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GOALTENDER REPLACEMENT

The rationale for this policy is to ensure that no team gets to the point where there is no goaltender available to their team. Prior to relief being granted under this policy, it is expected that teams will avail themselves of their Hockey Canada registered goaltenders and affiliate goaltenders. Should the team then find itself without a goaltender, it may apply to BC Hockey for relief as follows:

The signing officers of a team may submit a written letter of request to:

- a) In the case of Senior and Junior (Female and Male), the appropriate Division Coordinator.
- b) In the case of U18 AAA, the applicable U18 AAA Coordinator.
- c) In the case of Minor, the Operations Task Group member in the District for which the team participates in.
- d) In the case of a Minor team which participates in a District where there is no Task Group member, the Minor Operations Coordinator.

Such a request must include:

- a) The circumstances that led to the need for relief.
- b) The name of the replacement goaltender they propose to use.
- c) Written permission from said goaltender's registered team.

If permission is granted for the replacement goaltender, it shall include an understanding that the replacement goaltender will act under such terms and conditions as determined by the Division Coordinator or Minor Hockey Operations Coordinator; unless the starting goaltender becomes injured. This permission will have a timed duration.

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FEMALES PARTICIPATING IN HOCKEY

BC Hockey supports female participation on integrated teams, the formation of female teams and will allow dual carding. (i.e. female players of minor age may participate on both a minor female team and a minor integrated team if selected following tryouts and female players of minor age may participate on a Senior female team and a minor integrated team where no female minor team exists.) BC Hockey continues to promote the participation of females in the NCCP, HCOP, HCSP and U7 program.

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GOALTENDERS IN FEMALE HOCKEY

In female hockey competition within BC Hockey a goaltender may play any other position.

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PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUES OUTSIDE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Teams may seek permission from the BC Hockey Board of Directors, with input from the appropriate Divisional Coordinator and / or District to participate in Leagues that operate outside

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BC Hockey. If such permission is granted the team will also require the approval of the BC Hockey Board of Directors, on recommendation of the applicable Program or Divisional Committee, to participate in a BC Hockey Championship.

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PARTICIPATION OF NON-BC HOCKEY MEMBER TEAMS IN BC HOCKEY LEAGUES

All applications for teams from outside the BC Hockey membership to participate in a BC Hockey sanctioned league must contain the following to be considered:

- a) Certified cheque in payment of the \$50.00 non-refundable application fee.
- b) Name of city, town, village or municipality where teams are located.
- c) Written report from the Divisional Coordinator or Minor Operations Coordinator with respect to the position of other Society members (where the applicant proposes to participate).
- d) Written documentation as to acceptance into a League in good standing, which is affiliated with the Society.
- e) Written documentation stating permission from the Team's Branch / Federation.
- f) Disclosure of other leagues the applicant may be participating in.

NOTE:

- All applications must be forwarded to the BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer no later than April 15. Applications received after April 15 may not be considered, at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.
- The intent of this policy is to provide an opportunity for Non-BC Hockey Member Teams that do not have reasonable competitive opportunities through league play in their Branch/Federation to play in a BC Hockey League.

Upon endorsement of the BC Hockey Board of Directors, a Memorandum of Understanding will be drafted between BC Hockey, Hockey Canada and the League in which the team wishes to participate. This agreement must be in place and signed by all parties prior to participation of the team in BC Hockey competition.

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SPRING SEASON

Spring Season activities are considered to encompass the time frame from the conclusion of the March School break (Spring Break) to July 31 of the calendar year.

a) Spring Season Registration:

- i. Applications for teams participating in the Spring Season shall be submitted via the BC Hockey Website.
- ii. Spring Hockey teams, players, coaches, managers and other officials must be registered on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR) prior to participation in any Spring Season practice, game or tournament.

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- iii. All Spring Season team officials require SpeakOut! / Respect in Sport and either Coach Stream or Developmental 1 Stream qualification.

b) Spring Season Registration Fees:

- i. The Spring Season participants' fee will be \$10.00 per player, which is in addition to all other fees charged for Hockey Canada Insurance and Branch Fees.
- ii. The Spring Season team registration fee will be \$50.00 per team.

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EXEMPLARY PLAYER

Preamble

As a matter of principle, BC Hockey has determined that 14-year-olds should not be permitted to play U18 AAA (or, in the case of HCAS programming, U18 Prep) hockey in BC Hockey. It is also recognized that whenever a principle is advanced, there is the potential for there to be exceptional athletes whose development would be impaired significantly if they were not permitted to participate in U18 AAA.

Mission Statement

The purpose is to develop a map that would aid in discovering an exceptional player. A player that is uncommon, superior, distinguished, remarkable, exclusive. Such a player is deserving of reward to participate in U18 AAA and whose development might be significantly impaired if not permitted to participate in U18 AAA hockey. This is a map of values or a map of the way things should be to ensure a deserving journey.

Application

In order to initiate the process to determine whether you are to be considered an exceptional athlete, the player's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall submit prior to February 1 preceding the season in question, an application form which shall be obtained from the BC Hockey office. The completed application, along with the fee of \$1,000.00 payable to the BC Hockey, shall be filed to the Chief Executive Officer of BC Hockey.

Evaluation Panel

The BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer shall name annually a three (3) person panel for the purpose of conducting the evaluation. All members that will be participating on the Evaluation Panel shall possess special skills that will assist in the consideration as to whether or not the applicant shall be deemed an Exceptional Player.

Evaluation Process

The following will outline the evaluation process for an Exceptional Player:

- a) Application from the player
- b) Completion of Questionnaires

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- i. Player/Parent(s) or Guardian(s)
 - ii. Current Teacher
 - iii. Coach
 - iv. Hockey Evaluator
- c) Player Evaluation Report
 - d) Consideration by the Evaluation Panel

Decision

In order for an applicant to receive the approval of the Evaluation Panel, only an affirmative response from all three (3) members of the Evaluation Panel will result in approval. The unanimity requirement is to ensure that only the truly exceptional athlete is granted this approval. The report of the Panel shall be forwarded to the applicant. Following any decision by the Evaluation Panel, the Chief Executive Officer may review the decision for reconsideration based on special circumstances presented by the applicant, and the Chief Executive Officer may confirm or change the decision of the Panel, with written reasons.

In the event that the player has received a positive evaluation, BC Hockey shall return the sum of \$500.00 to the player.

In the event that the player has not received a positive evaluation, no monies shall be returned to the Player.

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NON-SANCTIONED HOCKEY - POLICY

Working with Hockey Canada and our colleagues within the other Branch Members of Hockey Canada, BC Hockey is committed to offering the best hockey development programs in the world. Collectively we invest significant resources into the development of officials, coaches, administrators, and players. We work together to continuously enhance strategies toward a cohesive long-term athlete development model, and we feel that our programs are excellent.

There are organizations that operate outside of our structure in the pursuit of delivering hockey. These organizations sometimes form leagues, hold tournaments, or create forms of development programming. These "non-sanctioned" organizations often do not align with the delivery model, mission, or values of BC Hockey or Hockey Canada.

