



# Vancouver Island Amateur Hockey Association

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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** VIAHA Membership  
**FROM:** Jim Humphrey, VIAHA President  
**COPY:** VIAHA Officers  
**SUBJECT:** Hockey Outside a Cohort

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It has come to our attention that some players in the District have been participating in hockey related activities outside of their designated cohort. The majority of these activities are located in the Lower Mainland and operated by private companies that are not affiliated with BC Hockey or Hockey Canada. The activities include, but are not limited to, spring team tryouts, development ice and rogue (unaffiliated) leagues. There are also some spring league exposure camps scheduled for Christmas break on and off Vancouver Island.

While it is not recommended by viaSport, individuals are permitted to belong to cohorts in multiple sports they are however **only permitted to belong to one hockey cohort**. Every player who is rostered to a team in this District must restrict their activities to their own team and those two or three other teams that constitute their cohort. The only exceptions are activities that comply with viaSport Phase 2 restrictions.

Any player who participates in other hockey activities will be considered to have broken their cohort. They **MUST** restrict themselves to Phase 2 activities for a period of 14 days before rejoining their team. Phase 2 activities include those in which they can maintain physical distancing of 2 meters and excludes battle and contact drills, scrimmages and games. If they participate in a practice with their regular team and exceed Phase 2 restrictions then the entire team will be ineligible to participate in games for 14 days.

The responsibility for monitoring the participation of players outside their cohort and compliance rests with the individual team and with the MHA to which the player belongs. They should be following up with any information received which would indicate non-compliance by any of their players. A player who has broken his cohort and played in a game will be considered an ineligible player and the team will be subject to sanctions as per VIAHA Regulation #5.12.

If you have any questions or require clarification please contact the VIAHA Office.

Sincerely,

Jim Humphrey,  
VIAHA President