

September 2018

STIX 'n PUX

BMHA Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings everyone,

I hope everyone has had a chance to get away, spend time with family and friends, and recharge over the summer.

The hockey season will start soon and a lot of planning and effort has been put in to make the start of the season run as smooth as possible. Please keep an eye on the BMHA website as evaluation schedules and groupings, and notifications of any changes will be posted there shortly.

As always, BMHA does not work without the countless volunteers who step forward every year. If you are considering how you might help out, please speak with anyone on the executive or any past coaches and managers you have worked with.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer. Safely.

Sincerely,

- Lucas

SEASON STARTS - Key Information!

With the start of the season, here is some key information that you might find helpful!

C/ HOUSE ICE TIMES & EVALUATIONS

"C"/ House ice times will begin right after Labour Day. Ice times and your child's groupings will be found on the website on the [C/ House Evaluations](#) page – we hope to have all the divisions' preliminary schedules posted by Monday, August 20. The website will have the latest information & updates - please check before your child's first ice time to confirm the time, rink and grouping in case of any changes.

As we try to coordinate over 800 kids and well over 120 ice times, there may be some "hiccups" along the way and we do ask for your patience and understanding during the start of the season.



BMHA DIVISION MANAGERS

If you have any questions regarding your child's grouping or ice times, please contact the appropriate Division Manager. The DMs who will be helping with the various C teams this year are:

- Junior Bulldogs – TBD
- Initiation Minor (formerly H1) – TBD
- Initiation Major (formerly H2) – TBD
- Novice Minor (formerly H3) – Louise Aerts
- Novice Major (formerly H4) – Bonnie Chan
- Atom – Bal Uppal
- Peewee – Bryce McGowan
- Bantam – Andrew Spence
- Midget – Audrey White
- Juvenile – Rebecca Chau
- Wildcats – Lee Poizer

Their contact information can be found on the [Contact Us](#) page of the BMHA website. Please note that the BMHA email addresses for the younger divisions (Initiation & Novice) have now changed to be consistent with the new division names.

REP TRYOUTS

The Rep Tryout Committee is aiming to have the Tryout Schedule and player groupings posted on the website by Monday, August 20. The [Rep Tryout page of the website](#) will be "go-to" form of communication for Rep Tryouts - please check back regularly for the latest information and updates.

We are still looking for volunteers! If you are able to help, please complete the [Rep Tryout Volunteer Form](#).

Good luck to all those trying out!

COPELAND PARKING LOT CLOSURE - Saturday, September 8th!

The City of Burnaby's annual Car Trunk Sale event is on Saturday, September 8 and as a result, the Bill Copeland Sports Centre's northwest parking lot will be closed (no access) from 5:30am-3:00pm. Please do not leave any cars parked in the northwest parking lot overnight Fri. Sept. 7 into Sat. Sept 8.

City staff will be checking the northwest parking lot in the morning (before 6:00am – Sept 8) to make sure it is empty of vehicles, if there are vehicles parked City staff will make one or two announcements to the user groups who are in the building and if no one responds then the vehicle(s) will be towed before 7:00am.



BMHA-BRANDED APPAREL - Authorized Suppliers for 2018/19

Cyclone Taylor Sports and Real Hip Clothing will continue to be BMHA's authorized suppliers who are able to provide apparel, teamwear and accessories using the BMHA logos – the BMHA Shield, the Bulldogs and the Wildcats logo. Each supplier has been identified for the provision of the following items:

Item	Cyclone Taylor	Real Hip Clothing
Bauer Track Suit	x	x
Bauer Track Jacket	x	X
Bauer Track Pant	x	x
Lower-Priced Track Suit	n/a	x
Stormtech jackets (soft shell, parka, etc)	x	x
All Dryfits	x	x
All T-shirts/ shirts	x	X
All hoodies	x	x
All baseball caps/ toques, etc.	x	X
All sweatpants/ pants	x	x
Practice Jerseys	x	X
Pant Shells	x	x
Garment Bags	x	X
Hockey Bags	x	x

One of the considerations in establishing authorized suppliers is to help control costs for our members – consistency in our look will allow players to wear items more than one season or allow families to pass down clothing to younger siblings.

Cyclone Taylor and Real Hip are working on the product line for the upcoming season – flyer catalogs and order information will be available on the [Apparel section](#) of the website.

KIDSPORT EQUIPMENT DONATION - Thank You!!!!

Burnaby Minor Hockey held its annual Kidsport Equipment Donation drive last weekend! Another successful turnout - we were able to fill the back of a 12-tonne moving truck!

Chris Wilson from Kidsport had this to say: *"This is AWESOME! Thanks again, BMHA!"*

A big thank you to everyone who came out and donated their gently used equipment – we received lots of hockey equipment, and other sports gear including skis and snowboards, lacrosse gear, baseball bats/ gloves/ helmets, and bikes! We'd also like to thank Canlan Ice Sports for supporting the event by letting us park in their lot for the weekend.



PRESEASON CAMPS - Update

We have added a second Peewee High Performance Development Camp as the first session sold out early. Please register on BMHA website or use this link to SportsNgin <https://burnabyminor.sportngin.com/register/form/250116007>

- Date: August 20 – 24
- Time: 4:45pm – 5:45pm
- Location: 8-Rinks, rink 5

Due to low numbers in some of our other camps, we will be cancelling and/or combining them. For those that have registered for these, you will receive an email update. Fees will be refunded for the ones that are cancelled.

For any questions regarding the preseason camps, please contact clinics@burnabyminor.com.

COACH TALK - A1 Rep Coaches Announced!

Here we go! That anticipation of upcoming season – full of excitement for the kids and trepidation for the parents – early mornings, shuttling back and forth. However, I know you will agree it is all worth it!

