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DATE: November 1, 2009.
TO: The Presidents
PCAHA Member Associations/Leagues
FROM: David Buck
PCAHA President
SUBJECT: **Post-Game Handshake.**

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The post-game handshake in Minor Hockey is a remarkable tradition. No rule mandates it or governs it, yet it occurs after each game as a gesture of sportsmanship between the competing players and team officials.

In the context of the current concern about spread of the H1N1 virus (swine flu), there have suggestions that the post-game handshake be discontinued or replaced with some other post-game ceremony. The PCAHA Executive Committee has reviewed the matter and concluded as follows:

During the period of concern about spread of the H1N1 virus, it is recommended that the long-standing tradition of the post-game handshake continue, but that players keep their gloves on during the handshake.

Hockey Canada Bulletin I10-03 - H1N1 Virus - Recommended Steps for all Associations and Teams and Bulletin I02-05 - Sharing of Water Bottles have been provided to all teams within the PCAHA as part of their handout packages at the respective Coach/Manager meetings, and reference was made during these meetings to the recommendations in the bulletins, for example, those dealing with routine hand washing and non-sharing of water bottles. All team officials are asked to review the contents of these bulletins with their team members and comply with Hockey Canada's recommendations.

Yours sincerely,



David Buck
PCAHA President

cc. PCAHA Executive Committee
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