



## North Central Zone Pilot Policy and Procedures

### 14.01 DISTRICT ZONE PROGRAM

#### 14.02.01.01 MANDATE AND KEY DUTIES – DISTRICT ZONE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM DELIVERY GROUP

The mandate, key duties and other pertinent details with respect to the District Zone Committee and the District Zone Program Delivery Group

In fulfilling its mandate, the District Zone Committee and the District Zone Program Delivery Group will partner with BC Hockey.

#### 14.02.02 ZONE BOUNDARIES

##### 14.02.02.01 BOUNDARIES

The BC Hockey Board of Directors has approved one (1) draw zone. Zone teams are eligible to compete in the BC Hockey Zone League. The zone boundaries and Minor Hockey Associations included in each of the respective zone areas established by BC Hockey are:

- a) **North Central Zone** including 100 Mile House, MacKenzie, McBride, Prince George, Quesnel, Valemount and Williams Lake

##### 14.02.02.02 ZONE DRAW ADJUSTMENT

The North Central District may make application to the Chief Executive Officer to adjust District Zone draw zones.

#### 14.02.03 FINANCIAL

##### 14.02.03.01 BUDGET

- a) League Budget  
Each team bank account will be credited \$3,000.00 to be used for team start-up costs via approval from the Chief Executive Officer. This credit is to be paid back to BC Hockey by January 1.
- b) Team Budgets
  - i. Each Zone Team must:
    - Establish and submit a proposed budget.
    - Provide a financial report within three (3) weeks of the conclusion of their season.
  - i. Each Zone Team budget shall not include expenses for the following items:
    - Team Apparel
    - Team Staff Honorarium



- Team Trainer Honorarium
  - Exhibition Games (Pre-Season)
  - Additional Practice Ice
  - Dry Land Training
- ii. Zone Teams will notify parents of any additional team expenses such as: meals, skate sharpening or water bottles.

#### **14.02.03.02 HOTELS/TRANSPORTATION**

- a) Transportation is determined by the Zone Team
- b) Accommodation is determined by the Zone Team
- c) The League will provide for a meal allowance up to a maximum of \$60.00 per day for a maximum of four (4) team officials to a maximum of \$2,500.00 per team
- d) The League will provide a mileage allotment of \$2,400 per team.

#### **14.02.03.03 TEAM BANK ACCOUNTS**

Each Zone Team will be assigned a bank account prior to the start of each season, with the following parameters:

- a) The Chief Executive Officer will assign two (2) signing officers for each team
- b) Only team officials will be eligible to be a signing officer on the account
- c) All transactions and monies for the team must be accounted for in the assigned account
- d) The team signing officers will be required to complete a financial report. This report is to be filed with the BC Hockey office each month.
- e) Teams are not to open or use any other bank account in addition to the league supplied account. Team officials are not to use their personal accounts for any team funds.
- f) All gaming license applications are to be administered by the BC Hockey office. It should be noted that a successful gaming application will necessitate the use of a second, gaming specific, bank account for the team.

#### **14.02.03.04 FUNDRAISING**

No advertising, name bars (other than league supplied name bars) or other patches may be applied to team jerseys without prior consent of the Chief Executive Officer through the North Central Zone Coordinator.

#### **14.02.03.05 DISTRICT ZONE TEAM STAFF HONORARIUMS**

- a) The League will provide a team staff honorarium of \$12,500 per team. Zone Teams will submit suggested disbursement amounts to the North Central Zone Coordinator for review. The North Central Zone Coordinator will submit the breakdown to the Chief Executive Officer
- b) The honorarium will be paid in two (2) installments to approved staff members. The payment dates are December 1 and the February 1.
- c) Honorarium cheques will be held by BC Hockey should a team not have up to date accounting records.



#### **14.02.04 TEAM OFFICIALS**

##### **14.02.04.01 REQUIREMENTS**

All coaching staff must share the philosophical values of the representative zone and that of BC Hockey:

- a) All individuals wishing to apply must submit an application to the North Central Zone Coordinator
- b) All team officials to complete criminal record check prior to being selected.

##### **14.02.04.02 SELECTION**

New and returning Team Officials will be reviewed by the North Central Zone Coordinator. The Chief Executive Officer will appoint the Team Officials on recommendation by the North Central Zone Coordinator.

