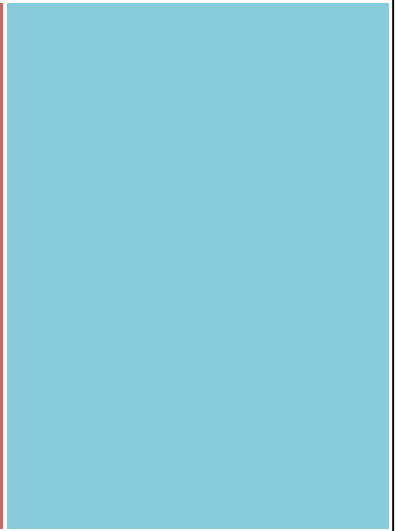
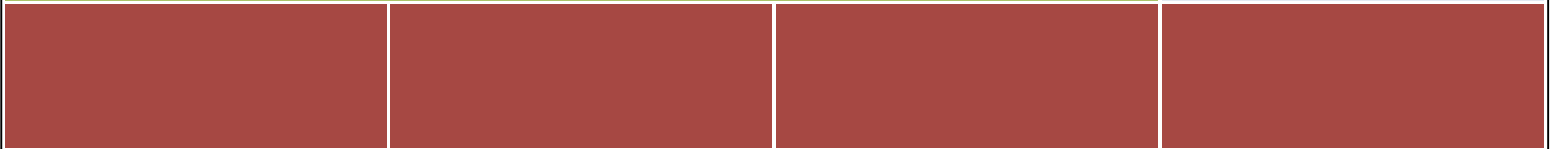


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## OBJECTIVE

It is the purpose of this Policy handbook to provide assistance and direction to those who are responsible for the operating needs of Minor Hockey Teams in the **Whistler Minor Hockey Association (WMHA)**. The duties and responsibilities of Elected Executive and appointed Board Members are outlined in the WMHA Constitution and Bylaws and the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association Guide for Hockey Administration.

All Executive, Coaches, Managers and Safety/Risk managers must provide proof a Criminal Record check.

## STRUCTURE

Whistler Minor Hockey Association (WMHA) is a non-profit recreational sport society incorporated under the British Columbia Societies Act. WMHA is responsible for all Minor Hockey activities within the boundaries established by British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association (BCAHA). WMHA is responsible to and receives its mandate from both the parent organization, Pacific Coast Amateur Association (PCAHA) and Lions Gate Minor Hockey League (LGMHL), which in turn receives its authority from the Canadian Hockey Association through BCAHA.

All players will be placed on teams according to age levels established by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association (CAHA). Every effort will be made to ensure all "C" level teams are evenly balanced. **The executive of the WMHA may establish player limits in each age category, to ensure sufficient numbers of players are available to each team.**

Age "Divisions" within Minor Hockey are set by CHA as follows: (Age is set at the players' age as of midnight Dec 31). Hockey 1 & 2: 5-6, (exceptional 4's), Hockey 3 & 4: 7-8, Atom: 9-10, Peewee: 11-12, Bantam: 13-14, Midget: 15-17, Midget Girls: 12-17.

All teams in WMHA, above Novice, may participate at one of two levels:

**(1) Competitive "A" Teams are Rep.** Teams and will play in a league formed by the Pacific Coast Hockey Association. These teams may also compete for the PCAHA Zone and Provincial Championships at the end of each season.

**(2) Recreational "C" Teams** for all players not electing to play on or selected to play for Competitive

Teams will play in the Lions Gate Hockey League.



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(3) **Midget or Bantam Girls** may compete in the Lower Mainland Female Ice Hockey Association if a full team can be fielded. Accordingly, any female player may play in any other female association when a female team cannot be fielded as per PCAHA Rules

### ASSISTANCE

For further assistance and information team management can refer to or obtain copies of these handbooks:

- through a member of the executive:
- WMHA Constitution and Bylaws
- BCAHA Guide for Hockey Administration
- PCAHA Guide book
- PCAHA Bulletins
- BCAHA Constitution and Bylaws
- BCAHA Bulletins
- CAHA Constitution and Bylaws
- CAHA Rule Book

Parent, team and coach inquiries should be made through the team manager to the President or executive members. The most important inquiries should be in writing.



