through the VIAHA Executive Director for membership in the Society. The Officers of the Society shall review all such applications received and if conforming to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, shall present the application to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall then decide if the application should be presented at a General Meeting of the Society for acceptance, or rejection. Upon acceptance at a General Meeting, and payment of such fee that is set from time to time by the Society, the applicant shall become a member of the Society.
- 203 Minor hockey teams, which are affiliated with MHAs, shall be composed only of players and team officials who are duly registered by MHAs in accordance with the rules and regulations of the VIAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada. Membership for such teams shall commence upon the MHAs registering the teams online with BC Hockey and who then shall report the number of teams to the VIAHA Executive Director. Membership for such teams shall expire at the completion of the next VIAHA Annual General Meeting.
- 204 Membership in the Society shall be contingent upon the applicant MHA, league or team receiving approval from BC Hockey.
- 205 Applications for membership in the Society shall include:  
 (a) A list of Directors/Officers of the Association;  
 (b) A definition of the geographical boundaries claimed by the applicant; and  
 (c) A copy of the applicant's Constitution and By-Laws and Rules and Regulations; or  
 (d) Where the information in (a) above is non-existent then a list of those participating in the Society; and  
 (e) A written statement outlining their Association's rationale.  
 \*MHAs shall, not later than six months following acceptance of membership in the Society, incorporate, the name, objectives and a list of possible teams under the Society Act and shall maintain good standing under the Act.
- 206 Every member of the Society shall uphold the Constitution and comply with these By-Laws, Regulations or Policies of VIAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada. Members cannot act in any manner that is contrary to the By-Laws, Regulations or Policies of the Society. The Society will support the right of a MHA to refuse membership to any individual.
- 207 MHA's shall not act in a manner contrary to their Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Policies.

- 208 Life membership may be bestowed upon any person for distinguished service to the Society and its members over a period of at least ten (10) years. Nominations for life membership must be made by an Officer, Director, or MHA and shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Such nominations shall be submitted in writing to the Society's Executive Director at least four (4) weeks in advance of the Annual General Meeting and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to submission to the general membership. Life members shall have full voting privileges at all General Meetings.
- 209 Membership in the Society shall cease when:
- (a) The member delivers a resignation in writing to the Executive Director of the Society either in person, electronic mail or by registered mail;
  - (b) The member is expelled;
  - (c) The member has not been in good standing for two (2) consecutive months; or
  - (d) The member has died, or, in the case of a Society, the Society has been dissolved.
- 210 A member may be suspended or expelled for willful violation of the Constitution, By-Laws or for any serious breach of the Regulations or Policies.
- 211 Where a member is suspended or expelled, the member shall forfeit all rights and privileges as a member of this Society until such time as the said member is reinstated as a member in good standing.
- 212 A member may be expelled by a special resolution of the membership passed at a General Meeting.
- 213 A notice of special resolution for expulsion shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reason, or reasons, for the proposed expulsion.
- 214 The member who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion shall be given an opportunity to be heard at a General Meeting before the special resolution is put to a vote. The vote shall be by ballot.
- 215 All members are in good standing except:
- (a) When a member has failed to pay the current annual membership fee or any other subscription or debt due owing to the Society. That member is not in good standing so long as the debt remains unpaid; or
  - (b) A member whose suspension has not been served.
- 216 MHA annual fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting



and shall be due and payable as determined by the Executive Committee.

- 217 Any MHA may withdraw from membership by notifying the Executive Committee in writing at least four (4) months in advance of their intentions.
- 218 Each MHA shall elect or appoint the following officials and shall advise the VIAHA Executive Director of their names, addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers by no later than June 15 of each year.
- (a) President;
  - (b) Registrar;
  - (c) Treasurer;
  - (d) Referee-in-Chief (Head Referee);
  - (e) Coaching Coordinator (Head Coach);
  - (f) Risk Manager;
  - (g) Ice Scheduler; and
  - (h) Female Development Coordinator (except in MHAs which share a draw zone with a Female MHA).
- Such MHA officials or their designate, shall attend VIAHA meetings called for their area of responsibility.
- 219 This Society shall be affiliated with BC Hockey. This Society shall observe all By-laws, Rules and Regulations by which BC Hockey is governed.

### **BY-LAW #3**

#### **General and Annual General Meetings**

- 300 A General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such a time and place, in accordance with the Society Act, as the Officers shall decide.
- 301 Every General Meeting, other than an Annual General Meeting, is an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Society may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society for any purpose.
- 302 All meetings of the Society shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- 303 Amendments to the Society's Constitution and By-Laws require a 75% majority of all votes cast. All other decisions including changes to the Regulations or Policies shall be made based on a simple majority of votes cast.
- 304 The Society shall, upon written request of at least five (5) MHAs, hereinafter called requisitionists, forthwith convene a General

Meeting of the Society. The requisition shall:

- (a) State the purpose;
- (b) Be signed by all requisitionists; and
- (c) Be delivered or sent by registered mail to the address of the Society, and may consist of several documents in like form each signed by one or more requisitionists.

305 The President, or Vice President acting on his behalf, shall call a General Meeting within thirty (30) days after the delivery of the requisition.

306 The Annual General meeting shall be held not later than May 31 of each year.

307 Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Society shall specify the location, the day, the time of the meeting and in case of special business, and the general nature of that business. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting, or the non-receipt of a notice, by any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at the meeting.

308 The Society shall give at least fourteen (14) days written notice of a General Meeting of the Society to the members entitled to receive notice of the General Meeting. Written notice shall be by any one of the following:

- (a) Facsimile;
- (b) Electronic email; or
- (c) Letter.

The members may waive or reduce the period of notice by unanimous consent, in writing.

309 The maximum number of votes that any one MHA shall have at a General Meeting is five (5), as follows:

- (a) Each VIAHA Director (MHA President) - one (1) vote; and
- (b) Each MHA - one (1) vote; plus
  - (i) Each MHA that has 1-15 registered teams - one (1) vote;
  - (ii) Each MHA that has 16-30 registered teams - two (2) votes; or
  - (iii) Each MHA that has 31+ registered teams - three (3) votes.

Note: Registered teams means teams, U11 and above, that have been registered with BC Hockey in the previous year.

## **BY-LAW #4**

### **Proceedings at General Meetings**

- 400 Society business is:
- (a) All business transacted at an Annual General Meeting;
  - (b) Role call;
  - (c) The adoption of minutes as circulated;
  - (d) Correspondence;
  - (e) The consideration of the financial statements;
  - (f) The reports of the Officers and Directors;
  - (g) The report of the audit, if any;
  - (h) New business;
  - (i) Amendments to Constitution, By-Laws and/or Regulations;
  - (j) Elections; and
  - (k) Adjournment.
- 401 Unless a quorum is present at a General Meeting, no business other than the adjournment or termination of the meeting shall be conducted.
- 402 If, during a General Meeting, there ceases to be a quorum present, business in progress shall be suspended until a quorum is present again or the meeting is adjourned.
- 403 For the purpose of these By-Laws, a quorum at a General Meeting shall be considered to be present when nine (9) or more of the MHAs and at least three (3) of the Officers are present.
- 404 In the event that a quorum is not present at a General Meeting within one-half hour from the time appointed for the meeting, or where the meeting is adjourned under By-Law #402, the meeting shall stand adjourned for one month and shall then be held at a place and time to be determined by the President and the meeting shall proceed whether or not a quorum is present.
- 405 The President of the Society shall preside as chairman of all General Meetings of the Society. In the President's absence, one of the Society's Vice Presidents shall preside as appointed by the President.
- 406 Voting is by show of hands except where a member calls for a poll or ballot.
- 407 The Chairman may only vote in the case of a tie.
- 408 Executive members and MHAs may vote on all matters as per By-

Law #309. The Executive member or delegate shall not carry more than three (3) votes, including the proxy votes. Proxy votes must be submitted to the Executive Director at least seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting. Hockey Leagues shall not have a vote.

- 409 A declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or not carried, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Society, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes accorded in favor of, or against such a resolution.

## **BY-LAW #5**

### **Executive Officers and Directors**

- 500 Subject to the provisions of the Society Act and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Society, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for managing and/or supervising the management of the affairs of the Society and may exercise any, and all, of the powers of the Society.
- 501 The Executive Committee shall appoint the Executive Director and the Director of Hockey Operations. The Officers of the Society shall set the Executive Director's and Director of Hockey Operation's salary annually.
- 502 The Officers of the Society shall be:
- (a) The President;
  - (b) Vice President North Island;
  - (c) Vice President Mid Island;
  - (d) Vice President South Island;
  - (e) Vice President Island League;
  - (f) The Immediate Past President;
  - (g) The VIAHA Executive Director (non-voting); and
  - (h) Director of Hockey Operations (non-voting).
- 503 The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of the following positions:
- (a) Officers of the Society;
  - (b) President of each MHA (or their designate);
  - (c) VIAHA Female Development Coordinator;
  - (d) BC Hockey Minor Officiating Zone Lead (North) (non-voting); and
  - (e) BC Hockey Minor Officiating Zone Lead (South) (non-voting).
- 504 *Separate elections shall be held for each Officer position to be filled.*

- 505 *At each Annual General Meeting in a year ending in an even number there will be an election for the positions of VIAHA President and VIAHA Vice President Mid-Island. At each Annual General Meeting in a year ending with an odd number there will be an election for the positions of VIAHA Vice President Island League, VIAHA Vice President South Island and VIAHA Vice-President North Island.*
- 506 *Notwithstanding By-Law 505, if an Officer position becomes vacant during the first year of the Officer's two-year term there will be an election for that vacant position for a one-year term at the Society's next Annual General Meeting.*
- 507 The President shall appoint the Nominating Committee and they shall prepare a slate of candidates for submission to the Annual General Meeting.
- 508 Nominations for VIAHA officers must be submitted to the Nominating Committee no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted. The holder of an office may run for subsequent terms of office.
- 509 No position will be filled by acclamation. To be elected into a position the successful candidate must receive a simple majority of the votes cast. Voting shall be by ballot.
- 510 In the event that three (3) or more persons are nominated for any position within the Society, the successful candidates shall be required to receive more than 50% of the total votes cast. If necessary, this will be established by elimination voting whereby the nominee receiving the least votes shall be successively dropped until a nominee has the required votes for election.
- 511 *The Executive Committee may, at any time, and from time to time, appoint a person to fill a vacancy in the Officers of the Society. The person so appointed holds office only until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Society but is eligible for re-election at the meeting.*
- 512 No act, or proceeding, is invalid only by reason of there being less than the prescribed number of Executive Officers in office.

**BY-LAW #6**

**Proceedings of the Executive Officers and Directors**

- 600 The Officers will meet at the call of the President at a pre-determined place to dispatch business as they see fit. The Executive Committee will meet as required throughout the year but not less than four (4) times during the year to conduct business as they see fit.
- 601 Attendance for the MHA President at Executive Meetings shall be mandatory. Should a MHA President not be able to attend they must ensure that they send a representative. The representative must be a voting member of their respective MHA Executive Board. Failure to comply shall result in a fine being levied of \$250.00.
- 602 The quorum necessary for the Officers and Executive Committee to transact business shall be a majority then in office.
- 603 The Officers shall supervise the financial affairs of the Society.
- 604 The President shall preside as chairman of all meetings. If the President is not present within thirty (30) minutes of the time appointed for holding the meeting, one of the Vice Presidents shall act as chairman; but if none are present the members present may choose one of their members to act as chairman at that meeting.
- 605 The President may at any time take an email, telephone, or facsimile vote of the Executive Committee on any urgent matter. The results of the vote shall be reported at and noted in the minutes of the next regular Executive Committee meeting.
- 606 The President may call a meeting of the Officers or Executive Committee provided seven (7) days notice is given either in writing, or orally. The members of the Executive Committee may waive or reduce the period of notice for a particular meeting.
- 607 Any five (5) Executive Committee members may request a meeting at any time and the VIAHA Executive Director on the request of the Executive Committee members shall convene a meeting of the Executive Committee provided seven (7) days notice is given either in writing, or orally.
- 608 The Officers may delegate any, but not all, of their powers to committees or appointed individuals as they see fit.

- 609 Committees shall conform to any rules imposed on them by the Officers. Committees shall report every act or thing done in exercise of those powers at the next meeting of the Officers after it has been done.
- 610 A committee shall elect a chairman of its meetings; but if no chairman is elected, or if at a meeting the chairman is not present within thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Officers present, who are members of the committee, shall choose one of their members to be chairman of the meeting.
- 611 To be eligible as a candidate for election as an Officer of the Society, the nominated person must have served within a MHA, league, or team who is a member of the Society.
- 612 An Officer or Director shall cease to hold office if he:  
(a) Ceases to be a member of the Society;  
(b) Resigns in writing to the Executive Committee;  
(c) Without reasonable cause, absents himself from three (3) or more consecutive meetings of the Executive Committee;  
(d) Is suspended as a member of the Society, for the term of that suspension; or  
(e) Is expelled from the Society.
- 613 The Standing Committees of VIAHA are as follows:  
(a) The Appeals Committee;  
(b) The Female Committee;  
(c) The Finance Committee; and  
(d) Others that may from time to time be created or appointed.
- 614 In all matters except for the exemptions from By-Laws and regulations questions arising at any meeting of the Officers, Executive Committee or committees shall be decided by a majority vote. Exemptions from By-Laws and regulations will require a 75% majority vote.
- 615 The Chairperson shall only cast his vote in case of a tie.
- 616 MHAs shall report all teams (U11 and above) to the Executive Committee at the September meeting. Teams will be required to participate in VIAHA leagues if there is an applicable league available.
- 617 With the use of game numbers, the Society shall approve all exhibition, placement, league, playoff, and sanctioned tournament games.

- 618 The Executive Committee shall have the authority to settle all questions not provided for in the Society's Constitution, By-Laws, or Regulations.
- 619 The Executive Committee shall have the power to grant requests for exemptions to the Society's By-Laws and Regulations within these terms:
- (a) The request for exemption must be submitted by the appropriate Vice President no less than fifteen (15) days prior to a Society's Executive Meeting;
  - (b) All appropriate documentation must be in the office of the Executive Director of the Society by the time frame for consideration. Failure to do so will result in the request being tabled until the next meeting of the Society's Executive Committee;
  - (c) Exemptions must be approved by a 75% majority of the Society's Executive Committee;
  - (d) Any exemption granted shall be in effect for the current season only;
  - (e) Any exemption granted shall be reported to the membership of the Society prior to, or at the next Annual General Meeting of the Society; and
  - (f) The decision by the Society's Executive Committee on the request for exemption will be final.



