



SOOKE MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

PLEASE Remember

Sooke Minor Hockey (SMH) is strictly a volunteer organization. The Association's volunteers work hard to ensure as many children as possible have the best hockey season possible.

PLEASE Remember ...

... show courtesy and respect to our volunteer coaches, game officials and off-ice organizers who give their time to provide hockey experiences for our children.

... whenever you have concerns regarding our hockey programs, dialogue constructively and positively with coaches, administrators and other parents within the Association.

Organized hockey in Canada is governed by Hockey Canada and its Branch Associations. SMH, while a distinct non-profit Society registered under the BC Society Act, is a local minor hockey association charged with administering hockey programs that comply with all playing regulations and operating policies set for the by the Vancouver Island Minor Hockey Association (VIAHA), BC Amateur Hockey Association (BCAHA) and Hockey Canada.

PLEASE Remember ...

... much of what we do here in Sooke, and how we do it, is set forth by our governing associations.

... as members of Sooke Minor Hockey we are obligated to abide by our own constitution, by-laws and operating policies and those of VIAHA, BCAHA and Hockey Canada.

SMH is the recipient of gaming funds derived from Bingo. Without these gaming funds, families would be asked to pay (or fundraise for other sources) an additional \$140.00 per player. As the recipient of gaming revenue, Sooke Minor Hockey MUST comply with all regulations set out and enforced by BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

PLEASE Remember ...

... any fundraising activities pursued by teams must have the approval of the Association before they are undertaken.

... fundraising activities that are not in compliance with provincial gaming regulations could result in the suspension of our Bingo license and the loss of considerable fundraising revenue for the entire Association.

Hockey Canada has put together a national insurance program to provide financial resources to assist its members in the event liability occurs as a result of participation in minor hockey. Hockey Canada and BCAHA have strict guidelines and protocols with respect to who is covered by insurance, when coverage takes effect, what activities are insured, how payments are disbursed and what local associations are expected to do to manage risk.

PLEASE Remember ...

... players, coaches and referees cannot participate in hockey programs until they are properly registered with Sooke Minor Hockey AND their registrations have been processed by BCAHA.

... any on-ice or off-ice activity that is not a scheduled game or practice must be approved by the Associations and reviewed by BCAHA by way of a special event sanction. Such activities include fundraising events, development clinics, dry-land training, parent-child games, celebrity/benefit games and practices.

... there is a 90 day reporting period for injury claim submissions to BCAHA.

BCAHA and Hockey Canada require that all persons who have occasion to interact with children complete their 'Speak Out' workshop. 'Speak Out' is a seminar designed to educate adult volunteers on safeguarding children against physical and emotional harassment and abuse. BCAHA and Hockey Canada require that ALL teams must have at least one official who is qualified in the Canadian Hockey Safety program (CHSP). The CHSP is a day long clinic facilitated by BCAHA trained course conductors.

PLEASE Remember ...

... be proactive in determining when or where these seminars are available if you are interested in volunteering for SMH. BCAHA shows 'the when and the where' for all their seminars and clinics on their website (http://www.bcaha.org/bcaha/clinics_all.asp).

All SMH members, including Rep participants, must adhere to SMH, TEAM First, and BC Amateur Hockey Association (BCAHA) Codes of Conduct. Physical violence or verbally abusive behavior will not be tolerated before, during, or after hockey program activities. SMH has a zero tolerance policy with respect to the illegal consumption of alcohol or drugs. Vandalism to building and property, attempts to goad or incite violence in others and racial or ethnic slurs are prohibited. Any member or player who engages in any of the aforementioned negative behavior will be subject to disciplinary action which could result in suspension or expulsion from SMH.

Affiliated Players (ie: Call Ups)

Call ups during the regular season shall be in accordance with BCAHA and/or League guidelines. The Affiliated Players (AP's) coach, not the player or parent, must be notified first. House league players that are practicing with Rep teams must be AP's only.

REP Tryouts/Team Selection:

Prior to season start-up, the Association will determine if, in a general sense, there are enough players with appropriate qualities to justify the existence of a competitive team within Atom, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget playing divisions. If it is felt a competitive team is feasible, and enough players have requested tryouts within a playing division, tryouts are open to any player registered within that division who have indicated a desire to try AND submitted appropriate additional fees at registration.

No player is 'guaranteed' a spot on any particular Rep team because he/she played on a Rep team the previous year.

The following skill sets are considered in an evaluation process:

- **Individual Skill:** skating, shooting, passing, puck handling and checking
- **Team Skills:** teamwork, ability to play with others, offensive and defensive tactics, sportsmanship
- **Mental Qualities/Emotional Characteristics:** intelligence, self-discipline, reading and reacting, patience, concentration, desire, attitude and coach-ability.
- **Physical Qualities:** strength, endurance, agility, balance, coordination.

Player evaluations are generally carried out by both off-ice and on-ice evaluators. Players are looked at in practice settings and during inter-squad game play. The exact format of evaluations/tryouts and who will do evaluations is determined closer to season start up.