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### PLAYERS REGISTRATION

No player may participate in Association activities unless he/she is properly registered.

A player is registered when:

- 1) A completed registration form has been filed with Hockey BC by going on the Whistler Minor Hockey website and registering.
- 2) Payment can be made in full by June 15th of the current year.
- 3) **Registration deadline for existing members is June 15th, after this date registration is on a first come first served basis for an additional \$50.00.**
- 4) **Registration Cut-off date is December 1 of each year.**
- 5) An additional fee will be charged for Rep participants. This amount will be determined at the start of each season.
- 6) Each player must be properly registered and insured through the Association and PCAHA and BCAHA.
- 7) New players may participate in a total of four practices to decide whether they want to continue. A non-refundable fee of \$60 will be charged.
- 8) Final registration will be in accordance with BCAHA policy.  
All requests for refunds must be in writing. Refund Deadline is October 31 – Any refund request prior to October 31 will be granted 50% of registration fee. The WMH board will review requests for special circumstances.
- 9) Any outstanding fees from the previous year must be paid in full prior to the registration being accepted for the current year.

**Note:** Only players registered and insured players may participate on WMHA teams and UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES may a player be “loaned” to another Association team.

### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

#### Hockey 1 & 2 (Tyke)

This program is designed for beginners from 5-6 years; exceptional 4 year olds may be accepted. The coaches will evaluate each 4 year old on an individual basis. The emphasis is on fun and skill development and instruction follows the CHA Initiation Program.



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The objectives are to have fun, stimulate interest in hockey and a desire to continue participation, develop basic hockey skills and obtain a sense of achievement. Tyke hockey will also introduce players to the concepts of cooperation, sportsmanship, and leadership, encourage initiative, and prepare players for future participation.

- 1) League - Scoreboard will not be used.
- 2) Players - a maximum of 50 players per division.
- 3) Age- 5 & 6, with exceptional 4 year olds.
- 4) Ice - all players on the same time, twice weekly.
- 5) Coaches - Initiation instructors- may be on the ice during games.
- 6) Divisions – Hockey 1 has no league games; Hockey 2 has a limited number of games
- 7) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 8) Games - A maximum total of 30 for Hockey 2, tournaments included. The two minute buzzer in effect
- 9) Positions - Players will rotate positions - no set positions.

*AT ALL TIMES THE FAIR PLAY CODE WILL BE IN EFFECT.*

### Recreation “C”

This program is the type played by the majority of amateur players. It is fun hockey with the emphasis on fitness, sportsmanship and fellowship. The objectives are to promote a game to fit the needs of the participants and are open to all ages. It will afford equal ice time, de-emphasize the importance of winning, allow enjoyable participation of the fun aspect, assist in an individual’s physical development, create a social environment and allow an individual to participate freely in other sporting activities.

### Hockey 3 & 4 (Novice)

- 1) League - Lions Gate Hockey League - confined to the North Shore and Squamish.
- 2) Teams - Maximum 18 players per team.
- 3) Age - 7 and 8 year olds.
- 4) Ice - Two teams on the ice at the same time, 2 practices 1 game per week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid required as well as Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - A total of 40, tournaments included. No 2-minute buzzer.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. Not set power plays. Rotation of players preferred.

### Atom

- 1) League - Lions Gate Hockey League.



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- 2) Teams - Maximum 19 players.
- 3) Age - 9 and 10 year olds.
- 4) Ice - Two practices and one game per week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid required as well as Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As determined by BCAHA. Non-contact.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. No set power play/penalty units. Set positions.

