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### ACTION BULLETIN

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**TO:** VIAHA Membership  
**FROM:** Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President  
**COPY:** VIAHA Officers, BC Hockey District Director, VIAHA Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Team Official Game Misconducts

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The issue of increasing Referee abuse in our District has brought VIAHA Executive Members to the point of action.

As of January 12, 2015, a \$50.00 fine will be assessed for each Game Misconduct received by a team official for Harassment of Officials [H.C. Rule 9.2(a)] which states "A minor penalty will be assessed to any player or team official who challenges or disputes the rulings of any official". Referees have been instructed to ensure they assess a bench minor for the first offense in a game and the second offense will then result in a Game Misconduct.

The fine is in addition to discipline outlined in Appendix #4 of the Handbook. As with all fines the MHA will be invoiced by VIAHA.

It is unfortunate that we have to resort to this measure but the Executive Committee is hopeful this will mitigate the problem so they may avoid implementing more punitive measures. Team officials need to understand that the game officials are doing the best that they can and there will be zero tolerance of abuse towards them.

Respectfully,

Jim Humphrey  
VIAHA President