



NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**POLICY AND
PROCEDURES MANUAL
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OBJECTIVES:

It is the purpose of the policy and procedures manual to aid and direction to those who are responsible for the operating needs of minor hockey teams in the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association (NMHA). This manual will also serve as a resource document for our athletes, coaches, volunteers, members and others in the Community who have an interest in Minor Hockey and the Association. The duties and responsibilities of the elected executive and appointed board members are outlined in the NMHA Constitution and By Laws as well as in this manual.

Limitations: Any contradiction, dispute, or difference between the contents of this manual and the Association's Constitution and By Laws shall be resolved only by reference to the Constitution and By Laws and changes to this document that are precluded by Constitutional changes will be made immediately.

REVISION PROCEDURE:

Any sections(s) of the policy and procedures manual can be revised, edited or deleted by simple majority vote of the board of directors at any meeting of the directors. There must be a notice of motion given 30 days prior to the vote. The notice of motion must be in writing with the proposed wording of the revised section.

Any substantive change in the manual will be communicated to the membership by newsletter or, as provided in the NMHA Constitution.

Any member wishing to initiate a revision of the policy and procedures manual may do so by providing a copy of the proposed revision to the division director of the division affected by the change or the division in which the member's child plays. The division director is obliged to present the revisions to the board by way of a notice of motion. The division director is not obliged to support said motion. The member initiating the revision may request to make a delegation to the board in support of any motion.

Any Hockey Canada, BC Hockey, or VIAHA policy change or any constitutional change will be added to NMHA policy as required.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

President

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors
2. The President shall supervise the other officers in the execution of their duties
3. The President shall have the power to suspend any Team, Player, Team Official, or Referee for conduct unbecoming a member of this Society on or off the ice, abusive language to any of the officials, or for failure to comply with the Society's Constitution, By-laws, regulations, and policies, pending review of the incident by the Board of Directors.

General Expectations of ALL Managing Directors

1. Supervise the coaches, managers and business of the Division
2. Ensure that development programs are implemented and delivered to players within the division
3. Coordinate distribution and collection and equipment and jerseys to teams (managers and coaches)
4. Ensure coaches are aware of and willing to enforce NMHA/BCH code of conduct
5. Ensure that Head Coach and Managers are not spouses to avoid potential conflict of interest
6. Attend executive meetings
7. Represent the interests of the Division and not an individual
8. Investigate complaints from within the division and forward to Discipline committee when the complaint cannot be solved to the satisfaction of the complainant.
9. Sit on Discipline committee when complaint comes from within the Director's division
10. Prepare monthly report to be presented at monthly Board meeting
11. Complete Criminal Records Check for self
12. Cooperate with Safety and Risk Manager to ensure all CRCs are completed or in process for all volunteers, prior to the volunteer starting their duties.

GENERAL MANAGER

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

The General Manager will oversee day to day hockey operations of Nanaimo Minor Hockey, sit as the discipline chair and all minor hockey employees will report to the General Manager on a monthly basis.

The General Manager will assume all duties of the competitive director.

Competitive Division

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Obtain registration list from registrar to determine number of players trying out for teams
2. Distribute application, collect, and recruit coach applicants. April 30th deadline.
3. Form coach selection committee as per NMHA policy and procedures manual
4. Bring recommendations forward to the June executive meeting for endorsement from board
5. Determine which leagues teams will play in
6. Determine type of U11 Development program
7. Call a coach meeting to inform them of their responsibilities
8. Ensure coaches are aware of NMHA evaluation policies
9. Ensure there are fair, unbiased evaluation committees with knowledgeable hockey people
10. Organize parent meetings prior to the first tryout to meet coaches.
11. Confirm ice allocation with the ice coordinator/administrator
12. Coordinate try out ice times with the ice coordinator/administrator
13. Coordinate release of players with coaches and managing director, recreational division.
14. Obtain recreational program evaluation times and inform competitive coaches.
15. Ensure coaches will bring forward names for manager and assistant coaches for approval.
16. Call a coach/manager meeting, for all teams.

Points to cover at Competitive Coach/Manager Meeting:

1. Ensure criminal checks are completed from all coaches, trainers, managers, etc.
2. Discuss ice allocations procedures, turning in of ice, extra ice, etc.
3. Discuss the following & where to find them: (*as required*)
 - a) Monthly financial statement
 - b) Fund raising application
 - c) Sponsorship agreement
 - d) Return to Play after injury release
 - e) BCAHA tournament sanction
 - f) BCAHA player medical information
 - g) BCAHA code of conduct forms
 - h) BCAHA/VIAHA suspension guidelines (team responsibility)
 - i) Policy and Procedures manual
 - j) Team Apparel
4. Ensure managers are prompt with paperwork.
5. Ensure managers are knowledgeable with CHA carding and player movement rules and regulations.
6. Ensure coaches and managers enforce code of ethics
8. Rep assessments due December 1st, or as set by Board of Directors

9. Inform managers of the PCTEF 10% levy of all sponsorship, fund raising, assessments, and other monetary donations, are to be remitted monthly with the financial statement, (parental contributions excluded).
10. Ensure team representation apparel bear authorized NMHA cresting
11. Ensure managers are aware of traveling out of province, BCAHA rules and regulations
12. Ensure coaches and managers adhere to policies and procedures as outlined in this manual.
13. Ensure that spouses will not be head coach and manager on the same team.

DIVISION DIRECTOR, RECREATIONAL DIVISIONS:

General Expectations as outlined on page 3 plus:

Specific duties and responsibilities:

1. Get registration list from registrar/administrator, determine the number of teams
2. Confirm ice allocations with the Ice Coordinator
3. Recruit volunteers to assist in the evaluation/selection procedures, meet with the volunteers to review evaluation criteria and process.
4. Selection of coaches, assistant coaches and managers. Ensure they have the level of training required by NMHA or are prepared to attend the necessary clinic to obtain the training. Confirm with the Development Coordinator that the necessary clinics are available.
5. Oversee the player evaluation/selection process, team composition. Forward team rosters along with volunteer information to the Registrar.
6. Recruit tournament coordinator, coordinate with Tournament Director to ensure that sanctions are obtained, ice and officials are allocated.
7. Review with ice coordinator/administrator, ice schedules for games and practices.
8. Chair a parents' meeting to inform of NMHA policies and procedures relevant to the Division
9. Assist in developing a tournament team, if sufficient interest is shown.
10. Discuss and review where to find the following forms: *(as required)*
 - a) NMHA Volunteer applications
 - b) Coach/manager certifications
 - c) Fundraising Application
 - d) Hockey Canada Injury Reports
 - e) Return to Play after Injury
 - f) Award Nominations
 - g) Policy and Procedures Manual
 - h) BCAHA Code of Conduct forms
 - i) Photo Packages

DIVISION DIRECTOR: U9 & U7:

General Expectations as outlined on page 3 plus:

Specific responsibilities and duties:

1. Oversee coach selection with Development Coordinator
2. Conduct coach meetings to establish candidates for returning coaches, and to establish evaluation process.
4. Ensure all on ice instructors receive Coach 1 certification.
6. Provide a list of instructors and managers to the Registrar for the Hockey Canada Registry.
7. Provide a list of instructors and managers to the Development Coordinator.
8. Make and distribute complete ice schedules, date time and place, for all divisions once ice times have been allocated by the Ice Coordinator/Administrator.
9. Assist in evaluation process and any player movement.
10. Investigate any complaints and bring unresolved complaints to the Discipline Committee.
11. Represent interests of the Division at the Board of Directors Meetings.
12. Discuss and review where to find the following forms: *(as required)*
 - a) NMHA Volunteer applications
 - b) Coach/manager certifications
 - c) Fundraising Application
 - d) Hockey Canada Injury Reports
 - e) Return to Play after Injury
 - f) Award Nominations
 - g) Policy and Procedures Manual
 - h) BCAHA Code of Conduct forms
 - i) Photo Packages

REGISTRATION:

NMHA cannot guarantee there will always be a Team in Category or Program for all players. Every effort will be made to place players in a suitable team/program.

Registration lists will be forwarded to the Ice Coordinator after the close of regular registration who, in consultation with the Board of Directors, will allocate ice for NMHA teams/programs.

Registration Packages:

A registration package including an application form, schedule of fees and Competitive tryout form will be distributed via email by April 15 for delivery to all players registered with NMHA in the previous season.

Early Registration:

Players returning to NMHA will be guaranteed placement if the registration documents and fees are received prior to open registration date.

Regular Registration:

Open registration will be held on a Saturday between May 15 and June 1, the specific date to be determined by the Registrar, approved by the Board of Directors and posted on the website.

The close of regular registration will be June 1. Any players registering after June 1 will be wait listed until a position becomes available on a team in category. If a position on a team in category does not become available, there will be a full refund of fees.

Late Registration:

A fee of \$100 will be applied to any registration received after August 1st.

Competitive Tryouts:

Competitive tryouts will be offered if, on the close of regular registration June 1, registration numbers are such that the Board of Directors deems that a team(s) in category is feasible. Competitive tryout fees must be paid by the close of Regular registration except for those players who are new to the NMHA catchment basin. Any request for an exemption must be made, in writing, to a committee consisting of the President, Managing Director, Competitive and Registrar.

If tryouts take place for a team in category, there will be no refund of Competitive tryout fees except on compassionate or medical grounds. Application for refunds must be made to the Registrar prior to the commencement of Competitive tryouts.

Try out fees will be set at \$125 per player to close of regular registration, June 1.

