



Vancouver Island
Amateur Hockey Association

INFORMATION BULLETIN # 2008-09-IN

December 20, 2008

**TO: VIAHA Executive, Association Administrators, Managing Directors,
Commissioners, All Teams**

FROM: Mark Kenny, VIAHA President and Don Taylor, VP Competitive

SUBJECT: Rep and Recreational Game Cancellations due to Adverse Weather

As per VIAHA Regulation 8.04:

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 or the Ministry of Transportation. The visiting team will notify the Managing Director/Commissioner, the two coaches/managers and the 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; disciplinary action will be taken for failure to appear.

Please note that the above Regulation applies to both Rep and Recreational Hockey.

VIAHA does NOT make the call on whether games should be cancelled as weather and travel conditions vary between areas on the Island.

If a team's decision is NOT to travel, an investigation will be done by the Managing Directors/Commissioners to confirm the justification of that decision. The following are due diligence recommendations and the expectation will be that these will be met:

1. Monitor the news and weather on your local tv/radio stations for your route.
2. Monitor the DriveBC website and check the highway webcams on a regular basis.
3. For ferries, monitor the BCFerries website for delays or cancellations.
4. Contact the team(s) you are traveling to and have them keep you posted on the conditions there.
5. Plan extra time for winter road conditions and travel as a group.
6. Ensure that all your team parents have a current listing of everyone's cell numbers.
7. The manager should be aware of those team members that elect to travel on their own and stay in touch with them.
8. Contact the RCMP for confirmation of the road conditions, any travel advisories, etc.
9. If travel is not recommended, ask the RCMP for a letter confirming that.
10. Keep your Managing Director/Commissioner and the other team apprised of your efforts and eventual decision.

Point #9 - In the case of Island League Rep games, the VP Competitive/Managing Directors will be looking for that RCMP letter which you should scan/fax to them to avoid the investigation and possible fines.

Hockey is a winter sport and as such, every effort should be made to attend them. However, use common sense. We don't want to put lives at risk but fines or suspension could result if there is not justification for the cancellation of games.