### Peewee

- 1) League - Lions Gate Hockey League.
- 2) Teams - Maximum 19 players.
- 3) Age - 11-12 year olds.
- 4) Ice - Two practices and one game per week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid required as well as Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As determined by BCAHA. Non-contact.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. Power play/penalty units. Set positions.

### Bantam

- 1) League - Lions Gate Hockey League.
- 2) Teams - Maximum 19 players.
- 3) Age - 13-14 year olds.
- 4) Ice - One practice two games per week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As determined by BCAHA. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. Full hockey rules.

### Midget

- 1) League - Lions Gate Hockey League.
- 2) Teams - 19 players maximum.
- 3) Age – 15, 16 and 17 year olds.
- 4) Ice - One practice two games a week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As determined by BCAHA. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. Full hockey rules.

Each team will be required to appoint a manager who has Speakout.



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### Competitive:

This program is designed for players who have the desire and ability to play at a high level of competition and is willing to invest a substantial amount of time and effort. This type of hockey begins at the Atom level. The objectives are to achieve a degree of excellence according to a player's interest and potential, provide an opportunity for achievement in an enjoyable environment.

### Atom "A"

- 1) League - PCAHA.
- 2) Team - 19 players.
- 3) Age - 9 and 10 year olds.
- 4) Ice - One practice and two games per week.
- 5) Coaches – Hybrid and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As determined by PCAHA. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Equal ice time. No set power play/penalty units.

### Peewee "A"

- 1) League - PCAHA
- 2) Team - 19 players
- 3) Age - 11 and 12 year olds.
- 4) Ice - One practice and two games per week.
- 5) Coaches – Development 1 level required and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As per PCAHA policy. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Set positions. Set units.

### Bantam "A"

- 1) League - PCAHA
- 2) Teams - 19 players.
- 3) Age - 13 and 14 years old.
- 4) Coaches – Development I required and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check
- 5) Ice - One practice and two games per week.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.



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- 7) Games - As per PCAHA policy. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Set positions. Set units.

### Midget "A"

- 1) League - PCAHA
- 2) Teams - 19 players.
- 3) Age – 15, 16 and 17 years old.
- 4) Coaches – Development 1 required and Respect in Sport and Criminal Record Check
- 5) Ice - One practice and two games per week.
- 6) Travel - Unlimited, as per BCAHA regulations.
- 7) Games - As per PCAHA policy. Full contact.
- 8) Players - Set positions. Set units.

Each team is required to supply their own manager and Risk Safety Person with Speakout. Risk Safety person must have required BCAHA SAFETY COURSE

**\*\*\* All teams are responsible for their own tournament fees\*\*\***

### CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

All Criminal Record Checks from Officials MUST be submitted by November 15

### TRYOUTS:

**Philosophy:** The WMHA endeavors to provide hockey for all players registered with the association. The key premise upon which the association bases its tryouts is that each player plays at a level compatible with his or her skill, ability, attitude, desire and experience level. All decisions concerning the assigning of players to teams must conform to PCAHA guidelines: where one or more teams, in the same age group exist, the teams must be of equal playing ability, i.e.: they must be balanced. It is the responsibility of the

divisional manager or association president to ensure this happens.

**Exhibition Games:** the Association to a maximum of five games will pay the cost of referees. The cost of referees will be the responsibility of each individual team for any games exceeding this amount.

In order to assess and categorize each player the following tryout procedure has been adopted, for rep players only:



