



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TO: MHA Presidents, MHA Administrators
FROM: Director of Hockey Operations
COPY: VIAHA Officers and Officiating Coordinators
SUBJECT: Tournament/Jamboree Approval

Please distribute this bulletin to your tournament coordinator and to those teams or individuals in your Associations that may be planning tournaments for the upcoming season.

The protocols in place in previous seasons for the approval of tournaments by VIAHA will continue for the upcoming 2022-2023 season. Please refer to Regulation #19 in the VIAHA Handbook.

Prior to applying to BC Hockey for a tournament sanction the MHA should submit a VIAHA Tournament/Jamboree Approval Form to the Director of Hockey Operations. A copy of this form is attached and it can be found on the website at www.viaha.org → Administration → Forms. The forms must be signed by the Referee-in-Chief of the MHA and should contain the e-mail address and phone number for the tournament contact person.

When the Officiating Leads and Director of Hockey Operations approve the tournament, the contact person at the MHA will be notified and advised to apply to BC Hockey for a tournament sanction number. The application for a sanction can be found at www.bchockey.net → Member Info → Tournaments → Tournament Application. BC Hockey contacts VIAHA to confirm that the District has approved the tournament and will then issue the sanction number to the tournament contact person.

Once sanctioned, the tournament will be listed on both the BC Hockey and VIAHA websites. The rationale for this process is to try to avoid multiple tournaments on the same weekend for the same Division and category and to ensure that there will be an adequate supply of qualified officials available for the tournament. Applications should be submitted no less than 45 days prior to the start of the tournament but earlier applications will help avoid disappointment

Please try to avoid the weekends of March 4-5 and March 11-12, 2023. Recreational playoffs for Female, Atom Development, South Island and Mid-Island are scheduled for that weekend resulting in a limited number of teams being able to attend and a scarcity of Officials at all levels.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the writer at dbeatty@viaha.org or 250-714-8811.

Yours truly,

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