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BMHA Newsletter

August 2021

KIDSPORT EQUIPMENT DONATION - Pass Along Your Used Gear Aug.7th-8th!

We're so happy to be able to bring back the BMHA Used Equipment Donation Drive this year!

We're happy to have partnered with Kidsport again this year and support their Used Sporting Goods Sale! Many members often ask if Burnaby Minor Hockey Association has a donation equipment program, unfortunately we just don't have the space to store the gear (as those of you who have ever picked up jerseys can see firsthand). In addition, Canlan Scotiabarn kindly provides us space to gather the equipment.



If you have used hockey equipment taking up space in your garage or basement, this is a great opportunity to free up some space, donate the equipment (including other types of sporting equipment – yes, we'll even take bikes!) and make a great contribution to the community. We filled the backs of moving trucks with hockey equipment, tennis racquets, soccer gear, baseball bats/gloves/helmets, ski equipment and bikes!

BMHA families are encouraged to donate and drop off their sporting goods:

- **August 7th (Saturday) & 8th (Sunday), 2021 from 10am to 2pm**
- Canlan Scotiabarn – front parking lot – look for the 12-tonne truck!!!
- All types of sporting equipment will be accepted (except for skis older than 10 years)

Kidsport will then offer the equipment at the Used Sporting Goods Sale, this year they will have a Hockey-specific sale:

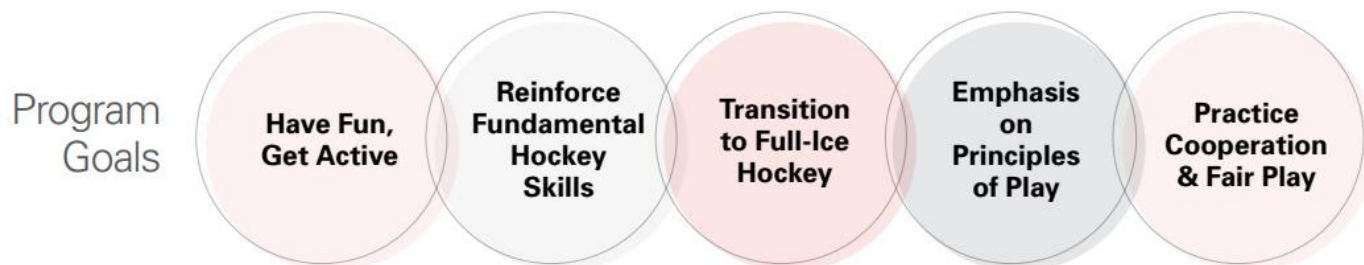
- Saturday, August 14th - 10am to 3pm
- Como Lake Middle School
- Admission is by donation or item(s) for the SHARE Food Bank
- [Click here to book a time slot to attend the sale](#)

The event is open to everyone, including Burnaby families! All proceeds go to subsidize registration fees for families who are struggling financially.

So, come out and help fill the truck!

HOCKEY CANADA U11 PATHWAY - What Is This & What Does It Mean?

For the last few years, Hockey Canada has been developing the U11 Pathway program - a progressive, learn to play teaching curriculum that is age-appropriate and skill-specific for 9-10 year-olds. It is a continuous opportunity for young players to develop and refine fundamental movement skills (skating, turning, acceleration), manipulation skills (shooting, puck control, passing) and overall motor skills (balance, coordination, agility) in a fun and safe environment, promoting skill development through self-confidence.



The program was scheduled to be implemented last season, but Covid restrictions didn't allow for the full rollout of the U11 Pathway and much was postponed until this season.

Some of the key changes identified by Hockey Canada include:

- No formal tryouts/evaluations during the first week of school where school starts the week after Labour Day (will be implemented for BMHA 2021-22 season)
- minimum of 4 practices/skill sessions offered prior to formal evaluations starting (already BMHA process)
- tryouts must be a minimum of three sessions (already BMHA process)
- must have a period of development time following team selection and prior to start of regular season (already BMHA process)
- must be tournament style playoffs vs. elimination rounds (will be implemented for 2021-22 PCAHA season)

More information on the U11 Pathways program can be found on the [Hockey Canada](#) and [BC Hockey](#) websites.

PRE-SEASON CAMPS - Save the Dates!

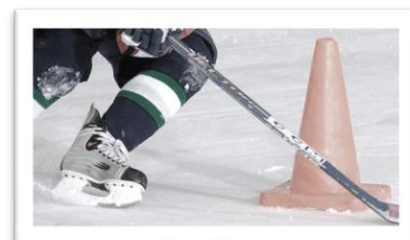
Burnaby Minor will again be offering its popular pre-season camps!