Non-sanctioned organizations often operate with limited (or no) consideration of the impact of their programs on sanctioned minor, junior, or senior hockey programs, and without regard to the structure in place to ensure safe and effective development of officials, coaches, or administrators. Non-sanctioned programs instead, in most instances, choose to try to utilize resources and trained personnel already developed by Hockey Canada and its members.

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When non-sanctioned practices and games take place, they do so outside of our stewardship, structure, and safeguards. BC Hockey has no way of ensuring these programs and leagues implement any of the many safeguards inherent to Hockey Canada sanctioned programs. Just a few of these safeguards include our Playing Rules, our background checks and training for adult supervisors, and participant insurance. We also, of course, have no way to ensure any level of quality of training, participation or play in these programs and leagues.

While Hockey Canada and BC Hockey respects the right of every individual to choose between participating in a BC Hockey sanctioned program or a non-sanctioned program at the beginning of each hockey season, every player or parent should understand the potential ramifications of that choice. These are described in greater detail below, in Sections II, III and IV of this policy.

SECTION I: DEFINITIONS

“Cut-Off Date” means September 30th of the hockey season in question.

“Member Organization” means any MHA, Recreational Hockey Program, Accredited School, Para Hockey Program, Junior/Senior Hockey League, etc. that is approved and registered with BC Hockey.

“Non-Sanctioned League” includes any amateur hockey league or program that operates in Canada outside of Hockey Canada registration and sanctioning.

NOTE: This does not include summer hockey leagues/teams, adult recreational hockey leagues/teams, high school hockey, and/or hockey schools.

“Participate” means to engage, knowingly or otherwise, in any activity, and includes, without limitation, playing, managing, coaching, or acting as a trainer (bench staff).

“Participation in a non-sanctioned game” will be considered to have occurred if the individual takes part in any game (including an exhibition, tournament, league, or playoff game) after the Cut-Off Date.

SECTION II: PARTICIPATING IN A NON-SANCTIONED LEAGUE

BC Hockey has implemented the **Hockey Canada Non-Sanctioned League Policy** and in addition has strengthened the application of that policy in the following additional ways:

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1. a) Subject to paragraph b), any individual who participates in a non-sanctioned game after the Cut-Off Date will not be eligible for any BC Hockey sanctioned programs, games, or league play for the remainder of the season in which the non-sanctioned participation occurred.
2. b) Notwithstanding the above, anyone who participates in a non-sanctioned game after the Cut-Off Date may seek early reinstatement of their eligibility for sanctioned BC Hockey programs by applying for such reinstatement based on there being special circumstances. BC Hockey shall retain complete discretion in terms of granting, or not, early reinstatement if satisfied that special circumstances exist.

The consequences described in this section of this policy will remain in effect even if the non-sanctioned program, league, or team folds and whether or not the participant is released, suspended or fired from that program league or team.

SECTION III: SUPPORTING A NON-SANCTIONED LEAGUE

BC Hockey has implemented the **Hockey Canada Non-Sanctioned League Policy**, and in addition has strengthened the application of that policy in the following additional ways:

- i. Any Member organization which supports a non-sanctioned program or league incurs the risk of BC Hockey withholding tournament sanctioning approvals, event hosting, or other benefits from the Member, and
- ii. Any Member organization which supports a non-sanctioned program or league also incurs the risk of BC Hockey withdrawing any upcoming sanctioned tournament or event from any community within the geographic boundaries of that Member association, at any time prior to the tournament or event.

For greater certainty, "support" or "supporting" includes, but is not limited to, assisting a non-sanctioned program or league, directly or indirectly, through advertisement, promotion, ticket sales, volunteer activities, assigning officials, sharing resources, or enabling non-sanctioned teams or participants to participate in Hockey Canada sanctioned activities.

SECTION IV: HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS AND OFFICIATING HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAMS

Access to BC Hockey Male and Female high-performance programs is a privilege that is offered to, and reserved exclusively for, the member participants of BC Hockey.

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BC Hockey will only accept **players** who are registered with a member MHA or Hockey Canada Accredited School and have been so registered for not less than 180 days, into our Male and Female high-performance programs, including our Programs of Excellence (POE) and Provincial or Regional team programs.

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An Official participating in any non-sanctioned program WILL NOT:

- have access to the Hockey Canada insurance program for any injuries that may occur as a result of that participation;
- have access to the BC Hockey Match Penalty on Official process for any infractions that may occur during the non-sanctioned activity;
- be eligible to be selected by BC Hockey or Hockey Canada for any Regional, National or International assignments;
- be eligible to participate as an official in the Program of Excellence;
- be eligible to participate as an official in High Performance and Elite Minor games (BCEHL, CSSHL, Junior Leagues, Senior, Collegiate & University);
- be eligible to act in the capacity of an Officials **delivery group** member and/or a Clinic Instructor.

Further, BC Hockey has complete discretion, and the right, to make all choices regarding officials and/or administrators that are the best fit within all our programs.

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TOURNAMENTS

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TOURNAMENTS POLICY

a) Application Process

Tournaments shall be categorized as follows:

- i. Branch – all teams from within BC Hockey
- ii. Inter Branch – teams from BC Hockey plus other Branches of Hockey Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
- iii. International – includes teams from outside Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
 - All applications for tournaments must be made on the BC Hockey Tournament application request form.
 - Tournament applications must identify the name of the tournament. Deviation from this stated name in any tournament documentation or correspondence may result in withdrawal of the tournament sanction permit.
 - Applications for the sanctioning of tournaments shall be submitted to BC Hockey as follows:
 - Tournaments involving team(s) from other federation(s) of the IIHF (not including USA Hockey) or involving teams from three (3) or more Hockey Canada Branches shall be submitted at least 90 days prior to the start of the tournament.
 - All other tournaments shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament.
 - Sanction fees for tournaments are outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Assessments, Appendix A
 - The host association will submit a copy of the tournament sanction request form as well as a list of officials to be used in the tournament to their Officiating Coordinator for approval 30 days in advance of the tournament. Only certified officials who are regularly officiating minor hockey are to be used. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by BC Hockey.
 - BC Hockey and Hockey Canada sanctioned permits must be displayed in the arena prior to and during the tournament.

b) Participation by Teams

- i. All teams from outside BC Hockey must have written permission from their governing body (Branch) before participating in any BC Hockey sanctioned tournaments.
- ii. Tournaments where Inter Branch and / or International teams are involved it will be the responsibility of the host association to verify the eligibility of all teams and players entered in the tournament.

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c) **BC Hockey Championships shall have preference over sanctioned tournaments.**

d) **Conduct of Tournaments**

- i. Tournaments shall be permitted in the U9 and U7 divisions, but such tournaments shall be conducted on a non-competitive basis. The use of a knockout draw format, championship rounds, or identification of winners is strictly prohibited; all teams in the tournament shall play an equal number of games; and no standings of any kind are to be kept.
- ii. The playing of All-Star games in conjunction with sanctioned tournaments shall be prohibited.
- iii. BC Hockey shall not encourage the awarding of Most Valuable Player awards in sanctioned tournaments.

