



# BC Ball Hockey Association

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Dear BCBHA Members,

On behalf of the BC Ball Hockey Association (BCBHA) this memo is to inform you about the recent developments regarding the New West Minor Ball Hockey Association's application for membership with BCBHA.

The NWMBHA application for membership was thoroughly reviewed by the BCBHA Board of Directors in accordance with our established procedures and by laws. After review and communication with our stakeholders and membership, the BCBHA board made the decision to deny NWMBHA's application for membership in the 2024 season. The decision was made in accordance with Section 3.3 of our Rules and Regulations:

"When a new league applies to join the BCBHA, in an existing member league market, the existing league or leagues will have to approve the new applicant prior to acceptance into the BCBHA."

Historically, the New Westminster area has been served by the Metro Ball Hockey Association over the last 25 years.

The NWMBHA has made the decision to continue to operate for the 2024 season. While we support their commitment to growing the sport, we must provide clarity to our membership about what this means for them.

At present, NWMBHA is considered an unsanctioned league and are not members of the BC Ball Hockey Association or Canada Ball Hockey Association. As such, this league will NOT be eligible for interlock games with our minor member associations. They are also INELIGIBLE to participate in any sanctioned events, including but not limited to, the Provincials, the Western Challenge Cup, the Junior Nationals, or any high-performance programming.

If a player decides to play in both sanctioned and unsanctioned leagues, they retain their eligibility for all sanctioned tournaments and programs. (I.e: registering in both a minor member association and NWMBHA).

Upholding the integrity and standards within the BC Ball Hockey Association is paramount. The decision reflects our commitment to ensuring that both we and all our members align with our policies, procedures, and by-laws.

The BCBHA is committed to improving our communication and maintaining transparency in our decision-making processes to the best of our abilities. While specific details regarding these decisions may be confidential, we want to assure members that the decision was made after careful consideration of our existing members and adherence to our established procedures.

The BCBHA Board of Directors remain focused on promoting a collaborative and inclusive environment within the BCBHA while ensuring the organic growth of the sport. We appreciate your continued dedication to the association and its values.

As members, you are encouraged to communicate with your home association and make your questions or concerns known. We are consistently listening to feedback from our member associations and working on collaborative solutions.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing commitment to the success of the BCBHA.

Regards,

BCBHA Board of Directors