After August 1 try out fee will be \$250. No registration for try outs will be accepted by returning players after tryouts begin; except for those players who are new to the NMHA catchment basin

Payment of Fees:

The Board of Directors will be responsible for the setting of fees for basic registration, competitive team tryouts and competitive team assessments.

A deposit of 50% of the basic registration fee must accompany the registration. The remainder is payable by postdated check dated Sept. 1. Failure to pay the remaining fees by Sept.1 will result in the player being classified as inactive.

Competitive tryout fees must be paid in full upon Registration.

The player (parent) is responsible for application to "Kids Sport" and "Jump Start". If funding is not approved by "Kid's Sport" and/or "Jump Start" the balance of any fees owing must be made to NMHA within 30 days of the denial of funding. Application forms and criteria for funding are available through the NMHA Office.

ALL PLAYERS MUST FOLLOW THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURE TO PLAY IN NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY.

Underage and Overage Players:

All players will register in their own age group's Division. Applications to play in a different Division as an overage or underage player will not be considered until after the player has been evaluated in their own Division. All applications must conform to BCH guidelines and VIAHA Regulations.

No player will be moved into or out of a Division where that movement would jeopardize the operation of that Division.

Approvals to play overage or underage will apply for the current season only.

Priority:

Priority for registration will be given to players residing within the NMHA catchment basin. Players from outside the catchment basin wishing to enroll in NMHA due to their own association having no team in category should apply, in writing, to the NMHA registrar with a copy to their home Association.

Withdrawals:

All withdrawal requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Clubhouse. Refunds will be processed as follows:

Withdrawal requests received prior to September 1:

Refund 100% less \$10.00 administration fee, unless the player makes it onto a higher team (Major Midget or Junior)

Withdrawal requests received between September 1 and September 30:

Refund Basic Registration Fee, less 1/7th of fee

Withdrawal requests received between October 1 and October 31:

Refund Basic Registration Fee, less 2/7th of fee

Withdrawal requests received after October 31: No Refund

Fundraising assessments, rep tryout fees and membership fees are not refundable.

Consideration will be given for refunds for relocation, medical, or compassionate grounds, upon written application to the Board.

NMHA EMAIL POLICY:

1. NMHA will never sell or rent our mailing lists to third parties for email marketing or any other purpose. NMHA may use email list for their own marketing or information purpose
2. We will send our periodicals only to registered players/parents
3. We keep our email lists clean as possible to prevent obsolete emails, please ensure NMHA has your correct email address

EQUIPMENT MANAGER:

1. Submit an annual budget to the Board for approval. The budget will include all anticipated expenses and revenues and a breakdown of anticipated purchases. Local suppliers will be given preference in meeting the Association's equipment needs when possible however tenders may be requested where appropriate.
2. Maintain an inventory of all of the Associations equipment and the replacement cost and report this inventory annually to the Board. The Board shall be responsible for obtaining the appropriate insurance on the equipment.
3. Maintain a current ledger of the distribution of all equipment not in storage.
4. Be responsible for acquiring and attaching sponsor bars.
5. Be responsible for the team distribution and collection of all jerseys, pucks, and goaltender equipment.
6. Distribute equipment according to the policies and procedures set by the Board.
7. May advise the Board on policies and procedures.
8. Complete a Criminal Records Check for self

Goaltenders' Equipment:

When requested by a team or player, and if available, the Association will provide goaltenders equipment for the regular hockey season and hockey camps to registered minor hockey players. The equipment provided will be limited to leg pads, catching glove and blocker, upper body protector and neck guard. There will be a \$200 loss or damage deposit required payable by post-dated check only. The deposit check will be returned or destroyed if the equipment is returned in the condition it was loaned in, subject to normal wear and tear. If repair or replacement of any part of the equipment is necessary, the cost will be deducted from the deposit.

The player or team borrowing the equipment will return the equipment to the Equipment Manager immediately if any part of the equipment is damaged or rendered unsafe.

If available, the Association may loan goaltenders equipment to players for spring or summer hockey programs for a fee of \$100.00 per off-season. There will be a loss or damage deposit of \$200.00 payable by post-dated check only. The equipment will be returned to the Association prior to August 1st .

Players or teams borrowing the equipment warrant it will never be used for street, road or similar off ice use.

Jerseys:

The equipment manager will distribute the jerseys to the team's head coach. The coach will provide to the equipment manager a list of which number jersey has been assigned to each player. Spare jerseys are to be retained by the coach for use by affiliate players.

U11, U13, U15 & U18 recreational teams will keep their jersey at the end of the season.

U21, Competitive, Female & U7 & U9 will return all jerseys. Team Managers will collect jersey deposits in the amount of \$200.00, post dated March 31, 2019 from each player and hand them into the minor hockey office. The jerseys will be cleaned before being returned to the equipment manager at the end of the season. Competitive Jerseys are to be worn only during games. If a team wishes to obtain practice jerseys the responsibility to obtain and pay for these jerseys will be left with the team.

Name bars are allowed on the U11 - U18 Recreational keeper jerseys.

All other division name bars must be installed and removed professionally. Under no circumstances will name bars be ‘heat pressed’ to the jersey. Doing so will result in the forfeiture of the loss or damage deposit. The “STOP” sign will not be removed or obstructed in any way. The jersey will not be altered, and nothing will be added to the jersey without the consent of the Association.

Graduating U18 players (those who have player their final year of minor hockey eligibility with Nanaimo MHA only) will be entitled to a graduating minor hockey jersey to be ordered by the Equipment Manager and presented to players at their year-end get together. The Association will make the choice of which color jersey is to be retained by the player.

The Board of Directors may, at their sole discretion, choose to present a jersey to any past member of the Association in recognition of that member’s contribution to Nanaimo MHA or accomplishments in hockey.

NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION LOGO & MERCHANDISE POLICY

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association logo may NOT be used without the express written consent of the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association.

The scope of this document is to control the use and dissemination of the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association's logo and to ensure a standardized supply of material to our Association's teams, tournaments and members.

This policy will be governed by the NMHA Board of Executives and adhere to the following limitations and rules:

- a) Teams, tournaments and Association members must use an approved supplier if the item being purchased is branded with the NMHA logo.
- b) Teams, tournaments and Association members must use common sense in ordering apparel and must act accordingly to preserve the image of NMHA.
- c) Teams, tournaments and Association members do not have to follow this policy if the items they are purchasing are not branded with the NMHA logo.
- d) Competitive Teams and tournaments will be required to declare in their financial reports the gross expenditures related to NMHA branded merchandise.
- e) Recreational Teams are encouraged to purchase NMHA branded merchandise which proudly and prominently displays the NMHA logo.
- f) Competitive Teams wearing branded merchandise must display the NMHA logo in a manner that is most prominent.
- g) Tournament wear and tournament programs must display the NMHA logo. Any NMHA tournament wishing to use an additional "tournament logo" must have that logo pre-approved by the Executive. Must not contain graphics or verbiage that would be considered in poor taste or damaging to the image of NMHA.
- h) Recreational teams **MUST** wear their jerseys at all times: practices, games and tournaments. Sponsorship contracts include jerseys to be worn at all times. *NO practice jerseys are to be purchased and no other sponsorships used.*

Team Wear:

- a) Teams wishing to purchase team clothing using the NMHA logo must have approval from the Board of Directors prior to ordering. Teams must use the NMHA logo as per policy. *The logo colors of NMHA are green, white and gold for recreational and competitive.*
- b) All team track suit jackets and pants must be black in color **ONLY**. No other coloring on the jacket other than the NMHA logo will be approved.
- c) Teams may add their sponsors' logo on the back or the sleeve of the jacket
- d) Athletic wear must be black in color; special requests may be submitted to change this if necessary.

Suppliers

NMHA Suppliers must meet the following criteria:

1. Must hold a valid City of Nanaimo business license.
2. Must be of good reputation.
3. Must have clients other than NMHA.
4. Must be a licensed supplier pursuant to Section IV of this document.
5. In the event that an “uncommon” product cannot be provided by an approved supplier at a competitive rate then a team, tournament or Association member may make application in writing to the NMHA Executive Board to purchase that product elsewhere.
6. Upon receiving such application, the NMHA Executive may canvass the approved suppliers to ensure that they are not able to provide the product sought.

Approved suppliers:

1. The NMHA executive can either add or remove from the list any supplier.
2. Additions or deletions from the list can occur at any time during a year.
3. Approved suppliers in alphabetical order are: (at this date)
 - i. Ezone Embroidery
 - ii. Kirby’s Source for Sports
 - iii. Out of the Box Marketing
 - iv. Brand Xpress
 - v. Top Drawer

Contact information for the approved suppliers, at request, from the office.

Suppliers and Sponsorship Fees:

Licensing of the NMHA image is controlled as follows:

1. Each year the NMHA will provide each supplier with the current season’s logo.
2. Licensing fees are due August 1st of each year and license the supplier for a period of 11 months.
3. Yearly dues are not pro-rated through the year.
4. All licenses expire at midnight June 30th regardless of when the license was purchased.
5. Yearly License Fees are \$500 or a minor hockey team sponsorship and are reviewed and set by the Executive Council annually.

Further to the annual Licensing Fee the licensee is required to pay a percentage of their annual sales of AMHA branded merchandise.

Breach of Merchandise Policy Sanctions:

(a) Coaches/Team Officials

- i. Violation of the Merchandise Policy by a Coach or other Team Official may result in suspensions or a fine. Failure to pay the fine will result in the team’s forfeiture of Jersey deposits.
- ii. Where a suspension is made, it shall be considered to be indefinite pending a review by the Discipline Committee.

(b) Tournaments

- i. Violation of the Merchandise Policy by a member of an NMHA Tournament Committee may result in a suspension and/or fine.