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SPRING SEASON TOURNAMENTS

Teams or associations hosting spring season tournaments may request sanctioning from BC Hockey in accordance to the following:

NOTE: Tournament sanctioning from BC Hockey is not mandatory, however access to BC Hockey / Hockey Canada insurance will only be in place by BC Hockey sanctioned tournaments.

- a) A Spring Season tournament shall be defined as an event consisting of games between more than two (2) Spring Season teams in which registered players of a team in one (1) division compete against registered players of a team in the same division for the purpose of determining an overall winner from within BC Hockey or from other Hockey Canada Branches or from outside Canada.
- b) All applications for tournaments must be made on the BC Hockey Tournament application request form and all tournaments must be sanctioned by BC Hockey through the Chief Executive Officer. Such sanction is granted subject to payment of the appropriate sanctioning fee and compliance with this policy and Hockey Canada Regulation M.
- c) Tournaments shall be categorized as follows:
 - i. Branch – all teams from within BC Hockey
 - ii. Inter Branch – teams from BC Hockey plus other Branches of Hockey Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
 - iii. International – includes teams from outside Canada, per Hockey Canada Regulations
- d) Sanction fees for tournaments are outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Assessments, Appendix A.

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TOURNAMENTS – SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TEAMS

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CASH PRIZES

The awarding of cash prizes at minor hockey tournaments shall be prohibited.

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MINOR TOURNAMENT BACKUP GOALTENDER

A Minor Hockey Association hosting a BC Hockey sanctioned tournament may apply to provide a backup goaltender to be utilized by any team attending said tournament who has been unable to provide their own goaltender. The tournament host Minor Hockey Associations may apply to provide a tournament backup goaltender as follows by submitting a BC Hockey Tournament backup goaltender application supplying the following information (a form is available on the BC Hockey website for this purpose): tournament hosting Minor Hockey Association, tournament sanction number, tournament location and date, division, name and registration number of replacement goaltender. With respect to such application:

- a) The named goaltender must be a current registered member of the tournament Host Minor Hockey Association in the same or lower division or category as the tournament.
- b) Tournament host associations will be permitted to make application with respect to a maximum of one (1) goaltender per division;
- c) The named goaltender shall not have conflicts with regular season games.
- d) The application shall be forwarded to the appropriate BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member 21 days prior to the tournament for consideration by the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President and the Minor Operations Coordinator.
- e) The host Minor Hockey Association will be notified by BC Hockey regarding the status of the backup goaltender application.

A team seeking to use a tournament backup goaltender must first avail itself of any emergency goaltender that may reasonably be available under BC Hockey Policy 7.01. Should there be no reasonably available backup goaltender, or should an application under Policy 7.01 be unsuccessful, then the team may utilize the goaltender provided by the tournament host association.

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REQUEST FOR RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT PLAYER REPLACEMENT / RELIEF

The rationale for this policy is to ensure that a recreational (House/"C") team wishing to attend a recreational tournament during the official BC Hockey season that finds itself without sufficient players is able to participate. Prior to relief being granted under this policy, the team must avail itself of its registered Hockey Canada affiliates.

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Should the team then find itself without sufficient numbers, it may apply to BC Hockey for relief for a maximum of three (3) tournaments per season as follows:

- a) Relief granted only if the team finds itself with 12 or fewer skaters one (1) or less goaltenders up to a maximum of 15 players (including two (2) goaltenders).
- b) Written request for relief must be submitted by the Minor Hockey Association President stating the reasons, name(s) of relief player(s), and the date and location of the tournament, either by signing the completed application form by including a letter signed by the MHA President if a designate submits the form.
- c) Player(s) designated as a relief player(s) must be registered:
 - i. with the same association in the same division or lower
 - ii. on a Recreational or Tier 4 team
- d) Written consent from the parent(s) of the relief player(s).
- e) Permission will be in effect for the approved tournament only.
- f) A request for a replacement player will be made to the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member seven (7) days prior to the tournament for consideration by a committee of the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President and the Minor Operations Coordinator.

A replacement player will act under such terms and conditions as determined by the Minor Operations Coordinator.

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TOURNAMENT TEAMS

Minor Hockey Associations may make application to register a Tournament Team as follows:

- a) Tournament Teams may only be formed:
 - i. By combining players registered to different teams in the same division
 - ii. At U11, U13, U15 or U18 divisions
 - iii. From players registered on Recreational or Tier 4 teams
 - iv. From rostered bench staff who have appropriate certification
- b) Tournament Teams will be permitted to register in Recreational or Tier 1-4 tournaments.
- c) Participation on a Tournament Team shall not conflict with regular season games.
- d) Application process:
 - i. Application must be submitted to the District BC Hockey Task Group member at least 21 days prior to the Tournament for consideration by the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President and the Minor Operations Coordinator.
 - ii. Application must include
 - 1) The name, date and sanction of the tournament the team wishes to make application to.

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- 2) Proposed roster
 - 3) Endorsement by MHA president, wither by signing the form or by an attached email or letter
 - 4) Confirmation that the tournament host is aware that it is a tournament team apply to attend
- e) When applying to attend a tournament, the team must inform the tournament host that this is a proposed tournament team
- f) Once the tournament team is approved, the tournament team must submit the HCR roster to the tournament host

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EXHIBITION TEAM

A Recreational or Tier 4 team without sufficient numbers may make application to register an Exhibition Team for participation in exhibition games. Prior to approval being granted under this policy, the team must avail itself of its registered Hockey Canada affiliates and the team must provide sufficient rational to support such a request.

Should the team or Minor Hockey Association find itself without sufficient numbers it may apply to their District Association and/or BC Hockey to register an Exhibition Team as follows:

- a) Exhibition Teams may only be formed:
 - i. By combining players registered to different teams in the same division
 - ii. At U11, U13, U15, or U18 divisions
 - iii. From players registered on Recreational or Tier 4 teams
- b) Exhibition Teams will only be permitted to register for the purpose of ensuring that all players have the ability to participate in games. This policy may not be used to form an all-star or elite team for exhibition games.
- c) The formation of the Exhibition Team shall not conflict with regular season games or planned tournaments; if the team is involved in a League.
- d) If being played within the District, the application for such Exhibition Team must:
 - i. Be forwarded to the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled game for consideration by the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member and the District President and notification of the decision will be sent to the Minor Operations Coordinator by the District Operations Task Group member
 - ii. Include the date, time, and location of the exhibition game and the name of the opposing team.
- e) If being played outside the District, the application for such Exhibition Team must:

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- i. Be forwarded to the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member at least 10 days prior to the scheduled game for consideration by the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President, and the Minor Operations Coordinator.
- ii. Include the date, time, and location of the exhibition game and the name of the opposing team.

