



Vancouver Island
Amateur Hockey Association

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TO: VIAHA Executive, Association Administrators, Registrars, Managing Directors, Commissioners, All Teams

FROM: Mark Kenny, VIAHA President

SUBJECT: Recreational Team Officials Review

As you know, Marg Herba has started reviewing the Recreational Team Officials for certifications and team requirements as per Hockey Canada Regulation E1a. It is a labor and time intensive exercise as this involves looking at each team official on each recreational team (Atom and above) and as such, her review may not be completed before all the clinics are done.

Therefore, it is incumbent upon each MHA to review their recreational team officials as well and ensure that those that need to enroll in a clinic do so immediately and complete any post task requirements by the deadline imposed by BC Hockey.

As motioned and passed at the VIAHA Executive Meeting held October 23, 2010:

MOTION: M/S (Gord S/Angie W) **That Respect in Sport must be successfully completed on-line by December 1st.**

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In addition, to recap from last year's Bulletin on the same topic:

"What if it is found and proven that a recreational team official does not have the proper certifications in place after the mandated December deadline?"

Q: Is BC Hockey going to review all recreational team rosters and approve/disapprove team officials?

A: The BCH office staff has not been tasked to do this at this time. Should they be tasked to carry out this function, they will localize it to the team officials only and identify those who are ineligible. They would then notify the MHA/District accordingly of the deficiencies.

Q: Who is responsible to enforce this regulation?

A: Since this is a mandated regulation which is set by the membership, the responsibility begins with the MHA executive bodies to uphold. If the MHAs fail to enforce the regulations, then the District may step up and enforce the BCH regulation where MHAs fail to do so.

Q: What if the MHA does not want to enforce and pull the ineligible team official(s) off the bench? Who has the authority then?

A: The next level of authority is the District after the MHA. Each MHA is a member in good standing with the District; the District administers the leagues. The MHA is responsible to uphold the regulations, if they do not, then the District is next in line to uphold this responsibility.

Questions on Coaching certifications can be directed to Mike Mowat (Coaching Coordinator North) at coach-mowat@yahoo.ca or Bob Gordon (Coaching Coordinator South) and questions regarding Respect in Sport or HCSP can be directed to Carol Fergusson (Safety & Risk Manager) at fergusson@shaw.ca

Thank you for your diligence and cooperation.