

BCJHL moves quickly on Tier One status

VANCOUVER (CP) — The British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association has made the first move in allowing the B.C. Junior Hockey League to obtain Tier One status for the 1975-76 season.

The association held its semi-annual meeting here during the weekend and set up a committee to establish provision by which it would grant the league promotion from Tier Two status.

Three leagues in Canada which now have Tier One status under the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association are: the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, the Ontario Hockey Association and the Western Canada Hockey League.

CAHA regulations allow provincial branches to designate status.

The BCAHA committee studying the move includes Don Ewart of Penticton, Leo Margolis of Nanaimo, Bill Colbourne of Burnaby and Ray Pebbles of Quesnel.

In applying for the promotion in status the junior league cites a heavy growth in junior hockey in B.C. as the major reason.

The BCJHL now consists of Kelowna Buckaroos, Penticton Broncos, Merritt Centennials and Vernon Vikings in the Interior Division and Chilliwack Bruins, Langley Lords, Bellingham Blazers and Nanaimo Clippers in the Coast Division.