JAMBOREES

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SANCTIONING OF JAMBOREES

1. Application Process:

- a) All applications for jamborees must be made using the BC Hockey on-line Tournament/Jamboree application
- b) Applications should be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament.
- c) Sanction fees are outlined:
 - i. The Sanction Fee for a jamboree is outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Assessments, BC Hockey Handbook - Appendix A
- d) The host committee will submit a copy of the tournament sanction request form as well as a list of officials to be used in the jamboree to their Officiating Coordinator for approval 30 days in advance of the jamboree. Only certified officials who are regularly officiating minor hockey are to be used. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action by BC Hockey.
- e) BC Hockey sanction permits must be displayed in the arena prior to and during the jamboree.

2. Participation by Teams:

- a) All players and team officials must be registered with BC Hockey. Teams must submit a copy of the HCR roster indicating players and team officials to the tournament host prior to attending.
- b) All teams from within BC, but outside of the tournament host's district, must also submit an approved Inter-District travel form.

3. BC Hockey Championships shall have preference over sanctioned jamborees.

4. Games will be played under Hockey Canada and BC Hockey Rules and Regulations. Any specific District rules and regulations should be outlined to teams prior to participation.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND HOSTING

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND HOSTING GUIDELINES

a) Overseas Tours - Traveling

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The development of plans to carry out an overseas tour needs careful planning and requires a deliberate systematic approach in meeting all the requirements prior to the granting of a sanction by amateur hockey's governing bodies.

Tours involve member nations of the IIHF of which Hockey Canada is a member and therefore it is imperative that all tour activity is coordinated and approved by the appropriate governing bodies of all member countries.

A specific order of operations needs to occur before our membership embarks on developing tour plans. Primarily plans are broken into two (2) main areas:

- 1. Prior to seeking Hockey Canada / BC Hockey approval**
- 2. Plan Developments after Hockey Canada / BC Hockey approval**

As a guide to planners, both BC Hockey and Hockey Canada have established criteria that must be adhered to. The Hockey Canada Constitution By-Laws and Regulations have a number of points under Regulation "D" Exhibition Games and Tours that are to be used as a starting point. As well, the BC Hockey Administrative Guide provides further information and BC Hockey makes available a handout entitled International Travel and Hosting Guidelines. All sources need careful scrutiny so plans can develop properly.

i. Prior to Seeking Hockey Canada / BC Hockey Approval

- Prior to seeking approval, the group wishing to tour overseas must have a letter of invitation from the host country's association, league, or governing body indicating:
 - Dates of the tour
 - Participant's age and category of hockey.

NOTE: Reference Hockey Canada Regulation D - Outgoing International Tours

- Any other pertinent information outlining type and frequency of competition
- Upon receipt of the letter of invitation, the BC Hockey member shall make available a fee to cover administration costs (Reference Hockey Canada Regulation D-3). Associations may contact the BC Hockey office for assistance in preparing the application information required.
- Along with the letter of invitation and the administration fee, the member now makes application to BC Hockey through its league structure or minor hockey association for a sanction and subsequent Hockey Canada permission to play against IIHF registered teams. This letter of application must come from the Minor Hockey Association or the League if above minor and be signed by the president or the president's designate. It is important that all dealings are between the local Minor Hockey Association or the League, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada.
- Upon BC Hockey receipt of the Association or League letter, BC Hockey will seek Hockey Canada approval for the proposed tour on behalf of the applicant. The final

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date for consideration of an application for an International Tour shall be not less than 60 days prior to the tour departure date. This date deadline will be rigidly enforced. The BC Hockey Office will submit the request along with the administrative fee and the letter of invitation on the proper Hockey Canada form.

With acceptance and approval, the minor hockey association or league and team involved can proceed with the more detailed items required in the planning process.

ii. **Plan Developments After Hockey Canada / BC Hockey Approval**

Once governing body sanctions have been obtained, then more detailed criteria can be attended to.

The following includes important items along the development trail:

- A BC Hockey / Hockey Canada representative must be included at the team's expense. This person is to be appointed by the BC Hockey Board of Directors as the tour leader.
- It is important that this person not be directly connected with the tour group. This individual will be required to interact with foreign hockey governing people (i.e., coaches, administrative leaders and other dignitaries). It is their responsibility to liaise all matters between the tour group and their hosts.
- In order to be consistent on how these BC Hockey representatives are appointed / selected; the following procedure will be followed:
 - Board of Directors to be polled as to who would be interested and available to go.
 - Familiarity with the team and personnel has and can be an advantage for these tours.
 - Interest and availability may conflict at times; anywhere this occurs the deciding factor will be availability.

The representative chosen will be appointed by the BC Hockey Board of Directors.

- Periodic updates are to be submitted to the BC Hockey office in order that tour developments proceed in a logical sequential way. These details should include:
 - Financial arrangements / guarantees being used to finance the tour
 - A list of adults in charge and accompanying the tour group
 - A detailed day by day itinerary listing events, dates, times and places
- It is the responsibility of the group to attend to the areas of passports / visas, medical cover age and insurance, custody of players in case of emergency, daily whereabouts when traveling, and all those other details that would allow people back home quick contact with tour group individuals should the need arise.
- Prior to the departure date, the BC Hockey / Hockey Canada representative must meet with the tour participants in order that expectations held by all participants are

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thoroughly discussed and reviewed. This is a most important function because those involved must be on a common footing in regard to conduct overseas.

- It would be prudent and it is strongly suggested that the Minor Hockey Association, the above minor league and team involved, keep the hosting IIHF member informed of your plans as they develop particularly after Hockey Canada sanctioning has been obtained. It reassures them in seeing that all details, major and minor, are progressing well.

The experience of participating in an overseas tour will rank as a highlight in one's life. It only makes good sense to plan it properly and execute it efficiently.

iii. Responsibilities of BC Hockey / Hockey Canada Representative

Upon approval of the selection of the representative by the Hockey Canada, this representative will:

- **Prior To Departure**
 - File with the BC Hockey office a list of players and other team officials / interested individuals
 - participating with the tour.
 - File with BC Hockey an up to date itinerary for the tour
 - Make sure all the members of the tour are aware of and acquainted with "Passport to National Pride" contained in the BC Hockey Guide for Hockey Administration
- **During the Tour**
 - Will collect all game sheets
 - Will ensure only approved players participate in the games
 - Will oversee the deportment of the team on and off the ice
 - Will remind team members of the different style of hockey they may encounter and their need to adapt to different circumstances
 - Will assist the team as needed
- **Following the Tour**
 - Will submit all game sheets to the BC Hockey office
 - Will submit a written report 30 days following return. The suggested method is a daily summary of activities. Use this as an opportunity to summarize the tour and advise of the good and bad aspects with recommendations for future touring teams.

iv. Helpful Hints Jet Lag

- Three (3) days before takeoff – three (3) full meals (high protein breakfast and lunch, high carbohydrate supper), tea or coffee only in the afternoon.

