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BMHA Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

The balancing period is almost over, and league play will soon start. Thank you to our division managers for working with the players, parents, and coaches to make sure each division is balanced as required by PCAHA.

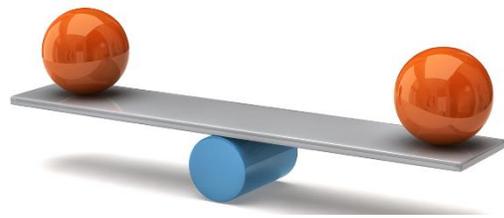
Thank you to all the volunteers who have stepped forward to manage, coach, and maintain safety. Whether you are a rostered official or provide support in the background, it is all for the benefit of the players. Let's continue to keep them in mind.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable season.

- Lucas

BALANCING IN "C" DIVISIONS - What is "Balancing"?

Each season, we want to remind parents about "Balancing" - most parents don't pay a lot of attention to this process until their child is one of the players that must make a move, so it is helpful to outline what balancing is and why it is required by PCAHA and BMHA.



What is "Balancing"?

Balancing is a term used by Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA) to describe a process by which teams within a division are evaluated and, through player movements, start the season at even strength.

Why does BMHA balance teams?

As a member of PCAHA, we are mandated to have balanced teams. This is a mandatory requirement of being a minor hockey association in the Pacific Coast region. We are not able to opt out of the process, and the final declaration of whether or not teams are "balanced" is the prerogative of PCAHA, not BMHA. We simply facilitate the process and do our best to bring the teams into alignment before PCAHA makes any final moves.

How is balancing done?

Your child is temporarily assigned to a group of skaters at the start of the season. The first couple of weeks are primarily used for evaluations. Then these groupings begin to play games against each other to determine if they are of equal strength. During that time, stats are evaluated, and decisions are made by BMHA Division Managers as to how to

redistribute players with the intention that no single group is stronger or weaker than the others. If we discover that our groups are unbalanced, we are obligated to redistribute players to make them more even strength. This continues until our groups are balanced and PCAHA gives our newly formed teams official status.

The final declaration of whether or not teams are "balanced" is the prerogative of PCAHA, not BMHA. PCAHA has the right to unilaterally declare these groups not balanced and, in some cases, decide which players will be moved. BMHA simply facilitates the process and do our best to bring the teams into alignment as soon as possible. By late-October/early-November, most kids will have been placed into the groups they will play the season out with. HOWEVER, at any time up to January 10th, PCAHA may mandate player movement between teams to meet the mandatory balancing requirement

REGISTRATION UPDATE - 54 Teams and Over \$2100 Donated to Kidsport!

After a successful registration, BMHA membership currently sits at 825 members (and continues to grow daily as we are still accepting registrations for some divisions) and 54 teams this year!

Also, a big thank you to all the BMHA members who graciously made a donation to Kidsport Burnaby while registering their kids for this hockey season. Kidsport is a not-for-profit organization that provides financial assistance for registration fees and equipment to kids aged 18 and under – last year the Burnaby chapter helped over 250 kids. Over the last few seasons, BMHA has provided members the opportunity to donate to organizations such as Kidsport and A4K Athletics 4 Kids and we are proud to continue to this tradition and help out "SO ALL KIDS CAN PLAY!"

BMHA WEBSITE CONTACT INFO - Changes to Emails

In an effort to reduce the amount of spam, we have had to make some changes to the email addresses used for the various BMHA contacts on the BMHA website. In the past, you were able to click on the email address, and a hyperlink would open an email. We have had to remove the hyperlinks and have replaced the email addresses so that you now need to type in the address. For example, what used to be "*president@burnabyminor.com*" is now shown as "*president at burnabyminor.com*". Thank you for your understanding!



BMHA'S JUNIOR MENTOR PROGRAM - 2nd Yr Bantam & Midget Players

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association offers a Junior Mentor Program, where our older divisions' players have the opportunity to be mentored as an assistant coach with the goal of developing them into a future coach, and providing BMHA's older players the opportunity to mentor the younger players. BMHA's Midget & 2nd Year Bantam players can meet their secondary school community service obligation, while being able to "give something back" to their hockey community.

For more information, contact Peter Chau at headcoach@burnabyminor.com



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Do Something Great This Hockey Season!

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association Junior Mentoring Program

Available to all Midget-Aged & 2nd Year Bantam Players

Give Back & Earn Valuable Volunteer Hours!

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- ✓ Offer on-ice assistance to coaches and players – Hockey 1- Peewee C
- ✓ Develop your leadership, teamwork, and communication skills
- ✓ Gain valuable volunteer hours for your resume
- ✓ Be role model – share your passion for hockey while giving back to BMHA

All successful clinic applicants will be required to:

- ✓ Commit to a weekly schedule (1-2 sessions / week)
- ✓ Log volunteer sessions
- ✓ Represent yourself with maturity & responsibility
- ✓ Work together with your host coach and the Junior Mentor Coordinator – Peter Chau
- ✓ Have fun!

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- ✓ Goalies are welcome
 - ✓ The BMHA Junior Mentoring program will work around players' schedules
 - ✓ All applicants must apply online at [form on website] or for more information contact Peter Chau at headcoach@burnabyminor.com

BMHA SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - Looking for Sponsors for 2018/19

While BMHA is very lucky to have the dedication of parents and volunteers, we are looking for the support of business sponsors to help maintain the quality of our programs and ensure the game is accessible to all the growing number of kids who want to play hockey.