(c) Association Members

- i. Violation of the Merchandise Policy involving a parent or other member of the Association will first be reviewed by the Division Director. Depending on results of this review, matter could be referred to Disciplinary Committee.

(d) Merchandise Suppliers

- i. Violation of the Merchandise Policy by a supplier will result in the immediate suspension of use of logo and sponsorship
- ii. On review by the Executive Council the supplier may be removed from the “approved supplier” list. Furthermore, the Association may choose to purchase its hockey clothing and equipment from other suppliers.

Any Supplier that is using the NMHA logo or parts of without prior consent, NMHA will request to discontinue use of, if it is not, NMHA will seek legal counsel on the matter.

Recreational Team sponsorship:

- Recognizing that contributions benefiting the Association may come in many forms, a link will be placed free of charge for all companies that sponsor within the NMHA teams. In recognition of their sponsorship, a link to their website and their company’s logo will be placed on the “Sponsors” page which is linked to every web page within the NMHA web site.
- A new sponsor is \$550.00 for the first season, but only \$300.00 for each subsequent season.
- For your \$550.00, your company name is displayed on each player’s team jersey (max 19) as well as used in any newspaper reports about your team. We also provide you with a plaque photograph of your team that can be displayed in your business as well as all team photos are hung at NIC upper floor. Our photo night will be held in November at a local venue. If you would like to have a representative appear in the teams’ photographs, please provide us with a contact name and telephone number so that we may contact him/her when the schedule has been set up

ADMINISTRATOR:

General:

The administrator is a paid, part-time employee of the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association. The administrator reports to the President who will be responsible for matters of general direction and discipline. The function of the administrator will be to assist the members of the Board of Directors in completing the duties of their portfolios and to maintain communication with the members of NMHA.

The Administrator shall complete a Criminal Records Check for self

Salary and Hours of Work:

The administrator will be paid on an hourly basis, the rate to be set by the Board of Directors and reviewed on an annual basis. The administrator will be paid vacation pay in accordance with Section 58 of the Employment Standards Act [RSBC 1986]. Vacation pay will be earned from April 1 to March 31. Vacation pay may be advanced, up to the current amount earned, at the request of the administrator. The balance, if any, will be paid on the last pay day in March.

Time off in lieu of vacation will be taken at a time which is operationally feasible and acceptable to both the administrator and the President.

The administrator will maintain regular office hours at the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Clubhouse. These hours will be determined by the Board of Directors and will be posted on the Clubhouse door as well as on the NMHA website. While every attempt will be made to maintain consistency in office hours, they can be changed for personal considerations on approval of the President.

While the office hours will be the minimum number of hours per week worked by the administrator there will be a requirement for additional hours which will be determined by seasonal variations in workload.

Completion of these duties may or may not necessitate attendance at the Clubhouse and the administrator has the discretion on whether the office will be open during these times.

Any hours in excess of the approved regular hours must be approved by the President, or delegate, prior to said extra hours being worked.

The administrator will advise the President of the hours of work in the previous month, broken down by week, prior to the 10th day of the following month.

Safety:

All employees are entitled to a safe working environment, free of harassment and abuse from fellow staff, members of the Board of Directors or members of NMHA. Any complaints of unsafe conditions, harassment or abuse will be made to the President by the administrator. The President may accept a complaint verbally or request it in writing. The President may deal with the matter or refer it to the discipline committee. Any complaint referred to the discipline committee will be in writing.

If the administrator is not satisfied with the action taken by the President, the administrator will make the complaint in writing to the 1st Vice-President. Any complaint regarding any action of the President will be made, in writing, to the 1st Vice-President.

Discipline:

All issues of discipline will be dealt with by the President. Any complaint of the conduct or activities of the administrator will be made in writing to the President. A complainant will not be advised of the nature of any disciplinary action taken. A complainant has no right of appeal of a discipline decision made by the President. On matters other than an appeal by the administrator, termination or dismissal, the President need not advise

the Board of Directors of any disciplinary action. An appeal, by the administrator, of disciplinary action taken by the President must be made in writing, to the 1st Vice-President and will be dealt with by the Board of Directors “in camera”. A decision to terminate or dismiss the administrator will be made by the Board of Directors “in camera”.

Specific Duties:

The administrator’s duties will vary from season to season based on the needs of the Association and the Board of Directors. The administrator is not responsible for making or interpreting policy but rather communicating and implementing it.

Despite reporting to the President, the administrator will, from time to time, complete administrative functions at the request of various members of the Board of Directors. If there is a concern that the Administrator has been requested to exceed their area of responsibility it should be brought to the attention of the President.

The specific duties will include, inter alia:

- Oversee and facilitate the day to day administration of NMHA.
- Coordinate the office communications including receiving, redirecting or responding to mail, telephone messages, facsimile and e-mail.
- Maintain the Clubhouse including arranging for purchasing or servicing of equipment, ordering supplies, booking the meeting rooms, etc.
- Maintain the records of the Association.
- Attend and provide administrative support for Board and General Meetings including preparing and distributing agendas, taking, transcribing and distributing minutes.
- Attend functions of affiliated organizations where appropriate.
- Secure facilities for General Meetings, Divisional Meetings, BC H and HC Clinics and preparation for these meetings, where applicable.
- Book clinics with BC H, advise membership of availability of clinics both in Nanaimo and elsewhere, reimburse attendees, when appropriate.
- complete the duties of the registrar in annual player registration and maintenance of the HC Registry, rostering of teams, appraising Board of Directors of current registration, ensuring credentials and certifications of coaches, managers and safety staff.
- Complete the duties of the treasurer including deposits, invoicing, cheque writing, reconciliation of bank statements, and maintaining accounting software. The administrator does not have signing authority on behalf of NMHA and, although she may assist in the preparation of financial reports, is not responsible for the contents of same.
- complete the duties of the ice coordinator in securing and allocating ice resources, communication distribution of ice to the appropriate persons.
- Advise the Referee Director of game schedules, assist in tracking and payment of officials.
- Liaise with affiliated organizations including BC H, Hockey Canada and VIAHA and ensuring required reporting is completed in a timely manner.
- Assist board members in photo night, jamborees, tracking fund raising activities, sponsorships.
- Serve as a resource person for all members of the Board of Directors and complete administrative functions as appropriate. Maintain communication with the members of NMHA by personal contact.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Position Summary:

Reporting directly to the President and General Manager of Hockey Operations, the Program Administrator will coordinate and promote N.M.H.A. programs and events, while working with Association Staff, Board of Directors and our Membership.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate, promote and assist with N.M.H.A. programs and events
 - Including but not limited to Tournaments, 3 on 3, Spring Sticks, Esso Fun Days, Ball Hockey, Camps, First Shift
 - Create online registration for events if required
 - Organize staffing and volunteers if required
- Work with Association Staff, Board of Directors and Membership.
 - Understand role of Office Administrator, and act as back up role when required
 - Primary resource for all Team Managers, working with Directors
 - Assist Directors with their roles when required (seasonal programs)
- Attend monthly board meetings if available, and submit written report
- Assist with the Association's social media accounts – website, Facebook, Team Snap
 - Team Snap – understand functions, and assist when required
- Promote association and members in the community – schools, newspaper, radio, social media
- Work as Divisional Commissioner for appointed division (VIAHA)
- Additional duties as assigned by the President and General Manager of Hockey Operations

REFEREE DIRECTOR

- 1) Assigning
 - Assign officials to all BC Hockey sanctioned games within the association.
 - Arrange payment for all officials within the association.
 - Recommend officials to North Island Officiating Coordinator (OC) for BC Hockey Tournaments.
 - Assign OC approved officials to BC Hockey Tournaments as required.
- 2) Recruitment
 - Actively recruit new officials.
- 3) Discipline
 - Handle all officiating disciplinary matters. Refer disciplinary actions to the OC as required.
- 4) Risk Management
 - Raise risk management issues and awareness with officials and Minor Hockey Association.
- 5) Official Development/Coaching (Mentorship)
 - Encourage officials to become involved in the Above Minor/High Performance program.
 - Supervise and evaluate all officials in the association.
 - Develop a curriculum (i.e. Practice Plan) do further develop the associations official's abilities according to HC and BC Hockey standards. This may include, but not limited to on ice and classroom development sessions.
 - Request supervisions for officials by the OC for level 3 upgrades.
 - Provide rule interpretations to all officials and executives within the association.
 - Contact the OC for any rule clarifications as required.
- 6) Communications
 - Report to association executive.
 - Communicate with the OC as required.
 - Communicate and know proper game reporting procedures.