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- 1) Each tryout should be limited to a maximum of 40 players on the ice, in order to avoid confusion and allow proper evaluation.
  - 2) Each player will be assessed while performing basic or advanced hockey skills.
  - 3) Player assignment should be done with the utmost dispatch.
  - 4) Sensitivity, respect and consideration to the self image of the players should be foremost, therefore, any player not selected to advance to the next round of cuts shall be informed by the coach in a one-on-one format before attending consequent ice sessions.
  - 5) Coaches from each level should be available to assist in the selection process. Coaches and the Coaching Coordinator should meet during the tryout process to review their observations, analysis and assign players.
  - 6) It is imperative that all players and their parents be informed of the process prior to the start of the tryout.
  - 7) At registration parents and players should be given information regarding:
    - a) Tryouts - procedures, starting dates, ice times, length.
    - b) Competitive teams - financial and time commitments.
    - c) House teams - Starting dates, ice times, length, costs.
  - 8) Tryout fees are non-refundable once a player has been in attendance.
  - 9) Each player will be allowed to participate in a minimum of three practices.
- Target date to finalize team rosters will be in accordance with CHA and PCAHA rules. No players are guaranteed a position on a Rep team, based on the previous year's performance. Rep. Fees must be paid in full at the time of carding or the player may not play. "No Exceptions"



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### PLAYER MOVEMENT:

- 1) All player movement during the season must be in accordance with BCAHA and PCAHA guidelines.
- 2) Any player movements for practices or games, from any team, must follow these procedures:
  - a. First communication must be between the coaches of the affected teams.
  - b. All team head coaches must be in agreement to any player movement.
  - c. The player's first commitment is to the team he or she is registered to.
  - d. The parent of the player must be in agreement of the player's move also.
  - e. When more than one team exists in a specific age group, no team may draw a player from the other team, all players must be chosen from a team in a lower division. Any abuse of this rule may result in the suspension of the coach.
  - f. In the case of permanent moves the WMHA transfer form will be completed.
- 3) All players will be encouraged to play in their own age group.
- 4) All players will register in their own age category for the current year.
- 5) If a player desires to participate in an age group at a higher level, then his/her parents will provide a
- 6) letter to the executive requesting the player to be moved to a higher division.
- 7) All players being considered for movement will be evaluated by a minimum of two coaches from each division.
- 8) For "A" hockey, the player must be in the top one third of the team for which he is trying out.
- 9) After the coaches have reached a majority decision, they will report back to the executive for the final decision.
- 10) At no time will a player of the lower division displace a player in the higher division.
- 11) The parents will be responsible for any extra costs incurred in player movement.
- 12) Should the evaluation result in a tie, then the coaching coordinator will cast the deciding vote, providing there is no conflict.

### FAIR PLAY

- 1) Fair play is in place to ensure that each player gets equal participation in all games, ice time lost due to disciplinary action, injuries and suspensions does not apply.
- 2) Fair play is mandatory up to and including Atom Rep. and all "C" division teams.



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- 3) Any complaints concerning fair play should be made in writing directly to the head coach with a copy to the coaching coordinator. The executive of the WMHA is committed to all the players; infractions of the Fair Play code will be dealt with severely.

### FAIR PLAY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1) The main expectations of the Fair Play program require parents to act as positive role models. Yelling negative comments at any opposing players, any coach, any player or any official will not be tolerated.
- 2) If you are in the stands and the person next to you is being negative, tell that person that he/she is not only embarrassing his/her son/daughter, but the embarrassment is spread to the team and all other participants on/off the ice.
- 3) Accept the fact that mistakes will be made by some individuals during the game. Coaches, athletes and officials make mistakes. Be tolerant of mistakes you are watching AMATEUR SPORTS.
- 4) If you feel that something unacceptable is being done, volunteer into the organization and participate in order to correct what you consider to be wrong. Yelling and screaming negatives will only accomplish to isolate you from your friends and from your child.
- 5) The Fair Play program expects parents to understand that all players want to have fun playing the game of hockey. Parents should encourage this fun in a positive way.
- 6) The Fair Play program encourages parents to maintain a positive outlook towards not only their son/daughter, but to all the teammates and to the opposing players as well. Parents feel good when opposing fans clap for their players and their team.

Share that good feeling by clapping for the opposing player or team when a good play occurs.

- 7) The Fair Play program expects parents to understand that you are watching young players having fun playing a sport they love. The young players are NOT there to entertain the parents in the stands.
- 8) The children you watch on the ice do hear and see you at the rinks. The children look to you for acceptance and praise.
- 9) The Fair Play program expects that positive praise for your child and others should not be lacking. You as a parent are a vital part of the game.

