



September, 2018 AMHA Newsletter

Now that hockey has begun we wanted to reach out with our September newsletter. A big thank you goes out to all our Board and Appointed Positions as well as members at large who have spent countless hours getting our Rep Tryouts, and Recreational teams set up to date, and the work they will continue to do throughout the season.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- September 26th - FVE Coach/Manager Meeting - Atom - Midget C @6:30pm, Abbotsford AG Rec Gallery
- October 1st - AMHA Recreational Coach/Manager Meeting - Atom - Juvenile @ 7-9 pm, Abbotsford AG Rec Gallery
- October 2nd - AMHA Initiation/Novice and Recreational Parents Webinar #1
- October 3rd - AMHA HCSP Meeting - 7:30 pm MRC Seniors Centre
- October 3rd - PCAHA Juvenile A and C Coach/Manager Meeting - PCAHA Office 7pm
- October 4th - AMHA Initiation/Novice and Recreational Parents Webinar #2
- October 13th - Bauer 1st Shift Welcome Event
- October 17th - Initiation/Novice Coach/Manager Meeting - 7-9 pm, Abbotsford AG Rec Gallery
- October 24th - FVE Coach/Manager Meeting Initiation/Novice 7-9 pm Chilliwack Twin Rinks



Association Operations

Reminders:

- **EPact** - Please ensure your EPact account is up to date for your child.
- **Complete Concussion Management Inc.** - For the 2018/19 season the AMHA has partnered with Complete Concussion Management Inc. for concussion awareness. The purpose of supporting this program is to educate parents on the latest on concussions and concussion management so parents/guardians can make informed decisions about the care of their child in the event a concussion occurs. For more information about Complete Concussion Management Inc.'s program please visit our [concussion awareness page](#).
- **Codes of Conduct** - Just a reminder now that the season has begun the AMHA wants to remind all players, parents/guardians and their friends and families about respecting fair play and codes of conduct within the game of hockey. To view our codes of conduct you can find them on our website under [policy 15](#), or on the [code of conduct page](#).
- **Jersey Deposits** - Please note in the Midget Division the annual jersey deposit fee has increased. This change/update was made during budget season due to the fact that more often than not when the AMHA does not have a jersey returned, it is actually both jerseys that are not returned. The jerseys are approximately \$75/jersey and therefore the jersey deposit fee has moved to \$150.
- **Fundraising Update** - As you are all aware, fundraising at the Association level is a requirement for the AMHA. Recently a communication was sent to the membership about the AMHA's fundraising plans. This communication will be followed up with additional information as it is available.
- **New Policies for 2018/19.** As is the case each year, policies at the beginning of the season are updated from previous years. We wanted to make you aware of a few policy updates:
 - [AMHA Parent Meeting / Rules / Budget Policy Addendum](#) - Our year end feedback from the 2017/18 season provided feedback as to the creation of this policy addendum. All teams are expected to follow this policy mandating parent meetings, team rules and expectations and a team budget. Please familiarize yourself with this policy.
 - **Update Co-ed Dressing Room Policy** - The AMHA has updated its Co-ed Dressing room policy and this can be found in Policy 5 - Team Operation Guidelines for those with Co-ed teams).
- **24 Rule** - Just a reminder one of the expectations of the AMHA and as is listed in our Policies is the "24 Rule". In the event you wish to address a concern with a Team Official, Board, Staff or Appointed Position please wait 24 hours before addressing. The



purpose of this rule is to ensure as objective as possible a conversation and to ensure emotional attachment to the situation can be turned in for objectivity.

- **Communication up and Down the AMHA** - Just a reminder that the AMHA has over 750 players playing. In order to ensure communication up and down the organization we remind you to go to your Coach/Manager first with questions and/or concerns. In the even you need to escalate you can go to your Director in Rep or your Coordinator in Recreational hockey first. The Board and/or Appointed Positions will escalate up the Association as is required.

Hockey Operations

Rep Tryout Recap

Over the Labour Day weekend and throughout the first two weeks of September the AMHA conducted the Rep Tryout Process. Players went through the WHL Combine and Scrimmage games, as well as practices and the Round Robin Tournament. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with various jobs throughout tryouts at registration tables, benches, and HCSP staff.

Recreational Balancing and Team Selection

Recreational hockey is up and running and has almost completed the balancing process. Just a reminder that until teams are balanced these are still just working groups and players may move groups in order for us to fulfill our balancing obligations to our league.

Initiation/Novice Start up

Initiation and Novice Teams kicked off their season with a welcome event on September 15th. The event included a carnival style kick off with all players/parents and families participating in a great kick off to our youngest players' seasons.

Bauer First Shift Program - We are excited to announce that our Bauer 1st Shift program has sold out its fall program and even has a waiting list. This exciting program allows us to introduce new players to the game of hockey. For more info or to come out and see the program in action, please visit the [Bauer 1st Shift page on our website](#)



Save the Dates - 2018/19 AMHA Hosted Tournament Dates

Please take notice of all the AMHA hosted tournaments and mark these dates on your calendars. We are also at this time confirming all tournament committees and volunteers for each tournament and would like to get tournament committees beginning their work as soon as possible.

- Midget Memorial - November 10-12, 2018
- Bantam Western Classic - November 23-25, 2018
- Pee Wee Rep (A1/A2/A3) - December 7-9, 2018
- Atom Rep (A1/A2/A3) - December 21-23, 2018
- Bantam Recreational - December 27-29, 2018
- Initiation/Novice - December 29-31, 2018
- Pee Wee Recreational - January 4-6, 2019
- Midget Recreational - January 4-6, 2019
- Dallas Saunders - February 16-18, 2019
- Atom Recreational - March 16-18, 2019



Player Development Programs

As teams start to take shape, please ensure you are on the lookout for our yearly player development and skill based programs. If you have any questions on our development programming you can email Bob Gill at development@abbotsfordminorhockey.ca. All our programming can be found under the "Development" tab of our website or you can look specifically on the following pages:

[Goaltender Development Page](#)

[Initiation/Novice Skills Program Page](#)

[Recreational Skills Programs Page](#)

[Rep Skills Programs Page](#)

Please go to these pages on the website to see the program schedules.