



CVMHA – Hockey Operations 2021/2022

To: CVMHA Membership

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The 2021/2022 minor hockey season was filled with excitement as we navigated everchanging covid restrictions, tournament cancellations, Island League teams, All-Star teams, First Shift (intro to hockey) program, and the introduction of new appointments to the CVMHA board. All of this while we were still picking up the pieces of a complete shift in our 2020/2021 season that saw dramatic alterations to our hockey programs due to the pandemic.

No hockey season passes without its challenges, 2021/2022 was no exception. We are grateful for the dedication and commitment of our Division Managers, Team Managers, Coaches, Safeties, and everyone who volunteered their time and energy to ensure that our players were afforded this incredible experience. Together, we worked within the association policies and procedures, VIAHA and BC Hockey BY-LAWS, and orders from provincial and regional governments to execute on a successful season.

We were able to complete a full season of hockey with regular season, playoffs, playdowns and tournaments for both recreational and island league teams. Additionally, we demonstrated support to our neighboring association (Campbell River) during their arena lockout by running joint practices and the Rep level, and invitations for exhibition games at the recreational level. We were acknowledged in the local paper for our efforts.

As an executive, we were able to address all complaints and respond within a timeline manner. We established a balanced investigation committee that worked together with players, parents, and coaches to ensure that every issue was properly reviewed, and decisions were made based on evidence and facts.

We continued with a strong focus on youth player development. This season we worked closely with the coaching coordinator and coaches (Particularly in U7/U9) to establish skill-based cohorts and promote strong development for players and coaches. We worked closely

with our Ice Coordinator to ensure that all available “black ice” was offered to us to host additional development practices for our players.

New this season was a U11 development program intended for players in U11 who were not playing island league to provide additional skill development.

Looking ahead, we will continue to build capacity within our hockey operations to ensure effective communication with our players, parents, and coaches. Key focus areas will be:

- Program information

- Island league (rep) programs

- Safeties, Team Managers, Division Managers, and volunteers

- Coaching selection process

- Policies and processes

- Evaluations/Evaluation process

- Team Selections

- Team Balancing (process)

- Video review and video analytics

Additionally, we will continue to promote a strong hockey culture that focuses on skill development, teamwork, community engagement, and FUN.