



Vancouver Island  
Amateur Hockey Association

# INFORMATION BULLETIN # 2008-10-IN

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**TO: VIAHA Executive, Association Administrators, RICs**

**FROM: Mike Fraser, RCM North and Steve Marsh, RCM South**

**SUBJECT: Criminal Record Checks for Referees – DEADLINE JANUARY 31, 2009**

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Some questions came up regarding the above subject matter. After confirming with BC Hockey, please note the following:

1. BCH Executive has extended the deadline for officials over the age of 18 to JANUARY 31, 2009 to complete their Criminal Record Checks.
2. The preferred method is to use the BackCheck system – information on this has been distributed by the RCMs to the local association RICs.
3. However, if an official has already completed their check through the RCMP, then they should have their local association send the paperwork to BC Hockey office in a timely manner to have their profile updated.
4. If an official chooses not to use BackCheck, they still have the option THIS YEAR to go to the RCMP and have the detachment send it directly to the BC Hockey office.
5. Note that BC Hockey DOES NOT pay for the Criminal Record Check – it is the responsibility of the official.
6. The CRCs will be valid for three (3) seasons, with the current season (2008-2009) counting as one of the three.
7. If the officials do not have their criminal record check done by the deadline above, they will not be allowed on the ice and games may need to be cancelled. The BCH Executive is firm on this.