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**Policies & Procedures  
of the  
Vancouver Thunderbird  
Minor Hockey Association**

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**SPECIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. The VTMHA offers special skill development programs for players, including programs designated specifically for forwards, defence and goalies.
- 1.2. Players who will be exposed to body checking for the first time will be offered instruction in body checking prior to the start of the season.

**2. Guidelines**

- 2.1. The Board of Directors must approve all special skill development programs before they are offered.
- 2.2. Ice time purchased for these programs must be booked through the VTMHA Ice Coordinator or Executive Director.
- 2.3. Players shall be given an equal opportunity to participate in such programs offered for their division. In the event that it is beneficial to "tier" the participants by ability, tiering may be used, but there should be sufficient tiers that all interested players may take part in the program
- 2.4. Generally each program should be scheduled so as not to interfere with regular practice times.
- 2.5. If paid instructors are used and additional ice time is purchased, these additional costs should be covered by the fees paid by the participants. Unless approved otherwise by the Board of Directors, all programs should be budgeted to break even.
- 2.6. An accounting of each program's costs and revenue shall be provided to the Treasurer upon completion of the program.