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TO: BC Hockey Membership

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SUBJECT: Coaches' Initial Duty

Volunteers who have accepted the position of coach at any level in BC Hockey have also accepted those duties to supervise and instruct their players with reasonable foresight and care. It is important therefore, that all coaches remind their players at the first opportunity and parents at the first meeting or individual conference of the following:

- that there are some inherent risks of injury for the players. There is the remote possibility of an accidental catastrophic injury for hockey participants;
- that if there is any question of a neck or back injury to a teammate or any player they must not be moved;
- that if you as a player are hurt and your back or neck are painful and you feel any buzzing or tingling in your neck, back, arms or legs then do not move;
- that potential serious injury may occur as a result of a check from behind and just as you would not like to be hit from behind in this cowardly fashion, this type of check will not be tolerated;
- that the Athletes Code of Conduct must be adhered to;
- that the Coaches Code of Conduct must be adhered to;
- that the Parents Code of Conduct must be adhered to.

Fair Play Code Contracts can be found in the Safety Risk Management Manual located on the BC Hockey website at www.bchockey.net/Administration/Resources.aspx.