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- Two (2) days before takeoff – three (3) light low carbohydrate meals, tea or coffee only in the afternoon.
- One (1) day before takeoff – three (3) full meals as in days before takeoff.
- Day of flight - (traveling east) - fast or eat very little before flying. Once on plane drink plenty of liquids (no alcohol), omit the evening meal, try to sleep, eat a high protein breakfast (bring your own if necessary).
- Day of flight - (traveling west) - fast on the plane, drink lots of liquids in the morning but none in the afternoon, omit the lunchtime or evening meal.
- On arrival - whatever the time, eat a hardy meal in accordance with local mealtime. Stay active and go to bed reasonably early.

NOTE: As important as eating the proper foods prior to departing, it is just as important to be properly rested.

Currency Vouchers

- Although your travel agent may assure you that all costs have been paid there are some countries that require currency vouchers. You may be assessed an amount per day when you enter the country and this payment will be entered on your Visa.

Luggage

- Ensure that the players pack as little as possible. Porters and assistance are not always available and carrying, loading and unloading a hockey bag along with two (2) or three (3) suitcases can be wearing and time consuming.

Visas

- Certain Eastern European countries do not like group authorization listings for entry visas. If at all possible ensure that there is a separate authorization for individual's visas; i.e. all players should have their own passport.

Russian Hotels

- If traveling in Russia, do not stay at anything but the Four-Star Hotels ****. Also, know in advance what hotels you will be staying at in case relatives have to contact the team.

Ice Time

- All players who have been involved in the fund raising and are part of the touring team should receive their fair share of ice time while on tour.

Exchange Rates

- Know exchange rates of the country(s) that you will be visiting ahead of time.

Exchange Packages

- Have exchange packages ready in advance for each venue and also gift packages for adult interpreters / guides.

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Experience

- There is no substitute for experience. Have someone who has played in or visited the countries you wish to visit speak to your entire group before departure.

b) Hosting an Event Overseas Team Exhibition Tours

In hosting guests that are members of the IIHF, the Canadian team bears an important responsibility in the initiation of developing tour plans.

An invitation must come from the host team, in this case the Canadian team, to the potential overseas guest prior to the beginning of the sanctioning process. This invitation should indicate the parties involved, age of competitors, type and frequency of competition and the proposed dates. All correspondence must come from the Minor Hockey Association or League, if above minor and be signed by the President or his designate.

Once the two (2) parties have their initial contact and exchange of information, the host Association is to inform the BC Hockey office indicating that contact has been made and tentative plans, subject to sanctioning, are now under way. Specific reference is made to Hockey Canada Regulation D Incoming and Outgoing International Tours. BC Hockey will then request Hockey Canada extends an official invitation to the team through their International Federation. If the Tour will involve more than one (1) Branch all Branches must approve the tour. Branches may work together and submit one (1) proposal.

The Hockey Canada Association making the application is responsible for all damages, unpaid debts or other liabilities arising out of the operation of the tour. The branch may, at their discretion, require a \$5,000.00 deposit (Letter of Credit, or other satisfactory security) toward any of the above-mentioned problems. It is also the responsibility of the hosting Association to have the team provide proof of liability insurance and proper medical cover age.

The hosting team can begin its localized plans to receive their overseas guests once the preliminary exchange has occurred between the two (2) participating groups and the governing bodies (BC Hockey and HC).

Generally, a visitation should include a good blend of on-ice and off-ice activities in order to provide the guests with a balanced diet of events.

Each community throughout the Province has a variety of unique offerings peculiar to their locale in regard to geography, history, economy and recreation.

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It is suggested that a flavor of each area is provided in order that the guests get exposed to a cross section of life in the local community and in the province.

It is the responsibility of the hosting Association / team to keep the BC Hockey informed on the localized plans for this visit and, as a matter of courtesy, will include BC Hockey as part of the welcoming / opening ceremonies. As the governing body, BC Hockey would only be

involved from a protocol standpoint, provided that all Hockey Canada / BC Hockey policies are adhered to. BC Hockey would be available to offer any assistance where requested.

All BC Hockey members are strongly urged to acquaint themselves fully with Hockey Canada Regulation D, Incoming and Outgoing Tours. This regulation contains vital information for BC Hockey members embarking on a tour overseas as well as BC Hockey members hosting teams coming from overseas Federations.

Approvals for touring and hosting will be based entirely on the compliance with this regulation. Familiarity with it is paramount.

c) International Tournaments

All International Tournaments must be sanctioned by Hockey Canada via the Branch. The same procedure as inviting a team for an exhibition tour will be followed. The exception is there is no requirement for the \$5,000.00 Letter of Credit. The hosting association is still responsible for all damage, unpaid debts or other liabilities of the visiting team. It is the responsibility of the hosting association to obtain documented proof of insurance and medical cover age from the team.

BC Hockey members that conduct sanctioned International Tournaments are advised that Hockey Canada Regulation M, Hockey Tournament Regulations, paragraph 1 - 18, apply in all respects. Please note the sanctioning for these tournaments is 90 days in advance of the tournament as per BC Hockey Policy 7.08. Exhibition games planned before and/or after an International Tournament require BC Hockey approval through submission to the BC Hockey office.

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REGISTRATION

C.10.01

(Prev. 9.05)

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS: RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- a) All minor hockey players must declare their residential qualifications prior to registration with a Minor Hockey Association and/or team in accordance with BC Hockey and Hockey Canada Regulations.
- b) The BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer shall, as Branch Registrar, be responsible for the application of Hockey Canada and BC Hockey Regulations in the determination of a player's residential qualifications.
- c) In situations involving minor hockey players who, by way of a residential move with their parent, are registering with a different minor hockey association than the association they registered with in the previous season, an Inter Association Transfer (IAT) form must be submitted via the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).
- d) In situations where players wish to be deemed by BC Hockey to be eligible to register for hockey programming in a place other than that where his/her parent is resident, BC Hockey will consider such application only under the following conditions:
 - i. If information is provided indicating reasons why the player's residence should be determined to be in a place other than that of his/her parent (as defined in Hockey Canada Regulation F). Note: a court order with respect to custody and/or guardianship is required (i.e. a parental declaration of residence or guardianship is not sufficient to determine hockey eligibility).
 - ii. If the player has chosen to live at a location other than where their parent resides and desires to be deemed eligible to participate in programming at the Recreational Category in the alternate location. Such application shall be forwarded to the BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer whose decision shall be final and binding.
 - iii. Players of U21 age who are attending school or living apart from their parents may make declaration of their residence to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer's determination of the player's residence in such situations shall be final and binding.

C.10.02

(Prev. 9.06)

RESIDENTIAL WAIVERS

- a) A residential waiver may only be granted under one of the following circumstances:
 - i. There is no Tier 1, 2, 3 or 4 team in the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.
 - ii. There is no recreational team or the player is on a wait-list within the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.
 - iii. The player is female and there is no female team in the player's residential Minor Hockey Association.

