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TO: BC Hockey Membership

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SUBJECT: Conduct Policy 4.06 Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco and Illegal Activity

With the legalization of cannabis in Canada, it is important for BC Hockey members to note that this new legislation has no effect on the current BC Hockey Policy.

Competitions within Hockey Canada continue to comply with the guidelines of the Canadian Anti-Doping Program (CADP) implemented by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport. Currently, the CADP lists cannabis as a banned substance.

Below is the BC Hockey Conduct Policy 4.06 which addresses this matter:

4.06 ALCOHOL, DRUGS, TOBACCO AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

Hockey is a healthy sport where we have a responsibility to the players, participants and the community to demonstrate and encourage healthy choices.

BC Hockey prohibits the use of tobacco, cannabis, alcohol, drugs and banned / restricted substances during BC Hockey sanctioned events as outlined in this policy. BC Hockey is sincere in their duty to uphold the societal law in which members operate regarding illegal activities. For policy regarding performance enhancing products please see section 4.06.06.

Incidents are to be dealt with on an individual basis. Member associations, leagues and teams are required to establish policies and procedures to deal with the consequences of non-compliance by their members.

4.06.01 ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND TOBACCO ARE PROHIBITED

- a) At the players' bench, in dressing rooms or in public, non-licensed areas.
- b) In buses or cars when traveling to and from a sanctioned event.
- c) By adults in position of responsibility of a minor team.
- d) If used for the purposes of hazing, initiation or when it is forced on another person.
- e) Use of any tobacco, cannabis and smoke-less products (e.g. vaporizers) is prohibited by participants, coaches/leaders during BC Hockey sanctioned events.

The BC Hockey Policy Manual can be found on our [website](#). If you have any questions on the above, please contact our office.