The Fair Play program encourages your participation in your son/daughter's hockey experiences.



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- \*\* Respect the rules
- \*\* Respect the officials and their decisions
- \*\* Respect the opponents
- \*\* Maintain self control at all times

**As a parent please remember the Fair Play Motto:**

*LESSONS WILL BE REMEMBERED LONG AFTER SCORES ARE FORGOTTEN.*

### CODE OF DISCIPLINE:

- 1) The code of discipline shall be returned, signed by both the child and parent, with each registration.
- 2) The President shall be informed of all internal suspensions.

#### **Complaints Re: Coaches and Team Officials.**

- 1) All complaints must first be attempted to be resolved informally between parent and coach.
- 2) Any complaint not resolved informally, shall be made in writing and given to the Coaching Coordinator, who shall attempt to resolve the matter.
- 3) Any complaint not resolved at this level shall be brought to the attention of the Association Executive.

#### **Complaints Re: Referees and Linesmen:**

This forum of complaint is not meant for coaches or other who do not like the way a referee or linesman called a particular game, nor is it for questioning interpretations of judgment calls. Any serious concerns by coaching staff or others should be reported IN WRITING to the WMHA Referee-in-Chief and a copy to the President.

### TOURNAMENTS

Minor Hockey tournaments offer an enjoyable opportunity for all players at all levels to demonstrate their hockey skills competitively in an environment that encourages fair play and fun. Your executive encourages all teams to participate in tournaments. Guidelines are as follows and should be strictly adhered to with any exceptions referred to the executive for approval.

- 1) All tournament arrangements must be in accordance with CHA, BCAHA, PCAHA and WMHA rules and regulations.
- 2) Tournament fees are the responsibility of each individual team.
- 3) Teams may only enter in officially sanctioned tournaments.



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- 4) At all times, without exception good manners and sportsmanship are to be displayed by players, coaching staff and parents both on and off the ice.
- 5) During the regular season and playoffs, league play takes precedence over any tournaments. No games may be rescheduled without permission of both the opposing team and the divisional manager.
- 6) If playing in the USA extended travel insurance is recommended.

### **XI: EQUIPMENT.**

#### **GOAL TENDING GEAR:**

WMHA provides goal tender gear for all players in hockey 1 to Atom and Peewee upon request. The equipment manager will be responsible for the issuing of all equipment. The player and his parent or guardian must sign for any goaltending gear issued on a full time basis. All goaltenders in Pee Wee and up with they're own equipment are exempt from Association dues. WMHA recognizes the additional costs to play this position and the association would like to field more goaltenders in the future.

#### **REGULAR PLAYER GEAR:**

- 1) All equipment must be CAHA approved.
- 2) WMHA provides each team with one set of sweaters. WMHA colors are primarily red with black and white trim. A set of Black jerseys will be made available for each division to be used as conflict colored jerseys as provided and approved by Whistler Minor Hockey Association.
- 3) All jerseys must be returned at the end of each game and will be stored in the lockers provided.
- 4) For Peewee & above, a post dated cheque for \$100.00 is required to cover the cost of a lost or stolen jersey.
- 5) The manager of each team will prepare a list of the number issued to each player and provide the list to the equipment manager.
- 6) One pair of socks will be issued to each player that is theirs to keep. The cost of the socks is built into the registration. The player or parent may purchase any extra socks.
- 7) Sponsor bars will be provided by the association and will be sewn on by a "team parent"
- 8) The cost of name bars are the responsibility of each player or parent, as well as the sewing.
- 9) Team sweaters may be washed at the arena.
- 10) A set of larger size tournament jerseys is available. The equipment manager upon request will supply them.

#### **MISCILLANEOUS:**



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- 1) A sufficient number of pucks will be supplied to each team to allow for a full season. Any remaining pucks will be returned to the equipment manager at the conclusion of the season.
- 2) Pylons are the property of the arena but may be used by any team. They must not be placed in individual lockers.
- 3) Water bottles are the responsibility of each player, a limited number are available to each team.

### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF COACHES**

*All Coaches must provide proof of a criminal record check.*

The association chooses coaches through the Coach Coordinator. The criteria include: coaching level attained through formal clinics, background and coaching experience, references, reliability, integrity and coaching philosophy compatible with that of the association. The association endeavours to select coaches that are the most appropriate, best qualified and responsible for the fair evaluation and assigning of players to teams. The WMHA Executive requires a high standard of conduct from its coaching staff in dealing with other coaches, referees and other officials and in the image projected to participants of the WMHA. The coaching staff is an integral part of the association and is expected to support the decisions of the Executive and to abide by the WMHA policies.

The following is a list of items expected from the coaches:

- 1) Coaching at all levels should consist of teaching and improving hockey skills of individual player and promoting teamwork and sportsmanship.
- 2) It is the philosophy of the WMHA that all participants receive equal ice time. Ice time lost to injury, disciplinary action and suspensions does not apply. (Rep teams exempt)
- 3) The coach is to ensure that each player is properly protected when on the ice and that parents are advised of the necessity for players to wear properly fitting and approved equipment.
- 4) Players are to shake hands at the end of each game.
- 5) The coaching staff must have a controlled attitude towards referees. Lack of coaching self-control may result in disciplinary action being taken.
- 6) The coach is responsible for obtaining a competent manager.
- 7) Ice times provided and paid for by the association must be used or returned to the Ice Scheduler.

Repeated failure to use the allotted time may result in a loss of that ice slot. Should coaches' trade ice times the Ice Scheduler must be notified.



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- 8) Coaches are responsible for checking games sheets for suspensions to participants. Suspensions are automatic and are to be advised by the coach to his/her players.
- 9) Any coach who blatantly refuses to follow WMHA policies can be suspended from coaching indefinitely by the executive.
- 10) The coach is responsible to ensure that dressing rooms are left clean and ready for use by the next team.
- 11) Coaches who successfully complete the following courses will be reimbursed their registration fee: Initiation, Coach Level and Intermediate. All other courses will be reviewed on an individual basis.



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### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGERS:**

*All Managers must provide proof of a criminal record check.*

The team manager is appointed by the coach and should be introduced to the team and parents at the earliest convenience. The manager then works with the coaches to appoint parents to other positions such as timekeepers, fundraisers etc. The manager is the first line of communication with and for the parents with the team coach and others in the association. The manager is also responsible for calling team meetings and for contacting parents on other important matters.

The manager's duties include:

- 1) Organizing game minor officials such as timekeepers and scorekeepers for each game.
- 2) To ensure that the uniforms are clean and ready for use, the care of any other team equipment.
- 3) Assist the coach in scheduling or rescheduling all games.
- 4) To ensure the safekeeping of all game sheets.
- 5) Ensure that the properly completed game sheet has been completed by both teams and delivered to the game referee before each home game.
- 6) Ensure, with the coaches, that players are informed of their suspensions and when they can return to team activities.
- 7) Receive basic First Aid Kit from the equipment manager and make sure it is available for all team activities. Be aware of emergency procedures at both home and away games. Keep handy the phone numbers for ambulances and hospitals.
- 8) Ensure that if an injured player is transported to the hospital without the presence of his/her parent, that a responsible adult accompanies the player and the necessary medical report form is available for completion by the attending doctor. Also, ensure that the parent or guardian is advised of the accident and the proper report form is promptly filed with the registrar.
- 9) Ensure that each player/family and team official receives a game and practice schedule.
- 10) Ensure that all team players and officials are properly registered or "Carded".
- 11) Ensure that all rules and regulations of the association are carried out as they pertain to each respective team.
- 12) Managers are to ensure that all association equipment is returned to the equipment manager at the conclusion of each season.
- 13) Managers must remain in continual contact with their League Manager for all updates.
- 14) For further information, managers should refer to the WMHA manager's manual.