Rust Removal Camps: August 30 – September 3 (U11, U13, U15/18) – a great way for Bulldog & Wildcat players to get their “skating legs” back before the start of the season. Camps will be division-specific and targeted towards “C” division players.

High Performance Camps: August 23 - 27 (U11, U13, U15, U18) – with drills and tempo at an elevated level, these division-specific camps are designed for Bulldogs & Wildcats with excellent skating, stickhandling, passing and shooting skills. They are targeted for players at Rep level but open to all who possess the required skills to execute drills that are more complex.

Goalie Camp: August 23 – 27 – for all skill levels from U11 and older.

All Rust Removal, Goalie and High Performance camp details will be published on the [Camps/Clinics](#) page of the website and available for registration starting 9am August 3rd. Limited spots are available, so register early!



“C”/ HOUSE ICE SESSIONS - Start Tuesday, Sept.7th

“C”/ House ice times will start up Tuesday, September 7th! Groups and ice times should be emailed and posted to your TeamSnap schedule prior to September 3rd. For those in U11 and U13 divisions, early morning ice times come into effect starting Saturday, September 11th.



For the first two weeks (Sept. 7 to Sept. 19), players will be placed into groups and assigned ice times - these ice times are not “set for the season”. The third week will look closer to “regular season” ice times for the teams within your division.

REP TRYOUTS - The Latest Info!

All information can be found on the [Rep “A” Hockey](#) page of the website – please check the website for all the latest updates and information.

REP TRYOUT PROCESS

To help answer questions regarding tryouts for this season, including registration, general procedures, attendance, evaluation criteria and the evaluation process, please read the [Rep Tryout Process](#). There have been various changes from previous years, so please take the time to carefully review this year’s information. Also, a reminder that the [Rep “A” Hockey - Player/Family Commitment & Expectation Agreement](#) will need to be signed and handed in by tryout participants at their first ice time when signing in at the registration desk.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

The first round of Rep Tryouts is scheduled to start Saturday, August 28, 2021 for the U13, U15 and U18 divisions. As per the U11 Pathway, U11 tryout participants will hit the ice for pre-evaluation ice sessions beginning Monday, August 30 and evaluated ice sessions will begin no earlier than Saturday, September 11. A tentative schedule will be made available after August 10 and posted on the website. There are no ice times scheduled for the Labour Day long weekend.

VOLUNTEERS FOR TRYOUTS

Volunteers are needed to help with this year's Rep Tryouts. We need people to assist with a variety of duties including running the clock, bench and dressing room supervision. If you are able to help, please complete the [Rep Tryout Volunteer Form](#).

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS -Needed to Start the Season!

Volunteers are an integral part of Burnaby Minor Hockey Association and their involvement help support the success of the teams and the hockey season.



DIVISION MANAGERS

BMHA is looking to find enthusiastic and organized volunteers to fill the role of Division Managers for the following divisions:

- Junior Bulldogs & Junior Wildcats
- U6
- U7
- U8
- U9
- U15
- Wildcats U13 to U18

Division Managers main responsibilities are help oversee a specific age division, coordinate player evaluation sessions for the division, coordinate and assist in selecting volunteers such as coaches, team managers and safety managers for each group/team in the division, coordinate the balancing process amongst groups and ensure that groups are balanced in order to form final teams, and review and respond to concerns raised by Coaches/Team Managers and parents in the division. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any further questions regarding the role, please contact the respective Executive Member for the division, whose contact info can be found on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website.

We would like to thank the following who have kindly stepped up to help with the various "C" teams this coming season:

- U11 – Nan Stephenson
- U13 – Natalie Whitcroft
- U18 – Andrew Spence
- U21 – Rebecca Chau
- Wildcats U7 to U11 – Athina Beemish

COACHES

A reminder that applications are now being accepted for coaches, both Head Coaches as well as Assistants, at all age groups and skill levels for the upcoming season. And even if you did coach last season, we do need you to submit an application for 2021/22. If you are interested in coaching a team this year and haven't already done so, please visit the [Coaches](#) page on the website for more information and to apply. Also, if you know anybody that is not a member of our association but has a passion for hockey and commitment to developing players, please encourage them to apply as well.

TEAM MANAGERS

We are also beginning the process to fill the Team Managers roles for the upcoming season. The Team Manager is central to the efficient flow of communication between players, coaches, parents as well as support systems such as the BMHA Executive, Pacific Coast, and BC Hockey. Managers are best summarized as "the team communicator and team organizer".