## **BY-LAW #7**

### **Duties of the Executive Officers and Directors**

#### **700 District President**

- (a) Shall preside at all meetings of the Society; and shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Society;
- (b) Shall supervise the other Society Officers and members in the execution of their duties;
- (c) Shall ensure that the District Association and its leagues (where appropriate) are registered with BC Hockey;
- (d) Shall have the right to attend any meetings of the MHAs or committees of the MHAs;
- (e) Shall have the right to appoint an Officer of this Society to act in his absence;
- (f) Shall have the power to delegate to any member any, but not all, of those duties assigned to the President;
- (g) Shall appoint members to the:
  - (i) Appeals Committee;
  - (ii) Discipline Committee;
  - (iii) Nominating Committee; and
  - (iv) Any other committee deemed necessary.
- (h) Shall have the power to suspend for up to sixty (60) days, fine and/or take other disciplinary action against any player, team official, or team, or any person associated with any team or MHA, for the following:
  - (i) For unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice;
  - (ii) For conduct which brings discredit to the Society;
  - (iii) For failure to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Policies of the Society; and
  - (iv) For failure to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, and any other rules or regulations of BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- (i) Fines as per 700 (h) will only be applied to member MHAs;
- (j) In cases where, in the President's opinion, a suspension of more than sixty (60) days is warranted, the President may impose an indefinite suspension pending a full investigation. Upon receipt of the full investigation report the President shall impose a definite suspension;
- (k) Shall act as a resource person for the MHAs; and
- (l) Shall have signing authority for the Society.

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**Vice Presidents**

- (a) Shall be responsible to the President;
- (b) Shall be alternate signing authorities for the Society as assigned by the President;
- (c) Shall share in performing the duties of the President during his absence as assigned to him;
- (d) Shall participate in and/or chair various committees as appointed by the President;
- (e) Shall supervise recreational or competitive leagues of those MHAs that are assigned to him;
- (f) Shall be responsible for the supervision and conduct of the players and team officials participating in inter-leagues between MHAs;
- (g) Shall have the power to suspend for up to twenty-one (21) days, fine and/or take other disciplinary action *which may include education components/modules*, against any player, team official, or team, or any person associated with any team or association within their assigned MHAs, for the following:
  - (i) For unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the ice;
  - (ii) For failure to comply with the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Policies of the Society;
- (h) In cases where, in the Vice President's opinion, a suspension of more than twenty-one (21) days is warranted, he may impose an indefinite suspension pending a full investigation. The investigation will be initiated within seven (7) days of the incident by the applicable Vice President;
- (i) Shall act as the liaison between the league, Commissioners/Managing Directors and the Officers;
- (j) Shall appoint League Commissioners/Managing Directors and/or other persons as required to assist in administering the leagues; and
- (k) Shall prepare reports to be presented at each of the Society's meetings.

| VP North Island<br>(MHAs)  | VP Mid Island<br>(MHAs)  | VP South Island<br>(MHAs)  | VP Island<br>League  |
|--|--|--|--|
| Campbell River<br>Comox Valley<br>Gold River<br>Powell River<br>Tri Port | Alberni Valley<br>Cowichan Valley<br>Lake Cowichan<br>Nanaimo<br>Oceanside | Juan de Fuca<br>Kerry Park<br>Peninsula<br>Sooke<br>Victoria<br>Victoria Racquet<br>Club<br>Capital Region<br>Female | Responsible for<br>all integrated<br>competitive<br>hockey teams<br>throughout<br>the District |

**702 VIAHA Female Development Coordinator**

- (a) Shall be responsible to the President;
- (b) Shall chair the Female Development Committee for VIAHA;
- (c) Shall act as liaison with the following:
  - (i) MHA Presidents; and
  - (ii) MHA Female Development Coordinators; and
- (d) Shall represent VIAHA at BC Hockey.

**BY-LAW #8**

**Notice to Members**

- 800 Whenever, under the provisions of these By-Laws, notice is required to be given, such notice may be given either by email, by facsimile, or by mail in a postpaid sealed envelope addressed to the address of the member at his address as the same appears on the records of the Society.
- 801 Notice of General Meetings shall be given as defined in By-Law #3 or such greater length of time as may be prescribed by the Society Act.
- 802 A notice given by mail shall be deemed to have been given on the second day following that on which notice is posted, and in proving that notice has been given it is sufficient to prove that notice was properly addressed and put in a Canada Post office receptacle.

**BY-LAW #9**

**Borrowing Power**

- 900 The Society shall have the power to borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Society may see fit, subject to the Society Act.

**BY-LAW #10**

**Finances and Banking**

- 1000 The finances of the Society shall be under the control of the Executive Director. The signing Officers of the Society shall be the Executive Director, VIAHA President and one or more of the Vice Presidents.
- 1001 The members shall approve the operating budget presented by the Executive Director at the Annual General Meeting. Each MHA shall be assessed an annual administration fee.
- 1002 A current operating account shall be maintained in any Canadian chartered bank, trust company or credit union as designated by the Officers. All current operating receipts received shall be deposited in this account from which normal operating expenses shall be paid by cheque.

- 1003 The Executive Director shall present a financial report to the Officers and Executive Committee at regular meetings, for approval.
- 1004 In order to carry out the purposes of the Society, the Officers may, on behalf of and in the name of the Society, raise or secure the payment or repayment of money in the manner they decide, and, in particular but without limiting the foregoing, by the issue of debentures.
- 1005 No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a special resolution of the Executive Committee.
- 1006 The members may by special resolution restrict the borrowing powers of the Officers, but a restriction imposed expires at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 1007 All invoices issued by the Society shall be due and payable upon receipt. MHAs and members will be considered not in good standing if they are not paid within fourteen (14) days of issue.
- 1008 The Society shall carry on without purpose of gain for its members. Any profits or other accretions to the Society shall be used for promoting its purposes.
- 1009 In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, any funds of the Society remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, shall be given or transferred to BC Hockey, or such organizations concerned with the promotion of minor hockey on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, or organizations promoting the same objective as this Society at the time of winding up or dissolution. If the funds cannot be given to an organization mentioned above, then such funds shall be given or transferred to some other organization; provided that organization is a charitable organization, a charitable corporation, or a charitable trust recognized by the Canada Revenue Agency as being qualified under the provisions of the Income Tax Act of Canada.

## **BY-LAW #11**

### **Audits of Accounts**

- 1100 The Officers shall present before the members of the Society at the Annual General Meeting a financial statement showing the income and expenditures, assets and liabilities of the Society during the preceding fiscal year. The said financial statements shall be signed by two (2) or more Officers, or by the auditors on behalf of the Society. The Society by resolution may waive the requirement of an audit with 75% majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, if there is a requirement for an audit it will be presented at

the earliest available Executive Committee meeting.

## **BY-LAW #12**

### **Appeals Committee and Procedures**

#### **Structure**

- 1200 The Appeal Committee shall consist of a chairperson, who shall be an Officer of the Society appointed by the President following the Annual General meeting of the Society.
- 1201 A minimum of two (2) other appeal panel members as appointed by the President of the Society. In the case of a conflict of interest, the President of the Society has the right to alter the Committee.

#### **Procedures**

- 1202 The duties of the Appeal Committee shall be to hear appeals of decisions made by the President of the Society, or of decisions made by a member of the Society.
- 1203 The Appeal Committee may uphold or modify any decisions made by a member of the Society.
- 1204 Any MHA, league, team, player, off-ice official or member of any MHA, may appeal any decision of the Society's President or a decision made by a member of the Society.
- 1205 Any team or member entered in competition shall have the right to appeal to the Appeal Committee of the Society for any decision of the local MHA, or league, that is contrary to the Constitution, By-Laws, Regulations or Policies of the Society.
- 1206 Any individual wishing to appeal a decision made by a MHA, league or team, must:
- (a) First appeal to their MHA and exhaust all levels of the MHA's appeal process as specified in the By-Laws or Regulations of the MHA;
  - (b) If dissatisfied with the final appeal decision of the MHA in question, may then appeal the suspension and/or decision to VIAHA; and
  - (c) Upon receipt of an appeal, the VIAHA Executive Director or President shall immediately notify the MHA, league or team in question of the appeal in writing.
- 1207 All first appeals to the VIAHA Appeal Committee shall:
- (a) Be delivered to the VIAHA Executive Director within fourteen (14) days from the date of the last official notice advising of the decision;
  - (b) Be in writing, on the VIAHA Appeal Form and outline all particulars

pertaining to the case; and

(c) Be accompanied by either cash, certified cheque or e-transfer payment in the amount of \$500.00 and made payable to VIAHA.

- 1208 The VIAHA Appeal Committee will review a decision or hear an appeal only under one or more of the following conditions:  
(a) If new evidence not used in the original MHA hearing can be presented which may have an effect on the decision;  
(b) On grounds that irregularities in the proceedings of the original MHA hearing may have caused an unjust decision;  
(c) On grounds that the decision of the original MHA hearing was too severe; or  
(d) On grounds that there is proof to establish that the decision of the original MHA hearing was reached in an unjust manner.
- 1209 All first appeals shall be dealt with within twenty-one (21) days of its receipt, unless a mutual agreement is reached by both parties to extend this time. All documents should be sent electronically via email when possible.
- 1210 The Executive Director shall communicate the decision of the VIAHA Appeal Committee to all parties of the appeal by telephone or email within two (2) business days of the appeal hearing. Full written notification shall be transmitted within seven (7) business days of the appeal hearing.
- 1211 If an appeal to VIAHA is dismissed, or the original decision is modified, the \$500.00 shall be retained by VIAHA. If the appeal is upheld, the \$500.00 shall be returned to the appellant.
- 1212 When an appeal hearing is granted - all the pertinent information supplied by the referee, linesman and other game officials or an Executive member shall, upon request, be made available to the appellant, or his agent in writing prior to the hearing.
- 1213 When an appeal hearing is granted with reference to a decision made by a MHA, league, team or official of any MHA, league or team, all pertinent information supplied by both parties shall be made available to the other party, in writing, prior to the hearing.
- 1214 When an appeal is filed there shall be no stay of any suspension imposed that is the subject of the appeal.
- 1215 Copies of any written documents which all parties wish to have the Society's Appeal Committee consider shall be provided to the Society's Executive Director, or President, at least seven (7) days in

advance of the hearing provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the submission of additional documents relevant to the appeal.

### **Appeals to the Executive Committee**

- 1216 Any MHA, league, team, player, minor official or any member of a MHA, league or team may appeal the decision of the first VIAHA Appeal Committee to the VIAHA Executive Committee.
- 1217 All appeals to the Executive Committee shall:
- (a) Be delivered to the Executive Director within seven (7) days from the date of the official written notice advising of the first VIAHA Appeal Committee's decision;
  - (b) Be in writing, outlining all particulars pertaining to the case; and
  - (c) Be accompanied by either cash, certified cheque or an e-transfer payment in the amount of \$750.00 and made payable to VIAHA.
- 1218 The Executive Committee will review the decision, or hear an appeal, only under one of the following conditions:
- (a) If new evidence not used in the first VIAHA Appeal Committee hearing can be presented, which may have an effect on the decision;
  - (b) On the grounds that irregularities in the proceedings of the first VIAHA Appeal Committee hearing may have caused an unjust decision; or
  - (c) On the grounds that the decision of the first VIAHA Appeal Committee hearing was too severe.
- The President will appoint a panel of three (3) members, one of which will include the first VIAHA Appeal Committee Chair, to determine within seven (7) working days of its receipt of the appeal if one, or more, of the above conditions have been met. The decision of this panel will be final and not subject to an appeal.
- 1219 This appeal shall not simply be a rehearing of the evidence presented at the first appeal to Appeal Committee.
- 1220 If an appeal to the VIAHA Executive Committee is granted, it shall be dealt with by them within twenty-eight (28) days of its receipt, unless a mutual agreement is reached by both parties to extend this time. If the appellant has requested a personal appearance, the appeal shall be dealt with at the next Executive Committee meeting of the Society. All documents should be in writing and sent electronically via email when possible.
- 1221 If an appeal to the Executive Committee is dismissed, or the original

decision is modified, the \$750.00 shall be retained by VIAHA. If the appeal is upheld, the \$750.00 shall be returned to the appellant.

- 1222 Any member who fails to exhaust the appeal procedures provided herein prior to resorting to external legal remedies shall be subject to a suspension at the discretion of the majority of the Officers of the Society.
- 1223 A member may appeal an Executive Committee's decision to BC Hockey subject to BC Hockey By-Law #8.

### **BY-LAW #13**

#### **The Seal**

- 1300 The Seal of the Association, if one is so made, shall be kept in the custody of the Executive Director.
- 1301 The Seal of the Association shall not be affixed to any document or instrument unless authorized by the Executive Officers, and only in the presence of such Officers as the Executive may authorize. Such persons shall sign every document to which the Seal is affixed in their presence.

### **BY-LAW #14**

#### **Amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations**

- 1400 Resolutions to amend or alter the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations can only be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Society after specific notice in writing by March 15 to the Society's Executive Director.
- 1401 Resolutions to amend or alter the Society's Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations may be submitted by members of the Society as per By-Law #1400.
- 1402 Notice of Motion may be waived to amend the Society's Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations providing each member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting agrees in writing.
- 1403 The Society's Executive Director shall communicate such proposed amendments or alterations to the Society's Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations to each MHA thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.
- 1404 Any amendments or changes in the Constitution, By-Laws or Regulations of the Society made at the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting of this Society shall take effect



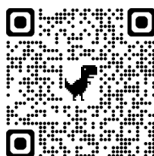
immediately.

- 1405 For amendments or changes to the MHA draw zones BC Hockey must approve the changes prior to submission to the Registrar of Companies.



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# REGULATIONS

## REGULATION #1

### General

- 1.01 In these Rules and Regulations unless otherwise defined in a specific regulation the following definitions apply:
- (a) "Any Game" shall refer to any and all league, placement, playoff, exhibition and tournament/jamboree games;
  - (b) "Branch" shall mean British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association (BC Hockey);
  - (c) "Category" where the divisions established in Regulation #1.02 are further divided; these subdivisions shall be known as "categories". This Association divides the U21 into "A" and "C"; U13, U15, U18 into Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 and U11 into "A", "B" and "C" categories;
  - (d) "Classification" the system designating Island League teams as Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, and Tier 4 as administered by BC Hockey;
  - (e) "Coach" shall refer to person(s) on a team responsible or instruction of the players, including practices, other training sessions and running the team bench during games;
  - (f) "Division" shall mean VIAHA's grouping of teams or players within a category or classification on a basis of competitive strength for league play purposes;
  - (g) "Female team" shall mean a team composed solely of female players, plus male and/or female team officials;
  - (h) "HC" refers to Hockey Canada;
  - (i) "HCOP" shall mean the Hockey Canada Officiating Program;
  - (j) "HCR" shall mean the Hockey Canada Registration on-line program;
  - (k) "HCSP" shall mean Hockey Canada Safety Program;
  - (l) "Hockey Canada Carded" or "HC-carded" shall refer to teams, team officials and players who are required to register on Hockey Canada player registration certificates or equivalent;
  - (m) "Ineligible" shall mean:
    - i) Any player or team official actively participating in any game while under suspension;
    - ii) Any player or team official not rostered on the HCR at the time of the infraction;
    - iii) Any team official not having the appropriate certifications for the role and level they are in by the deadline(s) imposed by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada; or
    - iv) Any team not meeting the requirements of 'team' composition as defined by Hockey Canada Regulation E.
  - (n) "Inter League" means a group of teams comprised of recreational

teams from more than one MHA that are participating in a structured league for the current season;

- (o) "Jamboree" as defined by BC Hockey Regulation #5.09;
- (p) "League Commissioners" shall refer to the person appointed by VIAHA to supervise a particular group of recreational teams;
- (q) "Manager" as defined by BC Hockey Regulation #3.05;
- (r) "Managing Directors" shall refer to the person appointed by the VIAHA to supervise an Island League division;
- (s) "NCCP" shall mean the National Coaching Certification Program;
- (t) "Off-Ice Official" shall mean the official scorekeeper/timekeeper;
- (u) "On-Ice Official" shall mean the referee or linesman.
- (v) "Recreational" shall refer to teams, team officials and players who are not required to register on Hockey Canada player registration certificates or equivalent;
- (w) "Residential Waiver" as defined by BC Hockey Regulation #2.05;
- (x) "Roster" or "team roster" shall mean a complete and current listing of the players and team officials as registered on the HCR;
- (y) "Skaters" shall mean players not including goaltenders;
- (z) "Statistics" means the receiving and recording of "team stats" for, wins, losses, ties, penalty minutes (PIM), sportsmanship points, total points, league standings, team total goals for (GF) and goals against (GA). Individual player scoring stats will not be kept;
- (aa) "Team Official" shall mean all or any persons involved in the management of a team. Team officials shall be designated on the HCR as coach, assistant coach, manager or HCSP, provided they have the correct certification for the team category as defined and required by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada for that role. Team officials shall be familiar with and ensure the team abides by all VIAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada rules, regulations and policies at all times; and
- (bb) "Tiers" The category assigned by BC Hockey to MHAs based on the previous three (3) year average of male players in U13, U15 and U18.