Operating Summary

- Review assignments done by Dan Dawes
- Develop Curriculum according to HC/BC Hockey standards
- Conduct classroom seminars and on-ice development sessions
- Supervisor and Mentor officials
- As Referee in Chief I will delegate tasks to other officials and volunteers
 - Example: Assigning is done by Dan Dawes (approx. 5hrs/week)
 - Supervision in Atom/Novice
 - Delegates are to use the curriculum set by Referee in Chief

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Develop and present on and off ice programs and modules designed to improve the performance of the teams, foster the development of the individual players on the teams and improve or enhance the quality of the coaching of the teams within the Association.
- Assist in selection of coaches for the competitive teams within the Association.
- Assist the Association in establishing and maintaining a system whereby players trying out for competitive teams receive a fair evaluation. Establishing and maintaining a system dealing with the procedure relating to final releases of players from competitive team tryouts.
- Recommend coaches to the Executive Committee for attendance at higher-level clinics, ie. HP1
- Perform evaluations of recreational team coaches during games and practices with a view to improving the level of coaching amongst the team coaches; ensure that coaches are complying with development programs recommended by Hockey Canada or BCAHA. Meet with the coaches to discuss problems and solutions related to player and coach development.
- Meet with the coaches of the recreational teams with a view to establishing a relationship of mutual respect. The TD is expected to engage in frank and open discussions with coaches if the TD determines that there may be problems in the manner of coaching demonstrated by a coach. The TD is expected to offer solutions to any problems noted.
- To recruit new coaches or assist the Association in retaining existing coaches for the recreational teams.
- Liaise between the coaches/teams and the Executive
- Assist the Managing Directors of each division with selection of coaches for tournament teams and with evaluation of players for tournament teams' selection. Provide assistance and advice to the coaches of the Association's tournament teams.
- To establish a system designed to measure player development within each recreational division.
- To provide quarterly reports to the Executive Board (October 15, December 15, February 15 and April 15 of each year) outlining the efforts made to the date of each report to discharge these duties and responsibilities.
- To stay current and advise on all rule changes announced by Hockey Canada or BCAHA and VIAHA that impact the teams or coaches.
- Coordinate meetings of coaches with Referee-In-Chief for a better understanding of the rules of the game
- Perform public relations as required pertaining to the Association & Its coaches
- Recommend specific resource materials for the Association to maintain.

- Assist the Association in adopting and implementing policies designed to improve:
 - (a) the Association's program for recreational teams.
 - (b) the skill development of players within the recreational division.
 - (c) the level of coaching amongst the coaches of the recreational division.
 - (d) the degree to which players participating in the recreational division are having fun playing hockey.

- Other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors of the Association.

NMHA FUND RAISING GUIDELINES

All teams and participants in fund raising activities have a responsibility and a duty to project a positive image of the team, our Association and Minor Hockey.

AT ALL TIMES, THE PUBLIC IMAGE, CONDUCT AND APPEARANCE OF THE NMHA MEMBERSHIP MUST BE ABOVE REPROACH.

From time to time, parents and players will be expected and required to help meet Team and Association expenses through fund raising efforts.

The following guidelines must be adhered to:

1. Direct public support can be requested through activities such as product sales, car washes, 50/50 draws, etc. provided that they are in good taste, comply with both BC Gaming and BC Hockey regulations and **DO NOT EXCEED** established team fund raising limits.
2. It is recommended that every team appoint a fund-raising co-coordinator to work with the team manager to organize fund raising. All plans for team fund raising activities must be discussed and agreed upon at a team parent meeting. The team Management and parents are **REQUIRED** to provide proper supervision to the players at all fund-raising events. All off-ice fundraising events that include players, i.e. bottle drives and hot dog sales, must be sanctioned by BC Hockey.
3. A request for approval must then be submitted to the minor hockey office for approval. Requests must be submitted **IN WRITING**, using the “**REQUEST FOR FUND RAISING**” form. Information concerning the nature of the event, date, time, location and team conducting the event must be provided.
4. Immediately after the event, the Team Manager or Fund-Raising Coordinator is to notify the minor hockey office, in writing, of the amount raised.
5. Any teams planning on conducting any form of gaming event (ticket raffle, pool etc.) **MUST** contact the minor hockey office, to ensure that the appropriate gaming license is obtained and that all BC Gaming Regulations are understood and followed. **THIS IS CRITICAL!!** We cannot jeopardize the Bingo or B license that we now have. Every raffle **MUST** have approval from the Association. After all fundraising events that involve a gaming license from BC Gaming, the follow-up report to BC Gaming must be done within two weeks of the fundraising event and submitted jointly to BC Gaming and the minor hockey office.
6. At the end of each month, all NMHA teams are required to submit a financial report to the Nanaimo Minor Hockey office, using the NMHA “**MONTHLY REPORT**” form. The report must include a copy the team’s bank account statement(s) and account for all funds raised and allowable team expenditures for that month. (Photocopies of receipts or originals may be required). These reports are to be submitted by the 15th of each month for proceeding month to the minor hockey office. Failure to submit monthly reports in a timely manner will result in a suspension of practice ice.
7. At the end of the hockey season and by no later than April 30th, a final financial statement indicating the closure of any held accounts is to be submitted and all unused funds are to be turned over to the Association.
8. Team management is responsible for ensuring that Association Guidelines and Municipal bylaws are followed.
9. Many local businesses and corporations make substantial contributions to the Association through sponsorship of teams and events. **TEAMS SHOULD AVOID APPROACHING THESE SPONSORS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE, NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY TEAMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE THE PRODUCTS OR SERVICES OF THESE SPONSORS.**
10. Tag Days will **NOT** be approved for individual teams.
11. Teams may plan, budget and fund raise only for the following purposes:
 - a. Tournament team registration fees
 - b. Team hockey socks, one away and one home set, as required

- c. Additional ice rental
- d. Team fees for training, on or off the ice.
- e. Referees for exhibition games
- f. Hotel rooms for Coaches;
- g. Per Diem for Coaching Staff; \$60.00 per day or \$15 breakfast/\$20 lunch/\$25 dinner
- h. Hotel rooms for players; at team discretion
- i. Bus rental; at team discretion
- j. Ferry costs and mileage for team staff: .52/km
- k. All team meals for players and coaching staff only.
- l. Team equipment and repairs to such (pucks, pylons, first aid kits, etc.)
- m. Other team expenses such as faxes, team websites, related phone bills, fund raising costs and mail
- n. Team NMHA logo'd clothing and hats, or Provincial Championship apparel for players, team staff and sponsors only
- o. Competitive team assessment fees
- p. Year-end Team Party, to a maximum of \$25 per player.
- q. Year-end Team awards, to a maximum of \$25 per player

PROCEEDS FROM FUND RAISING ARE NEVER TO BE DISBURSED TO PARENTS, PLAYERS OR COACHES WITHOUT CORRESPONDING RECEIPTS. CASH, GIFT CERTIFICATES, OR GIFT CARDS TO PLAYERS WILL NOT BE APPROVED.

1. Should a player leave a team; he/she shall forfeit all right to any fundraising unless the player is moving to another team within NMHA. Then the team manager will transfer the funds to the new team as quickly as possible. **AT NO TIME SHALL FUNDS BE RETURNED TO A PLAYER OR PARENT (except prorated parental contributions).**
2. **FUNDRAISING LIMITS:**
 - a. Co-ed Competitive and Female competitive teams have a \$20,000 limit plus PCTEF contributions per year.
 - b. Traveling Teams (VIAHA Leagues) have a \$7500 limit per year.
 - c. Co-ed House teams have a \$5000 limit per year.
3. Provincial Championship Travel Emergency Fund (PCTEF): 10% of all funds raised by Competitive teams will be remitted monthly to the minor hockey office. These funds are used to offset costs of teams traveling to BC Championships.
4. Budgeting for requests for this fund will follow the guidelines in bullet 10 above.
5. Competitive Teams are responsible for finding their own sponsors. All sponsors must be approved by minor hockey office. Teams must submit a copy of the signed sponsorship agreement to minor hockey office. This applies to primary as well as secondary sponsorships.
6. Teams who secure their own sponsorship are responsible to submit \$300 jersey fee per team to pay for jersey upkeep.
7. All fundraising activities must be approved by the minor hockey office and in accordance with the above noted guidelines. Failure to follow guidelines or failure to secure approval from minor hockey office **PRIOR TO FUNDRAISING EVENT** may result in forfeiture of funds raised, cancellation of fundraising privileges, and/or loss of practice ice.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP TRAVEL EMERGENCY FUND (PCTEF):

The Provincial Championship Travel Emergency Fund (PCTEF) was established by the NMHA Board of Directors to help offset the costs that will be incurred by a Competitive team which advances to the BC Hockey Championships. There is a very short window between the date a team qualifies for a Provincial Championship and the date the tournament starts. This leaves the team little time to fundraise for the monies necessary to pay the costs to attend. In the past teams have applied to the Association for financial assistance. The Board of Directors feels the funding for assistance should come from the competitive division.

1. The PCTEF will be funded by a 10% levy on the fundraising activities of all NMHA Competitive teams as per the NMHA Fundraising Guidelines. Fundraising completed by Recreational teams are not subject to the 10% levy. The funds will be remitted to the Administrator with the team's monthly report of fundraising activities.
2. All monies will be held in the Association's general revenues but will be identified as a separate entry and the use of the monies is restricted to the PCTEF.
3. To be eligible to claim from the PCTEF a team must have contributed to the fund during the season, are not in arrears on contributions to the fund and must be attending a BC Hockey Championship. The applicant team will submit a detailed budget to the Board of Directors along with a request for funding assistance. The Board of Directors will consider such issues as the number of applicants to the fund for that season, the total amount of money in the fund, the amount the applicant has paid into the fund during the season, the location of the tournament, the means of travel and any other information the Board deems to be pertinent.
4. Applications will be considered by the Board of Directors at the March meeting of the Board however, given the time constraints involved, the Board may conduct an electronic vote.
5. The Board of Directors has the sole discretion to decide whether or not to assist an applicant, and the amount of the assistance, and their decision is not subject to appeal. The Board of Directors is not required to exhaust the fund in any season. The Board has the authority to provide additional assistance to an applicant if the fund is exhausted.
6. If the amount in the fund exceeds \$40,000 as of September 1 of any season the Board may suspend the requirement for all Competitive teams to contribute to the PCTEF for that season only.

