



Vancouver Island  
Amateur Hockey Association

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**TO: VIAHA Executive, Managing Directors, Commissioners, MHA  
Administrators, Risk Managers, HCSP, All Teams**

**FROM: Mark Kenny, President and Joe McDonald, BCH District Director**

**SUBJECT: Out Of Bounds Areas**

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Concerns have risen out of incidents brought forth and we would like to draw your attention with regards to what areas at the rink are considered out of bounds during minor hockey game sanctioned events.

#### Game Officials Dressing Rooms:

This room is off limits to everyone except game officials. Game officials may invite or request an individual to enter their room to have a discussion or pick up a game sheet but individuals CANNOT enter this room on their own without the game officials' consent.

Common sense and courtesy should prevail. The above directives are meant to deter angry parents/fans/coaches who believe it is their right to go into the referee's room and harass them. That kind of behavior is unacceptable at any level. Take the 24 hours 'cooling off' period and if you still have concerns, please direct them to the association Referee-In-Chief for his/her investigation.

#### Penalty Box Area:

During game time, these areas are for the designated off-ice game officials and the players participating in the game itself. The penalty boxes (and game benches) are an extension of the ice surface. Scorekeepers and timekeepers are considered off-ice officials and are an integral part of the game as well. They should not be subjected to harassment or pressure to give a player's name.

There should be no one else entering these designated areas unless invited by an on or off-ice official for a specific reason such as tending to an injury. If you are a qualified/certified HCSP/medic, ensure that you identify yourself and your qualifications to the on/off-ice officials when asking to attend to an injury.