- 1.02 These Rules and Regulations shall govern the operation of all:
  - (a) Registered players and team personnel;
  - (b) All teams that are registered on the HCR;
  - (c) Leagues in the Divisions of U11, U13, U15, U18 and U21 within the Vancouver Island District;
  - (d) Member MHA executives and administrators; and
  - (e) Game officials where applicable.
- 1.03 It is the responsibility of the MHA executive, administrators, players and team personnel to familiarize themselves with the VIAHA By-Laws, Regulations and Policies and to act in accordance with them.

Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action which may include, inter alia, fines and/or suspensions. A plea of ignorance of the By-Laws, Regulations or Policies will not be considered a justification or defense in the discipline process.

- 1.04 Repeated violations of the VIAHA By-Laws, Regulations or Policies by an MHA or its teams may result in the removal of any or all of the MHA's teams from District Leagues. The Executive Committee shall make such a determination by simple majority vote.
- 1.05 The VIAHA shall for the purpose of league play and administration have as its members the following Minor Hockey Associations:
- (a) Alberni Valley;
  - (b) Campbell River;
  - (c) Capital Region Female;
  - (d) Comox Valley;
  - (e) Cowichan Valley;
  - (f) Gold River;
  - (g) Juan de Fuca;
  - (h) Kerry Park;
  - (i) Lake Cowichan;
  - (j) Nanaimo;
  - (k) Oceanside;
  - (l) Peninsula;
  - (m) Powell River;
  - (n) Sooke;
  - (o) Tri Port;
  - (p) Victoria; and
  - (q) Victoria Racquet Club.
- 1.06 League structure for Island League Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4 and Recreation "C" teams, shall be determined by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the applicable Vice President. MHAs will, under the guidance of the applicable Vice President, be responsible to organize the recreational leagues as they deem necessary and shall meet as required to conduct such business. The Vice President may also make recommendations on required personnel to administer the leagues.
- 1.07 A playing season shall be defined to be from August 1 to May 31 of each year.

## **REGULATION #2**

### **Appointment and Duties of League Commissioners/Managing Directors**

#### **2.01 Recreational League Commissioners**

- (a) Shall be appointed for each inter-league by the respective Vice President;
- (b) Shall supervise the operation of their respective leagues under the guidance of the Vice President. They shall be responsible to ensure that the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and VIAHA are adhered to;
- (c) Shall deal with all complaints within his league and shall report to the Vice President, or their designate;
- (d) Shall report any conduct or behavior of any player or team official which may be considered detrimental to minor hockey;  
Commissioners shall be responsible to report all discipline matters immediately to the Vice President or their designate and ensure discipline of players & team officials is carried out;
- (e) Shall prepare a written report on the activities of his league to the Vice President by March 31 of each playing season;
- (f) Shall receive all e-gamesheets and game reports for the teams in their leagues and prepare monthly statistics of his league and submit these to the Vice President, or their designate, paying particular attention of those players or team officials who have reached the 3/5/7 benchmarks (as per Appendix #3);
- (g) Shall report to their respective Vice President any infraction of the rules or conduct detrimental to the Society;
- (h) Shall not be a team official on any inter-league association team within his league;
- (i) Will assist the Director of Hockey Operations in preparing the schedule of play for all inter-league games occurring within that particular league.
- (j) Shall be vested with the authority to make the final schedule determinations, in the event of conflicting game slot times;
- (k) Shall work with the applicable Vice President to ensure that all participating league teams receive copies of the league schedule so that they can in turn ensure that game officials are scheduled; and
- (l) Commissioner assignments will be decided by the VIAHA Officers. MHAs shall be advised of their Commissioner assignments for the upcoming season at the Annual General Meeting. MHAs shall provide the names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of their allocated Commissioners to the applicable Vice President by the September Executive meeting. If no Commissioner is named, the President of that MHA shall be responsible to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner.

## 2.02 **Island League Managing Directors**

- (a) Shall be appointed by and responsible to the Vice President (Island League) to administer the teams in their respective division of Island League;
- (b) Shall monitor for conformity to VIAHA By-Laws, Regulations and Policies, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada and report any, and all infractions to the Vice President (Island League);
- (c) Shall attend Island League meetings as required and will co-chair that portion of the scheduling meeting that applies to their assigned division;
- (d) Shall be responsible to receive all game sheets and game reports from the teams in their division and provide league standings to the Vice President (Island League) monthly, or more frequently as requested;
- (e) Shall be responsible to track team total penalty minutes as well as individual tracking of all major and misconduct penalties and report to the Vice President (Island League) and appropriate MHA President of any players or team officials who have reached the 3/5/7 benchmarks (as per Appendix #3);
- (f) Shall assist in ensuring the league stats on the VIAHA website are updated on a regular basis;
- (g) Are authorized by their respective Vice President to suspend any player or team official for one game only, for any infraction of the rules or for conduct detrimental to the Society, but any such suspension must be reported immediately to the respective Vice President and respective MHA President;
- (h) Shall prepare a written report on the activities of his League prior to March 31 of each year and forward the report to the Island League Vice President for insertion into the Island League annual report; and
- (i) Shall, where at all possible, not be a voting executive member of a member MHA and, if at all possible, should not have a child playing in the league that they are administering. They shall not be a team official on any team participating, or associated with the Island League.

## **REGULATION #3**

### **Playing Rules**

- 3.01 The VIAHA playing rules shall be those adopted by Hockey Canada with the exception of changes adopted by BC Hockey and VIAHA.
- 3.02 Each registered MHA, team, player, team official and minor official shall adhere to all applicable By-Laws, Regulations and Policies of VIAHA as well as those of BC Hockey and HC.

- 3.03 As provided in Hockey Canada Section #3 in the Official Playing Rules, players (including goaltenders) shall wear required protective equipment, including CSA-certified helmets and facial protectors and BNQ-certified throat protectors in all games, practices, warm-ups and while sitting on the players bench or penalty bench.

**Goaltenders**

- 3.04 In VIAHA competition, excluding Island League teams U15 and above and Female A teams U15 and above, a registered goaltender may play any other position.

**Sportsmanship**

- 3.05 All players and team officials shall shake hands at the conclusion of the game. Players shall be required to remove their right-hand glove for the handshake. Team Officials (coaches) will be disciplined accordingly for non-compliance. On-ice officials are to make note on the game sheet and forward to the Vice President responsible for the supervision of that league.
- 3.06 Team officials shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of their players before, during and after each game. Failure to do this will result in a suspension and/or other disciplinary action to the player(s) and team official(s).
- 3.07 Team officials shall ensure proper fan control at all games. In addition to the required duties of the home team, the team officials of the visiting team shall be prepared to assist, where necessary and at the direction of the referee, in ensuring that proper fan control is maintained. Failure of the team officials to act shall be brought before the responsible VIAHA Vice President.
- 3.08 As nearly as possible, equal ice time shall be given to all players regardless of playing ability.
- 3.09 In all games played within VIAHA recreational hockey, the Executive Committee shall determine if leagues/teams will be checking or non-body checking as declared by the MHAs. No recreational team may participate in a body checking game unless approved by the VIAHA Officers.
- 3.10 Home team is to supply warm-up pucks for both teams in all Island League games (exhibition, league and playoffs).

## **REGULATION #4**

### **Residential Qualifications and Player Movement**

- 4.01 The following regulations shall cover all levels of minor hockey (pre-U9 to U21).

#### **Residential Qualification**

- 4.02 The regulations covering residential qualifications shall be those adopted by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- 4.03 The residence of a player's parent shall be used to determine eligibility for minor hockey aged players (i.e. such residence must be within the boundary of the member MHA). The BC Hockey Executive Committee shall determine a residential boundary for each member MHA.
- 4.04 Proposals to amend the geographical sub-divisions shall be submitted in writing to the VIAHA Executive Director not later than April 1 of each season and shall be dealt with according to By-Law #14. Upon approval of the membership of the Society, the proposal will be forwarded to the BC Hockey Executive Committee for consideration. The Executive Committee of each MHA shall be responsible for representations made in respect to the eligibility of the players registered in their MHA. Except as hereafter provided, no player shall be registered as a member of or compete for, a minor hockey team in any MHA game unless the residence of such player's parent is that as defined in Appendix #2.
- The parent of a player is:
- (a) Either of his/her parents where both of his/her parents have a common residence, or if there is only one surviving parent, such surviving parent;
  - (b) In the event that his/her parents are living apart, the parent who has custody of the player, or if both parents have custody the parent with whom the player habitually resides, or if the player does not habitually reside with either parent the parent of the player shall be considered as the parent who funds and/or provides transportation to and from the arena for the player.

Notwithstanding Regulation #4.03, BC Hockey in its sole unfettered discretion under the powers vested by Hockey Canada may on application made by, or on behalf of any player, deem such player to be a resident other than where his/her parent(s) is a resident, BC Hockey's decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

- 4.05 The geographic sub-divisions shall be appended to these rules and regulations.



## **Player Movement**

- 4.06 No player shall change MHA registration except as provided below, and in accordance with the procedure detailed below.
- 4.07 Player movement shall be classified according to the following categories:
- (a) Residential Move – can only occur when a player resides with his/her parent and the parent changes his/her permanent place of residence and the player continues to reside with his/her parent. This shall not be a temporary residence;
  - (b) Returning Home – a player who was permitted to play in an out-of-zone MHA during the current season, shall return home at the conclusion of the season. The player is required to register with their residential MHA prior to the start of the next season;
  - (c) No Island League team in category:
    - (i) If a competitive team does not exist in the player's residential MHA in the division in which a player is registered, the player may be granted a residential waiver in accordance with BC Hockey Regulation #2.05;
    - (ii) All players must first register with their residential MHA. Should a MHA fail to have sufficient players to form a team, it will release the players to the next adjacent MHA that will accept them;
    - (iii) Should a player be unable to play for an Island League team in the adjacent MHA, the player shall return to his/her residential MHA to play on their recreational team.
  - (d) Residential Waiver – indicates approval by BC Hockey for a player to play in a MHA other than their home MHA for one year only as per BC Hockey regulations.

## **Player Movement Notes**

- Note 1: A player permitted to move to an adjacent MHA under No Island League team in category shall be permitted to play for that MHA for the current season only. The player will be required to register with his/her residential MHA prior to the start of the next season.
- Note 2: If a player playing outside his/her residential MHA under Regulation #4.07 leaves that MHA, the player must return to his/her residential MHA.
- Note 3: "Adjacent MHA" will be determined by the MHA boundary as listed in the BC Hockey Policies.
- Note 4: If a players' registration is refused by any intervening MHA(s), then letter(s) shall accompany the transfer for player movement confirming such refusal(s).

- Note 5: If a player's parents move at any time during the playing season, the parents and the current MHA are required to report the move to the VIAHA Executive Director and then depending on the date of the move, may be required to register with the new MHA.

### **Procedure**

- 4.08 In each instance where it is proposed that a player be registered with a MHA other than the one he/she was last registered with, excluding automatic returning home moves under Regulations #4.07(b) and #4.07(c), that player shall comply with the procedure described below:
- (a) Register with the new MHA;
  - (b) New MHA shall register the move request on the HCR and include new address and date of occupancy;
  - (c) Previous MHA will get an automatic email indicating that there is a player move request. If the MHA supports the move request they will indicate such in the comments block and press submit. If they do not agree with the transfer request they shall provide the rationale in the comment box and press deny. Should a MHA not support a transfer request they shall provide the name of the player(s) to the VIAHA Executive Director stating the rationale for the non-support, the District may then investigate the transfer request further, and action as they deem necessary;
  - (d) If the request is supported by the previous MHA an automatic email will be sent to the District who will review the request and either support or deny the request; and
  - (e) Once the District indicates their support/non-support, BC Hockey will either approve, or deny, the transfer.
- 4.09 The procedure outlined in Regulation #4.08 will apply only when a residential move is across a MHA boundary.
- 4.10 The Player Movement Committee shall consist of, at a minimum, the President and applicable Vice President. The Committee will meet at the call of the President as required by the volume of applications.
- The Committee shall deal with the application within ten (10) days of receipt, except during the period February 10 to August 15. Submissions will be received from all concerned persons.
- 4.11 The Player Movement Committee shall have the authority to refuse any player movement, giving cause. The Executive Director shall advise the affected MHA president and registrar outlining the reasons for refusal within forty-eight (48) hours of the decision. Decisions of the Committee are not subject to appeal.

- 4.12 Where application is rejected due to lack of information and the applicant or MHA is able to provide the Committee with additional information, the Committee will re-evaluate the application within seven (7) days of receipt of the additional information. In such cases the ten (10) day time limit in Regulation #4.10 shall not apply.
- 4.13 Should a MHA use any player prior to submission of that player's application for player movement, including allowing the player to participate in training camps or practices or playing the player in any game, such MHA shall be fined a minimum of \$100.00. The team officials involved shall be subject to suspension of not less than thirty (30) days.
- 4.14 The player will not be able to participate in exhibition, league or tournament games until recommendation from the Player Movement Committee and approval from BC Hockey has been granted. Should the application be denied, then the player would return to his/her old MHA. The player will be permitted to participate in tryouts with his/her new MHA pending consideration by the Player Movement Committee and approval from BC Hockey.
- 4.15 A transfer for player movement shall be considered "Subject to Approval" until when the previous MHA indicates their support on the HCR.