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- iv. A Minor Hockey Association may request that a residential waiver be granted to a player (including goaltenders) for reasons not listed in sections i), ii) or iii) above. Conditional approval will be given once all documentation has been submitted for consideration to the BC Hockey Chief Executive Officer and BC Hockey has confirmed support in writing from the District President. The player (including goaltenders) will be eligible to participate in practices, evaluations/tryouts, and exhibition games pending final approval of BC Hockey.
- b) Players who have been granted a Residential Waiver may register in an adjacent Minor Hockey Association in accordance with the BC Hockey Residential Waiver policy.
- c) The procedure for transfers by way of this policy will be as follows:
 - i. Transfers of players to tiered teams shall be processed via the Hockey Canada Registry no later than midnight, January 10.
 - ii. Transfers of players to Recreational Teams shall be processed via the Hockey Canada Registry no later than midnight, February 10. Should a waiver be granted for a player to register with a recreational team, such player may affiliate to a tiered team in the new association, but only if there is no tiered team registered in that Division by the player's residential home association.
- d) An adjacent association is defined as an association with residential boundaries that physically contact those of the player's home association. A list of all adjacent associations for each minor hockey association has been compiled by the Chief Executive Officer and is listed below.
- e) In situations where no playing opportunity exists in any of the associations adjacent to a player's home association, the player shall contact his / her Minor Operations Task Group member to determine the options available.
- f) Players have the choice of registering with any adjacent association.
- g) If a player registers with an adjacent association in accordance with this procedure:
 - i. It does not limit the choice of other players from the same home association (i.e. players from the same association may register with separate adjacent associations.)
 - ii. The player must complete the balance of the season in that association or return to their home Minor Hockey Association.
- h) Once a residential waiver is granted to a player, an association may not revoke the residential waiver.
- i) The transfer of an over age U21 player (limited to a maximum of one (1) year older than the upper age limit of the lower division in accordance with the BC Hockey Over age Policy) shall require the approval of a Committee of the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President and the Minor Operations Coordinator.
- j) Upon registering a player to a team under this procedure, an association automatically assumes the registration numbers of the player's home association per BC Hockey regulations.
- k) This does not apply to players participating at the Recreational level only
- l) This does not apply to players on a waitlist, who subsequently register with a tiered team

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- i. Conditional approval shall be granted for players to participate in try outs with the incoming Association upon:
- ii. Initiation of the IAT on the HCR by the incoming association and
- iii. The granting of approval of the IAT on the HCR by the outgoing association.

List of Adjacent Association for Purposes of Policy 9.06 Residential Waivers

ASSOCIATION	ADJACENT ASSOCIATIONS	DISTRICT
Abbotsford	Abbotsford Female, Aldergrove, Chilliwack, Langley Girls, Meadow Ridge Female, Mission, Ridge Meadows	Lower Mainland
Abbotsford Female*	Abbotsford, Aldergrove, Chilliwack, Langley Girls, Meadow Ridge Female, Mission, Ridge Meadows	Lower Mainland
Alberni Valley	Oceanside	Vancouver Island
Aldergrove	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Langley, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows	Lower Mainland
Arbutus Club	North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Vancouver, West Vancouver	Lower Mainland Winter Club
Boundary	Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, South Okanagan	West Kootenay
Burnaby	Coquitlam, New Westminster, North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Port Moody, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Tri Cities Female, Vancouver	Lower Mainland
Burnaby Winter Club	Coquitlam, New Westminster, North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Port Moody, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Tri Cities Female, Vancouver	Lower Mainland Winter Club
Burns Lake	Fraser Lake, Houston	North West
Campbell River	Comox Valley, Gold River, Tri-Port	Vancouver Island
Canal Flats	Kimberley, Windermere Valley	East Kootenay
Castlegar	Greater Trail, Grand Forks, Nakusp, Nelson	West Kootenay
Chase	Clearwater, Kamloops, Greater Vernon, Salmon Arm, Valemount	Okanagan Mainline
Chetwynd	Dawson Creek, Hudson Hope, Mackenzie, Tumbler Ridge,	North East/Yukon
Chilliwack	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Hope and District, Mission	Lower Mainland
Clearview	Dawson Creek, Fort St John, Taylor	North East/Yukon
Clearwater	Chase, Hundred Mile House, Kamloops, Quesnel, Salmon Arm, Valemount, Williams Lake,	Okanagan Mainline
Cloverdale	Langley Girls, Langley, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows, Semiahmoo, Surrey	Lower Mainland
Comox Valley	Campbell River, Oceanside, Powell River	Vancouver Island
Coquitlam	Burnaby, Meadow Ridge Female, New Westminster, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Ridge Meadows, Surrey Female, Surrey	Lower Mainland
Cowichan Valley	Kerry Park, Lake Cowichan, Nanaimo	Vancouver Island
Cranbrook	Creston Valley, Fernie, Kimberley	East Kootenay
Creston Valley	Cranbrook	East Kootenay

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ASSOCIATION	ADJACENT ASSOCIATIONS	DISTRICT
Dawson City	Yukon	North East/Yukon
Dawson Creek	Chetwynd, Clearview, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge	North East/Yukon
Elk Valley	Fernie	East Kootenay
Faro	Watson Lake, Whitehorse	North East Yukon
Fernie	Cranbrook, Elk Valley	East Kootenay
Fort Nelson	Fort St John	North East/Yukon
Fort St. James	Fraser Lake, Vanderhoof,	North West
Fort St. John	Clearview, Fort Nelson, Hudson Hope, Taylor,	North East/Yukon
Fraser Lake	Burns Lake, Fort St James, Vanderhoof	North West
Gold River	Campbell River, Tri-Port	Vancouver Island
Golden	Revelstoke, Windermere Valley	East Kootenay
Grand Forks	Boundary, Castlegar, Greater Trail, Nakusp, Penticton, South Okanagan	West Kootenay
Greater Vernon	Chase, Kamloops, Lumby, Merritt, North Okanagan, Salmon Arm, West Kelowna, Winfield and District	Okanagan Mainline
Greater Trail	Castlegar, Grand Forks, Nelson	West Kootenay
Haines Junction	Yukon	North East/Yukon
Hazelton	Smithers, Stewart, Terrace	North West
Hollyburn Country Club	North Vancouver, Squamish, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland Winter Club
Hope and District	Chilliwack, Lillooet, Merritt, Mission, Princeton, Thompson-Cariboo	Lower Mainland
Houston	Burns Lake, Smithers, Stewart	North West
Hudson's Hope	Chetwynd, Fort St John	North East/Yukon
Hundred Mile House	Clearwater, Kamloops, Lillooet, Thompson Cariboo, Williams Lake	North Central
Juan de Fuca	Kerry Park, Sooke, Victoria	Vancouver Island
Kamloops	Clearwater, Chase, Greater Vernon, Hundred Mile House, Logan Lake, Merritt, Salmon Arm, Thompson Cariboo	Okanagan Mainline
Kaslo	Nakusp, Nelson	West Kootenay
Kelowna	Boundary, Penticton, West Kelowna, Winfield and District, Nakusp	Okanagan Mainline
Kerry Park	Cowichan Valley, Juan de Fuca	Vancouver Island
Killarney Girls*	Burnaby, North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, West Vancouver	Lower Mainland
Kimberley	Canal Flats, Cranbrook	East Kootenay
Kitimat	Prince Rupert, Smithers, Terrace	North West
Lake Cowichan	Cowichan Valley	Vancouver Island