##### **14.02.04.03 RELEASE OF TEAM OFFICIALS**

Team officials are expected to provide a good example to the players in their charge. As a result, an offence committed by a team official shall be deemed to be more serious than an equivalent offence committed by a player.

- a) Team officials may be released from a Zone Team for the following reasons:
  - Failure to control conduct of players
  - Disrespect for the rules and regulations of Hockey Canada and BC Hockey
  - Failure to follow philosophy and/or philosophical values of BC Hockey and the North Central Zone Coordinator
  - Excessive penalties
  - Use of alcohol or drugs during any sanctioned event
  - Failure to meet team obligations
  - Any infraction deemed by the North Central Zone Coordinator not to be in the best interests of the team

The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to release a team official based on the recommendations of the North Central Zone Coordinator.

- b) A decision to release a team official from a team roster may be appealed pursuant to BC Hockey Bylaw Eight and Regulation Nine.

##### **14.02.04.04 COACHING CERTIFICATION**

No applications for Head Coach shall be considered unless the applicant has a minimum of Development 1, including Respect in Sport and Concussion Awareness Training Toolkit (CATT). A Head Coach of a Bantam Zone Team is required to be certified in High Performance 1.

All Assistant Coaches shall have completed a minimum Development 1, Respect in Sport and CATT.



#### **14.02.04.05 RESPECT IN SPORT/CONCUSSION AWARENESS TRAINING TOOLKIT**

All Zone Team officials must complete Respect in Sport and CATT to be considered for any position within the District Zone.

#### **14.02.04.06 HOCKEY CANADA SAFETY PROGRAM (HCSP)**

All Hockey Canada carded teams must have an HCSP official carded by December 1 of the current season in accordance with BC Hockey regulations. The team HCSP person shall not be permitted on the bench during games unless otherwise qualified and approved by the North Central Zone Coordinator.

#### **14.02.05 TEAM REGISTRATION**

##### **14.02.05.01 LEAGUE REGISTRATION FEES**

Each Zone Team shall be assessed an equal fee to cover the operating costs of the league. To facilitate administration at the team level, these fees shall be invoiced by BC Hockey directly to the individual players based on registration of nineteen players (including two goaltenders). Each team will be responsible for the payment of the total invoice, regardless of the number of players carried on their roster. Member players of the league shall be responsible for any financial deficit incurred by league operations. Should sponsorship funding be secured by BC Hockey to cover operational costs of the league, rebates of these assessments will be distributed equally to league teams.

##### **14.02.05.02 TEAM NAMES**

- a) All Zone Team names must be reviewed by the North Central Zone Coordinator and approved by Chief Executive Officer.
- b) A Zone Team's approved name cannot be altered in any way, including the addition of sponsor names, without prior approval of the North Central Zone Coordinator.
- c) Application to change a team's name must be made in writing to the North Central Zone Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer.

##### **14.02.05.03 TEAM WEBSITES**

- a) Zone Team websites and social media accounts will not post team staff members that have not been approved on the Hockey Canada Registry (HCR).
- b) Zone Teams will adhere to the BC Hockey Social Media Guidelines – Teams.

#### **14.02.06 PLAYER REGISTRATION**

##### **14.02.06.01 PLAYER FEES**

- a) Player fees shall be prorated equally based on Zone Team registration fees.
- b) The players are responsible for their transportation, hotel accommodations and meal costs for games.
- c) Player fees shall be paid by credit card or money order/certified cheque upon request by team manager.



- d) If payment is not received within seven (7) days of receipt of invoice, the player shall not be eligible to participate with the team. In the case of a player joining the team after the season has commenced, payment of fees must be received within two (2) weeks of the player's first game.
- e) Zone Team managers shall coordinate the payment of all nineteen player registration fees.
- f) A player's full registration fee will guarantee a position on a team's roster for the complete season.
- g) Players paying their player fee in installments shall be suspended from all games and practices if payment has not been made within seven (7) days of the payment due date. Such suspension shall remain in effect until payment has been received.
- h) Any shortfall of player registration fees (i.e. player quits and is not replaced) shall be borne by the remaining players.
- i) Players are responsible for any expenses incurred by their Zone Team during the season over and above the registration/player fee.