## **REGULATION #5**

### **Player Registration**

- 5.01 MHAs shall register each team official and player electronically using Hockey Canada's registration program (HCR) and shall also notify the VIAHA Executive Director of the number of teams in each division as well as the team name of each. MHAs are to ensure that all team officials are properly registered and confirm the certification they hold is appropriate for the team(s) they are registered to.

The MHA Registrar is to provide the applicable Managing Director/Commissioner with copies of the team rosters prior to the teams' first game and a revised copy thereafter each and every time a roster change is made.

- 5.02 The maximum number of players permitted on a recreational team roster is twenty-three (23) for U15 and below, and twenty-five (25) for U18 and above. If a team roster exceeds *twenty (20)* players, no overaged players will be permitted. The maximum number of players on a U11 Development team or Island League team is *twenty (20)*. The maximum number of players permitted in a game is *eighteen (18)* skaters and two (2) goaltenders.
- 5.03 In all member MHA's and in all divisions of hockey, except U21, one parent/guardian of every registered player must have completed the Hockey Canada 'Respect in Sport' (RIS) Parent Edition' by October 31 of the current playing season. If the parents are separated or divorced the custodial parent/guardian of the registered player must have completed the Hockey Canada RIS Parent Edition. Conditions apply as follows:
- (a) Players whose parents/guardians have not completed the program as of October 31 of the current season will be considered ineligible until such time as the program has been completed;
  - (b) MHA's are responsible for notifying the parents/guardians of this regulation at the time of the player's registration;
  - (c) Completion of the program is only required once regardless of the number of children the parent has registered in the District. Proof of completion of the program in a different District will be accepted;
  - (d) Notwithstanding Regulation #5.03 (c), recertification may be required as a term of disciplinary decision;
  - (e) The cost of the RIS Parent Edition will be borne by the parents/guardians; and/or
  - (f) In the event of the estrangement or for other reasonable grounds the Officers may permit an extension or exemption.
- 5.04 All teams requesting entry into the U11 Development or Island League must roster a minimum of fifteen (15) HC players, one of which must be a goaltender, by the Wednesday prior to the first placement game. MHAs that cannot meet this criteria may request an extension from the VIAHA Officers.
- 5.05 All teams requesting entry into a VIAHA inter-league must roster a minimum of eleven (11) players by the Wednesday prior to the first league game. MHAs that cannot meet this criteria may request an exemption from the VIAHA Officers.

- 5.06 No player shall register or play for more than one VIAHA member MHA or league at a time. In any case, where a player last played minor hockey for a MHA other than the one with which he or she is seeking registration, the procedure in Regulation #4 Player Movement must first be complied with.
- 5.07 All players and team officials must be registered on the HCR as per BC Hockey and Hockey Canada rules and regulations. There will be no movement of rostered players of the same division from one team to another within a MHA with the exception of affiliated players. Relief player movement between teams of the same category/division or lower is permitted only if the team has affiliate players on their roster and has made full use of all affiliate players.
- 5.08 All recreational teams from U11 to U21 shall assign all players to teams on approved HCR rosters and a copy shall be sent to the respective Commissioner prior to the first league game for each team. Following the first league game no player shall participate for a team in any game unless registered on that team's roster. Once assigned to a team, a player shall not be eligible to play for any other team, *except a BC Hockey approved Tournament Team*, unless released and reassigned to another team.


#### **Special – Female Players**

- 5.09 With the consent of VIAHA Officers, female players may register on both a recreational integrated team and a recreational female team. Female players registering on an Island league, U11 Development or Hockey Canada carded female team may not register on a second team. Players applying for Dual Rostering must declare their priority team at the time of application and may not change their priority team without consent of the VIAHA Officer responsible for Female Hockey.
- 5.10 The District shall determine the following with respect to Hockey Canada carded female teams:
- (a) Residential boundaries or zones for each team; and
  - (b) Carding association for each team.
- Where a female carded team has been registered for the current season, no Residential Waiver will be granted to any player within the residential boundary of the female carded team other than those granted to players registering with the female carded team.
- 5.11 Each MHA shall require that every player and the player's parents and every team official acknowledge the authority of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and VIAHA and the MHA of which they are a member,

and agree to abide by the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, VIAHA and their respective MHA.

### Special - Team Officials

- 5.12 All Team Officials shall have qualifications as per the following chart prior to attending any team functions. Team officials without the noted qualifications will be considered ineligible.

| Team Designaion   | Head Coach  | Assistant Coach   | Safety Person                  | Manager               | On-Ice Volunteer (18+)  |
|---|---|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| U7  | •Coach 1 Intro or<br>•Coach 2 (pre 2018) or<br>•HC Coach 1 & Coach 1 U7             | •Coach 1 Intro or<br>•Coach 2 (pre 2018) or<br>•HC Coach 1 & Coach 1 U7 | •HCSP<br>•RIS<br>•CRC<br>•CATT | •RIS<br>•CRC<br>•CATT | •RIS<br>•CRC<br>*CATT not needed<br> |
| U9  | •Coach 1 Intro or<br>•Coach 2 (pre 2018) or<br>•HC Coach 1 & Coach 1 U9             | •Coach 1 Intro or<br>•Coach 2 (pre 2018) or<br>•HC Coach 1 & Coach 1 U9 |                                |                       |   |
| U11 Development   | •Coach 2-coach Level or<br>•HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U11 and,<br>•Checking clinic       | •Coach 2 or<br>•HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U11                                |                                |                       |   |
| U11 C   | •Coach 2-coach Level or<br>•HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U11 and,<br>•Checking clinic       | •Coach 2 or<br>•HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U11                                |                                |                       |   |
| U13 A   | •Development 1 and,<br>•Checking clinic   | •Development 1  |                                |                       |   |
| U13 C   | •Coach 2-coach Level or<br>•HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U13 and,<br>•Checking clinic       | •Coach 2-coach Level or<br>HC Coach 2 & Coach 2 U13                     |                                |                       |   |
| U15 A   | •Development 1 or High Performance 1, and<br>•Checking Clinic                       | •Development 1  |                                |                       |   |
| U15 C   | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>•HC Coach 2 & HC Coach 2 U15/18 and,<br>•Checking clinic | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>HC Coach 2 & HC Coach 2 U15/18 and,          |                                |                       |   |
| U18 A   | •Development 1 or<br>•High Performance 1  | •Development 1  |                                |                       |   |
| U18 C   | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>•HC Coach 2 & HC Coach 2 U15/18 and,                     | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>HC Coach 2 & HC Coach 2 U15/18 and,          |                                |                       |   |
| U21   | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>HC Coach 2   | •Coach 2-Coach Level or<br>HC Coach 2                                   |                                |                       |   |
| **Checking clinic can be: Instructional Stream-Checking, HU-Online Checking, Hockey Canada Skills-Checking            |   |   |                                |                       |   |
| **Every Team Official needs Respect In Sport (RIS), Criminal Record Check (CRC), Concussion Awareness Training (CATT) |   |   |                                |                       |   |



- 5.13 Within the VIAHA only, a team may request special permission from the League Commissioner/Managing Director in an emergency situation to utilize a team official not registered with that team in an exhibition, league, playoff, or tournament/jamboree game, provided the team official to be utilized is carded or rostered with the team's MHA and holds the applicable Hockey Canada certifications.

### Ineligible Players and Team Officials

- 5.14 Any team permitting a player or team official who is ineligible by reason of suspension or improper registration to participate in a game, shall automatically forfeit that game and will be fined \$250.00 per ineligible player or team official per game. If there are multiple infractions for the same player or same team official on a weekend of play or tournament weekend, it shall be reviewed by the appropriate Vice President and may be deemed as one infraction for the purpose of the monetary fine. The game forfeiture shall apply to all games played.

- 5.15 Notwithstanding Regulations #5.12, #5.13 and #5.14 the VIAHA President or applicable Vice President may suspend or take other disciplinary action against any team official or other individual responsible for permitting an ineligible player or team official to participate in any game.

**Special Recreational “C” Overage Exemption**

- 5.16 Special permission may be granted for “recreational teams” to register “recreational” caliber player(s) of the next age category down in cases where, because of small size or weak ability a player would be unable to compete in his/her normal age category. Overage players can only be one year out of age category and must be recorded on the game sheet with the designation “OA”.
- 5.17 OA permission shall be obtained by the MHA completing the OA Exemption form and submitting the completed form to the VIAHA Executive Director for consideration by the Officers. The OA request shall be dealt with where possible within ten (10) days of its submission and written notification of the decision forwarded to the MHA President. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.
- 5.18 A MHA shall have no more than twelve (12) overaged players in one division and no one single team will have more than three (3) overaged players. MHA’s will ensure that overaged players are distributed evenly between the teams in the division and will advise the Executive Director of which teams the players are rostered to. The Officers may grant and exemption to this regulation.
- 5.19 If the player approved as an overage player is an impact player or receives a major penalty, match penalty or gross misconduct the applicable Vice President may rescind the permission and the player(s) will have to move to his/her age division. This decision is not subject to appeal.

**Underage Exemptions**

- 5.20 Special permission may be granted to teams to have a player compete in a division up from his/her normal age division. Underage players may only be one year out of age category. Such permission shall be obtained by the MHA completing the UA Exemption form and submit the completed form to the VIAHA Executive Director for consideration by the Officers. This request will be dealt with where possible within ten (10) days of its submission and the decision in writing will be forwarded to the MHA President. The decision is final and not subject to appeal.

- 5.21 *Underage exemptions must be reviewed and supported by the MHA before being submitted to VIAHA. Players requesting an underage exemption for an Island League team or U9 players requesting an exemption to play in the U11 age division must apply to the top Tier or "A" team. The player will be evaluated by VIAHA appointed evaluators and must evaluate in the top 25% of the total player roster of the higher division team.*
- 5.22 A player applying for an overage or underage exemption shall not be rostered on a team outside of his age category until such time as the exemption request has been approved by the Officers. An overage or underage player who participates in a game without an exemption will be considered an ineligible player under Regulations #5.14.
- 5.23 Except in cases of residential transfers, overage and underage exemptions submitted after October 31 will not be considered by the Officers. The VIAHA President may grant an extension to this date.

#### **Recreation 'C' Goaltender Replacement**

- 5.24 In VIAHA competitions, other than Island League, Female A and U11 Development, the team may apply to the VIAHA President to utilize a goaltender from the same division within the teams' MHA. In the absence of the VIAHA President, the applicable VIAHA Vice President may approve the replacement. The team must have affiliate goaltenders on their roster to avail themselves of this regulation. Approval applies to the designation "GR" will be put beside the name on the game sheet. Teams found to be abusing this regulation will have the application denied. The application to VIAHA should be initiated by the MHA President of the affected team.
- 5.25 Player relief for recreational teams will only be considered when a team has affiliate players listed on the HCR and has made use of available affiliate players and the relief players must be from the same or a lower division.
- #### **Affiliate Players**
- 5.26 Teams may draw affiliate players from teams in lower division/category within the same MHA, subject to Hockey Canada Regulation F.
- 5.27 Minor hockey players registered on a recreational team may not participate as an affiliate *in a game* to a higher division/category team prior to the first Wednesday following the Thanksgiving weekend or prior to participating in a league game with their recreational team unless approved by the Officers.



- 5.28 With the exception of tournament play, no team will be permitted to use affiliate players to increase the number of players in a game beyond the number of players rostered on the team without consent from the VIAHA Officers.
- 5.29 *With the exception of tournament play*, in recreational hockey the affiliate player rule shall only be applied in situations in which a team has:
- (a) Thirteen(13) or fewer skaters for a particular game. Note: they may only use affiliated players to bring their numbers to fourteen (14) skaters;
  - (b) No goaltender available for a particular game; or
  - (c) U7 players shall not be used as an affiliate player. U9 players may affiliate to a U11 team provided they are no more than one year out of category.
- In keeping with fair play, affiliated players shall not be used permanently. The VIAHA may place further restrictions on teams or MHAs who abuse the use of affiliated players.
- 5.30 Within U11 Development, the appropriate Vice President may waive Regulation #5.28 restrictions upon written requests of the respective MHA President.
- 5.31 No U11 Development player(s) may affiliate to a U13 recreational team.

## **REGULATION #6**

### **Timing of Games**

- 6.01 The arena (wall) clock shall always take precedence. Coaches and managers must make sure that before the start of the game they know which clock is being used by the timekeepers as the wall clock and what time the ice rental period actually ends (i.e. what time do the teams have to leave the ice).
- 6.02 The timing of the third period will not be adjusted to allow for additional time that may be available.
- 6.03 All games are to be concluded two (2) minutes before the end of the rental ice slot to allow for a handshake; there are no exceptions.
- 6.04 There is to be NO running time at any scheduled VIAHA placement, league, playoff or exhibition games. Where possible, MHA tournament game timing should follow VIAHA Regulation #6.05 or #6.06.

- 6.05 For all one-hundred twenty (120) minute and one-hundred ten (110) minute games, in all divisions of VIAHA, the timing of the games shall be as follows:
- (a) Five (5) minute warm up;
  - (b) 1st period fifteen (15) minute stop time;
  - (c) 2nd period twenty (20) minute stop time;
  - (d) Ice clean first stoppage of play after the ten (10) minute mark of the second period; and
  - (e) 3rd period twenty (20) minute stop time (or the wall clock, less two (2) minutes, whichever comes first).
- 6.06 All games ninety (90) minutes or less, in all divisions of VIAHA, the timing of the games shall be as follows:
- (a) Five (5) minute warm up;
  - (b) 1st period fifteen (15) minute stop time;
  - (c) 2nd period fifteen (15) minute stop time;
  - (d) 3rd period twenty (20) minute stop time, (or the wall clock, less two (2) minutes, whichever comes first).
- 6.07 The amount of time left on the game clock at the conclusion of the game will be prominently displayed on the e-gamesheet and included in the game report to the respective League Commissioner/ Managing Director.
- 6.08 The formula to be used to determine the last ten (10) minutes of the game is: Subtract the time remaining on the game clock from the original period length (i.e. the game ends in the 3rd period with sixteen (16) minutes remaining on the game clock, twenty (20) minutes subtract sixteen (16) minutes equals four (4) minutes. From the four (4) minutes you now subtract ten (10) minutes to determine the last ten (10) minutes of the game, four (4) minutes subtract ten (10) minutes would equal the fourteen (14) minute mark of the 2nd period. Any penalties occurring after the fourteen (14) minute mark of the 2nd period would be considered to have happened in the last ten (10) minutes of the game.
- 6.09 There will be no timeouts permitted in any VIAHA league or playoff game that is less than sixty (60) minutes playing time.

