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MEMORANDUM

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TO: CRMHA, CVMHA, PRMHA, TPMHA
FROM: North Island Tier 1 Zone Committee, VP Island League
COPY: VIAHA President, VIAHA NI VP
SUBJECT: North Island, Tier 1 Zone Program Announcement

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North Island catchment minor hockey associations are happy to announce the T1 Zone program will be a more inclusive entity for the 2024/25 VIAHA hockey season.

The North Island MHA's have been working closely together to help develop the T1 program U13, U15, U18 age groups. The goal is to get better representation from North Island for the T1 Zone teams in Island League, improve player development and provide a viable hockey season option to keep players at home (vs leaving to play at academies or other leagues).

The committee will oversee and ratify the following processes within the NI T1 Zone; coach selection, assessment team selection, naming of the teams, on and off ice development teams, tournament/showcase selection and other team functions.

A committee comprised of representatives from all 4 minor hockey associations (TPMHA, PRMHA, CRMHA, CVMHA and VP Island League) has been created to oversee the T-1 program. In case of a tie in voting the VP-island league will have no vote unless there is a tie in any vote. All rules, bylaws, policies still go through VIAHA and if necessary, the VP Island League will bring forward to VIAHA/BC Hockey possible policy/bylaw changes if applicable for the NI T1 Zone Teams.

The program will be based out of different areas arenas depending on team player composition (where majority of rostered players reside), ice availability and other factors to facilitate optimal involvement. For the 3 teams (U13, U15, U18) our goal is to have premium ice times for practice due to travel. We are looking at a minimum of 3 practices a week if available.

Recruitment of Coaching staff is currently underway, and they will be named by June 15, 2024. Tryout information will follow shortly thereafter.

Tryout dates are being worked on at this time and will be communicated as soon as possible; all communication about the happenings will come from one person within the committee knowing that all communications are ratified by the committee.

In conclusion, the NI T1 zone committee is looking forward to helping provide a more cohesive/competitive hockey product and support your players on their pathway through minor hockey.

Any questions on the program please contact Ken Miyoshi, VP-Island League vpislandleague@gmail.com.

On behalf of the NI T1 Zone Committee,

Ken Miyoshi, VIAHA, VP Island League

