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TO: The Presidents
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues
FROM: David Buck
PCAHA President
SUBJECT: **Use of Ineligible Players and Team Officials.**

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I would like to draw your attention to PCAHA Section C(23), dealing with the use of ineligible players and teams officials:

Ineligible Players and Team Officials:

- (a) Any team permitting a player who is ineligible by reason of being under suspension or of not being properly registered with that team to play in a game shall automatically forfeit that game and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- (b) Any team permitting a suspended team official to participate in a game shall automatically forfeit that game and may be subject to further disciplinary action.
- (c) Any team permitting a team official who is ineligible by reason of not being properly registered with that team to participate in a game may be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Managing Director.
- (d) In addition to the above, the Managing Director shall suspend and/or take other disciplinary action against any team official or other individual responsible for permitting an ineligible player or team official to participate in any game.

Please note that **forfeit of the game is an automatic consequence** when a team permits a suspended player to play in a game, when a team permits a player who is not properly registered with the team to play in a game, or when a team permits a suspended team official to participate in a game. Other disciplinary action, including suspension of the team officials responsible, can also follow.

Although eligibility rules are reviewed with all teams at the annual PCAHA Coach/Manager meetings, there are incidents each year in which result in forfeit of games. The number of such incidents is small, but such situations should not occur at all.

Please ensure that team officials within your Association are aware of the consequences of failing to follow the eligibility rules for their respective division/category.

Yours sincerely,

David Buck
PCAHA President

cc. Executive Committee, League Managers, files