## **REGULATION #7**

### **E-Gamesheets**

- 7.01 For all games within VIAHA the game details will be recorded on an electronic gamesheet (e-gamesheet). If an e-gamesheet cannot be used due to technological failure or other reasons the League Commissioner/Managing Director must be notified and a paper game sheet may be used.
- 7.02 Games will be entered on the applicable e-gamesheet platform by the Commissioner/Managing Director. The home team is responsible for ensuring the e-gamesheet is properly completed.
- 7.03 If a paper gamesheet is used the home team is responsible for supplying the paper game sheet and ensuring that it is properly filled out. Only VIAHA approved game sheets are to be used.
- 7.04 All games shall be identified by a game number as assigned by the League Commissioner/Managing Director. Failure to obtain a game number may result in a \$50.00 fine per game or disciplinary action.
- 7.05 The names of all players, team officials and off-ice officials shall be clearly displayed on the game sheet. It shall be the responsibility of the team officials to ensure that this rule is complied with.
- 7.06 For all games within VIAHA, if a paper game sheet is used, it shall be the home team's responsibility to electronically forward a copy of the game sheet to the League Commissioner/Managing Director or the applicable Vice President within forty-eight (24) hours of the completion of the game.
- 7.07 If paper game sheets are used for tournaments within the District a copy of the game sheet for all of the games played in the tournament is to be forwarded electronically or mailed to the League Commissioner/ Managing Director by the host MHA within forty-eight (48) hours of the completion of the tournament.
- 7.08 If paper game sheets are used in tournament or exhibition games outside the District a copy of the game sheet is to be forwarded electronically or mailed to the League Commissioner/Managing Director. within forty-eight 48 hours of the team's return.
- 7.09 Teams leaving the District to participate in a tournament or exhibition game, or teams hosting out of District teams in exhibition games shall obtain an Out of District Travel Form from the VIAHA Office. Failure to obtain such form shall result in a \$200.00 fine.

- 7.10 If the League Commissioner/Managing Director have not received the game sheet within fourteen (14) days of the completion of the games the Head Coach will be suspended until such time as the League Commissioner/Managing Director is in receipt of the required game sheet.
- 7.11 If a paper game sheet is used all VIAHA teams shall complete and email the VIAHA on-line Game Reports to the League Commissioner/Managing Director or the applicable Vice President within twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of all games. Game reports are not required if utilizing an e-gamesheet. The Game Report may also be utilized to report incidents to the League Commissioner/Managing Director.
- 7.12 The offending team's MHA will be fined \$50.00 for each and every game sheet and/or game report deadline missed. VIAHA will invoice the offending team's home MHA.

## **REGULATION #8**

### **Scheduled Games**

- 8.01 The definition of a scheduled game is any game that is scheduled by the VIAHA; games scheduled by the teams themselves will be considered as exhibition games.
- 8.02 Scheduled games will start no earlier than 6:30pm and no later than 8:00pm, Monday to Thursday, Fridays no earlier than 6:30pm and no later than 9:00pm, Saturdays no earlier than 8:00am or later then 9:00pm, and on Sundays no earlier than 8:00am or later than 8:00pm. (Exceptions may be granted with the approval of the Commissioner/Managing Director and both the teams involved.) For games in the U13, and lower division games will not start after 7:00pm.
- 8.03 Once a playing schedule is set there will be no changes without the agreement of both teams' Head Coaches and/or Managers, with the final approval being made by the applicable Vice President whose decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- 8.04 In cases where an exception will be granted for "adverse weather". Games not played due to weather conditions or in the case of Powell River, if the ferry should not be running, both circumstances will be verified using the RCMP, Drive BC and highway cams. The visiting team will contact the home team Manager, VIAHA Managing Director/Commissioner and the applicable Vice President by telephone. VIAHA Managing Director/Commissioners will consult with

the applicable Vice President who will have final discretion to postpone a game due to adverse weather. This decision is not subject to appeal. The two Coaches/Managers and Managing Director/ Commissioner will cooperate to schedule a makeup game at the earliest possible date. Should a consensus not be able to be made by the teams, the Managing Director/ Commissioner will schedule the game.

## **REGULATION #9**

### **Declaration & Tiering**

#### **General: For Recreational Inter-League Games**

- 9.01 In all levels of VIAHA hockey, other than U21, it is necessary to have four (4) teams registered to form a recreational or competitive Inter-League.
- 9.02 Each MHA wishing to participate in inter-association recreational leagues and/or Island League must declare their teams to VIAHA. To be eligible to participate in a recreational Inter-League or in Island League, where there is an inter-association recreational league available in a zone or within the District, the MHA must declare all of their teams in leagues administered by VIAHA. Failure by an MHA to declare a team in an Inter-League or Island League will preclude all teams from that MHA from participating in VIAHA administered leagues.
- 9.03 Each team must play a minimum of three (3) exhibition games against other teams within their division from other MHAs prior to league scheduling. Failure to submit game sheets on time may result in a team not being allowed to play in a league, or league start date delayed.  
Regular league play will not commence prior to the first weekend after Thanksgiving.
- 9.04 Each local MHA with participating teams must provide the League Commissioner with applicable ice dates and times for the full year along with contact names, email addresses and telephone numbers for the team officials for each of the teams entered in that particular league.
- 9.05 Once declarations have been made, no changes will be made without the recommendation of the League Commissioner and approval of the Vice President.

- 9.06 Prior to commencement of the Inter-League, a Team Officials Meeting for all teams competing will be held. The purpose of this meeting is to review Inter-League structure and the VIAHA regulations that will govern this particular league. Attendance at this meeting by both the team Head Coach and Manager is mandatory unless they have specific permission from the VIAHA Vice President. Failure to attend will result in the teams Head Coach being suspended for fourteen (14) days. No one team official may represent more than one team. Divisional Coordinators/Managers are encouraged to attend but shall not be able to represent the teams from their MHA.
- 9.07 In the spirit of fair play, teams entering into Inter-League play, shall be balanced according to skill level of the participants. All MHAs are required to have balanced teams if entering more than one team in the same inter-league. The Officers may require MHAs to restructure teams prior to November 15, if they are deemed to be unbalanced.

**General: For Island League - League Games**

- 9.08 All teams declaring in Island League acknowledge that there is a requirement for travel throughout the entire season. Teams attempting to avoid travel will be removed from the Island League.
- 9.09 All teams wishing to participate in the Island League must declare and take part in the scheduled competitiveness games as decided upon by the Executive Committee. Once the teams are declared an exhibition schedule of games will be used to determine the placement of each team in one of the Island League Divisions.
- 9.10 To be allowed entry into the Island League, league fees must be paid in full by the September VIAHA Executive Committee meeting.
- 9.11 Prior to the commencement of League play, the Vice President of Island League Hockey shall convene a Head Coach/Manager meeting for all teams participating in the Island League. The carded Head Coach and the Team Manager must attend unless they have specific permission from the VIAHA Island League Vice President. No one person can represent more than one team. If a Head Coach cannot attend, they shall ensure that one of the carded Assistant Coaches attends.

**Attendance at this meeting is mandatory.** Coaches and Managers MUST attend the entire meeting. Suspensions for non- attendance shall be a minimum of fourteen (14) days for the team's Head Coach. MHA Head Coaches, Divisional Managers and parents shall not be entitled to represent a Coach or a Manager. Teams that are not represented may be removed from the Island League and/or be subject to other such discipline that VIAHA deems necessary.

- 9.12 Once Island League schedule has been prepared, teams **MUST** play their scheduled games or face disciplinary action in accordance with the "Regulation #14 Failure to Appear". Scheduled VIAHA games supersede tournament and exhibition games.
- 9.13 The VIAHA will hold an Executive Meeting at the call of the President to decide on the leagues and team placement in each league. The criteria for placement will be the result of games played during the competitiveness/exhibition round. Head to head games will be the only games used. (i.e. if team "X" defeated team "Y" and then team "Y" went on to defeat teams "F" and "H" the league will not assume that team "X" could also defeat teams "F" and "H"). The MHAs requests will also be considered but the competitiveness of a team will be the ultimate deciding factor.
- 9.14 The formation of the leagues will be decided by a simple majority vote, by show of hands of the VIAHA Executive Committee. Voting by ballot may be used if it should be the desire of the Board.
- 9.15 Should the voting members not be able to decide where a team should be placed, a committee consisting of VIAHA District President, Vice President Island League and applicable Managing Director, shall make the decision. Their decision will be final and not subject to appeal.
- 9.16 Immediately following the VIAHA October Executive meeting, a Managing Directors meeting will be convened where they will put together the league schedule(s) and send out ice requirements to the MHAs. All MHAs wishing to have their teams participate in the Island League shall be required to provide the requested amount of ice slots and ice times as requested by the Vice President Island League. Failure to submit the required amount and/or suitable ice will result in the MHA team(s) not being scheduled into the Island League play.
- 9.17 All teams wishing to participate in the Island League playoffs must have taken part in the Island League's scheduled league. There shall be no challenge games allowed in VIAHA.
- 9.18 If there are insufficient Female HC carded teams to form a league, then the teams shall be required to participate in leagues in applicable zones as determined by the Officers. The teams **MUST** participate or will be ineligible to take part in the VIAHA playoffs or BC Hockey Championships. Exhibition games will be arranged through the season with same category teams.

## **REGULATION #10**

### **Start and Finish of League Play**

- 10.01 The ending of Island League play and the beginning of the playoffs will depend upon when Spring Break occurs each season. The ending of Recreational league play will be two weekends prior to Spring Break with playoffs occurring the weekend prior to Spring Break. Spring Break will be the week during which the BC Minor Hockey Championships are played.
- 10.02 League play will not be scheduled during the following periods unless agreed to by two (2) teams and approved by the Commissioner/ Managing Director:
- (a) Remembrance Day weekend;
  - (b) Christmas Break (the same time as school is out);
  - (c) And the first weekend in January, U15 and U18 District camps for female only.
- Note: Remembrance Day does not provide for a consistent, specific long weekend each year. If the statutory holiday falls mid-week, the weekends on either side may have league games scheduled.

## **REGULATION #11**

### **Team Standings**

- 11.01 At the conclusion of league play the team with the highest point standings will be awarded 1st place and the League Championship.
- 11.02 Points are awarded for league games only and are as follows: Two (2) points for a win, one (1) point to each team for a tie, and zero (0) points for a loss.
- 11.03 Each team entered in and participating in recreational Inter-League play shall be able to earn single sportsmanship points in each, and every game should their total team penalties not exceed the following (includes female leagues):
- (a) U11 division – eight (8) minutes or less;
  - (b) U13 division – ten (10) minutes or less;
  - (c) U15 division – fourteen (14) minutes or less;
  - (d) U18 division – sixteen (16) minutes or less; or
  - (e) U21 division – sixteen (16) minutes or less.
- 11.04 Any team receiving a misconduct penalty, game misconduct penalty, match penalty or gross misconduct penalty will not receive a sportsmanship point. In calculating the sportsmanship point, all minor penalties and penalty shots will be counted as two (2) minutes each.



- 11.05 There will be no overtime played in Island League or recreational league games.
- 11.06 Should two (2) or more teams be tied at the conclusion of league play, the following tiebreakers will be used in order:
- (a) If two (2) teams are tied the winner of the game(s) between the two (2) will receive the higher placing;
  - (b) If two (2) or more teams are tied the team with the most league wins will receive the higher placing;
  - (c) If any teams remain tied after a) & b) have been applied the team with the best goal average will receive the higher placing, (goal average is determined by dividing the total number of 'goals for' plus the total 'goals against' into the total number of 'goals for' amongst the tied teams only);
  - (d) If still tied, the team with the best goal average in all league games will receive the higher placing. In determining the goal average the maximum goal differential that may be applied in any single game shall be seven (7);
  - (e) If teams are still tied, the team with the fewest number of penalty minutes will receive the higher placing, (penalty minutes amongst the tied teams only are to be used);
  - (f) If teams are still tied the standing will be decided by a toss of a coin; and
  - (g) The respective Vice President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

## REGULATION #12

### Play-Offs Recreational Leagues

#### Inter-League Playoff Format

- 12.01 **Integrated Recreational:** In single league Divisions all teams will qualify for the playoffs in one of the pools. A quarter final single knockout round will determine the four (4) teams in each pool that will advance to the semi-finals. The applicable Vice President will determine the format for the quarter final round. In the semi-final round, the highest seeded team from the regular season will play the fourth seeded team and the second seeded team playing the third. The two (2) winning teams in each pool will play in the championship game with the higher seeded team having home ice advantage. In multiple league Divisions the top four (4) teams will qualify for playoffs in a single pool.

- 12.02 **Female Recreational:** All Female Recreational teams will qualify for playoffs. Playoff structure and format will be based on the number of teams in each division and determined by the Officer responsible for Female Recreational leagues, in consultation with the VIAHA Female Development Coordinator and the League Commissioner(s).
- 12.03 The playoff locations for each inter-league will be decided by the Executive Committee no later than January 31st of each year. Within reason, priority will be given to the Commissioners' home association; however, the association must be able to supply suitable ice times for all three (3) playoff games. Playoffs should be completed prior to spring break of each year.
- 12.04 The cost of ice and game officials will be split evenly between the four (4) teams participating in the playoffs. Host MHAs are to submit invoices for the ice cost and game officials to VIAHA who will in turn invoice the applicable participating MHAs for payment.
- 12.05 The host MHA is responsible for assigning and paying the on-ice officials and providing warm-up pucks for all games. Both teams participating in the playoff game will provide the off-ice officials with each team supplying a minimum of one off-ice official.
- 12.06 In U13 and above playoff games there will be three (3) twenty (20) minute stop time periods. There will be one ice clean at the first whistle after the ten (10) minute mark of the second period. If the game ends in a tie a 10 minute sudden victory overtime period will be played. If the game remains tied after the overtime period, there will be a shootout. Each team will have a minimum of three shots during the shootout, Thereafter, teams will alternate until one team scores a goal and the other does not. Every skater on a team must shoot once before any player takes a second attempt in the shootout. Any player serving a penalty at the conclusion of the overtime period will be disqualified from the shootout.
- In U11 Development, U11 Integrated and U11 Female the VIAHA Officer responsible for the league, in consultation with the league commissioner will decide on the length of the game.

## **REGULATION #13**

### **Play-Offs Island League**

- 13.01 No team will be allowed to participate in the playoffs unless their MHA is a member in good standing and all outstanding fees and fines have been paid in full as per By-Law #1007.