Monetary Distributions of PCETF by area of BC Championship:

RECOMMENDED AMOUNTS

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| Island | \$1000 | Thompson | \$4000 |
| Lower Mainland | \$2500 | Kootenay | \$4500 |
| Fraser Valley | \$3000 | Peace River | \$5000 |
| Okanagan | \$3500 | Northern BC | \$5500 |

These recommended amounts will be distributed to teams for players and team staff only, that are travelling to the BC Hockey Provincial Championship in their team category. However, the Board of Directors will consider such issues as the number of applicants to the fund for that season, the total amount of money in the fund, the amount the applicant has paid into the fund during the season, the exact location of the tournament, the means of travel and any other information the Board deems to be pertinent.

SAFETY AND RISK MANGEMENT:

SAFETY AND RISK MANAGER:

1. Identifies the risk of bodily injury or financial loss to the Association, measure the risks and sort those that are significant form those that are not and seeks out the ways and means of eliminating the avoidable risks that could lead to bodily injury or financial loss.
2. Responsible for ensuring that each coach or volunteer of NMHA, who may have the occasion to have unsupervised contact with the players, will have Criminal Records Check (CRC) completed, or renewed annually, by the RCMP. The risk manager will be responsible for the safekeeping of the Criminal Record check forms. Any concerns arising from a volunteer's CRC will be dealt with between the Risk Manager and volunteer only.
3. Ensure that each and every team is informed of the reporting procedure for any violations of the policies and procedures and to encourage prompt reporting of any such violations.
4. Present a monthly report to the Board of Directors.

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association recognizes that risk management does not rest with the Risk Manager alone, but rather is the responsibility of everyone involved in both on and off ice activities including the Board of Directors, the coaching staff, officials, parents and the players themselves. The activities of Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association will be governed by the contents of the B C Hockey Risk Management Manual and the Risk Management Bulletins and Action Bulletins distributed by B C Hockey.

Dressing Room Policy:

Unless requested by the coaching staff, no parent is permitted in the dressing room for teams U13 and above. For U11, U9 & U7 teams, parents may enter the dressing rooms to assist players in dressing for games and practices but must be out of the dressing room at least 15 minutes before game time. Coaches have the discretion to modify this policy.

With the consent of the coaching staff, parents who obtain their CRC and participate in Respect in Sport (RIS) may be added to the coaching staff as a “team parent”. The Association will reimburse the costs of the CRC and RIS when the team parent is added to the roster. The coaching staff will determine duties of a team parent.

The Coaching staff is responsible for the prevention of bullying and harassment of all players in the arena and on the ice. Any incidents of bullying and harassment will be reported to the Association’s Risk Manager &/or 1st Vice President over Discipline.

There must be at least two members of the team staff in the dressing room both before and after all games and practices. The team will agree on a reasonable time frame following a game or practice for the players to change to street clothes. The players’ parents assume responsibility for the players thereafter. The two-deep rule must be adhered to at all times.

Players are not permitted in the dressing room during games or practices except in cases of injury, game misconduct/ejection or equipment malfunction. In these cases, two members of the coaching staff will accompany the player in the dressing room. In the event of injury, the player’s parents will be permitted in the dressing room.

Male coaching staffs are not permitted in female team dressing rooms except for fifteen minutes before and fifteen minutes after games and practices. The same restriction applies to female coaching staff in co-ed team’s dressing rooms. The HCSP is exempt when dealing with an injured player.

No photographic equipment of any kind is permitted in the dressing room. This includes camera-equipped cell phones. Players and coaching staff will be required to leave the dressing room if they wish to use a cell phone.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

This Social Media Policy will outline the use of Social Media platforms for NMHA participants. NMHA encourages all participants to be actively involved with Social Media as regards topics related to hockey. NMHA will view any comments/posts as public information.

1 – Social Media is all online communication, including, but not limited to:

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| Facebook | SnapChat |
| Twitter | YouTube |
| Instagram | Blogs |

2 – NMHA encourages the use of Social Media in a positive manner. The proper use of social media can help promote special events, fundraising initiatives and overall, the sport of hockey. Positive comments help raise awareness of the sport, the association and the overall benefits of the game.

3 – The following items outline the guidelines of NMHA's Social Media Policy. Players, Coaches, Team Staff or Parents not adhering to these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action by NMHA. Players, Coaches, Team Staff and Parents are reminded that the use of cell phones, cameras or other recording devices in the dressing room is expressly forbidden and is also subject to disciplinary action.

- (a) Personal contact information or confidential information shall not be posted on Social Media. This includes other participants in NMHA.
- (b) Once something has been posted to Social media it will be recognized as a public comment. Social Media is now considered the same as all other Media. As such, once something is posted, any claims to privacy are void.
- (c) Do not use language or expression that can be interpreted as racist, sexist or prejudicial.
- (d) Do not bully, harass, or make threats against players, officials or coaches.
- (e) Do not post photographs, video or comments promoting negative influences or criminal behaviour.
- (f) Do not post inappropriate photographs.

4 – Violations of the above guidelines which are reported to NMHA will be subject to an investigation. If a violation is found to have occurred, the participant(s) will be subject to disciplinary action under NMHA bylaws. Minimum suspension for contravention of these guidelines shall be 3 games.

Co-ed Dressing Room Policy:

(Adopted from B C Hockey Policy Manual)

This policy applies to all NMHA co-ed teams, U13 Division and above.

In all cases where members of a team include both male and female players, the following dress code will apply in the team dressing room:

- a) Male players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts while females are present.
Female players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a tee-shirt while males are present.

When separate facilities exist for both male and female participants, males and females shall make use of these separate facilities in order to change to the point that they can adhere to the co-ed dress code noted above (Note: Once dressed in accordance with the minimum requirements above, all players may return to the team [co-ed] dressing room).

When separate facilities do not exist for both male and female participants:

- a) Players shall dress, undress and shower in shifts while maintaining the minimum dress code noted above.
- b) Players of the under-represented gender shall be granted access to the shower facilities after the balance of the team.

It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that these guidelines are followed. Parents who have concerns about the policy should contact the Association's Risk Manager.

Transportation to/from Games:

No player will drive himself or any of his team mates to an out of town game or team function unless the town is less than 100 kms from Nanaimo and the travel takes place in normal daylight hours, unless the player(s) is accompanied by a licensed driver 25 years of age or older.

The exception to this rule is when a team is out of town for a tournament, Provincial Championship, or similar event and staying in a different town, in a hotel or other approved accommodation, then the player may drive if the rest of the policy is followed. Players may drive themselves and teammates to and from practices and home games.

Coaches/Managers will advise the affected players of the policy and will report, in writing, any violations of the policy to the risk manager within five (5) days.

Juvenile team members are exempt from this policy.

INJURY REPORTING PROTOCOLS

In the event of an injury to a player during any team function, the HCSP will provide the BCH/HC Injury Reporting form to the player's parent or guardian. The parent is responsible for completing and forwarding the form to BC Hockey at the address noted on the form. A copy of the completed form should be given to the HCSP or to the Association's Risk Manager.

When a player has missed an ice time due to injury, they are required to provide a Return to Play form completed and signed by a medical doctor. The completed form **MUST** be given to the HCSP, coach or manager before the player can return to the ice. A copy of the form will be forwarded to the Association's Risk Manager. If the doctor allows restricted return to play it is the coach's responsibility to ensure compliance with the restrictions.

ABUSE POLICY:

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association supports the efforts of BCAHA and CHA in recognizing and combating abuse and harassment in Minor Hockey through their Respect in Sport program.

It is the policy of Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association that there shall be no abuse and neglect, whether physical, emotional or sexual of any participant in any of its programs. Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association expects every parent, volunteer and board member to take all reasonable steps to safeguard the welfare of its participants and protect them from any form of maltreatment.

It is the policy of Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association that harassment, in all its forms, will not be tolerated during the course of any Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association activity or program. Accordingly, all Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association board members, volunteers, team or on-ice officials and parents/guardians are responsible for making every reasonable effort to uphold this commitment. Specifically, this includes refraining from harassing behavior, responding promptly and informally to minor incidents of harassment. Players and other participants are expected to refrain from harassing behavior and are encouraged to report incidents of harassment.

Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association urges all members, players and volunteers to familiarize themselves with the **POLICIES ON RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION OF ABUSE AND HARASSMENT** available on the CHA and BCAHA websites, (www.hockeycanada.ca) or (www.bchockey.net). Also, the policy is available upon request, from the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association clubhouse.

COACHING STAFF PROTECTION POLICY:

Notwithstanding, any provisions from the contrary to the Policy & Procedure Manual any complaint relating to coach, manager and team officials shall be handled in the following manner.

1. Complaint shall be directed to Manager of the team, if any, if no manager is available or cooperative, a written complaint shall be submitted to the Division Director of division-affected.
2. If the complaint isn't resolved through the manager, then a written complaint shall be submitted to the Division Director of the division effected.
3. The Division Director on receipt of complaint shall forward to the President a copy of said complaint.
4. If complainant is not satisfied with the actions taken, then the President shall determine and rule on the complaint or refer the complaint to the Discipline Committee. If matter is referred to Discipline Committee the Discipline Committee shall investigate the complaint and report its recommendations to the Executive Board.

NO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENCE CODE:

FOR PLAYERS:

- I will learn, understand and play by the rules
- I am responsible for and must control my actions - I will control myself at all times or I will leave the ice
- I will respect my opponents by being mindful of their safety
- I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee

FOR PARENTS:

- I will assist my child to understand and play by the rules of the game
- I will remind my child, whenever necessary, that acting in a violent manner is not an acceptable part of youth hockey
- I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee
- I am responsible for and must control my actions - I will control myself at all times or I will leave the arena
- I will not vocally or by my actions antagonize, criticize or heckle anyone

FOR COACHES:

- I will lead by example and respect the rules
- I will teach my players to play by the rules
- I am responsible for and must control my actions - I will control myself at all times or I will leave the arena
- I will not tolerate any violent conduct on the part of my players
- I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee
- I will not vocally or by my actions antagonize or heckle anyone

PROGRAM GUIDELINES:

U9 and U7

BC Hockey Cross Ice

VIAHA Cross Ice

Wayne Gretzky Policy:

In order to promote hockey skills and development of the U7 & U9 aged players. Any players will be allowed to score only 3 goals in any (1) game.