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### **HARASSMENT / SEXUAL ABUSE:**

1) The WMHA fully endorses both the CAHA and the BCAHA stand against any forms of abuse, in this respect a separate policy has been created and adopted.

### **FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES:**

All teams and participants have a responsibility to project a positive image of the team our Association and Minor Hockey. At all times the public image of the WMHA membership, conduct and appearance must be above reproach. From time to time parents and players will be expected to participate in fundraising endeavors to meet team and Association expenses.

- 1) All fundraising initiatives must have the approval, prior to being implemented, of the executive of the WMHA.
- 2) Direct public support can be requested through activities such as car washes, candy sales, 50/50 draws etc. Alcohol beverages may not be used as a prize.
- 3) Many corporations make substantial contributions to our Association through the sponsorship of teams, tournaments and Association programs. The Vice-President may provide a list of these corporate sponsors. Teams should avoid approaching these sponsors for additional funding.
- 4) All fundraising programs must be well supervised and controlled.
- 5) All profits from individual fundraising programs are deemed to belong to the team.
- 6) Fundraising programs should be carried out chiefly within our Association boundaries.
- 7) Team management is responsible for ensuring that Association guidelines and Municipal bylaws are followed.
- 8) Teams may plan, budget and fundraise for the following purposes:
  - a) Tournament team registration fees.
  - b) The cost of hotel/motel accommodations at an away tournament.
  - c) Additional ice time.
  - d) Team jackets, team sweat suits, hats equipment bags, etc provided they meet executive approval.
  - e) Other expenses such as faxes, phone calls and correspondence, which must be documented.
  - f) Provincial Championships.
  - g) Fundraising for any other items not mentioned above must be approved by the executive of the WMHA.
- 9) UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES can teams raise money for items such as:
  - a) Team or individual photographs.
  - b) Team or individual travel expenses other than for tournaments or Provincials.



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- c) Tickets to sporting events or other entertainment.
- d) Sweater name bars.

These items should be purchased by the players/families on an individual and personal optional basis.

Should a player leave a team he/she shall forfeit any rights to any funds. At no time shall funds be returned to a player or parent.

### **TRANSPORTATION:**

The transportation of players is a daily chore for parents, team managers, and coaches involved with Whistler Minor Hockey. Safety at all times is important but takes on special significance when out of town travel is involved. The following are the guidelines when transporting players:

1. It is mandatory that any vehicle associated with a team outing, game, practice or tournament, whether in town or out-of-town, must have third party liability insurance of at least \$ 2,000,000. If a rental vehicle, such as a van or bus is involved, make sure that the vehicle is covered for the number of people who will make the trip. Buses should have insurance coverage for all passengers.
2. Any vehicle used regularly for transporting players such as a team bus or van should be safety certified. The driver's license of all volunteer drivers should also be reviewed each year to ensure that they are licensed for the class of vehicle to be driven.
3. All drivers must hold a valid driver's license. Drivers under the age of 19 years may drive themselves and up to three other players to practices and in-town-games. Drivers under the age of 19 years may drive themselves and up to three other players to out-of-town games but must be off the road by midnight.
4. Alcohol is forbidden when transporting Whistler Minor hockey League Players to practices, games or tournaments.
5. School buses have emergency exits at the very rear. For this reason, player's equipment should not be stowed at the rear, blocking the exit. The middle section of the bus should be used as equipment seats.
6. Hockey is traditionally a winter sport and for this reason tournaments are at the mercy of Mother Nature. For out of town trips, plan ahead. Review the route and check the weather reports before leaving. Wherever possible stick to main highways that are better maintained during inclement weather, even if it means slightly greater mileage.
7. Don't let pride cause an accident. It is better to default on a game than involve players in a serious accident.



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8. Parents and/or volunteers who use their private vehicles to transport players to functions and who have their mileage reimbursed must notify their auto insurers to make certain they have proper coverage.