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the appropriate Division Manager. Names and contact information will be available on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website in early August.

BMHA'S JUNIOR MENTOR PROGRAM - Now Open to All Ages!

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association offers a Junior Mentor Program, where our players have the opportunity to be mentored as an "junior coach" with the goal of developing them into a future coach, and providing BMHA's older players the opportunity to mentor the younger players. This year, the program is now open to all ages!

For more information, visit the [Junior Mentor Program](#) page on the website under the "Get Involved" section.

Do Something Great This Hockey Season!

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association Junior Mentor Program

Give Back & Earn Valuable Volunteer Hours!

Burnaby Minor Hockey Association has established a Junior Mentor Program, where players have the opportunity to be mentored as an junior coach with the goal of developing them into a future coach, while also providing BMHA's older players the opportunity to mentor the younger players.

- ✓ Offer on-ice assistance:
 - **U6 to U13 divisions** – help coaches and players on our Bulldogs & Wildcat teams
 - **Goalies** – share your knowledge with younger goaltenders
 - **Micro-hockey** – supervise, and provide basic instruction, to players while they play a free-flowing game of hockey (no scores are kept, no refs, and no pressure)
- ✓ 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, Jon Tagulao
- ✓ Have fun!

- ✓ The BMHA Junior Mentor program will work around players' schedules
- ✓ All applicants must apply [online](#) or for more information contact juniormentor@burnabyminor.com



ESSO FUN DAY - WILDCATS COME TRY HOCKEY - August 29!

The Wildcats will be hosting an "Esso Fun Day - Girls Try Hockey" event on August 29th at 10:30 at Burnaby Lake Arena.

This event is geared towards bringing girls to come try hockey for the first time, in a fun, welcoming and safe environment. They get suited up in a full set of loaner gear and hit the ice with volunteer coaches and Wildcat players to get a taste for how great the sport of hockey is!

Tell your friends & family who might want to learn more about the game! For more information, visit the [Wildcats page](#) of the website and register [here](#).



REFEREES SUMMER UPDATE - Message from RIC Dennis Sato

Hello everyone! I can't believe how long it's been since most of us have been on the ice and officiated a game. The time is coming!... Here are some important bits of information that everyone should know.

1. If you are interested in becoming a new official this season, the registration and training will be delayed this season. There is much to do to catch up with last year's group first. Look for more information in October!
2. All returning officials (if you were certified for 2020-2021) have valid certification only until the end of this year.
3. If you wish to continue officiating into 2022, you **MUST** take a recertification clinic. Clinics for returning officials will be online. Traditionally, there will be multiple dates and times, but I highly recommend signing up for a class as soon as you can. Registration is not open yet so check back frequently. You can check here for information <https://www.bchockey.net/Content.aspx?id=295>.
4. If you are a returning official, BC Hockey has adapted a discount offer for this season only. All returning officials will receive a \$74 discount at time of registration. If you are not a registered player, don't forget to pay for the additional insurance.
5. Anyone who will be 18 years old by Dec 31, 2021 must have a Criminal Record Check done. You'll find information here: <https://www.bchockey.net/Content.aspx?id=301>



Those are the key details to know to get things started. If you have any questions, contact me at refereinchief@burnabyminor.com.

Have a great Summer and see you on the ice soon! - Dennis

DATES TO REMEMBER - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- August 7 & 8, 10am to 2pm – BMHA Kidsport Sports Equipment Drive, Canlan Scotiabarn Front Parking Lot
- August 23 – September 3 - Various Pre-Season Camps, check the website for latest info
- August 28 – Rep tryouts set to start for U13, U15 & U18, check the website for latest info
- September 7 – “C/ House” and U11 Rep tryout participant ice times set to start, check the website for latest info

SPONSORS OFFERS



Help Us, Help Kids Play!

August 7 & 8, 10am to 2pm

**Canlan Scotiabarn/8-Rinks Burnaby
6501 Sprott St. - Front Parking Lot**

Clean out your garage or basement! Donate that stick, skate, helmet, pads, bat, ball, board, bike, racket, skis (no older than 10 years), jersey, bag or any other type of sporting equipment that is still in good, safe, gently-used quality condition.

Your items will help support the annual KidSport Used Sporting Goods Sales held in Aug. & Sept. (visit <https://bit.ly/3hXTqIm> for details). All proceeds go to subsidize registration fees for kids from lower income families.