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ASSOCIATION	ADJACENT ASSOCIATIONS	DISTRICT
Langley	Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows, Semiahmoo, Surrey Female	Lower Mainland
Langley Girls*	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Cloverdale, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows, Semiahmoo, Surrey Female	Lower Mainland
Lillooet	Hope and District, Hundred Mile House, Merritt, Thompson Cariboo, Whistler,	Okanagan Mainline
Logan Lake	Merritt, Kamloops, Thompson Cariboo	Okanagan Mainline
Lumby	Greater Vernon, Nakusp, North Okanagan, Revelstoke, Sicamous, Winfield and District,	Okanagan Mainline
Mackenzie	Chetwynd, Prince George	North Central
McBride	Prince George, Valemount	North Central
Meadow Ridge Female*	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Coquitlam, Langley Girls, Langley, Mission, Port Coquitlam, Surrey Female, Tri Cities Female	Lower Mainland
Merritt	Greater Vernon, Hope and District, Kamloops, Lillooet, Logan Lake, Princeton, Thompson Cariboo, Summerland, West Kelowna,	Okanagan Mainline
Mission	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Chilliwack, Hope and District, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows	Lower Mainland
Nakusp	Castlegar, Grand Forks, Kaslo, Kelowna, Lumby, Nelson, Revelstoke, Winfield and District,	West Kootenay
Nanaimo	Cowichan Valley, Oceanside	Vancouver Island
Nelson	Castlegar, Greater Trail, Kaslo, Nakusp	West Kootenay
New Westminster	Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Delta, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Surrey Female, Surrey, Tri Cities Female	Lower Mainland
North Delta	New Westminster, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, South Delta, Surrey Female, Surrey	Lower Mainland
North Okanagan	Greater Vernon, Lumby, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Revelstoke	Okanagan Mainline
North Shore Female*	Burnaby, Killarney Girls, Port Moody, Squamish, Tri Cities Female, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland
North Shore Winter Club	Burnaby, Killarney Girls, Port Moody, Tri Cities Female, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds, West Vancouver	Lower Mainland Winter Club
North Vancouver	Burnaby, Killarney Girls, Port Moody, Tri Cities Female, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds, West Vancouver	Lower Mainland
Oceanside	Alberni Valley, Comox Valley, Nanaimo	Vancouver Island
Peninsula	Victoria Racquet Club	Vancouver Island
Penticton	Boundary, Grand Forks, Kelowna, Princeton, South Okanagan, Summerland, West Kelowna	Okanagan Mainline
Port Coquitlam	Coquitlam, Meadow Ridge Female, Ridge Meadows, Surrey Female, Surrey	Lower Mainland
Port Moody	Burnaby, Coquitlam, North Shore Female, North Vancouver	Lower Mainland
Powell River	Comox Valley, Sunshine Coast	Vancouver Island

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ASSOCIATION	ADJACENT ASSOCIATIONS	DISTRICT
Prince George	Mackenzie, McBride, Quesnel, Vanderhoof	North Central
Prince Rupert	Kitimat, Terrace	North West
Princeton	Hope and District, Merritt, Penticton, South Okanagan, Summerland, West Kelowna,	Okanagan Mainline
Quesnel	Clearwater, Prince George, Williams Lake	North Central
Revelstoke	Golden, Lumby, Nakusp, North Okanagan, Salmon Arm, Sicamous	Okanagan Mainline
Richmond Jets	Burnaby, Killarney Girls, New Westminster, North Delta, South Delta, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland
Richmond Girls*	Burnaby, Killarney Girls, New Westminster, North Delta, South Delta, Vancouver, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland
Ridge Meadows	Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Coquitlam, Langley Girls, Langley, Mission, Port Coquitlam, Surrey Female, Tri Cities Female	Lower Mainland
Salmon Arm	Chase, Clearwater, Greater Vernon, Kamloops, North Okanagan, Sicamous, Valemount, Revelstoke	Okanagan Mainline
Semiahmoo	Cloverdale, Langley Girls, Langley, Surrey	Lower Mainland
Sicamous	Lumby, North Okanagan, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm	Okanagan Mainline
Smithers	Hazelton, Houston, Kitimat	North West
Sooke	Juan de Fuca	Vancouver Island
South Delta	North Delta, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Surrey Female	Lower Mainland
South Okanagan	Boundary, Grand Forks, Penticton, Princeton	Okanagan Mainline
Squamish	North Shore Female, West Vancouver, Whistler	Lower Mainland
Stewart	Houston, Hazelton, Terrace	North West
Stikine	Yukon	North West
Summerland	Merritt, Penticton, Princeton, West Kelowna	Okanagan Mainline
Sunshine Coast	Powell River	Lower Mainland
Surrey Female*	Coquitlam, Langley Girls, Langley, Meadow Ridge Female, New Westminster, North Delta, Port Coquitlam, Ridge Meadows, South Delta, Tri Cities Female	Lower Mainland
Surrey	Cloverdale, Coquitlam, New Westminster, North Delta, Port Coquitlam, Semiahmoo, Tri Cities Female	Lower Mainland
Taylor	Clearview, Dawson Creek, Fort St John	North East/Yukon
Terrace	Hazelton, Kitimat, Prince Rupert, Stewart	North West
Teslin	Yukon	North East/Yukon
Thompson Cariboo	Merritt, Logan Lake, Lillooet, Kamloops, Hope and District, Hundred Mile House	Okanagan Mainline
Tri Cities Female*	Burnaby, Meadow Ridge Female, New Westminster, North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Ridge Meadows, Surrey Female, Surrey	Lower Mainland
Tri-Port	Campbell River, Gold River	Vancouver Island

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ASSOCIATION	ADJACENT ASSOCIATIONS	DISTRICT
Tumbler Ridge	Chetwynd, Dawson Creek	North East/Yukon
Valemount	Clearwater, Chase, McBride, Salmon Arm	North Central
Vancouver	Burnaby, North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland
Vancouver Thunderbirds	North Shore Female, North Vancouver, Richmond Girls, Richmond Jets, Vancouver, West Vancouver	Lower Mainland
Vanderhoof	Fort St James, Fraser Lake, Prince George	North West
Victoria	Juan de Fuca, Victoria Racquet Club	Vancouver Island
Victoria Racquet Club	Peninsula, Victoria,	Vancouver Island
Watson Lake	Yukon	North East/Yukon
West Kelowna	Greater Vernon, Kelowna, Merritt, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland	Okanagan Mainline
West Vancouver	Killarney Girls, North Vancouver, Squamish, Vancouver Thunderbirds	Lower Mainland
Whistler	Lillooet, Squamish	Lower Mainland
Whitehorse	Yukon	North East/Yukon
Williams Lake	Clearwater, Hundred Mile House, Quesnel	North Central
Windermere Valley	Canal Flats, Golden	East Kootenay
Winfield and District	Greater Vernon, Kelowna, Lumby, Nakusp	Okanagan Mainline

NOTE: The adjacent Associations for the Winter Clubs would only apply to those players who reside within the Winter Clubs defined residential area.