#### **14.02.06.02 REFUNDS**

Any shortfall of team registration fees will be borne by players. As such, refunds shall only be granted if a replacement player is found to fill the vacant roster spot.

- a) **Players Release Due to Health:** In the case where a player has encountered health issues that restrict participation, the player may apply for a refund, either in full or in part, of registration fees.
- b) **Players Voluntary Release:** Should a player choose to be released from the team on their own accord or upon their own choice (i.e., player decides to quit the team), the registration fee will not be refunded by BC Hockey. Should a player be released the player may apply for a refund, either in full or in part, of registration fees.
- c) **Player Releases:** There shall be no refunds for any player who has been released for disciplinary reasons.
- d) **Player Suspensions:** Should a player be suspended by a Zone Team, or by the North Central Zone Coordinator relative to BC Hockey / Hockey Canada Regulations, the registration fee will not be refunded by BC Hockey.
- e) All player refunds will be at the discretion of the North Central Zone Coordinator and the Chief Executive Officer.
- f) Pro-rated refunds, where applicable above, are as follows:
  - Prior to September 15 - eligible for full refund
  - Prior to November 15 - eligible for 50% refund
  - Prior to January 10 - eligible for 25% refund
  - After January 10 - no refund

#### **14.02.06.03 REGISTRATION/CARDING PROCEDURES**



- a) Each team shall receive access to a maximum of twenty-five (Midget) or twenty (Bantam) electronic Player Registration certificates via the Hockey Canada Registry. Prior to the first league, tournament or playoff game, the registering team must:
  - i. Register all players and team officials on the Hockey Canada Registry.
  - ii. All players are to sign a copy of their completed online card; and parents must sign the Refund Policy Acknowledgement Form prior to first league game. No player shall participate with a team until said forms have been duly signed
- b) Participation of a player or team official prior to carding on the Hockey Canada Registry will result in loss of points and/or discipline in accordance with BC Hockey Regulations.
- c) Should a team shall carry a full roster of nineteen players, two must be goaltenders.

#### **14.02.06.04 AFFILIATION**

- a) Zone teams may affiliate players from within their draw zone Minor Hockey Associations
- b) Registration of an affiliate player requires the submission of an Affiliation form to be submitted to the North Central District Registrar.
- c) Affiliate players must be carded with a BC Hockey registered lower division/category team prior to being eligible to be included as an affiliate on a zone team.
- d) Players registered on recreational ("house" or "C") teams, may affiliate to a Zone Team.
- e) Teams may not call up Affiliate Players (except under emergency conditions) when the Affiliate Player's team is playing. Affiliate players shall only be used as emergency replacements for the following emergency conditions:
  - i. Injuries
  - ii. Suspensions/Disciplinary action (not including team imposed suspensions)
- f) The player's team may not unreasonably deny a player the opportunity to play as an Affiliate.  
NOTE: This provision applies to players affiliating from MHAs to Zone Teams, as well as players affiliating from District Zone teams to Junior clubs.
- j) Consent of an affiliate player's home association must be obtained prior to using the player in a game or practice.
- k) Affiliate players may play a maximum of ten (10) games (Regular Season and Playoff) as an affiliate to a District Zone Team in a given season. Once an Affiliate player's carded team is eliminated from playoff competition the player may participate as an affiliate for the balance of the season.
- l) An Affiliate player who has played the maximum number of games permitted under HC rules and/or BC Hockey policy may not be used as an affiliate unless his registered team has been eliminated from playoff competition. Players qualifying under this policy shall be assessed a game fee to be determined by the North Central Zone Coordinator and Chief Executive Officer.
- m) The final date to add an affiliate player to a zone team is January 15.

#### **14.02.06.05 PLAYER RELEASES**

- a) Players shall not be released once they have been offered a place on a team except for the following reasons:



- i. Disciplinary problems
  - ii. Use of drugs or alcohol
  - iii. Non-payment of player fees
  - iv. Player requests to play at a higher division or return to Minor Hockey Association.
  - v. Safety or risk management concern to the player
  - vi. Deemed by the North Central Zone Coordinator to be in the best interests of the team and/or player
- b) Application to remove a player from a Zone Team roster must be made in writing to the North Central Zone Coordinator, setting out reasons for the removal of the player.
- c) If a player with disciplinary issues is being considered for removal from the team:
- i. Written and/or verbal notice of disciplinary concerns and steps taken to address the problems must be documented by the player's Zone Team officials.
  - ii. The player and parent(s) must be made aware of the problems and given the opportunity to correct his/her behavior prior to submitting said application to the North Central Zone Coordinator
- d) There shall be no refunds for any player who has been released for disciplinary reasons.

