



Vancouver Island  
Amateur Hockey Association

# INFORMATION BULLETIN # 2009-13-IN

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**TO: MHA Presidents, Administrators/Registrars, Coach Coordinators and All Team Officials**

**FROM: Mark Kenny, President**

**SUBJECT: Penalties and Suspensions**

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It has been brought to my attention that the incidents of **misconducts, gross misconducts, coach suspensions and match penalties** are on the increase in VIAHA and we are not even halfway through the 2009 - 2010 season.

This trend is escalating at an alarming rate and VIAHA is taking steps to curb this unacceptable behavior. Coaches are in leadership positions and this responsibility includes setting an example for the players. All participants need to respect the game and each other. Obviously, this is not happening.

Therefore, **effective immediately**, any player, coach or team official that incurs:

1. Misconducts – VIAHA suspension for multiple misconducts (taking into account past history as well).
2. Coach Suspensions, Gross Misconducts, Match Misconducts – Immediate suspension pending an investigation by VIAHA, which will include taking into account past history.

Repeat offenders will be subject to multiple game suspensions more severe than the current benchmarks.

For those that do play according to the rules and are respect all participants of the game, a sincere thank you. Please keep up the good work.

I look forward to this trend reversing and putting a better game on the ice.