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

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**PARTICIPATION IN TOURNAMENTS**

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**1. Mandatory participation in VTMHA tournaments**

- 1.1. In the event that the VTMHA sponsors a tournament, all VTMHA teams playing at the level for which the tournament is organized are expected to participate. The parents or guardians of players on all such teams are expected to contribute their time to successfully organize and run these tournaments. The Tournament Coordinator will facilitate this process.
- 1.2. Upon written application to the President, teams may apply to be excused from this requirement. Such application shall be made no later than 60 days prior to the opening date of the respective tournament and will outline in writing the reasons for such consideration.

**2. Tournament registration fee**

- 2.1. In the event that the VTMHA plans to sponsor a tournament for a particular age group, the VTMHA may include in the registration fee for teams at that level a provision for the tournament fee.
- 2.2. The tournament fee will be applied to the registration of each team in the applicable VTMHA tournament.
- 2.3. If there is no VTMHA tournament for that level, or if a team has received permission to be excused as referenced in 1.3 above, then the tournament fee may be applied towards an outside tournament. If the team chooses not to participate in an outside tournament the tournament fee will be forfeited.
- 2.4. The registration package sent to each player prior to a new season will clearly identify those levels for which a tournament fee has been included in the total player registration fee.

**3. Participation in non-VTMHA tournaments**

- 3.1. This policy is in addition to the requirements of the PCAHA, BC Hockey and Hockey Canada for approval of tournament participation by teams, which vary depending on the nature and location of any such tournament.
- 3.2. It is the responsibility of the head coach and team manager to ensure that all such requirements are complied with and that all necessary requests for approval are submitted in a timely manner.
- 3.3. If a tournament permission letter is required by the tournament organizer or by any other governing hockey organization, then the team may request such letter from the Executive Director.
- 3.4. No VTMHA team shall participate in any tournament not sanctioned by BC Hockey, Hockey Canada, USA Hockey or IIHF.