#### **14.02.07 PLAYER ELIGIBILITY**

##### **14.02.07.01 BANTAM AND MIDGET AGED PLAYERS**

All divisions and categories are determined by Hockey Canada and BC Hockey regulations.

##### **14.02.07.02 UNDER AGED PLAYERS**

No under-aged players will be permitted to be rostered on, or carded with, a Zone Team.

#### **14.02.08 PLAYER SELECTION PROCESS**

##### **14.02.08.01 EVALUATION CAMPS**

- a) Camps are to be held over 3 days in Spring or Summer. The date is determined by the North Central Zone Coordinator and BC Hockey.
- b) All players must pre-register online with the BC Hockey prior to the evaluation camp. Failure to pre-register may affect eligibility to participate in the camp.
- c) Out of District players – any player who has not registered with a minor hockey association and/or does not have a signed letter from a residential MHA will require a letter from the District supporting attendance at the camp.
- d) Any player who is unable to attend any stage of the evaluation camp due to injury or for any other valid reason must pre-register online and will remain eligible for future evaluations. Approval must be obtained from the North Central Zone Coordinator.
- e) A nominal fee that will cover the cost of the camp and any additional evaluations will be charged and is to be paid online at time of pre-registration.
- f) No player shall participate in any evaluation session unless the evaluation camp registration fee has been paid in full.



- g) Practice jerseys will be provided and can be kept by players.
- h) Three additional ice sessions may be scheduled to accommodate absentee players and to further assess and evaluate players.
- i) The cost of any evaluation exhibition games is to be paid out of team funds and shall not be charged to the players trying out for the team.
- j) A goaltender camp will be held prior to the main evaluation camp if the following occurs
  - 40 or less players registered and more than 4 goalies
  - 50 or less players registered and more than 6 goalies
  - 51-60 players registered and more than 7 goalies
  - 61-70 players registered and more than 9 goalies
  - 71-80 players registered and more than 10 goalies
  - 81-90 players registered and more than 11 goalies
  - 91-100 players registered and more than 12 goalies

\*\*\*If a goaltender is released from the goaltender camp 75% of the evaluation camp fee will be refunded.

#### **14.02.08.02 TEAM STRUCTURE**

- a) Teams will consist of nineteen players including two goaltenders.
- b) A minimum of nineteen players including two goaltenders must be selected by September 30 at which time all remaining minor hockey players must be released to their home Minor Hockey Association.
- c) After September 30, if a team wishes to further evaluate a player, written permission must first be obtained from a player's Minor Hockey Association President.
- d) Once a player has been released, written consent must be obtained from the player's home Minor Hockey Association prior to inviting the player to attend further evaluation.

#### **14.02.09 RULES OF PLAY**

##### **14.02.09.01 RULES OF PLAY**

Zone Teams shall be composed of nineteen players (including two goaltenders) and up to five team officials who are duly registered with BC Amateur Hockey Association in accordance with the rules and regulations of BC Hockey and Hockey Canada. Membership for such teams shall commence upon acceptance of the team's registration by the Chief Executive Officer of the BC Hockey and shall expire as of the following August 31.

##### **14.02.09.02 HOME TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES - SUPPLYING OF PUCKS**

The home team shall be responsible for the following for each game:

- Warm-up and game pucks
- Official North Central District gamesheet
  - To be submitted to the statistician at the conclusion of the game(s)
- A qualified timekeeper