Speaking of excitement, I am delighted to inform you of the following A1 Rep coaches for the upcoming season:

- **Atom A1 – Jason Scoffins:** Jason has been our cornerstone for this pivotal role as Atom is the transition stage into Rep hockey. Throughout the years, Jason has guided our young kids into elite hockey, helping to usher their hockey skills to the next level.
- **Peewee A1 – Ben Van Lare:** We are very fortunate to have Ben continue to lead our Peewee A1 group. Ben's strong hockey development skills further challenges our kids to go beyond their core foundational skills. At this level, Ben continues to put more emphasis on positional and team play strategies.
- **Bantam A1 – Sheldon Baerg:** Sheldon has been performing double duties at BMHA. He not only coaches our A1 team but also is our goalie development coach for Bulldogs and Wildcats. His holistic approach to hockey serves him well in further developing our Bantam kid's team and strategic aspects of hockey.
- **Midget A1 – Ken Guthrie:** Ken has been with BMHA for over an incredible 22 years, both as a player and Rep coach. Ken also performs double duty in coaching Midget A1 and Atom A3 teams. Ken brings not only his hockey skills and experience but also the soft skills needed to manage and engage a wide age group ranging from our Atom kids to Midget aged teens.

In addition, we are in the process of finalizing the rest of the Rep coaching staff. I look forward to sharing this information with you later.

Furthermore, I am also very excited and appreciative of all our returning and new C coaches for the upcoming season. Our membership cannot thank these and all volunteers enough, as without their support and tireless contributions we would not have an association. Thank you!

Finally, as we forge ahead into this new season, please remember why we selflessly volunteer. It is not about us parents; it is about our kids! Let us make sure we exemplify what it means to be a respected citizen in our community and most importantly, how we represent BMHA – embracing Sportsmanship First!

Have a great season and most importantly have fun! *Cheers, Peter Chau, BMHA – Head Coach*

CATS CORNER - It's NOT "Just" Girls Hockey!

While at the rink on a hot summer day in the midst of what we call an "off season" in Canada, I happened to overhear a group of parents talking about the coming season and in particular about why a particular girl would not play with the Wildcats. Comments like "all they want to do is have fun", "they're not concerned about winning" and "oh, it's just girl's hockey" were tossed around in a rather flippant manner.

Indeed, winning is not the most important thing, and having fun is always a fundamental goal. This is no different from boys (or integrated) hockey. To anyone who would dismiss female hockey as "it's just girls hockey", I invite you to come and see for yourself the caliber of play. While practices at the younger ages incorporate games (no different than a boys practice at the same age), they are not simply an hour of snow angels and "Star Wars". And for those that think the girls just aren't competitive and don't care about winning... well, you obviously haven't been out to a Female Rep game!

It's time to dispel the stereotype of female hockey as "figure skating with a hockey stick". The talent pool is improving every year, the competition is getting more fierce and these girls are every bit the athlete as their male counterparts.

- Lee Poizer, Wildcats Hockey

REFEREE PROGRAM - Freeze on New Applications

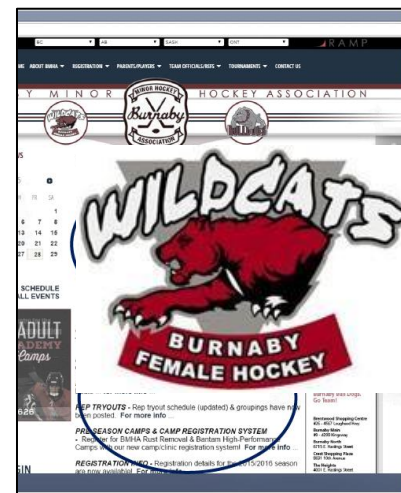
As a result of being a "victim of its own success" with 85 referees currently in the program and BMHA's Referee-in-Chief, Brett Rafferty, hanging up his skates after the 2018/19 season, we are sad to announce that we must put a "freeze" on accepting new referees this season. The focus this season for Brett will be developing a strong core of senior refs to step in the following season 2019/20 and act as mentors for the future new referees. Thank you for your understanding.

REMINDERS

WEBSITE - How Do I Find Out the Latest Info?

LATEST NEWS - The home page of the BMHA website has all of the latest news for members. The "News Rotator" will rotate through the more recent/ important news for members, and the "Latest News" will list all the current news.

QUICK LINKS - Quick Links can be found on the right-hand side of the home page. These Quick Links will give you easy access to some of the more viewed pages of the website. Some of the Quick Links may be only be up for a certain period of time – such as Rep Tryouts or C/ House Evaluations, which will be removed once the season gets under way. And some of the Quick Links may remain through the season – like our Classified page (BMHA's very own Craigslist - if you're looking for a way to sell/ donate/ or trade some hockey gear or hockey paraphernalia, you can create a classified ad and have it posted!)



COACHES & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for volunteers to pitch in with the season! If you are willing to volunteer, please visit the [Team Officials & Volunteer page](#) on the website for more information. A reminder for all coaches – even if you coached last year, please still complete the [Coach Application form](#) on the website.

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- August 20 – 31 - Various Preseason Camps
- August 25 – Rep tryouts tentatively set to start
- September 4 – “C/ House” ice times tentatively set to start
- September 22, 10am to 11:30am – BMHA Coaches/ Managers meeting – Junior Bulldogs to Atom
- September 22, 1pm to 2:30pm – BMHA Coaches/ Managers meeting – Pee wee to Juvenile
- Late September/Early October TBD – BMHA Managers meeting

SPONSOR OFFERS



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- BIRTHDAY PARTIES
- LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM
- PRO DAY CAMPS
- ADULT INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE
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- YOUTH SOCCER ACADEMIES
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