- 13.02 Within the province of British Columbia, BC Hockey determines the category of a MHA based on the number of registered players in the U13, U15 and U18 divisions. As such, every MHA is given a category of either Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 or Tier 4 at the start of the season.
- 13.03 Female and U21 HC carded teams are given the category of "A" regardless of the MHA that they affiliated with.
- 13.04 It is important to note that regardless of which division a team may have been placed, once league play is completed teams will participate in play-offs in accordance with the category of their MHA, be it Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 or Tier 4 unless the MHA has requested and been approved to challenge up a category in accordance with BC Hockey regulations.
- 13.05 Game supervisors will be assigned by the home MHA for all semi-final and final playoff games.
- 13.06 During semi-final and final playoffs, original Hockey Canada Registry rosters must be dated later than February 10 and must be made available to be checked by the game supervisor.
- 13.07 The host MHA shall be responsible to assign all the on-ice game officials during the round-robin playoffs with approval from the District Officiating Coordinator and Vice President of Island League. The Officiating Coordinator's, in consultation with the Vice President of Island League, will assign the referees during all semi-final and final playoff series from a pool of Officials recommended by the Referees-In-Chief and will attempt to have neutral referees. The MHAs will assign the linesmen with Officiating Coordinator approval. VIAHA will pay game fees and travel costs for these two series. Circumstances may dictate that for a playoff game, a neutral referee could not be assigned. Should this happen this decision is not subject to appeal.
- 13.08 MHA's choosing to withdraw a team from BC Hockey Championships must advise BC Hockey as per their regulations. Teams withdrawing from BC Hockey Championships will still participate in round robin games and scheduled exhibition games but will not participate in semi-final or final rounds of playoffs.
- 13.09 In the event teams are tied for a playoff position after the round robin series is completed, the following procedure shall be utilized to determine the placing of the tied teams:

(a) If two (2) teams are tied, the winner of the round robin game between those two (2) teams will receive the higher placing. If three (3) or more teams are tied, the team which has accumulated the most points in games against the tied teams will receive the highest placing. The team with the next most points in games against the tied teams will receive the next highest placing, and so on;

(b) If teams remained tied after (a) then the team with the most wins in the round robin series (note that this includes all games in the round robin series and is not limited to games between the tied teams only) will receive the higher placing and so on;

(c) If any teams remained tied after (a) and (b) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average in games between the tied teams will receive the higher placing and so on. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of 'goals for' and 'goals against' into the total number of 'goals for', the team having the highest percentage winning the higher position (example: goals for 10, goals against 4; percentage is  $10/14 = .714$ ):

(d) If any teams remain tied after (a), (b) and (c) have been applied, then the team with the best goal average in the round robin series (note that this includes all games in the round robin series and is not limited to games between the tied teams only) will receive the higher placing, and so on. The goal average of a team is to be determined by dividing the total number of 'goals for' and 'goals against' into the total number of 'goals for', with the team having the highest percentage will be awarded the higher position. (Example: Goals for 10, goals against 4; percentage is  $10/14 = .714$ ). In determining the goal average, the maximum goal differential that may be applied in any single game shall be seven (7);

(e) If any teams remain tied after (a), (b), (c) and (d) the team that received the least minutes in penalties in the round robin games

against the tied teams will receive the higher placing, and so on; and

(f) If teams are still tied after all previous methods have been applied, then the winner of the playoff position will be decided by the toss of a coin. The respective Vice President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

13.10 Upon completion of the semi-final series, the following procedure will be used to determine which team receives home ice advantage for the playoff finals:

(a) Home ice advantage will go to the team with the best win/loss percentage in the round robin series;

(c) If tied after (a) and (b), home ice advantage will go to the team with the lowest penalty minutes per game during round robin; or

(d) If tied after (a), (b) and (c), home ice advantage will be decided by the toss of a coin.

The Island League Vice President and/or Managing Director will do the coin toss. Teams will not be required to be present.

- 13.11 Island League Playoff Procedure: refer to Appendix #3. All round robin games will have 15-20-20 minute periods. All semi-final and final playoff games will be a full 3-20 minute periods. Overtime, if required, will be in accordance with HC Rule #6.17
- 13.12 There will be no travel to tournaments once playoffs commence. Exemptions will not be granted during the weekends when semi-final (crossover) or final games are scheduled if a team is not involved in a semi-final or final game.

## **REGULATION #14**

### **Failure to Appear**

#### **General: For Recreational Inter-League Games**

- 14.01 Failure to appear at a scheduled game not cancelled due to weather conditions, or which has not been officially rescheduled will result in a \$1,000.00 fine to the MHA payable to VIAHA, and a fourteen (14) day suspension to the team's Head Coach. These funds will be used to offset expenses incurred by the host association, and any remaining funds will become assets of VIAHA. A one (1) to zero (0) win will be awarded to the non-offending team. The non-offending team will receive two (2) points for the win and one (1) sportsmanship point. The offending team will not receive a sportsmanship point.
- 14.02 Games between teams from different MHAs that are cancelled due to officials failing to appear will be reported to the applicable Vice President who will assess the situation. The following actions may result:
- (a) A fine in an amount equal to the actual costs incurred by a team traveling from another MHA to play the game may be imposed on the MHA responsible for arranging the officials. For the purposes of this Article, actual costs shall include without limitation all transportation, food, and necessary accommodation expenses. The fine shall be paid by the MHA responsible for arranging the officials to VIAHA who will then reimburse funds to the MHA of the affected team. The MHA of the affected team must provide written documentation evidencing the actual costs incurred and submit these documents to the VIAHA Executive Director;
  - (b) A one (1) to zero (0) win will be awarded to the non-offending team. The non-offending team will receive two (2) points for the win and one (1) sportsmanship point and the offending team will not receive a sportsmanship point; or
  - (c) The game may be rescheduled. The applicable VIAHA Officer will determine if the game should be rescheduled.

- 14.03 The final decision in all matters pertaining to travel will lay with the applicable Vice President and is not subject to an appeal.

**General: For Island League**

- 14.04 Games between teams of different MHAs that are cancelled due to officials failing to appear will be reported to the Vice President Island League and the appropriate BC Hockey Officiating Lead. The following actions may result:
- (a) A fine in the amount of **\$2,000.00** levied to the host MHA, payable to the VIAHA should it be deemed that they neglected to arrange for officials. These funds will be used to offset actual costs incurred by the team showing up to play and any remaining funds will become assets of the VIAHA. For the purpose of this Article, actual costs shall include without limitation all transportation, food and necessary accommodation expenses. The MHA of the affected team must provide written documentation evidencing the actual costs incurred and submit these documents to the VIAHA Executive Director;
  - (b) A one (1) to zero (0) win will be awarded to the non-offending team. The non-offending team will receive two (2) points for the win; and
  - (c) The game will not be rescheduled.
- 14.05 Failure to appear to a scheduled game not cancelled due to weather conditions, or which has not been officially rescheduled will result in a **\$2,000.00** fine to the MHA; payable to VIAHA and a fourteen (14) day suspension to the team's Head Coach. These funds will be used to offset expenses incurred by the host MHA, and any remaining funds will become assets of the VIAHA.
- 14.06 In order to re-schedule a game, **BOTH** team Head Coaches must approve the schedule change in writing to the Managing Director at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the scheduled game. If either Head Coach does not agree to the change, then the game will not be re-scheduled and shall be played as previously scheduled.
- 14.07 The Vice President Island League Hockey may deem a schedule change necessary and if so, shall determine a weekend that both teams are available and re-schedule the game to the new time. This then will be considered as the scheduled game and fines/suspensions will result should one team fail to appear. Should the Vice President Island League deem it necessary to reschedule a game he must provide a minimum of seven (7) days' notice to both teams. Their decision shall be final and not subject to an appeal.

- 14.08 Failure of a MHA to pay the fine within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence will result in the continued suspension of the offending coach until such time as the fine is paid.
- 14.09 The points for the game in which a "failure to appear" claim has been filed, will be awarded to the offended team provided the "failure to appear" is upheld.

## **REGULATION #15**

### **Protest of Games**

- 15.01 Any violations of the playing rules are to be submitted in writing on the Game Protest Form by the President, or his designate, of the MHA making the protest within forty-eight (48) hours of the conclusion of the game, to the attention of the respective Vice President who will decide on all matters pertaining to the rules and/or regulations not being followed. Their decision shall be final and not subject to appeal.
- 15.02 Game in question will not be replayed; a one (1) to zero (0) win will be awarded to the non-offending team. The non-offending team will receive two (2) points for the win and any sportsmanship points, if applicable, from that game. The offending team will lose all points from the game.
- 15.03 If a protest is not upheld, the MHA making the protest will pay a \$100.00 fee.

## **REGULATION #16**

### **Discipline Committee and Procedures**

- 16.01 The Discipline Committee of the Society shall be administered by one member of the Executive Committee as appointed by the President. If circumstances warrant, the President shall appoint additional members or delegates.
- 16.02 The duties of the Discipline Committee shall be to hear any allegations brought concerning the pre-game, game or post-game conduct of a player, member, team official, or off-ice official, and to take disciplinary action when found to be merited.

- 16.03 Complaints shall be investigated by the applicable Vice President with the goal of resolving the situation fairly and preventing future occurrences, including determining and enforcing proper discipline if required. Complaints must be received in writing and received within seven (7) days of the incident occurring. Complaints must include the following type of information:
- (a) Description of the incident;
  - (b) Names of the person or persons involved and/or other witnesses; and
  - (c) The date, time, location, and other details and all other relevant information.
- 16.04 The Society's Discipline Committee may conduct a hearing, if necessary, to obtain relevant facts and information. If a complaint cannot be resolved, a hearing shall be held within fourteen (14) days. Both the Complainant and the Respondent shall be interviewed, and the principles of natural justice shall apply:
- (a) Fair hearing, non-biased, no conflict of interest;
  - (b) Respondent must be informed of all details of complaint;
  - (c) Respondent has the right to representation;
  - (d) Relevant information must be available to all parties;
  - (e) The Complainant and the Respondent will have the right to a written decision, have the right of appeal, and will be provided with the appeal process in writing; and
  - (f) For the participant(s) involvement in any reported incident(s), the consequence may be (but not limited to) one of the following:
    - i. Letter of education to participant(s) - association/club action;
    - ii. Letter of warning to participant(s) – association/club action;
    - iii. Letter of probation and restitution - association/club action;
    - iv. Letter of suspension - association/club action; and/or
    - v. Referral to the RCMP if criminal action suspected.
- 16.05 The member MHA delegates to the Society the right, but not the duty, to hear any allegations brought concerning the conduct of a player, member, team official, or off ice official, and take disciplinary action when found to be merited against such player, member, team official or off ice official.
- 16.06 In the event of a dispute, differences or questions regarding any decision made by the MHA, the player, team official, team, league or MHA member dissatisfied with any such decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the applicable BC Hockey Regulation #9.



## **REGULATION #17**

### **Penalties**

- 17.01 All penalties shall be governed by the official rules as published by Hockey Canada and BC Hockey or as specifically varied by VIAHA.

### **Referee Write-Up Procedure**

- 17.02 In all circumstances in which the referee is required to report violations of the rules, they shall follow the reporting requirements laid out by BC Hockey Suspension Guidelines and VIAHA Referee Game Report Distribution.

### **Match Penalties and Gross Misconducts**

- 17.03 When a player is assessed a game ejection, game misconduct, gross misconduct or match penalty he/she will be escorted off the ice by a Game Official, and the player will be met by a representative of that player's team and will be supervised until such time as his/her team returns to the dressing room.
- 17.04 Any player or team official incurring a match penalty or gross misconduct penalty, or and any team official who incurs a penalty under the Refusing to Start Play rule, shall be automatically suspended in accordance with the procedure bulletin issued annually by BC Hockey.
- 17.05 The BC Hockey Discipline Task Person will advise the VIAHA President, applicable VIAHA Vice President and MHA President of any match penalty and gross misconduct within their zone/association. The Vice President will then advise the applicable League Commissioner/Managing Director.
- 17.06 If the scorekeeper fails to note the game misconduct on the game sheet, all suspensions shall apply as if penalties have been correctly recorded.

## **REGULATION #18**

### **VIAHA Suspension Guidelines**

- 18.01 Where a player or team official incurs penalties in a game resulting in more than one suspension, such suspensions shall be served consecutively, beginning with the suspension of the most serious penalty. Where VIAHA suspensions are added to an existing suspension, the VIAHA suspension are games only and do not have any days attached to them.

- 18.02 Suspensions shall take effect immediately and shall be served only by using league/ playoff/ tournament and exhibition games that are scheduled at time of the suspension. The “game created” information in Spordle Play will be used to determine if the exhibition game was scheduled at the time of the suspension. If VIAHA schedules the placement games, they too may count as games served.
- 18.03 Notwithstanding Regulation #18.02. The VIAHA applicable Vice President may prior to the commencement, or at the conclusion of regular season and playoff games, allow a VIAHA suspension to be served by using exhibition games.
- 18.04 For suspensions in effect prior to the Christmas break, the days between the last day of scheduled league play prior to the Christmas break and the first day of scheduled league play shall not be included in determining the number of days served.
- 18.05 Where a suspension occurs and the team has no further games, then the suspension will be carried over and served after September 15 at the VIAHA President's discretion.
- 18.06 A player who incurs a suspension while playing for another team under the affiliate player or dual registered rules must serve the suspension according to the schedule of the team that the player received the suspension with. The player cannot participate with their registered team or the affiliate team/dual registered team until the suspension has been served.
- 18.07 VIAHA suspension rules for player and team officials may be waived for BC Hockey Championships or BC Winter Games.
- 18.08 It shall be the responsibility of each teams' officials to ensure that correct records of misconducts, game, and gross misconducts, fighting and match penalties be kept and that players serve their total game suspensions as required by Hockey Canada, BC Hockey and VIAHA, whether or not notification is given by the respective Commissioner/Managing Director.
- 18.09 A player receiving a suspension shall be prohibited from playing in any games as well as from acting as an official, or in any other official capacity with a team, league or MHA. The player may practice with their team.

- 18.10 A team official receiving a suspension shall be prohibited from participating with the team from one hour prior to any games until one hour after the conclusion of any games, as well as acting as an official, or in any other official capacity with a team, league or MHA within VIAHA. The team official may participate in their team's practices.
- 18.11 Overage Players (OA) (i.e.: U21 playing down in U18) receiving a major penalty will be suspended indefinitely pending an investigation by the applicable Vice President and League Commissioner.
- 18.12 It is the team's and MHA's responsibility to ensure that suspensions are served. If in doubt the League Commissioner/Managing Director/Vice President can assist with identifying the length of a suspension, but it is the team/MHA's ultimate responsibility to make sure that the player, or team official, serves the suspension. The result of playing a player while under suspension will result in the player being suspended and ALL of the team officials listed on the game sheet could be indefinitely suspended pending an investigation by the respective VIAHA Vice President.
- 18.13 Ignorance of the rule is not an acceptable defense; the action taken by BC Hockey is severe. In the past, coaches have been suspended for two (2) or more years for playing a player, or allowing a team official to participate in a game, while under suspension. Ensure that you receive a copy of and read the game sheet prior to leaving the arena.
- 18.14 If a team receives a total of twenty-six (26) penalty minutes or more per game excluding game misconducts & gross misconducts the Head Coach shall be suspended for the next game.

## **REGULATION #19**

### **Tournament Sanctions**

- 19.01 Prior to BC Hockey sanction permit # being assigned, the respective MHA tournament contact person must have completed the VIAHA tournament/jamboree form and then have it approved by the Director of Hockey Operations. This form must be submitted to the VIAHA office a minimum of forty-five (45) days prior to the start of the tournament. Failure to submit the tournament/jamboree form will result with NO assignment of game officials. Game numbers will not be assigned until approved by the respective Officiating Coordinator and the Director of Hockey Operations.

