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TO: All Minor Hockey Associations, Major Bantam, Major Midget and Junior Leagues and teams

FROM: Don Matheson – Chair, HNS Risk Management

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RE: HAZING

As we move into the 2012-2013 hockey season Hockey Nova Scotia would like to take this opportunity to emphasize the current regulation that exists with respect to hazing. Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada take hazing very seriously and urge all team staff and those involved with teams across our province to implement strict policies against hazing regardless as to the level of hockey you are involved with.

The Hockey Canada policy currently defines hazing as ***“an initiation practice that may humiliate, demean, degrade, or disgrace a person regardless of location or consent of the participant(s)”***. Regulation O4 reads as follows:

A player, team official, executive member, team, club or association, or any other Hockey Canada member found, by an investigative process, to have condoned, initiated or, to the detriment of another, participated in hazing actions or behaviours shall be subject to discipline up to and including expulsion from Hockey Nova Scotia and Hockey Canada registered programs.

Discipline must relate to the degree of severity of the incident(s).

- a) Any party failing to cooperate with the fact finding process may be subject to suspension as determined by the Branch.
- b) All discipline decisions related to hazing must be approved by the Branch.
- c) All hazing matters involving Hockey Canada High Performance programs will be dealt with by the Hockey Canada Officers.

Hockey Canada urges all those involved to educate and create awareness around the negative consequences of hazing and to help create a positive environment for all Hockey Nova Scotia members in the 2012-13 season.

Kindest regards,



Don Matheson,
HNS, Chair of Risk Management