If you are a business owner, work at a company or know of someone who may be interested in increasing their business and exposure to their customers while supporting BMHA, the Association has developed sponsorship and advertising opportunities. The BMHA [Sponsorship & Advertising Package](#) on the BMHA website provides information on how corporate businesses can become part of our team!

We also encourage our members to support the generous sponsors of BMHA, including McDonalds, Scotiabank, G & F Financial Group, Ascent Property Management, and Trinity Plumbing. A full list of sponsors can be found on the website on the [Sponsor & Offers page](#).

If anyone has any questions about sponsorship and advertising, please communications@burnabyminor.com.

COACH TALK - Rep Coaches Named & Upcoming Clinics

REP COACHES UPDATE

Following up on my previous Coach Talk, I am pleased to announce and introduce the rest of the Rep coaches for this season. Before I do, I want to acknowledge all our returning C Division coaches – thank you! In addition, a huge welcome to all our new BMHA coaches, especially in Initiation to Novice Wildcats and Bulldogs!

Here are the rest of our Rep coaching staff:

- Atom A2 – Troy Jones
- Pee wee A2 – Co-Coaches: Kevin Clegg and Neale Quan
- Pee wee A3 – Ryan Rainford
- Bantam A2 – Christopher Mar
- Midget A2 – Quinn Mah

BMHA HOSTED COACHING CLINICS

For those coaches requiring certification, BMHA will be hosting the following BC Hockey Coaching Clinics:

- Coach 1 – Intro to Coaching (for coaches wanting to coach Initiation to Atom only)
 - Date: Sunday, October 14th
- Coach 2 – Coach Level (for coaches wanting to coach Initiation to Juvenile, including Atom Rep)
 - Date: Sunday, October 21st
 - This clinic includes Checking Curriculum
- Coach – Development 1 (for coaches wanting to coach Pee wee Rep to Juvenile Rep)
 - Date: Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th 

NOTE: Coach 1 and Coach 2 streams have a pre-requisite of HU – Online Coach 1/2. You must complete this online course before you can register for Coach 1 or Coach 2 clinics. You can register at the following – [click here](#)

If not already, the three clinics above will be available soon on eHOCKEY website- [click here](#). BMHA coaches will have a grace period to sign up for the above clinics. Once grace period is over the clinics will be open to all other associations. These clinics fill up fast so please ensure you complete the pre-requisite online course.

- *Cheers, Peter Chau, BMHA – Head Coach*

CATS' CORNER - Registration Update & RDT Tournament!

The season is now underway and after several weeks of modified ice times, teams are settling in to their regular schedules. Thank you to all the coaches, managers and families for your patience during this time. And of course, thanks go out to our ice allocator for a tremendous job in creating the schedule! It is an impossible job to please everyone, but I think she may have done it, or come very close at the very least.



The Wildcats are icing 8 teams this season in the following divisions:

- Tyke - 1
- Novice - 2
- Atom - 2
- Peewee - 2 (one house and one rep... the first female rep team in Burnaby in over a decade!)
- Midget - 1

We were so very close to declaring a Bantam Rep team as well, but some bureaucratic fumbling by BC Hockey in the late stages of that process led to the team's demise. As a result, our Bantam players are either playing at other associations, or are playing up on the Wildcats Midget C1 team. We wish them the best of luck with their seasons.

Planning is well underway for the 2018 Wildcats Remembrance Day Tournament Nov 10-12. There are already 30 teams registered and we look to surpass last year's mark of 47 teams! The tournament has developed a very strong reputation in the female hockey community as a very well run and fun event with lots of additional activities. There is no cost to Wildcat teams to play in the tournament, but it is mandatory for all parents to pitch in and volunteer. Every Wildcat benefits from this tournament as funds raised help to pay for extra development which is offered at no additional cost to families. We are also still accepting corporate donations and sponsorships - if you know a business that would like to give back to youth sport in the community, please let the tournament committee know.

[\(burnabyfemaletournament@gmail.com\)](mailto:burnabyfemaletournament@gmail.com)

Finally, we still have room on most rosters, so if you know any female athletes who would like to join the Wildcats family... it's not too late.

- *Thanks, Lee Poizer*

PAT QUINN CLASSIC - Gearing up for 2018!

The 2018 Pat Quinn Classic is coming up, and we wanted to share some new and noteworthy things!

1. Burnaby Minor Hockey Association is hosting the tournament
2. Over 36 teams are travelling from across Canada and USA to compete in the tournament
3. BMHA's home ice - Bill Copeland Arena will be the feature rink and the hub of all the action
4. Air hockey, bubble hockey, hardest shot competitions and much more!
5. This is the inaugural year for a female Peewee AAA tournament
6. There will be prizes, contests and much more
7. Jump at the opportunity to watch and cheer on future hockey superstars

The tournament is hosted in Burnaby from December 28-31. Please visit the tournament website at www.PatQuinnClassic.com for the latest information.



BMHA SUCCESS STORIES - Call for Stories!

We're always looking for stories about BMHA members' and teams' successes both on and off the ice! If you have a story idea, please email communications@burnabyminor.com.

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- November 10 to 12 – BMHA Female Hockey Remembrance Day Tournament, 8-Rinks
- November 18 – BMHA Picture Date, details to come



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WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST SPONSOR - PRO STOCK HOCKEY

Are you ready to take your game to the next level? Pro Stock Hockey, your online resource for authentic pro stock hockey equipment, has the products and accessories you need to help you get there! Their gigantic inventory of pro stock equipment includes sticks, gloves, skates, protective gear, game jerseys, practice jerseys and other NHL gear originally made for NHL players. Each item is thoroughly inspected by their team to ensure you receive the finest pro stock hockey gear possible, exactly to the specifications you expect.



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