To: Midget Rec Tournament Participating Teams

From: AMHA Tournament Committee

Re: Midget Rec Tournament Rules

ALL RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENTS ARE <u>NON CONTACT</u>
ABSOLUTELY NO BODY CHECKING.

1. <u>General</u>: All PCAHA and BC Hockey rules apply unless otherwise noted. All referees decisions are final.

2. <u>Sportsmanship</u>: Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association and PCAHA stress Sportsmanship fighting, abusive behaviour, or unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, and parents will **<u>NOT</u>** be tolerated on or off the ice. Such conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the tournament. Referees & Tournament Committee have the authority to direct the removal of any person acting in an objectionable manner.

- **a)** Pre game warm up will be 5 minutes. The clock will start with the arrival of the Referees onto the ice. No team on the ice without the referee. PLEASE BE ON TIME.
- **b)** The home team shall be responsible for changing jerseys in the event that the two teams scheduled to play are wearing similar colors.
- **c)** Each coach/team will determine its own player MVP. Teams line up on their blue line for presentation of MVP awards. Once a player has been awarded an MVP medal he/she is no longer eligible to receive the award during the remainder of the tournament.
- **d)** After the game the home team shall remain on the ice until the visiting team has left.
- **e)** Any player or team official receiving a match, gross misconduct, or fighting major will result in tournament ejection.

3. <u>Length of games:</u>

Midget	1 ½ hrs	15	15	15

Third period will be stop time using half of the remaining time allotted plus 2 minutes for game time NOTE: no overtime will be played in round robin competition. Games may end in a tie.

4. <u>Time outs:</u> PCAHA rules state that the Time Out rule may NOT be used in games with 15 minute periods or a combination of 15-20 minute periods. Time Outs will apply only if there are 3-20 minute stop time periods.

5. <u>Number of Coaches on the Bench:</u> No more that 4 people, other than dressed players are allowed on each team bench. All coaches/trainers must have their certifications available.

6. **Roster:** Team rosters are limited to 19 players including goaltenders. A minimum of 6 skaters and one goalie must be ready to start each game. Teams carrying one goalie must be able to replace an injured goalie within 10 minutes or forfeit the game.

7. Affiliate Players: In accordance with PCAHA rules "A" teams may draw affiliate players as long as those players are carded with a team prior to the start of the tournament and have been submitted with your roster. Any team needing to affiliate players must notify the tournament chair and provide and official roster along with written permission from their association or league manager. For "C" divisions the affiliate rule according to PCAHA applies you may ONLY affiliate from the division below and only from C. For Non PCAHA teams the affiliate rules from your association and Hockey Canada apply, and any affiliate players must be listed on the Hockey Canada Roster submitted to the tournament committee.

8. Forfeiture: Will result in suspension through BC Hockey to Team Officials. No team shall forfeit a game.

9. **Protest Rule**:

a) Before any protest will be heard a $300.00 (cash only) non-refundable protest fee shall be submitted to the Arena Manager (Committee Member) within 1 hour of the end of the game.

b) The Tournament Protest and Disciplinary Committee (consisting of the Tournament Director and 3 others members of choice) will be convened and will follow the rules stipulated by:

i) The rules of this tournament

ii) The rules and policies of Abbotsford Minor Hockey Association

iii) The rules and regulations of PCAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada

c) A ruling will be delivered prior to the teams' next game

d) Decisions made by the Disciplinary and Protest committee will be FINAL

e) Referees decisions are final and cannot be protested

10. **Teams:** All teams need to submit a BC Hockey roster with names, jersey numbers and birthdates. Only these players will be allowed to play in the tournament. A player may be substituted only if the tournament committee is notified prior to the tournament. This must be in writing and can be via email. All outside teams must submit their official rosters. The Chairperson of the tournament committee may ask for up to 3 game sheets from recent previously played games to ensure rosters are accurate.

11. Team Officials:

a) Will be held responsible for the conduct of players, parents and team spectators on and off the ice. This includes the lodging & arena facilities as well as the parking lot area.

b) Teams are responsible for the security of their dressing rooms and a padlock should be bought to secure the door. Team officials will ensure their assigned dressing room is left clean after their game. AMHA is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.
c) Team officials are to report to the tournament desk 30 minutes before scheduled game times and are responsible to complete their respective game sheets to verify game times and roster before each game as to their accuracy.

12. **Damage:** Any damage incurred by players, team officials or parents will be billed to the team and/or Association responsible.

13. After Game: Teams will line up on their respective blue lines at the end of the game and after the handshake for awards. Helmets and Gloves are NOT to be removed by the players.

14. Mercy Rule for: If the goal spread between the competing teams reaches five (5), running time commences until such time as the spread is reduced to four(4), at which time, stop time will once again commence. Minor penalties under running time shall be three (3) minutes and major penalties will be seven (7) minutes. For sportsmanship point calculations, the minor penalty will be considered as two (2) minutes and the major penalty will be considered as five (5) minutes. Penalties will start on the dropping of the puck by the on ice official. During the running time, the clock will only be stopped in the event of injury.

15. Standings: During round robin play points will be awarded as follows:

Win – 2 points
Tie - 1 point
Loss – 0 points

16. **Tie Breaker:**

a) **Round Robin** standings will be determined as follows:

i) Most points obtained.

ii) If two teams (only) are tied in points, the tiebreaker will be the winner of the head to head game.

iii) If two or more teams are still tied for any position, standings will be determined by ranking the teams on the basis of most wins (eg: 2 wins and a loss beats 1 win and 2 ties).

iv) If teams are still tied after (iii), standings will be determined by highest goal average.

Goal average will be determined by dividing goals for by goals for plus against (eg: goals for 10;

goals against 4 percentage is 10/14=.714) the goal ratio shall be for games among tied teams only.

v) If teams are still tied after (iv) the team to qualify would be the team that received the least penalty minutes during its 3 round robin games.

vi) If teams are still tied, the team who scored the fastest goal in their first game of the tournament.

b) **Elimination** game results in a tie:

i) The teams will play a 5 minute stop time 4 on 4 sudden death period.

ii) If still tied there will be a 3 man shoot out. Each coach will supply the referee a shootout list.

The teams will alternate with the home team having the option to shoot 1st or 2nd.

iii) If still tied after the 1st round of shooters, the shootout becomes sudden death and continues on a shot by shot basis until the tie is broken. No player may shoot twice before every player on the team has shot once. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that ALL players excluding goalies shoot once before ANY player shoots a 2nd time. The timekeeper and scorekeeper will assist with recording the shooters numbers.

iv) Any player still in the penalty box at the end of the 5 minute overtime MAY NOT participate in the shootout.

c) **Consolation** (other than Bronze) games will remain as a tie.

Please follow rules for your division in the PCAHA handbook, as well as these rules for your Tournament.

GOOD LUCK, HAVE FUN, PLAY SAFE