



Vancouver Island
Amateur Hockey Association

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TO: MHA Presidents, Association Administrators, All Teams

FROM: Mark Kenny, VIAHA President

SUBJECT: Atom Development Suspension Rule

There has been some confusion regarding the suspension rules for Atom Development.

Please ensure that all your Atom Development Coaches/Teams are aware of the following information from Regulation #2.01(g) from the VIAHA Handbook:

2.01(g) Commissioners may be 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.

Three years ago, VIAHA instituted a one game suspension for any major penalty (assessed at any time during the game) in an effort to educate and curb the disturbing trend of increasing major penalties at this young level. Additional 5 minute majors or majors in the last ten minutes will warrant further suspensions.

This was explained to all in attendance at the Coaches/Managers meeting held in September.