



## **BURNABY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION REP HOCKEY BODY-CHECKING WAIVER**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REP HOCKEY BODY-CHECKING**

BMHA MEMBERS REGISTERING ON-LINE FOR  
**U15/U18/U21 REP TEAMS AUTOMATICALLY AGREE TO THE**  
TERMS OF THIS WAIVER WHEN REGISTERING A PLAYER IN REP  
HOCKEY BODY-CHECKING.

Hockey, by its nature, puts players at risk of severe injury. While the rules of the game attempt to make the game safe for all, incidents do happen. The intensity and shorter decision times associated with the Rep Hockey body-checking game may put players at increased risk of injury, particularly those players who are smaller or less-skilled.

Burnaby Minor Hockey has implemented programs to assist players who choose to play Rep Hockey body-checking. These include teaching coaches and players the proper technique to give and receive a body-check. The instruction that is offered has a limited scope and cannot be relied on to reduce or eliminate the risk of injury. Parents and players must also understand that even a "clean" check can do significant damage.

Hockey Canada has instituted new penalties in an attempt to control the level of aggression on the ice. However, parents and players must understand that minor hockey games are not officiated by professionals and that the conduct of players can be controlled only to a limited extent by the officials.

While all registered players have insurance coverage offered through Hockey Canada, the amounts are limited and may not be sufficient to compensate parents and players in the event of injury.

***Due to the wide range of ages and sizes within the various divisions, BURNABY MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION urges all parents and players who are interested in Rep Hockey body-checking to take some time to consider the above information and to make their own inquiries so as to be fully informed on the subject of Rep Hockey body-checking before making a final decision as to which league the player registers in.***