- A qualified scorekeeper

#### **14.02.10 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

##### **14.02.10.01 DISCIPLINE/SUSPENSIONS**

- a) The North Central District shall administer and be responsible for all disciplinary action.
- b) Team officials shall be responsible for supervising and controlling the conduct of their players before, during or after each game. Failure by team officials to control the conduct of their players (e.g. dressing room/hotel vandalism, theft, bench brawls, lobby and parking lot altercations, etc.) may result in suspension and/or other disciplinary action of the team official and/or player(s). In addition, the cost of any damages shall be assessed against the team.
- c) All penalties and/ suspensions shall be in accordance with Zone Team Policy and/or Hockey Canada published rules. Automatic/Minimum suspensions shall be applied as per BC Hockey Suspension Guidelines. It is the responsibility of the team's officials to ensure that players serve their total game suspensions as required by Hockey Canada and BC Hockey rules, whether or not notification is given
- d) Excessive penalty minutes by individual players including a combination of major penalties such as Gross Misconduct/Match penalties, Misconducts and Game Misconduct penalties shall result in suspension(s) and/or disciplinary action as determined by the North Central District.
- e) Any team official who incurs a Game Misconduct outside of the last ten minutes of the game shall be suspended for the team's next games. A team official who incurs a Game Misconduct in the last ten minutes of a game shall be suspended for the team's next two games.
- f) Exhibition games are not considered league, tournament or playoff games for the purpose of serving suspensions.

##### **14.02.10.02 ZERO TOLERANCE - DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS**

There is a zero tolerance for the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco during activities within BC Hockey. All incidents will be investigated and dealt with on an individual basis. The recommended minimum suspension for violation of this policy is thirty days from all participation within the league. A written report must be forwarded to the North Central Zone Coordinator outlining the circumstances within seven (7) days.

##### **14.02.10.03 HAZING/INITIATION**

- a) All Hazing/Initiation incidents will be reported to the North Central Zone Coordinator
- b) All suspension shall be in line with Hockey Canada Regulations

##### **14.02.10.04 RECRUITING PRACTICES - TAMPERING**



No team official may invite a registered player of another association/club to participate in any exhibition, tournament or league game, practice or team event without prior consent of the player's home association. Violation of this rule will result in disciplinary action.

#### **14.02.10.05 GAME FORFEIT**

The following items pertain to Game Forfeits:

- a) Teams may not declare a forfeit. Failure to meet all league commitments will result in disciplinary action, which may include suspension(s).
- b) The North Central Zone Coordinator may forfeit game results in accordance with BC Hockey Regulations. In such situations, the game shall be recorded in the standings as a loss (zero points) for the forfeiting team and as a victory (two (2) points) for the opposing team. If the game has been played, the goals for, goals against, and penalty minutes shall stand as recorded. If the game has not been played, the score shall be recorded as 0-0.

#### **14.02.10.06 LEAGUE PLAY**

The number of scheduled league games shall be based on the number of participating Zone Teams.

##### a) Time of Game

- Three (3) twenty minute stop time periods will be included in regulation playing time with a fifteen minute intermission at the mid-way point of the game.
- A five (5) minute warm up will be used with no flood prior to the start of the first period.
- Teams will be required to provide two (2) hour game time slots.

#### **14.02.10.07 GAME PROTESTS**

Game protests for league play in the District Zone League except for the playing of an ineligible player. Game protests during regular season shall be transmitted in writing to the North Central Zone Coordinator within seventy two hours of completion of the game in question.

#### **14.02.10.08 EXHIBITION GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS**

- a) Any team wishing to play an exhibition game or enter a tournament shall first obtain permission from the North Central Zone Coordinator and then obtain an Exhibition/Tournament Game number from the North Central Zone Coordinator. All league commitments must be met prior to permission being granted.
- b) No tournament game shall be substituted for any scheduled league game unless approved by the North Central Zone Coordinator.

#### **14.02.10.09 RESCHEDULING OF LEAGUE GAMES**

No league or playoff game will be altered or rescheduled to accommodate a tournament or exhibition game unless special permission is granted in writing by the North Central.

#### **14.02.10.10 GAME REPORTS**



- a) The home team is responsible for supplying the game report ensuring that it is properly completed, and submitting it to the North Central team shall also ensure that additional blank game reports are available at the timekeeper's bench.
- b) All affiliate players (AP) shall be designated as such on the game sheet beside the player's name.
- c) Game statistics are to be entered into the website by a team official.
- d) In order to ensure no sanctions will be applied to your team:
  - i. The game sheet must be uploaded within twenty-four (24) hours of the game.
  - ii. The data entered into the system must be exactly as the official game sheet.
- e) To ensure accuracy, the North Central will compare Official Game Sheets to the data entered. Any discrepancy noted from the teams data entry to the game sheet will be reported to the North Central Zone Coordinator for a final decision.
- f) The North Central Zone Coordinator shall have the authority to issue a fine in the amount of \$15 to any team that did not enter the stats within the above timelines or if the team entered inaccurate information.

