



Vancouver Island  
Amateur Hockey Association

# INFORMATION BULLETIN # 2008-19-IN

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**TO: VIAHA Officers, MHA Presidents, South & Mid Island League  
Commissioners, Recreational League Teams**

**FROM: Barb Norton, VP South / Deb Turney, VP Mid Island**

**SUBJECT: Recreational League Playoffs 2009**

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As everyone is aware, the 2009 recreational playoffs will take place over the weekend March 7th/8<sup>th</sup>. All teams participating are to be congratulated and I wish each of you good luck and fair play. The Playoff ice times for all Divisions are attached to this bulletin. Commissioners will be responsible for identifying the teams to the corresponding standings and making sure all teams receive this email.

The host association shall be responsible to assign three game officials for each playoff games. The local MHA is responsible for paying the game officials. The host association is responsible for supplying the timekeepers and scorekeepers plus warm up pucks as per VIAHA Regulation 12.04.

Once the ice costs and officials fees have been confirmed by VIAHA, the District will then invoice the four participating MHAs with the costs being split between the four teams as per VIAHA Regulation 12.03.

The league and playoff banners will be ready for next week and will be sent to the host MHA. Prior to the game where the league champion plays the supervisor will present the league championship banner immediately following the 5-minute warm up. Please do not hold the game up more then a few minutes. The playoff championship banner will be presented after the final game on Sunday.

Teams are to carry with them to all games a printout of their roster from their MHA Registrar that includes all affiliates; only those names on the HCR printout will be allowed to participate. The printout MUST be the one from the HCR and display the bar code along the top right corner and dated no earlier than February 10th, 2009. There are NO EXCEPTIONS and teams failing to have a current roster with them at all games may have disciplinary action taken against them.

The first place team will play the fourth place team; the second place team will play the third place team. The winners of these two games will advance to the Championship games on Sunday. The following rules will be in effect:

VIAHA Reg 12.01	Higher seeded team during league play will be the home team.
VIAHA Reg 12.05	Playoff games will be three 20-minute periods with an ice clean between each period.
HC Official Playing Rule 10.17(f)	Each team shall be permitted to take one time-out of thirty seconds during the course of the regular playing time or overtime.
HC Official Playing Rule 10.16 (a2 & a3)	Should the game end in a tie during regular playing time, there will be no ice clean or changing ends but continue with a ten minute sudden victory overtime period. If the score is still tied after the sudden victory ten minute overtime period, there will be an ice clean and normal between period break. Teams will then return and change ends to play twenty minute sudden victory periods.

There will be supervisors assigned to the playoffs who will be responsible for the games, ensuring that all VIAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada Rules and Regulations are adhered to. The game supervisor will introduce themselves to you prior to the start of the game and may do an equipment check. Now is the time to check and make sure that your players' equipment is in good repair. Some of the items that would be checked are:

- > plugs in the sticks;
- > earpieces in the helmets;
- > chin straps securely fastened (touching the skin under their chin);
- > no large holes in the palms of the gloves (use a loonie to gage, anything larger needs to be repaired);
- > no tears in jerseys or pants; those with zipper pants must ensure that the Velcro and zippers are securely fastened;
- > throat protectors are in good repair;
- > stop signs are in place;
- > jersey and socks cover all bare skin and body equipment.

The game supervisors will be collecting the copy of the game sheets on behalf of the Commissioners. If the supervisor is not a Commissioner, he/she will be responsible for mailing the game sheets to the respective Commissioner. Game reports from each team remain due within 24-hours of the completion of the game.

If there are any questions regarding the playoffs or this bulletin please contact Robin Edwards, VIAHA Executive Assistant at 250-751-8811 and he will be able to help.

Good luck to all teams, please remember to respect your opponent, play hard but play fair.