



Vancouver Island  
Amateur Hockey Association

# INFORMATION BULLETIN # 2009-15-IN

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**TO:** VIAHA Executive, VIAHA Managing Directors/Commissioners, MHA Administrators/Registrars

**FROM:** VIAHA Officers

**SUBJECT:** Inter-Divisional Games

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There have been some games of late between teams in different divisions which has raised concerns regarding process, approval and risk management.

To properly manage these, the following policy will be followed (timeline: 7 days notice):

1. Both teams desiring such a game together must email their request to the MHA President with all the particulars.
2. If the MHA Executive believes the risk can be managed, then the President of the MHA shall email the respective VIAHA VP for approval.
3. The VP will review the request and will notify the Managing Director or Commissioner that approval has been granted and game numbers can be issued.
4. The VP shall cc Joe McDonald, BCH District Director on their emails.

FOR Bantam/Midget/Juvenile teams (timeline: 7 to 10 business days notice):

1. Teams should have the written support of their MHA President.
2. Teams must complete the BC Hockey InterDistrict (& USA Hockey Tournament Travel) Exhibition Game Form and submit this along with the MHA approval to BCH District Director, Joe McDonald at least 7 to 10 business days prior. The form needed is:  
  
[www.bchockey.net](http://www.bchockey.net) under Administration, under Forms
3. Approval will come from Joe McDonald and he will cc the appropriate VP, association presidents and Managing Directors/Commissioners.
4. Game numbers will then be issued by the Managing Director/Commissioner.

***Please note: We understand that teams may be given ice slots on short notice to use. However, if you are not able to meet with the timelines on these types of requests, we strongly urge you keep in mind Hockey Canada's Player Development Pyramid (designed for all ages and all skill levels) and utilize the ice for practice.***

**All approvals must be in place before the game can be played.**