## **REGULATION #20**

### **Fees and Expenses**

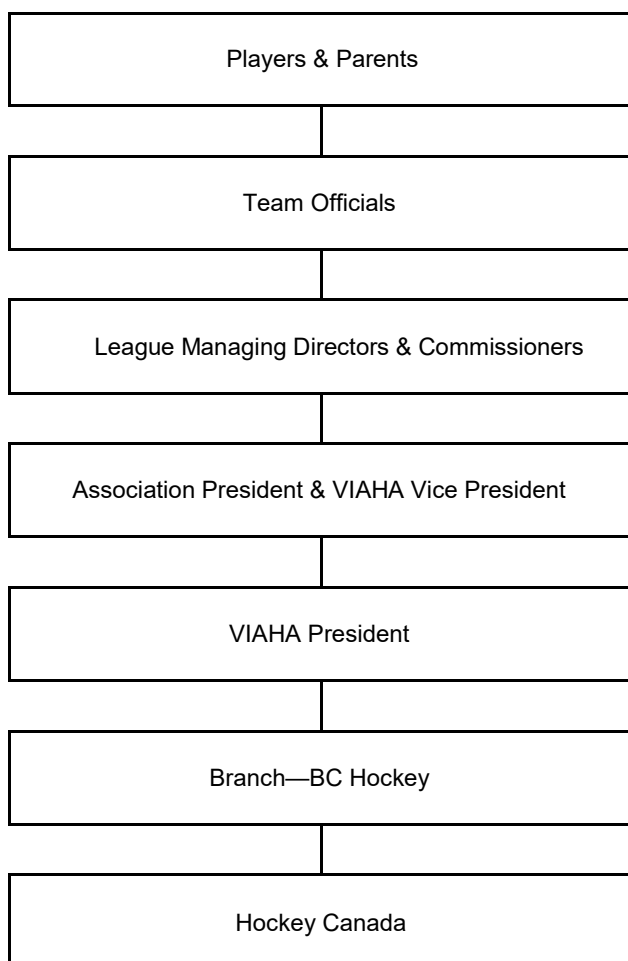
- 20.01 Team assessments for the Hockey Canada carded teams wishing to participate in the Vancouver Island Hockey League shall be determined in August and shall be due and payable prior to the VIAHA Executive Committee meeting in September of that playing season.
- 20.02 The expenses of members of the Society's Executive Committee when attending Annual, Special Meetings and/or on business of the Society as approved by the VIAHA President shall be borne by the Society as outlined in the policy manual.
- 20.03 The Society will pay the expenses of the Society's District President, Vice Presidents and if funds permit, the Executive Director and the Director Hockey Operations to attend the BC Hockey Annual Congress.
- 20.04 The Society will pay the expense of the Society's District President, and if funds permit, the Vice Presidents, Executive Director and/or the Hockey Operations Director to attend the District Presidents' Meeting.

## REGULATION #21

### Channels of Communication

#### General: for all MHAs

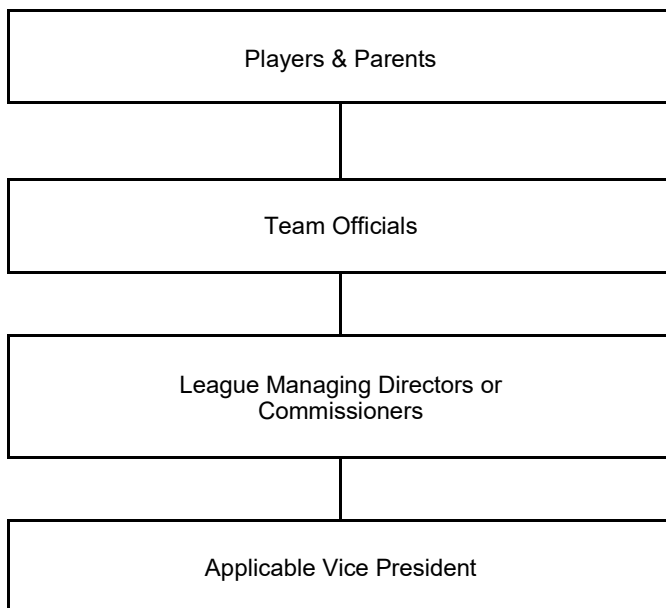
21.01 For general questions and concerns reference table below.



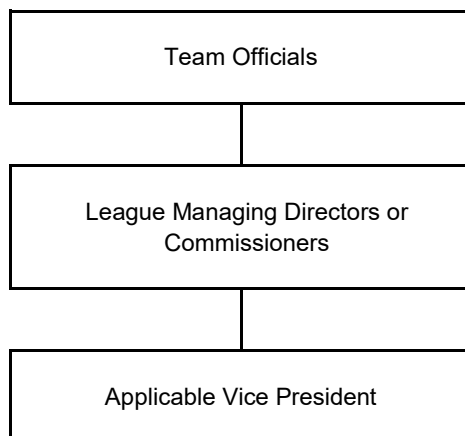
**Specific**

21.02 For questions and concerns regarding Games/Leagues or Penalties:

**Game / League Issues**



**Penalty Issues**



## APPENDICES

### APPENDIX #1



For more information on the BC Elite Hockey League and its teams within our District please contact BC Hockey at [zone@bchockey.net](mailto:zone@bchockey.net) or call 250-656-2978

#### **Male U18/U17/U15 AAA North/South Island Royals**

All MHAs within VIAHA



#### **Female U18 AAA North/South Island Seals**

All MHAs within VIAHA



## APPENDIX #2

### **Membership Boundaries**

All players must register in accordance with Regulation #4

#### **Alberni Valley Minor Hockey Association**

From Pacific Rim National Park in the west including the towns of Tofino, Ucluelet and Bamfield to the Cameron Lake Boundary in the east.

#### **Campbell River Minor Hockey Association**

From the Oyster River Bridge south of Campbell River to the (and including) community of Sayward on the northern boundary.

#### **Capital Region Female Minor Hockey Association**

Includes the 13 Municipalities comprising the Capital Regional District as well as the Juan de Fuca Electoral Areas of East Sooke and Willis Point and the First Nations communities within this geographic area. Within the boundaries of CRFMHA, the City of Victoria, the District of Oak Bay, the Township of Esquimalt and the District of Saanich, shall also be a shared draw zone between VRCMHA, and first time registration may be with either Association. Residents of this shared draw zone may transfer from Capital Regional Female Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year of U11 hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Capital Region Female Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA with the written approval of both local association Presidents and the Vice-President (South Island) and the District President. Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision. Their decision is final and not subject to appeal.

#### **Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association**

From the Oyster River Bridge north of Courtenay to Rosewall Creek on the south boundary of the Comox Valley Regional District.

#### **Cowichan Valley Minor Hockey Association**

The Municipality of North Cowichan, the City of Duncan, the Town of Ladysmith, Salt Spring Island, Thetis Island, Penelakut Island, Northern Boundary Grid Line No. 16, starting east of Sansum Narrows going due west of Sansum Narrows to Electoral District E. North of Stratford Crossing to Takala Road.



**Gold River Minor Hockey Association**

The Village of Gold River including Nootka Sound to the west and the communities of Tahsis, Zeballos and Esperanza.

**Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association**

School District #62 from the Parsons Bridge west to Kangaroo Road and the Highland area.

Residents of the Township of View Royal shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Minor Hockey Association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register starting in the season, depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association.

Residents in the district of Metchosin shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association and Sooke Minor Hockey Association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register starting in the 2005/2006 season, depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either Association.

**Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association**

Electoral district A, B, C and D of the Cowichan Valley Regional District.

**Lake Cowichan Minor Hockey Association**

Area F and I and the Town of Lake Cowichan.

**Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association**

From the Nanoose Bridge north of Nanaimo to Takala Road south of Nanaimo.

**Oceanside Minor Hockey Association**

From the Nanoose Bridge south of Oceanside to the end of the Regional District of Deep Bay to the north and west to the Cameron Lake boundary.

### **Peninsula Minor Hockey Association**

The Saanich Peninsula north of the Saanich-Central Municipal Boundary. Players living on Gulf Islands with ferry service to Swartz Bay, excluding Salt Spring Island, will also be considered as part of the Peninsula Minor Hockey Association draw zone.

**Residents living in between the Saanich-Central Municipal Boundary and north tip of Elk Lake (Brookleigh Road)** shall be in a shared draw zone between Peninsula Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Minor Hockey Association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association.

### **Powell River Minor Hockey Association**

The Powell River area from Lund to Saltery Bay including Savary Island and Texada Island.

### **Sooke & District Minor Hockey Association**

School District #62, north from the corner of Metchosin Road and Happy Valley Road to Rocky Point Road, west to and including Kangaroo Road, then north to Sooke Road.

Residents in the district of Metchosin shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association and Sooke Minor Hockey Association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register starting with the 2005/2006 season, depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either Association.

### **Tri Port Minor Hockey Association**

The Mount Waddington Regional District which includes the following municipalities - Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill & Alert Bay and the following unincorporated communities - Hyde Creek, Sointula, Holberg, Quatsino, Coal Harbour, Telegraph Cove, Woss, Echo Bay and Winter Harbour.

## Victoria Minor Hockey Association

The City of Victoria, the Municipality of Oak Bay, the Municipality of Esquimalt and the Municipality of Saanich is all considered the MHA's boundary. All of this area (except for the Municipality of Esquimalt which is up to the Inner Harbor and east of the Gorge waterway up to Admirals Road by Craigflower School), shall also be a shared draw zone between VRCMHA, and **first time** registration may register with either Association. Residents of this VRC shared draw zone may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA up until the completion of the first year of U11 hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Association to VRCMHA with the written approval of both local association Presidents and the Vice President (South Island) and the District President. Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision. Their decision is final and not subject to appeal. As long as VRCMHA retains its "Winter Club" status, players registered with VRCMHA may return to Victoria MHA at any time, subject to available space.

Residents living **in between the Saanich-Central Municipal Boundary and north tip of Elk Lake (Brookleigh Road)** shall be in a shared draw zone between Peninsula Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Minor Hockey Association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one-time choice of where to register depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association.

Residents of the Township of View Royal shall be in a shared draw zone between Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey association and Victoria Minor Hockey association. The residents of this shared draw zone have a one time choice of where to register depending on available space. First time registrants shall be with either association.

Residents of the Municipality of Oak Bay or the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbour and east of the Gorge Waterway up to Admirals Road shall be in a shared draw zone between Victoria Minor Hockey Association and Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association, and first time registrants may be with either Association.

All players registered in Victoria Minor Hockey Association during the 1996/1997 playing season and living in the Municipality of Saanich on or east of Cedar Hill Road shall be grandfathered until their residence changes.

### **Victoria Racquet Club Minor Hockey Association**

VRCMHA shall have a shared draw zone with Victoria Minor Hockey Association (except for the Municipality of Esquimalt), and first time registration may be with either MHA. VRC MHA shall also have a shared draw zone with Victoria Minor Hockey Association covering the Municipality of Oak Bay, the City of Victoria east of the Inner Harbor and east of the Gorge waterway up to Admirals Road (by Craigflower School), and first time registration may be with either MHA. Residents of these shared draw zones may transfer from Victoria Minor Hockey Associations to VRC MHA up until the completion of the first year in U-11 hockey. The decision to transfer must be made prior to March 31st of the current playing season. After that time, a player may transfer to VRC MHA with the written approval of both the local Association Presidents involved, the Vice-President (South Island) and the District President. Should MHAs not agree on transfer requests, the VIAHA Officers shall make the decision. Their decision is final and not subject to appeal.

As long as VRC MHA retains its "Winter Club" status, players registered with VRC MHA may return to their municipal MHAs at any time, depending on available space.

## APPENDIX #3

### Island League Season and Playoff Schedule

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Placements Games—Sept 20/21, 27/28 & Oct 4/5<br>No Scheduled Games - October 11-12 (Thanksgiving)<br>Oct 18/19 - Exhibition Games/League Scheduling Weekend |  |
| Weekend 1   | October 25-26                                  |
| Weekend 2   | November 1-2                                   |
| (Remembrance) - No League Games - November 8-9  |  |
| Weekend 3   | November 15-16                                 |
| Weekend 4   | November 22-23                                 |
| Weekend 5   | November 29-30                                 |
| Weekend 6   | December 6-7                                   |
| Weekend 7   | December 13-14                                 |
| (Christmas Break) - No League Games December 20 - January 4   |  |
| Weekend 8   | January 10-11                                  |
| Weekend 9   | January 17-18                                  |
| League Make Up Games or Playoffs Start - January 24-25  |  |
| Round Robin Playoff Weekends  | January 24-25<br>Jan. 31-Feb. 1 & February 7-8 |
| Semi-Final Cross Over   | February 14-15                                 |
| Best 2 of 3 Finals  | February 21-22<br>February 28-March 1          |
| Recreation Quarter Finals<br>Recreation Semi Finals /Finals   | February 28-March 1                            |
| BC Hockey Coed Championships  | March 15-18                                    |
| <b>*Teams Choosing to Withdraw from BC Hockey Championships Must Follow BC Hockey Regulations and NOTIFY them. Intent must be made prior to December 31</b> |  |

## APPENDIX #3 (cont'd)

### Island League Playoff Schedule

Semi Final Format where winner will be determined to represent Vancouver Island at a BC Hockey Championship

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|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Six (6) or more teams in a division will be divided into two (2) pools where in each pool will play a single round robin as per geographics, with top two (2) teams in each pool advancing to cross over semi-finals {1st in one group vs 2nd in the other group} with winners advancing to Finals</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five (5) or less teams in a division will play a single round robin with top two (2) teams advancing to Finals</li> </ul> |
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- MHAs will need to be prepared to supply ice on any given day during the playoffs to match that to what is scheduled by the Managing Director
  - **ALL ROUND ROBIN GAMES SLOTS MUST BE A FULL 2 HOURS OF PLAYING TIME**
  - **ALL CROSS OVER, SEMI-FINAL AND PLAYOFF FINALS ~ Games will be a full 3-20 minute stop time with OT if required**
  - (MHA's **MUST** ensure enough time is allowed to **ENSURE** all games end with a winner determined, minimum time suggested is 2.5 hours)

## APPENDIX #4

### PROXY VOTE FORM

#### VANCOUVER ISLAND AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Member Minor

Hockey Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Hereby Appoints: \_\_\_\_\_

To carry one (1) proxy vote as indicated below for:

(a) Directors Vote / \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Association Vote / \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Association Team Vote / \_\_\_\_\_

They must attend, act and vote on our Association's behalf at the  
Annual or Special General Meeting, to be held on

\_\_\_\_\_

Dated at this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Minor Hockey Association Signing Authority

**Proxy sheets shall be submitted to the Executive Director  
At least seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting**

## VIAHA PRESIDENTS & EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

North Vancouver Island Hockey Association and South Vancouver Island Hockey Association merged on May 13, 2006, to become one District Association which is now called Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association.

|  |  |                                 |
|--|--|---------------------------------|
| 2006-07  | Jim Humphrey, Lake Cowichan<br>Randy James, Comox          | President<br>Executive Director |
| 2007-08  | Jim Humphrey, Lake Cowichan<br>Andy Telfer, Qualicum Beach | President<br>Executive Director |
| 2008-09<br>2009-10<br>2010-11  | Mark Kenny, Courtenay<br>Marg Herba, Courtenay             | President<br>Executive Director |
| 2011-12  | Jim Humphrey, Ladysmith<br>Marg Herba, Courtenay           | President<br>Executive Director |
| 2012-13<br>2013-14<br>2014-15<br>2015-16<br>2016-17<br>2017-18<br>2018-19<br>2019-20<br>2020-21<br>2021-22 | Jim Humphrey, Ladysmith<br>Charlotte Johnson, Nanaimo      | President<br>Executive Director |
| 2022-23<br>2023-24<br>2024-25<br>2025-26   | Al McCulloch, Port Alberni<br>Charlotte Johnson, Nanaimo   | President<br>Executive Director |



## VIAHA AWARDS

Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association presents Awards during its Annual General Meeting. These awards recognize members and volunteers that are dedicated to the development and governance of our game. Recipients of the awards are nominated by an individual, teams and MHA's. Nominations are reviewed by a Committee appointed by the President that shall have an Officer as Chairperson.

