



Vancouver Island
Amateur Hockey Association

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TO: VIAHA Officers, MHA Presidents, Managing Directors

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SUBJECT: Competitive Playoffs 2009

The “round robin” playoff schedules are now up on www.viaha.org.

As per VIAHA Regulation Appendix 5, in Tiers that have six or more teams, the “round robin” is divided into two pools split by Geographics. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the “semi-final” playoffs. The “semi-final” games will be played on the February 14th/15th weekend. First (1st) in Pool A vs second (2nd) in Pool B, first (1st) in Pool B vs second (2nd) in Pool A. Semi-final games will be played at the home of the first (1st) place team.

For Tiers with five or less teams, they will play a single “round robin” with the top two teams advancing to the finals. There is no ‘semi-final’ series.

All “round robin” games are to be a full 120 minutes of playing time; timing of the games will be the same as for the regular season. Semi-final and final games will be 3-20 minute stop time periods with ice cleans between each period and overtime as required as per Hockey Canada Rule 10.16.

Teams must have a copy of their HC Roster dated no earlier than January 15th in their possession at all games and present it to the game supervisor for review. Only team officials and players that are approved by BC Hockey are allowed to participate. Failure to comply having the roster available may result in losing points and/or fines.

Where possible, supervisors will be appointed. For each playoff game, the supervisor will introduce themselves to both teams prior to the start of the game. There will be at least one equipment check conducted during the “round robin” series. Areas of concern will be helmets (CSA approved, screws tightened, no stickers), throat protectors (BNQ approved), pants (no tears, zippers able to be pulled all the way down), gloves (no holes bigger than a quarter), socks (no holes) and sticks (wooden plugs in ends and covered with tape).

The format for the playoff finals will be Home-Away-Home or depending on distance between MHAs, Away-Home-Home. There will be further communication sent out prior to the completion of the round robin series that will give more information on the semi-final and final series.

Please make sure you become familiar with VIAHA Regulation 13, especially 13.08 regarding tie-breaking procedures following round robin play should two or more teams be tied for a semi-final playoff position.

Good luck to all, play hard, play safe.