



MEMORANDUM

September 10, 2018

**TO: Parents of Novice Age Players in the Lower Mainland District
Lower Mainland Minor Hockey Associations**

**FROM: Barry Petrachenko
Chief Executive Officer**

**COPY: Minor Hockey Operations Task Group
BC Hockey Board of Directors
Glen McCurdie, Hockey Canada**

SUBJECT: HPL Brick Series Super Novice League

Please note the following important information regarding the above noted programming.

It has come to our attention that the HPL Brick Series Super Novice League program has registered players from within the BC Hockey membership for participation during the current hockey season. As parents of a player in this age group we are calling your attention to BC Hockey and Hockey Canada guidelines that may affect your child.

The HPL program is operating outside the auspices of Hockey Canada. The attached BC Hockey Bulletin ([Issue #2017-018](#)) is distributed annually to our member Associations and outlines our position on non-member programs. It is important to note the consequences to individuals who participate in unregistered programming.

Most importantly, ***this bulletin sets out that players or coaches who are registered in the HPL program after September 30 are not eligible to participate in programming at the Minor Hockey level for the balance of the 2018-2019 season.*** Minor Hockey Associations should note that any individual who participates with the HPL program after September 30 may not serve in any capacity (i.e. volunteer, coach, contracted skills instructor) with any registered Minor Hockey Association for the balance of the season.

BC Hockey recognizes the ability for programs to operate outside of our membership but also wants to take this opportunity to remind parents in advance of the September 30 date that the HPL program and the training and concepts it applies around full ice programming contradicts the guidelines set in place by BC Hockey and Hockey Canada relative to this age group.

