

Viking Minor Hockey Policies 2014/2015

Referee Policy: Viking Minor Hockey will pay all Referee costs excluding hosted Tournament Referee costs (to a yearly maximum of \$25,000.00) for the 2014/2015 Hockey season. If/when the \$25,000.00 amount is spent each team will be responsible for their own Referee costs from that point forward. Teams playing an excessive (as determined by the Minor Hockey Executive) amount of home exhibition games will be requested to pay the Referee costs for the excessive Exhibition games played.

Tournament Policy:

Teams need to talk to the VMH Referee Coordinator to schedule referees for their tournaments.

All profits from hosted tournaments will go to Viking Minor Hockey. The hosting team(s) are expected to make a minimum profit of at least one entry fee per host team/tournament. If a single team hosts a two day tournament they will be expected to profit two entry fees for that tournament. Allowed expenses are referees, trophies, ice rental at other arenas with prior Executive approval and prize table items. Team Director's are responsible for ensuring that the teams follow the tournament policies. The Carena Kitchen will provide special menu items for a tournament with 2 weeks notice. All host teams must fill out a tournament accounting form that **must** be turned into the VMH Treasurer a maximum of 14 days after the Tournament. This form is available on the VMH web site. All food associated to the Tournament must be bought, sold and served from the Carena Concession. Teams are allowed to conduct a 50/50 for their Tournament and must obtain the proper license themselves. Businesses who are not involved with the Corporate Sponsorship program may be solicited for cash or prizes for tournaments. These donations are to be made through Viking Minor Hockey who will issue receipts for tournament donations.

Coach Helmet Policy – Effective November 6 2008 as per Hockey Alberta Bulletin 08/22 all Viking Minor Hockey Coaches need to wear a CSA approved helmet at all practices. Coaches found not wearing a helmet at practice will be asked to leave the ice. In addition any coach found not wearing a helmet after January 1 2009 will be suspended indefinitely by Hockey Alberta.

50/50 Policy: All Teams will be allowed to run 50/50 at all home games. The Team will keep the profits of the 50/50. Teams are responsible for obtaining the proper 50/50 license for each game. Tournament 50/50 is not part of this policy as all tournament 50/50 profit goes to Viking Minor Hockey. The Viking Minor Hockey Director responsible for 50/50 and all issues/questions need to be brought forward through Sara.

Jersey/Equipment Policy – Each Team in Viking Minor Hockey will receive a set of Home and Away jerseys this season. New socks are \$25.00 for 2 pairs or \$15.00 for one pair . Each team will be given a jersey sheet that they **must fill out and return to the VMH Equipment Director.** Jerseys are the responsibility of each team’s Coaches and Managers. Under no circumstances are jerseys allowed to be taken home by the players. Jerseys are to be kept in the assigned locker rooms. If jerseys are missing or damaged at the end of the season, it will be the team’s responsibility to replace them. **Initiation teams will be allowed to put their names (*on the top only*) of the jerseys. No other Teams are allowed to put names on their jerseys.** Please ensure only team equipment and sweaters go in the storage rooms. Each team will be given a key to their assigned (please see Della for key) storage room which must be returned at the end of the season. **Pucks, pylons, shooter tutor, white boards, and pinies all go back in the puck room found behind the penalty box after each game or practice.** Teams will share pucks from Minor Hockey and use them for practice and home game warm-up (visitors also).

Out of Town player registration policy – Viking Minor Hockey will only accept players from Towns who do not have a Team (or their team is full) in that players age category. If a player wishes to play in Viking from a town that has a Team of a lower Provincial classification it will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the Viking Minor Hockey Executive. All Viking Teams will openly accept eligible players at all age levels. If any Team has more players than available spots Viking Minor Hockey will first look at having two teams (tiered Atom up) and if that is not possible a try out of non-residents will occur for the remaining open positions. **Any contact between outside Minor Hockey representatives must happen through the Association Presidents as any other contact could be considered tampering.**

Girls Hockey Teams Coaching Staff Policy – All Girls hockey teams PeeWee and up require a carded Female member of the coaching staff to be present on the bench and in the dressing room at all games and in the arena and dressing room during all practices.

Team Staff Background Check Policy – All Team Staff require a yearly Background check conducted at their local RCMP detachment. Each individual is to provide the check to the VMH President by December 31st of the current Season. If the background check identifies a criminal record the Team Staff member must be prepared to disclose (in writing) to the VMH President the details of the record or that individual will be removed from their team position.

Head Coach Selection and Coach Responsibilities Policy (NEW)

I. Application and Selection Process

Applications are accepted on an annual basis (at registration) by the Viking Minor Hockey Executive from individuals interested in coaching one of the Viking Minor Hockey teams. In the event of more than one Head Coach applying for the same team the VMH Executive will choose the Head Coach. The selection of Assistant Coaches/Manager/Trainer is the responsibility of the Head Coach. In the selection of other team official's coaches are reminded that they are responsible to Viking Minor Hockey for the operation of their team. When selecting Assistant Coaches/Managers/Trainers Head Coaches must ensure that their conduct with the players, other teams, and officials is of a professional nature.

All applicants will be notified personally by a member of the VMH Executive as to the outcome of their Application. **No active team Director on the Viking Minor Hockey Executive will be permitted to be a team official (Coach, Manager, Trainer) for the Team they are a Director for within Viking Minor Hockey.**

II. Responsibilities of the Coach

- Oversee all team operations
- Follow Viking Minor Hockey Association Policies and Bylaws
- Explain philosophy and plans to parents and players prior to start of season and hold team and parent meetings as required during the year
- Selection of team (tiering) – with assistance from VMH Executive.
- Attend games and practices
- Conduct properly prepared practices (Refer to manuals obtained from Hockey Alberta)
- Ensure that all players are given the opportunity to develop in a non-threatening environment
- Ensure that no hazing of players is tolerated

- Develop and administer all team rules
- Follow all Hockey Canada and Hockey Alberta rules
- Report to Viking Minor Hockey Executive as required
- Ensure proper use, care and return of all Viking Minor Hockey equipment and sweaters
- Ensure that all players are properly and fully equipped when practicing and/or playing
- Show respect to all players, parents, competitors and officials and encourage all those associated with your team to act in similar fashion
- Represent Viking Minor Hockey in a respectable fashion
- Be a positive role model for all those you encounter

All members of the Viking Minor Hockey Executive have the authority to enforce any of these rules at any time. The Viking Minor Hockey Executive reserves the right to suspend any coaches or team officials for violation of rules.

VMH Dressing Room Policy (NEW): All Viking Minor Hockey Atom through Midget Male and Female Teams: Parents/Siblings/Guardians will not be permitted in the dressing room prior to or after any game or practice. It will be the responsibility of Team Officials to enforce this policy.