This policy is in place to promote passing, skill development, and team play. Any goal scored after the 3rd will not count. The coach is required to educate the player on the reason to pass, development and team play. If player continues to score more than 3 goals per game the parent and division director may be asked to discuss this policy.

COMPETITIVE:

Division Director of Competitive Programs shall supervise the coaches, managers, and business of the Competitive teams.

The classification of Competitive teams: Carded CHA, Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 or Tier 4
The classification of Development teams, will be determined by declaration of league play.

The Board of Directors will decide on Tier 3 hockey in any or all divisions.

No person shall hold office on the Executive and Board of Directors and Head coach a Competitive Team.

No Husband/Wife Spouse/Partner Head Coach/Manager combination will be allowed to avoid potential conflicts.

Coach Selection:

Coach Selection shall be by Committee as per BCAHA Coach Coordinator Resource, Chapter 3. The Committee shall be comprised of the Competitive Division Director, Technical Director, Head Coach/Coach Mentor, and 2 other individuals as appointed by the President. The committee will bring recommendations to the Board of Directors for ratification. The intent is to provide a qualified and unbiased Coach Selection Committee. Past discipline and Coach Surveys will be taken into consideration with all Coach applications and can affect a Coach's eligibility for selection.

All players in a division shall be given the opportunity to attend and participate in Competitive tryouts. Player Evaluations shall be in accordance with the selection process as defined in the Intermediate Coaching Certification Program, Section 9.00 "Player Selection".

Fundraising limit \$20,000.00 per team.

10% of all fund raising shall be remitted to the Provincial Championship Emergency Travel Fund (PCETF).

TRAVEL-- Within B.C. with knowledge and consent of the Managing Director. Outside of BC only with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors, and subject to satisfying risk management issues. International travel requires consent of BCAHA. Responsibility for obtaining consent relies with the team.

Important Dates:

- Coach Application **Deadline APRIL 30TH.**
- Coach Selection Committee to be approved by Executive at **MAY MEETING.**
- Coach Selection to be endorsed by Executive at **JUNE MEETING.**
- Schedule pre-season parent meetings prior to start of tryouts. This can be done the day of start of tryouts as long as it is before players get on the ice.
- Declare Teams at Vancouver Island Competitive League Ice Meeting **SEPTEMBER 25th (approx.)**
- CHA carding to be completed prior to commencement of League play **OCTOBER 15th (approx.)**
- Rep assessment amount of remittance set by Executive **NOVEMBER 15th (approx.)**
- Rep assessments due **DECEMBER 1st.**
- League play commences 3rd Week of October and ends February 1st (approx.)
- Provincial Championships take place during Spring Break.

U 18 Tier 1 (1 team):

League - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age – 15, 16 & 17-year-old

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U15 Tier 1 (1 team):

League - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age 13 & 14-year olds.

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT High Performance 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U13 Tier 1(1 team):

League - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age - 11 & 12-year olds.

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U18 Tier 2:

Leagues - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age – 15, 16 and 17-year olds

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U15 Tier 2:

League - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age - 13 and 14-year olds.

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U13 Tier 2:

League - Vancouver Island Competitive League

Teams shall card maximum 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies

Age - 11 and 12-year olds.

Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions

Practice Ice - full ice with 1 team on the ice.

PRIOR to attending any ice times, the following must be completed:

Head Coach – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum CURRENT Development 1, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and respect in Sport

U 11 Development:

All teams formed under the Hockey Canada Development classification, shall be formed with permission from the Executive, and the determination of Development teams, shall be determined if numbers and ability warrant.

COMPETITIVE PLAYER EVALUATION/SELECTION POLICY:

The Hockey Canada “*Minor Hockey Development Guide ~ Player Evaluation and Selection*” will be the guidelines Nanaimo MHA uses for their player evaluation and team selection.

6. Appeal Process:

The grounds for an appeal are limited.

The initial appeal must be made in writing by the player’s parent(s) to the Chair of the Evaluation Committee, within 72 hours of the selection, stating the grounds for the appeal. The written appeal will be accompanied by a cash, certified check or money order payable to NMHA in the amount of \$100. The monies will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld.

An appeal will only be heard if the player selection:

- was not made according to the rules or process OR
- the Evaluators or Evaluation Committee were biased or if the decision was grossly unfair or unreasonable. The merit or substance of their decision is not a valid ground for an appeal OR
- the process or mathematical errors that have resulted in a grossly unfair player selection.

Should the appeal not be upheld, the player(s) parents may appeal to through the Minor Hockey Clubhouse to a Player Selection Appeal Committee established by the President for this purpose. This appeal must be made in writing within 72 hours of the decision of the Chair of the Evaluation Committee and accompanied by a fee of \$100. The fee will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld.

The Appeal Committee will expeditiously review the player’s evaluation and will rule on the final placement of the player in writing and their decision will be tendered back to the parent(s), the Evaluation Committee and the Nanaimo MHA President.

AFFILIATION:

Coaches should be familiar with Regulation (E) (Teams, Clubs and Affiliations) of the Articles, By-laws, Regulations of the Hockey Canada Association.

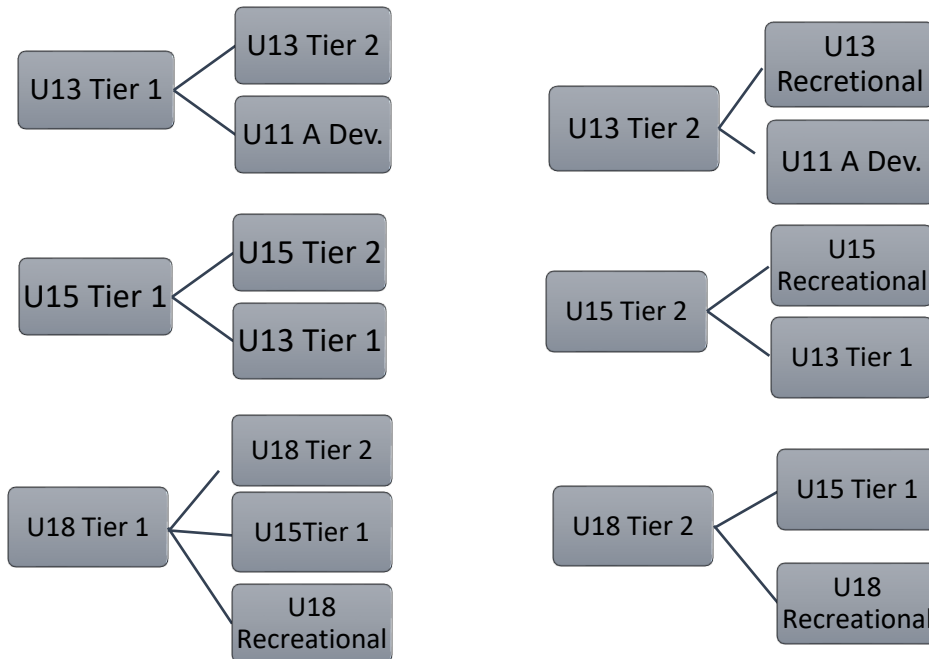
Affiliation provides an opportunity for Competitive or Representative Teams to dress the maximum number of players allowable for a game in accordance with the playing rules.

It also provides the opportunity for players to play at the “next level”.

Affiliation’s purpose is **NOT** to provide a farm system for the Competitive team or to allow them to avoid or frustrate the HCA regulations with respect to carding. Coaches of Competitive teams and players should agree the player’s first commitment must be to their regular team and not to the team with which they are affiliated.

Risk Management will be the primary factor in determining affiliation, particularly in movement from U13 Division to U15 Division. Players from the U13 Division affiliating with the U15 Division should have participated in a body checking clinic and/or have received specific on-ice training prior to playing at the higher level. Size, strength and skill level are also risk management issues to be addressed.

Unless circumstance dictates otherwise, the following is for affiliation in order stated:



The following process will be followed:

- Affiliate Player’s selected from a lower division must be second year players
- The Competitive Coach will submit the team or player list to the Division Director of the Competitive Division who will approve or, in consultation with the Coach, modify the list
- The team or player list must be submitted to the registrar to submit to BCAHA and by the team manager to the commissioner for the Island League before the player is eligible to participate in a league or tournament game but may participate in exhibition games. Updated lists must be submitted before affiliate players are eligible to participate in league or tournament games
- The Coach(es) of the affiliate players will be advised of the players’ status

- Coaches of affiliate players will be contacted for conflicts, prior to the player, if the Competitive Coach wishes to use the player in a game or a practice. In the case of practices, the Coach of the affiliate player may give blanket approval for the season or part of the season
- Coaches of affiliated players will not withhold permission unreasonably
- The Competitive Coach will not use an affiliated player to replace a healthy, capable and willing carded player
- Affiliate Players can only be activated for games in case of illness, injury or BC Hockey/Island League suspensions
- Where a competitive team attends a tournament, the President may, by request of the Competitive team, approve adding Affiliate Players to the team provided that the total number of players attending the tournament does not exceed 19 players, consisting of 17 skaters and 2 goalies
- In the event of a dispute, the Division Director of the Competitive Division will be the arbitrator. Any appeals of the Division Director's decision must be made in writing to the Executive Board

A player of a team of a lower Division or category of the same club, or of an affiliated team, or a specially affiliated player, may affiliate to a team or teams of higher Divisions and categories at any time, to a maximum of ten (10) games. However, if the player's registered team completes its regular season and playoffs before the player's affiliated team or teams, the player may thereafter affiliate an unlimited number of times. For goaltender exceptions see Regulations B.42, E.36 (b).