### VIAHA Life Membership Award

Life Membership may be bestowed upon any person for distinguished service to the Society and its members over a period of at least ten years. Nominations for Life Membership must be made by an Officer, Director, or MHA and shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting of the Society. Life Members shall have full voting privileges at all General Meetings.

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 2006 Judy Thomas     | Transferred from SVIMHA    |
| 2013 Robin Edwards   | Volunteer & VIAHA Employee |
| 2023 Jim Humphrey    | Volunteer                  |
| 2023 Sharon Cairns   | Volunteer                  |
| 2023 Anne Dumonceaux | Volunteer                  |



## VIAHA President's Award

Presented to an individual, team, or MHA that has brought honor to the amateur hockey fraternity through an outstanding humanitarian endeavor or have made a significant contribution to VIAHA during the preceding year. Nominations shall be submitted in writing outlining details of the endeavor.

|         |  |                     |
|---------|--|---------------------|
| 2006-07 | Comox Valley U13 B Team                    | Comox Valley MHA    |
| 2007-08 | Harrison Garvie                            | Nanaimo MHA         |
| 2008-09 | Ian Cartwright                             | Sooke MHA           |
| 2009-10 | Debbie Cooper (In Memory)                  | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2010-11 | Barb Norton & Roy Carter                   | VIAHA               |
| 2011-12 | Campbell River MHA                         | Campbell River MHA  |
| 2012-13 | Vince Devlin                               | Campbell River MHA  |
| 2013-14 | Kathy Irving                               | Cowichan Valley MHA |
| 2014-15 | Victoria MHA                               | Victoria MHA        |
| 2015-16 | Saanich C5 Team (In Memory of Reid Kyfuik) | Saanich MHA         |
| 2016-17 | Dale Stewart                               | Comox Valley MHA    |
| 2017-18 | Tia Arseneault                             | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2018-19 | Diane Small                                | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2019-20 | Sooke Bantam Tier 3                        | Sooke MHA           |
| 2020-21 | Victoria Admirals U13 C2 Team              | Victoria MHA        |
| 2021-22 | Kathy Irving                               | Cowichan Valley MHA |
| 2022-23 | Harold Bloomenthal                         | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2023-24 | John Sloan & Laurie Robertson              | Oceanside MHA       |
| 2024-25 | Jami Harris                                | VIAHA               |

## VIAHA Volunteer of the Year

Presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to their hockey community or district over the preceding year or longer. Nominations shall be submitted in writing outlining details of the endeavors.

|         |                  |                           |
|---------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 2013-14 | Anne Dumonceaux  | Tri-Port MHA              |
| 2014-15 | Tom Russel       | Nanaimo MHA               |
| 2015-16 | Nancy Moniz      | Saanich MHA               |
| 2016-17 | John Sloan       | Oceanside MHA             |
| 2017-18 | Lisa Brown       | Tri-Port MHA              |
| 2018-19 | Rachel Pukesh    | Powell River MHA          |
| 2019-20 | Sharon Cairns    | Powell River MHA          |
| 2020-21 | Michele Taron    | Kerry Park MHA            |
| 2021-22 | Sarah Bielert    | Alberni Valley MHA        |
| 2022-23 | Pamela Kendall   | Kerry Park MHA            |
| 2023-24 | Kelly Chaplin    | Capital Region Female MHA |
| 2024-25 | Amie Steenbergen | Lake Cowichan MHA         |

## VIAHA Minor Hockey Association of the Year

Presented annually to the Minor Hockey Association judged to have made an outstanding contribution to its community by providing a properly organized program where a youngster can learn the basic skills and the fundamentals of good hockey.

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 2006-07 | Cowichan Valley Minor Hockey Association |
| 2007-08 | Tri-Port Minor Hockey Association        |
| 2008-09 | Gold River Minor Hockey Association      |
| 2009-10 | Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2010-11 | Campbell River Minor Hockey Association  |
| 2011-12 | Victoria Minor Hockey Association        |
| 2012-13 | Powell River Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2013-14 | Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2014-15 | Alberni Valley Minor Hockey Association  |
| 2015-16 | Kerry Park Minor Hockey Association      |
| 2016-17 | Saanich Hockey Association               |
| 2017-18 | Juan de Fuca Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2018-19 | Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2019-20 | Powell River Minor Hockey Association    |
| 2020-21 | Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association         |
| 2021-22 | Campbell River Minor Hockey Association  |
| 2022-23 | Peninsula Minor Hockey Association       |
| 2023-24 | Capital Region Female Hockey Association |
| 2024-25 | Oceanside Minor Hockey Association       |

## VIAHA Youth Volunteer of the Year

Introduced during the 2020-21 season in recognition of youth who make outstanding contributions to their hockey community or district throughout the season. The nominations will detail volunteerism to the sport and can include on and off ice contributions.

|         |                |                           |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 2020-21 | Sagel Wilson   | Tri-Port MHA              |
| 2021-22 | Sage Jull      | Capital Region Female MHA |
| 2022-23 | Araela Steidl  | Capital Region Female MHA |
| 2023-24 | McKenna Harris | Campbell River MHA        |
| 2024-25 | Jensen Butcher | Capital Region Female MHA |

## VIAHA Coach of the Year

The Coach of the Year is presented to a coach who shows leadership to players, demonstrates skill development and has a sound philosophy. Winning is a consideration but not the only or most important one. This Award is given to those who demonstrate what VIAHA feels are the ideal elements of a coach. The nomination shall detail the coaching background of the nominee and be attested by the MHA President.

|         |                      |                           |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 2006-07 | Brenda Oscienny      | Alberni Valley MHA        |
| 2007-08 | Brad Scafe           | Kerry Park MHA            |
| 2008-09 | Daniel Burgess       | Oceanside MHA             |
| 2009-10 | Ian Birnie           | Saanich MHA               |
| 2010-11 | Brent Demerais       | Alberni Valley MHA        |
| 2011-12 | Rick Hopper          | Powell River MHA          |
| 2012-13 | Glen McBride         | Saanich MHA               |
| 2013-14 | Roger Chamberlain    | VIAHA Regional A Female   |
| 2014-15 | Warren Campbell      | Juan de Fuca MHA          |
| 2015-16 | Chris Atchison       | VIAHA Regional A Female   |
| 2016-17 | Andy Welsh           | Powell River MHA          |
| 2017-18 | Jordan Humphrey      | Saanich MHA               |
| 2018-19 | Mike Bell            | Tri-Port MHA              |
| 2019-20 | Ian MacDonald        | Capital Region Female     |
| 2020-21 | Scott Buchanan       | Juan de Fuca MHA          |
| 2021-22 | Darren Van Oene      | Kerry Park MHA            |
| 2022-23 | Elizabeth Betteridge | Nanaimo MHA               |
| 2023-24 | Beth Bladen          | Juan de Fuca MHA          |
| 2024-25 | Tracey Thompson      | Capital Region Female MHA |



## VIAHA Official of the Year

Presented to an Official that exemplifies dedication and support for the VIAHA Officiating Program, VIAHA and Hockey Canada rules and regulations. He or she also contributes to hockey in ways other than the on-ice requirements and combines leadership and ability both on and off the ice. This person must also be carded for the year.

|         |                                      |                     |
|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2006-07 | Nolan Pringle                        | Gold River MHA      |
| 2007-08 | Kevin Anderson                       | Victoria MHA        |
| 2008-09 | Bryce Flug                           | Oceanside MHA       |
| 2009-10 | Kelby Wittich                        | Sooke MHA           |
| 2010-11 | Liam Reid                            | Comox Valley MHA    |
| 2011-12 | Jake Podam                           | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2012-13 | Shayna Twamley                       | Oceanside MHA       |
| 2013-14 | Sebastian Craig                      | Peninsula MHA       |
| 2014-15 | Josh Boutin                          | Nanaimo MHA         |
| 2015-16 | Corey Farebrother                    | Victoria MHA        |
| 2016-17 | John Bramham                         | Tri-Port MHA        |
| 2017-18 | Graeden Hamilton                     | Cowichan Valley MHA |
| 2018-19 | Shayne Heinekey                      | Juan de Fuca MHA    |
| 2019-20 | Bryan Kelly                          | Campbell River MHA  |
| 2020-21 | Not Awarded—No Games Due to Covid-19 | N/A                 |
| 2021-22 | Thomas Jeffrey                       | Victoria MHA        |
| 2022-23 | Matthew Hutchison                    | Nanaimo MHA         |
| 2023-24 | Matyas Martiniuk                     | Kerry Park MHA      |
| 2024-25 | Alexandra Iannantuono                | Alberni Valley MHA  |

## VIAHA Most Deserving Official

Presented to an official that gone above and beyond. This Official is rated on his/her own officiating skills and what they put back into the Branch (i.e. supervisor, instructor or administrator).

|         |                                      |                    |
|---------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 2013-14 | Terry Wasiliew                       | Comox Valley MHA   |
| 2014-15 | Morgan Couture                       | Sooke MHA          |
| 2015-16 | Aidan Hitchmough                     | Comox Valley MHA   |
| 2016-17 | Neil O'Connor                        | Peninsula MHA      |
| 2017-18 | Ryan Devries                         | Alberni Valley MHA |
| 2018-19 | Isaac MacDonald                      | Alberni Valley MHA |
| 2019-20 | Kai Walsh                            | Victoria MHA       |
| 2020-21 | Not Awarded—No Games Due to Covid-19 | N/A                |
| 2021-22 | Carson Prescesky                     | Nanaimo BC         |
| 2022-23 | Marcus Janisch                       | Juan de Fuca MHA   |
| 2023-24 | Wyatt Brand                          | Nanaimo MHA        |
| 2024-25 | Tom Coyle                            | Juan de Fuca MHA   |

## VIAHA Scholarship Awards

VIAHA offers annual graduate scholarships to its members who are furthering their educational goals and have excelled in hockey and community work.

|         |   |  |
|---------|---|--|
| 2006-07 | Jordon Lundgren<br>Josh Hagedorn<br>Nerissa Sullivan        | Powell River MHA<br>Oceanside MHA<br>Sooke MHA                   |
| 2007-08 | Trevor Simpson<br>Richard Pringle<br>Mitchel Devana         | Oceanside MHA<br>Kerry Park MHA<br>Sooke MHA                     |
| 2008-09 | Serena Read<br>Michael deHart<br>Lucas Sherman              | Alberni Valley MHA<br>Campbell River MHA<br>Sooke MHA            |
| 2009-10 | Kyle Luff<br>Riley Friesen<br>Liane Brooks                  | Powell River MHA<br>Cowichan Valley MHA<br>Sooke MHA             |
| 2010-11 | James Mather<br>Grayson Nellist<br>Tamara Berger            | Victoria Racquet Club MHA<br>Nanaimo MHA<br>Comox Valley MHA     |
| 2011-12 | Eric Scott<br>Cortland Thibodeau<br>Carey Stead             | Powell River MHA<br>Port Alberni MHA<br>Victoria MHA             |
| 2012-13 | Quintin Lennox<br>Liam MacLeod<br>Dylan Tucker              | Comox Valley MHA<br>Alberni Valley MHA<br>Victoria MHA           |
| 2013-14 | Austin Phillips<br>Giordano Corlazzoli<br>Quinton MacDonell | Powell River MHA<br>Alberni Valley MHA<br>Sooke MHA              |
| 2014-15 | Griffin Dolling<br>Niko Chrisante<br>Trevor Smith           | Alberni Valley MHA<br>Powell River MHA<br>Victoria MHA           |
| 2015-16 | Austyn Jensen<br>Matt Barker<br>Tyler & Kurtis Woods        | Saanich MHA<br>Campbell River MHA<br>Oceanside MHA               |
| 2016-17 | Niall Murphy<br>Jaxon Ward<br>Joshua Mitchell               | Saanich MHA<br>Campbell River MHA<br>Nanaimo MHA                 |
| 2017-18 | Graeme Getty<br>Isaac Waite<br>Mackenzie Murgatroyd         | Saanich MHA<br>Oceanside MHA<br>Tri-Port MHA                     |
| 2018-19 | Dario Greco<br>Kevin Itsaki Lo<br>Eric Labas                | Saanich MHA<br>Comox Valley MHA<br>Nanaimo MHA                   |
| 2019-20 | Kai Cyr<br>Tay Munro<br>Jayme Vivian                        | Tri-Port MHA<br>Cowichan Valley MHA<br>Capital Region Female MHA |
| 2020-21 | Rowan Heim<br>Cheyenne Norman<br>No Applicants              | Comox Valley MHA<br>Capital Region Female MHA<br>Mid Island      |
| 2021-22 | Andrew Munger<br>Colton Steigenberger<br>Blake Nowicki      | Comox Valley MHA<br>Kerry Park MHA<br>Nanaimo MHA                |
| 2022-23 | William Grant<br>Jenae Weir<br>Quinn Stancill               | Tri Port MHA<br>Cowichan Valley MHA<br>Peninsula MHA             |
| 2023-24 | Elizabeth Bettenson<br>Jace Fedirchuk<br>Oscar James Smith  | Campbell River MHA<br>Alberni Valley MHA<br>Kerry Park MHA       |
| 2024-25 | Anastasia Trenholm<br>Jeremy Pukesh<br>Magnus Slater        | Nanaimo MHA<br>Powell River MHA<br>Victoria MHA                  |

## BC HOCKEY TIERING CLASSIFICATION STRUCTURE

Chart depicts team tiering of Vancouver Island Associations as the last season *(new report was not available at time of print)*

| <b>Tier 1<br/>300+</b>                          | <b>Tier 2<br/>175-299</b>                                   | <b>Tier 3<br/>80-174</b>  | <b>Tier 4<br/>79 &amp; below</b> |
|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Nanaimo<br>Victoria Racquet<br>Club<br>Victoria | 2nd Team  | 3rd Team  | 4th Team                         |
|   | Juan de Fuca<br>Comox Valley<br>Campbell River<br>Peninsula | 2nd Team  | 3rd Team                         |
|   |   | Cowichan Valley<br>Alberni Valley<br>Kerry Park<br>Tri-Port<br>Oceanside<br>Powell River<br>Sooke | 2nd Team                         |
|   |   |   | Gold River<br>Lake Cowichan      |

As per BC Hockey—when a team accepts players from other MHA's it assumes the numbers from those MHA's. Due to this—even though an MHA may not be classified as T1 based on their own numbers—their individual teams can be re-classified as T1 by BC Hockey.

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