#### **14.02.10.11 TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE – LEAGUE STANDINGS**

In the event of any ties in final league standings, the following tie breaker format shall apply for the determination of playoff positions:

- a) If two or more teams are tied, standings will be determined by ranking the teams on the basis of most wins in regular season play.
- b) If the standings determined in step a) contain any further ties, those teams whose standing was not determined in step a) will have the following format applied, with all games played by the tied teams against each other being considered (i.e. If three teams are still tied, then all games played involving any two of the three tied teams will be used in breaking the tie): teams will be ranked by highest winning percentage in these games
  - i. Teams will be ranked by highest winning percentage in these games
  - ii. Any teams still tied will be ranked by most goals-for in these games
  - iii. Any teams still tied will be ranked by least goals against in these games
  - iv. Any teams still tied will be ranked by the least penalty minutes in these games

NOTE: For section b), games involving all of the tied teams will continue to be used in each of steps ii., iii. and iv. even if one or more of the tied teams receives a placing after a step is applied (i.e. if three teams are tied and one team receives a ranking after step i. is applied, then games among all three teams will still be used in step ii. and beyond).

#### **14.02.11 OFFICIATING**

##### **14.02.11.01 OFFICIATING**



The Referee-in-Chief (RIC) of the home team will assign all games. Officials will be identified and approved by the respective Minor Officiating Coordinators in consultation with the BC Hockey Referee-In-Chief.

- a) On-ice official fees for league and playoff games shall be paid by the League as per the local fee schedule
- b) It is the responsibility of the home team to pay the officials.
- c) Should there be fewer than three on-ice officials in attendance at any game; the home team manager is to notify the North Central Zone Coordinator at the conclusion of the game.
- d) Expenses for on-ice official fees for exhibition games will be paid by the individual teams.

#### **14.02.11.02 OFFICIATING NO SHOWS**

Should fewer than the required number of officials appear for any game, then the procedures outlined below shall be followed in accordance with Hockey Canada Rules:

- a) If, for whatever reason, the Referee or Linesmen appointed are prevented from appearing, the Managers or Coaches of the two competing teams shall agree on a Referee and one or two Linesmen.
- b) If they are unable to agree, they shall appoint a player from each team who shall act as officials.
- c) If the regularly appointed officials appear during the progress of the game, they shall replace the temporary officials immediately.
- d) If a linesman appointed is unable to act at the last minute, or if through sickness or accident she is unable to finish the game, the Referee in charge shall have the power to appoint another in her place if she feels it necessary.
- e) If, owing to illness or accident, the Referee is unable to continue to officiate when working with two Linesmen, one of the Linesmen shall perform such duties as devolved upon the Referee. The Linesmen shall be selected by the Referee, or if necessary, by the Managers or Coaches of competing teams.

#### **14.02.12 TEAM UNIFORMS / DRESS CODE**

##### **14.02.12.01 UNIFORMS**

Chief Executive Officer has approved league colours in conjunction with the North Central Zone Coordinator. Where uniforms of both teams are so similar that in the opinion of the referee there will be confusion, it shall be the responsibility of the home team to change its uniforms to a contrasting colour.

No advertising, sponsor names or logos, name bars, or other patches may be applied to team jerseys, without prior consent of the District Zone Coordinator.

“Players including goal tenders, shall wear required protective equipment, including CSA-certified helmets and facial protectors and BNQ certified throat protectors in all games, practices, warm-ups and while sitting on the players’ bench or penalty box.”



**14.02.12.02 DRESS CODE**

All players shall wear a shirt and tie, slacks, mock turtleneck, tracksuit or team jersey on game days or when in public during league functions. Baseball caps are not to be worn.

**14.02.13 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**14.02.13.01 ZONE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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**14.02.13.02 FINAL DATE TO WITHDRAW**

The final date to withdraw from the BC Hockey Championships is December 1.