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## **P.C.A.H.A. 2009-2010 BULLETIN #10**

**DATE:** October 9, 2009.  
**TO:** The Presidents  
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues  
**FROM:** David Buck  
PCAHA President  
**SUBJECT:** **Hockey 1, 2, 3, and 4 (Tyke and Novice) Structure.**

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This bulletin is intended to provide clarification regarding the structure of the Tyke and Novice divisions (Hockey 1-4), as set out in the PCAHA Rules and Regulations, Section R.

The current Hockey 1, 2, 3, and 4 structure was adopted at the 2002 PCAHA Annual General Meeting, taking into account that (i) Hockey Canada had adopted new age divisions and (ii) the Hockey Canada Initiation Program had been substantially restructured and no longer followed the old A, B, C, and D skill modules. The intent of the new structure was to ensure that the competitive practices of the old age levels did not carry over to the new, younger age levels and that the primary focus at these levels was on development of basic skills rather than competition.

The structure adopted in 2002 can be summarized as follows:

Category	Hockey Canada Age Division	PCAHA Age Division	Players' Ages
Hockey 1	Initiation	Tyke	primarily 5 year olds
Hockey 2	Initiation	Tyke	6 year olds
Hockey 3	Novice	Novice	7 year olds
Hockey 4	Novice	Novice	8 year olds

Assignment of a player outside his/her normal age level must be justified by the Association and approved by the respective PCAHA Managing Director. Players must play in their age-appropriate level of Hockey 2, 3, and 4 unless approval has been received from the Managing Director to move them down or up a level. The attached Hockey 2-4 Age Exemption Request Form is used for purpose of applying for age exceptions.

The following is a summary of the key provisions of Hockey 1, 2, 3, and 4:

### **Hockey 1:**

- Follows the Introduction to Hockey Program - PCAHA Section Q.
- Age - 5 year olds. Associations may structure the Introduction to Hockey Program to include players registering for the first time in Minor Hockey (players without prior Minor Hockey experience) who are aged 9 and under.
- Skill development using the Hockey Canada Introduction to Coaching Program.
- If skills develop sufficiently, players may be assigned to Hockey 2-4 teams up to January 10th.
- No games and no structured teams of any kind. One Friendship Jamboree format event is permitted at the end of the season.

**Hockey 2:**

- 6 year olds. (Exceptions - see Section R(2)(b)).
- Inter-Association games permitted beginning November 1st.
- Maximum 30 games, including a maximum of 2 tournaments.
- Can have a league schedule run by the "C" League - max. 6 games/team after Christmas Break (2009-2010 - earlier start permitted - December 10th).
- No travel outside the PCAHA.
- 2-min. buzzer required for all games.
- No scores recorded or posted on scoreboard.
- Referees not required - penalties for instructional purposes only.

**Hockey 3:**

- 7 year olds. (Exceptions - see Section R(2)(b)).
- Inter-Association games permitted beginning October 15th.
- Maximum 35 games.
- Can have a league schedule run by the "C" League - max. 13 games/team beginning not earlier than the weekend following Remembrance Day (2009-2010 - earlier start permitted - Oct. 31).
- No travel outside the PCAHA.
- 2-min. buzzer required for all games.
- No scores recorded or posted on scoreboard.

**Hockey 4:**

- 8 year olds. (Exceptions - see Section R(2)(b)).
- Inter-Association games permitted beginning October 15th.
- Maximum 40 games.
- Can have a league schedule run by the "C" League - max. 13 games/team beginning not earlier than the weekend following Remembrance Day (2009-2010 - earlier start permitted - Oct. 31).
- Travel outside the PCAHA permitted but not encouraged.
- 2-min. buzzer optional at discretion of "C" League.
- Scores may be posted, but no more than a 5 goal spread may be shown on scoreboard.

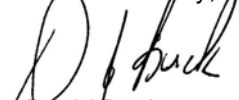
**All Hockey 2, 3, and 4:**

- Equal ice time regardless of playing ability in each game.
- No standings or playoffs.
- No all-star or select teams.
- Teams formed within each level must be balanced.
- Normal team roster and player eligibility rules apply.
- Exhibition game numbers and tournament permission must be obtained from "C" League Mgr.
- "C" Leagues can adopt Goal Limitation Rule.
- "C" Leagues may adopt additional game limitations.

In the past some individuals have attempted to use the old HC Initiation Program to justify creation of skill-based teams. The structure of Hockey 2, 3, and 4 is intended to allow Associations some flexibility to move very strong players up a level and very weak players down a level with the Managing Director's approval, but it is not intended to allow the culling of age levels by skill to form homogeneous skill groups. Age should be the primary determinant of placement (8 year olds in Hockey 4, 7 year olds in Hockey 3, and 6 year olds in Hockey 2) with only very strong or very weak players moved.

At the Hockey 1-4 levels the emphasis is on skill development and fun, rather than on competition and games. If you or your division officials have any questions, please contact the Managing Director for your "C" League.

Yours sincerely,

  
David Buck  
PCAHA President

cc. Executive Committee, League Managers



# Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association Hockey 2-4 Age Exemption Request

Form140  
(Rev: Aug/07)

<b>Association:</b>	<b>Season:</b>
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The above-named Association hereby applies for age exemptions for the following players in Hockey 2, 3, and 4. Exemptions are subject to approval of the respective Managing Director. **Note:** Atom-aged players moved to Hockey 4 require an Overage Exemption (Form123).

	Player's Name	Date of Birth	From (H1-H4)	To (H2-H4)	2008-09 Team	Reason(s) Justifying Move
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<b>Submitted By:</b>	, Association President	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Approved By:</b>	, PCAHA Managing Director	<b>Date:</b>