RECREATION:

This program is the type played by the majority of our Association's players. It is hockey with the emphasis on fitness, fellowship, sportsmanship and fun. The objectives are to promote a game to fit the needs of the participants, to be open to all ages, to allow players equal ice time, de-emphasize the importance of winning, allow enjoyable participation of the fun aspect, assist in an individual's physical development, create a social environment and allow an individual to participate freely in other sports and activities.

Divisions:

U7 – ages 5 & 6

U9 - ages 7 & 8

U11 - ages 9 - 10 years

U13 - ages 11 - 12 years

U15 - ages 13 - 14 years

U18 - ages 15 - 17 years with inclusion of juvenile age players with approval of Managing Director and VIAHA, if numbers do not warrant a separate juvenile division.

U21 - ages 18 - 20 years

Female – ages 8 – 17 – teams formed based on numbers of registrants

Teams:

There will be a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 19 players per team. At the discretion of the Managing Director, this clause may be waived to prevent the cutting or turning away of any players from minor hockey.

Practices:

Full ice with 2 teams on at a time. At the discretion of the coaches, the practice time may allow for full ice skill drills, half ice team drills or a combination of both.

Games:

Within own division and with other Island Associations as arranged by VIAHA Mid Island League, or with the consent of the Managing Director.

Coaches/Team Staff:

Minimum of one coach per team with equivalent of Coach Level training for their division and

Head Coach – minimum current Coach level, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Assistant Coaches – minimum current coach level, MED, CATT, CRC and Respect in Sport

Manager- one, under supervision of Managing Director, CURRENT CATT, CRC Respect in Sport

HCSP Person - CURRENT HCSP, CATT, CRC, and Respect in Sport

Coach Selection:

Coach Selection shall be by Committee as per BCAHA Coach Coordinator Resource, Chapter 3. The Committee shall be comprised of the Divisional Director, Development Coordinator, and Head Coach. The Division Director will bring recommendations to the Board of Directors for ratification. The intent is to provide a qualified and unbiased Coach Selection Committee. Past discipline and Coach Surveys will be taken into consideration with all Coach applications and can affect a Coach's eligibility for selection.

Team Staff:

NMHA will pay the registration/insurance for maximum 6 team staff which includes all coaches, minimum 1 Safety Person and 1 Manager, and any additional team staff rostered to the team will be billed at the current BC Hockey rate, to the team and paid prior to team staff being added to the roster.

Travel:

Within BC, with knowledge and consent of the Division Director. Outside of BC only with the prior written consent of the Board of Directors, and subject to satisfying risk management issues. International travel requires the consent of VIAHA and BCAHA. Responsibility for attaining consent rests with the team.

Tournaments:

Maximum three out of town and one home tournament per year with the knowledge and consent of the Managing Director and the Tournament Director.

RECREATIONAL TEAM SELECTION AND BALANCING POLICY:

The following applies to all Recreational teams:

1. The Nanaimo Minor Hockey association's goal is to achieve balanced teams and fair play between its recreational league teams. When NMHA enters more than one recreational team in a division, the teams shall be of a competitive balance. It is the responsibility of the Division Director to balance recreational teams.
2. It is expected that the division director will start by dividing players equitably based on player ratings from stage 1 evaluations.
3. The division director may also take into consideration the following (in order of importance):
 - a. Players who are children of coaching and bench staff
 - b. Parent/guardian requests due to conflicts with other activities, or car-pooling **from remote areas** (must be in writing before the third ice time)
 - c. Consultation with coaches (Coaches will be encouraged to select players they haven't coached before)

NONE of these concerns will override the requirement of NMHA to meet the VIAHA requirement for balanced teams.

4. The division director may implement a player draft (at their discretion).
 5. Squads (not teams) will be formed; and a series of balancing games will be played. The players and their parents/guardians will be advised of the initial squads and reminded that the squads are not final teams until balancing games have been played.
 6. During the balancing games, the coaches will be encouraged to coach a squad that their child may not be a part of.
 7. The final decision relating to the roster of teams is the sole decision of the Division Director, providing the decision meets NMHA and VIAHA policy for balanced teams.
- the total number of players that will be permitted to be rostered in any recreational division in a particular hockey season.

(i) the final cut off or deadline for registration of players in any recreational division in a particular hockey season.

1. Where a female is rostered to both a female recreational team and an integrated recreational team, the female will advise her coaches, with reasonable advance notice, if she will not be attending a team's activities including without limitation practices, games and team functions due to the female having a conflict in team schedules;
2. Where a female registrant is in breach of Policies and Procedures, either (or both) of the female's coaches may immediately suspend the player and refer the matter to the President of the Association for further discipline

Team Head Coach / Instructor:

1. Serve as an official spokesperson on behalf of the team
2. Coordinates the delegation of responsibilities to the assistant coach and manager
3. Plan on-ice and off-ice team activities in consultation with the assistant coaches
4. Coordinate player evaluation and player selection in conjunction with the development coordinator
5. Plan, implement and control pre-game preparation and communication with the team
6. Design the practice plans in consultation with the assistant coaches
7. Coach the team in all games and practices
8. Establish rules for the team and oversee the supervision of the players
9. Submit a year-end report which contains the following information: evaluation of the players' performance, evaluation of the team's performance, outline of practice plans and game strategy and recommendations on how the program can be improved.
10. Coordinates the implementation of the on-ice curriculum as outlined
11. Reports to the association through the division director or designate
12. Must have in process or completed a criminal records check, Respect in Sport and CATT prior to having contact with any player.

Qualifications:

1. Strong hockey background in playing, coaching and evaluating
2. Strong interest and commitment to child/athlete development
3. Ability to work with fellow coaching personnel
4. Ability to communicate on-ice and off-ice requirements to players and parents
5. Availability as to time requirements
6. Certified at the level indicated by cha, BCAHA and NMHA policy

Selection:

Appointed via application and subsequent recommendation by the Division Director and ratified by NMHA Board of Directors.

Team Staff:

NMHA will pay the registration/insurance for maximum 6 team staff which includes all coaches, minimum 1 Safety Person and 1 Manager, and additional team staff rostered to the team will be billed at the current BC Hockey rate, to the team and paid prior to team staff being added to the roster.

Team Assistant Coach:

1. Assist with player evaluation and the player selection process
2. Assist with planning, organizing and conducting practices
3. Assist with pre-game preparation
4. Assist with the operation of the team during the game
5. Assist with post-game evaluation
6. Assist with scouting and evaluation of opponents
7. Assist with the supervision of players, both on and off the ice
8. Assist with the formulation of the overall game plan, as well as the game to game adjustments
9. Submit a year end evaluation report to the team head coach containing observations on player performance, team performance and general recommendations of the program.
10. Reports to the team head coach
11. Must have in process or completed a criminal records check, Respect in Sport and CATT prior to having contact with any player.

Qualifications:

1. Strong hockey background in playing, coaching and evaluation
2. Strong interest and commitment to child/athlete development
3. Ability to work with fellow coaching personnel
4. Ability to communicate on-ice and off-ice requirements to players and parents
5. Availability as to time requirements
6. Certified at the level indicated by CHA, BCAHA and NMHA policy

Selections:

Appointed by the team Head Coach and ratified by the NMHA Board of Directors.

Team Manager:

1. Act on direction of the Team Head Coach and report directly to the Team Head Coach
2. Coordinate the team selection process in conjunction with the Technical Director and team coaches
3. Develop an operating budget for the team
4. Submit a financial summary of the team
5. Coordinate travel, accommodation, meals and facility rental for the team
6. Assist with team communication regarding events
7. Obtain necessary equipment and supplies for the team
8. Coordinate team financial matters including player fees, sponsorship, advertising, grants, etc..
9. Submit financial statements as per association policy
10. Submit a year end evaluation report containing observations on team performance and recommendations on the program
11. Generate a team address list and circulate
12. Attend scheduled meetings and produce a team schedule in conjunction with the coaching staff
13. Communicate needs for officials with Association
14. Coordinate all pre and post-game paperwork and distribute to appropriate parties (ie. Game sheets, etc....)
15. Arrange for off-ice officials
16. Communicate with media/Association on the team results
17. Serve as Risk Management liaison for the team. This includes the reporting of injuries and return to play guidelines in conjunction with the team trainer
18. With the exception of U7, cannot be the spouse of the Head Coach.
19. Must have in process or completed a criminal records check, Respect in Sport and CATT prior to having contact with any player.

Qualifications:

1. Strong hockey administrative background
2. Strong interest and commitment to child/athlete development
3. Ability to communicate with team staff, parents, players and association executive
4. Conversant on rules and regulations

Selection:

Appointed by the Team Head Coach and ratified by the NMHA Board of Directors.

RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT TEAMS:

- Tournament teams may be formed at the U11, U13, U15, U18 levels, with permission from the Divisional Director and President.
- Division Director will help to administrate the creation of the teams
- There will be a tryout which is open to all players in the division, with an evaluation process, which will include an evaluation committee comprising of selected coaches and if required the technical Director and guest evaluators. Committee recommendations will be brought forth at December Executive meeting by the Division Director and ratified by the Board.
- Weekday morning practices will be booked starting second week of January, for all divisions in consultation with the Division Director. Divisional ice cannot be used for evaluations or practices. Ice is user pay, so a tryout fee must be set for evaluation sessions. Player must attend minimum of 2 of 3 evaluation sessions. Exceptions will be made on compassionate or medical grounds.
- ALL ice must be booked through the NMHA Administrator, all ice is user pay ice, and must be paid to the NMHA office, according to ice booked and contracts signed by NMHA. Private ice booked through an individual and NOT through NMHA may not be used for an NMHA sanctioned team. In this event, the team will no longer be rostered by NMHA.
- **NMHA Evaluation Forms** will be used during these tryout dates, evaluations will then be calculated, and each Tournament team will be selected with the highest ranked defensemen, forwards and 2 goalies, with input of coaches and Technical Director. Rosters are set at minimum 15/2 and maximum 17/2, there are no APs to be added to the roster.
- Rosters are to be sent to the NMHA Administrator no less than 25 days prior to event, who will work with BC Hockey to roster team.
- Coach selections are to be brought forth to the NMHA Executive, for approval at the January Executive meeting, by the Divisional Director.
- NMHA will provide each team with jerseys to be worn with NMHA logo. Dryland apparel may be purchased by team at cost to parents. Fundraising will be allowed up to \$2000 per team.
- The tournament teams are not allowed to play exhibition games or practice with any other team in any association. The teams are formed for one tournament team tournament, approved by VIAHA and BC Hockey.
- Tournament will not conflict with any tournaments scheduled by player's recreational team. All players must prioritize regular rostered team events over tournament team events.

BC Hockey Policy states:

- a) Tournament teams may only be formed:
 - i. By combining players registered to different teams in the same division
 - ii. At Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam or Midget divisions
 - iii. From players registered on Recreational teams
- b) Tournament Teams will only be permitted to register in recreational tournaments.
- c) The formation of the team shall not conflict with regular season games.
- d) Application for such Tournament team must:
 - i. Be forwarded to the District Director 21 days prior to the Tournament for consideration by a committee of the Minor Hockey Association President(s), District President, District Director and Chair of Minor.
 - ii. Include the name and date of the tournament the team wishes to make application to.
 - iii. This tournament will be contacted by BC Hockey to notify of the status of the Tournament Team application

SPRING HOCKEY – COED

Players currently registered on Nanaimo MHA rosters and born 2002 through 2011 may register online through Team Snap. All others wishing to register may register in office and be placed on a case by case basis.

All BC Hockey and Canadian Hockey League rules are in effect unless otherwise outlined below.

5 on 5 Spring Hockey League has the right to suspend or expel players for inappropriate conduct or for not playing by the Rules governing the league.

There will be NO BODY CHECKING. Body Checking may result in immediate expulsion from the league. This is a fun league meant to be enjoyed by all players & team staff.

There will be no playoffs, games will be 75 minutes in total ice time including the 3 minute warm-up. Equal ice time for ALL. Jerseys are provided by the association.

Only registered players may play. Teams may use players from other teams in their division or lower. Unregistered players are not to be used and if used may result in the team being expelled from the league.

Two referees will be provided for all age groups. **Parents are needed to keep score.**

Up to 4 bench personnel (coaches, assistants or trainers) may be on the benches. All bench staff must be approved by the league and be a minimum of 19 years of age. All bench staff are to refrain from inappropriate behavior and language. Inappropriate behavior will result in game (s) suspension and may result in expulsion from the league.

Major penalties will result in the immediate ejection of the offending player(s) and will be further review by the Program Administrator and President.

No refunds will be given after the league play begins.

Age groups and team make up will be decided by Program Administrator year to year based on registration numbers, with Divisional Directors **recommendations if needed.**

Request may be considered but not guaranteed.

No fundraising, extra jerseys or apparel will be approved.

OFFICIALS POLICY:

1. Officials should arrive at the arena a minimum of 15 minutes before a house game, 30 minutes before a competitive game.
2. Wear proper attire at all games including black slacks or pants.
3. All officials should be on the ice at the commencement of the ice slot. While the players are in their warm-up, the officials should review the game sheet, introduce themselves to the coaching staff of both teams and to their minor (office) officials, confirm time limitations and whether there will be running or stop time.
4. Enforce the rules of the game as set by the CHA, BCAHA, NVIHA, SVIHA and NMHA in a fair and consistent manner.
5. Show proper respect toward players, coaches and fans. Show interest and enthusiasm in the game. In doing so, you will gain the respect of players, coaches and fans.
6. Officials should hold no biases towards any team or player regardless of the circumstances.
7. Report all major misconduct, gross or match penalties to the Association and/or BCAHA in a manner prescribed by the Referee in Chief and/or BCAHA.
8. Never use profane language while on the ice surface or in an area visible to fans, players or coaches. Never remove officiating equipment while on the ice. Assist players in understanding the rules of hockey. This is especially important in the lower divisions.
9. Promptly advise the allocator if you will be unable to attend a game, maintain a list of officials that you can call on short notice if you are unable to attend.
10. Be a “student” of the game. Know the rule book and how to apply the rules.

DISCIPLINE:

The Board of Directors shall have the right to suspend, for a period of 30 days or less, any player, team official or Member of the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association for conduct deemed to be improper, unbecoming, or likely to endanger the interest or reputation of the Association, or who willfully commits a breach of the Constitution, Bylaws, or any Regulations, Policies, Procedures or decisions made by the Board of Directors of the Association.

A coach may suspend, or discipline, any player for up to one game. A meeting between the player, parent(s) or guardian(s) and the coaching staff will precede such suspension. The Division Director of the Division will be advised of all such suspensions in writing.

Suspensions of more than one game must proceed through the Discipline Committee in the manner outlined in the Constitution.

Coaches are responsible for reviewing the game sheet after each game to determine if any coaches or players face suspensions mandated by BCAHA or NMHA. A head coach having a coach or using a player ineligible due to suspension; will face a hearing of the Discipline Committee.

The Division Director of a Division and a representative of the Referee in Chief will meet on a weekly basis to review game sheet to identify game misconduct's, game ejections, match misconduct's and gross misconducts. Any player accumulating three such offenses will be reported to the Discipline Committee to determine if further sanctions are warranted.

There will be a detailed report of all discipline activities completed and submitted by the Discipline Chair to the President at the end of the hockey season. The President will keep this report confidential until he no longer is President and will pass the reports on to the next President. These reports will be kept for possible coaching candidates and/or future discipline consideration, for a period of up to seven years. The only exception would be for a lifetime suspension.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE:

1. President will form a Committee as provided in the Constitution.
2. The Committee will investigate a report or complaint to determine if a hearing is warranted or the complaint can be dealt with a Discipline Committee meeting only. Suspensions up to 30 days in duration can be imposed without a hearing if the complaint is deemed to be a violation of the Constitution or Policies and Procedures.
3. If the Committee determines a hearing is not warranted, the complainant will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.
4. If the Committee determines a hearing is warranted, all parties will receive 7 days' notice, in writing, of the date of the hearing.
5. Hearings will be conducted as per BCAHA Guidelines and a Recording Secretary will record all proceedings.
6. The Committee will notify both the complainant and the accused of the decision in writing within 48 hours. The notification will include an outline of the appeal procedure.

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

1. President will form an Appeal Committee as provided in the Constitution. A quorum will consist of a minimum of 3 members for any meeting of the Committee.
2. Appeals must be received by the President, in writing, within 7 days of the decision of the Discipline Committee being handed down. The appeal request will include a certified check, cash or money order, payable to the Association, in the sum of \$25.00 as a deposit. The deposit will be refunded to the appellant if the appeal is successful (discipline reversed, not modified only) and forfeited to the general revenues of the Association if the appeal is not successful. The request must also include reasons for the appeal.
3. The Appeal Committee shall investigate any improprieties of process or new evidence to determine if an appeal hearing is warranted.

If the Appeal Committee determines a review is warranted it will be held within 72 hours of receiving the notice of appeal.

Appeal hearing will be conducted as per BCAHA guidelines. A Recording Secretary will record all proceedings.

The Appeal Committee is empowered to uphold, reverse or modify the decision of the Discipline Committee.

The Committee will notify both the appellant and the Discipline Committee of the decision, in writing, within 24 hours of the decision. If the Appeal Committee overturns or modifies a decision of the Discipline Committee, the Discipline Committee will notify the original complainant of the Appeal Committee's decision.

There will be no stay of suspensions while the appeal procedure is conducted.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

A complaint about a player, coach, manager or other team official must be forwarded in writing and signed first to the Team Manager. If the Team Manager cannot resolve the complaint internally, they would bring the complaint forward to the Division Director.

The Division Director must forward the complaint to the President for the appropriate response.

A complaint about a member of the Association shall be made to the Board of Directors in writing and signed by complainant.

Complaints about on-ice and off-ice officials should be made in writing to the Referee in Chief, with a copy to the Division Director of the Division involved. This forum is not be used for questioning interpretations or judgment calls of the officials. The complainant will receive a response from the Division Director.

INTER ASSOCIATION PLAY:

1. Competitive teams shall play in the Vancouver Island Competitive League and be governed by the rules of Island League.
2. U11 Development teams shall play in the Vancouver Island U11 Development league and be governed by the rules of the league.
3. U11, U13, U15 & U18 teams may play in the Vancouver Island Mid-Island League and be governed by the rules of the Mid Island League
4. U7 and U9 teams shall be provided with opportunities to participate in competitions with other associations, however, this shall be done with approval of the Division Director of the Division. No Manager or Coach shall book out of town games or tournaments without approval of the Division Director. If off Vancouver Island, permission must also be obtained from VIAHA and BCAHA.