C.10.03 (Prev. 9.07)

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS: NON-CANADIAN CITIZENS

The following procedures apply for the registration of players who are not Canadian citizens.

The registration of minor hockey players in BC Hockey is pursuant to Hockey Canada's Residential Regulations. When applying these regulations to players who have moved into British Columbia from outside Canada, BC Hockey must determine the residence of the parent(s) of the player in question. In doing so, it must be determined that the parent(s) are more than temporary residents of BC if the player is to be deemed eligible to participate on a carded team.

- a) The player must reside with his/her parent.
- b) The parent(s) of the player must possess a minimum of one of the following:
 - i. Permanent Resident Status
 - parent must provide written proof
 - ii. Documentation that Permanent Resident Status has been applied for.

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- parent must provide a Permanent Resident Immigration file number
 - parent must indicate the consulate at which the application was filed
- iii. Temporary Work Permit
 - iv. Refugee status

This policy endeavours to analyze the commitment to Canada by the parent(s) of the player. The criteria are consistent with the hierarchy utilized by Immigration Canada in such situations and are intended to facilitate the administration of these applications.

C.10.04 *(Prev. 9.08)*

TRANSFERRING OF GOALTENDERS FROM ANOTHER ASSOCIATION FOR REGISTRATION ON CARDED TEAMS

Where an association, for whatever reason, does not have a goaltender or a second goaltender; then that association can apply to their BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member to register another goaltender or goaltenders from the next nearest association in their District. The BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member will then canvas to obtain a goaltender or goaltenders. Once this is done the following approvals must be obtained:

- a) Written request from the Association asking permission to pick up a goaltender or goaltenders and the reason why.
- b) Letter from the association the named goaltender(s) are coming from giving permission for this move.
- c) Letter from parents of the named goaltender(s) giving their permission for this move.
- d) Letter of support / non-support from the District President.
- e) Letter of support / non-support from their BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member.
- f) The above shall be sent to the BC Hockey Office and addressed by the BC Hockey Minor Operations Task Group member, the District President and the Minor Operations Coordinator.

*The intent of this policy is not to penalize teams who wish to card but are unable to because of no goaltender. It should also be understood that the goaltender being picked up not be necessarily the best available goaltender in their District and does not allow an association to ignore an eligible goaltender from their own association because of questionable assumptions.

C.10.05 *(Prev. 9.09)*

WAITLIST POLICY

- a) Minor Hockey Associations must register all participants who have been placed on a waitlist via the HCR.
- b) Registration openings are to be made available to waitlisted players on a chronological criterion (i.e. when an open spot becomes available, it shall be offered to the waitlisted player who registered earliest).

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- c) Minor Hockey Associations who have players currently registered on a waitlist may not accept a player by way of residential waiver.

C.10.06

(Prev. 9.10)

OVER AGE PLAYERS IN HOUSE LEAGUE / RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Hockey Canada Carded Teams

Only those players eligible by age to participate on a Hockey Canada Carded Team as per Hockey Canada Regulations may play for that team. OVER AGE PLAYERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY LEAGUE, EXHIBITION, PLAYOFF OR TOURNAMENT GAME.

Recreational Teams

BC Hockey understands and appreciates the responsibility Local Associations have in providing opportunities for all players to enjoy the game. Nevertheless, our potential risk certainly increases under these circumstances and therefore BC Hockey recommends the following measures be taken to ensure that we can be seen as exercising good judgment.

Some considerations that could be taken into account prior to a Local Association approving an over age player to play at the lower level are:

- a) Very small/frail
- b) Health reasons (doctor's certificate may be required)
- c) No skills appropriate for this level of hockey
- d) No team at proper age category
- e) Female player in integrated league

NOTE: At the U18 and U21 levels, the over aged player is limited to a maximum of one (1) year older than the upper age limit of the lower division. This process is to be monitored by the District Leagues.

When a player has been allowed to participate at the younger age level, a note should be attached to their registration form indicating both the placement and the reason.

The procedures used for assigning over age players within an Association must be written and communicated to the players/parents involved.

Associations must apply due diligence in allowing over age players to participate. All approved overage players should be monitored throughout the season for game impact and penalty minutes. An overage player having a major impact to games or accumulating numerous penalties may be removed from the team or reassigned to a team in his/her age appropriate classification.

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The participation of over age players must be brought to the attention of the Officials and opposing team management prior to each game and the Coach should indicate "OA" on the game sheet after the name of each over age player.

C.10.07 *(Prev. 9.11)*

(NEW) ACTIVE PLAYER REGISTRATION

Teams may not register on a Hockey Canada Registry roster, at any one (1) time, more than:

- a) 25 Players in the case of Junior Male Teams.
- b) 25 Players in the case of U21 Male Teams
- c) 20 Players in the case of the Male and Female U18 AAA.
- d) 19 Players in the case of Male Minor Hockey Teams and Female Minor Hockey Teams

C.10.08 *(Prev. 9.12)*

OVERSIZE TEAM

Minor Hockey Associations may register Recreational Minor Hockey Teams as follows without further application to BC Hockey:

- U11, U13 and U15 divisions: a maximum of 23 players
- U18 division: a maximum of 25 players

NOTE: Recreational Teams that roster in excess of 19 players shall not roster over age participants. Recreational Teams that have a roster in excess of 19 players shall have maximum of 19 players (17 skaters & two (2) goaltenders) on a game sheet per game according to Hockey Canada Rules. Any team wishing to roster more than the above maximum allowed number of players can apply to BC Hockey to increase their roster but must comply with the per game limits noted above.

C.10.09 *(Prev. 9.13)*

MINOR HOCKEY MOVES AFTER JANUARY 10

A player of minor hockey age who changes residence after January 10 may transfer to a new association for the balance of the season. A player so registering shall be eligible for league, tournament or exhibition play but shall not be eligible to participate in league or District playoffs which lead to BC Hockey Championships.

C.10.10 *(Prev. 9.16)*

MINOR HOCKEY AFFILIATION

Minor Hockey players may be affiliated according to Hockey Canada Regulation F.

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A player of a lower Division or Category may affiliate to one (1) team of higher division or category at any given time to a maximum of ten games per season. All affiliate players must be designated by 'AP' on the game sheet.

Players rostered to carded teams may not affiliate to recreational teams.

Exhibition and/or tournament games, which are not part of the regular league or play-off games, are not included in the 10-game affiliation limit.

The appearance of an affiliate player on a game sheet will be considered participation in the game, except in the case of an alternate goaltender. In the case of an alternate goaltender, only actual participation shall be considered as taking part in the game. Participation must be noted on the game sheet



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