



October 2017 AMHA Newsletter

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday weekend and start to October. In this month's edition of the newsletter we look to inform you all about some of the Association's Operations, as well as the Hockey Operations of the AMHA.

Association Operations

Athletix Fundraising

Just a reminder in the coming days the AMHA will be launching our Athletix ticket fundraising program. The benefit to the AMHA could be up to \$50,000. This has significant impact on the AMHA Budget and our desire to continue to try and keep registration fees at a reasonable level.

In order to operate this program, each and every AMHA team will be required to have a designated "Fundraising Coordinator" at the time your team is rostered to assist in the program's coordination. Stay tuned for program launch in the coming weeks.

Photo Day

Save the Date! November 5, 2017 will be the Annual AMHA Photo Day. Once the schedule has been completed it will be posted on the AMHA website for all teams to see.

Don't forget each year we encourage our teams to participate in the Clothing and Food Bank drive. Please bring food donations, and clothing you wish to donate to those less fortunate to the rink at the time of your photo.

Parent Education Webinars

In October the AMHA conducted its first ever webinars on the topic of parent education with outstanding success. We had over 300 people participate and learn more about the AMHA, and how to be the best hockey parent you can.

Coach/Manager Meetings All Complete

As of now, all three portfolios (H1-4, Rec, Rep) have held their Coach/Manager meetings. Rep was conducted with an online meeting, while Rec and H1-4 were conducted in person. Thank you to the Team Officials who have stepped up and volunteered their time to help our teams.



HCSP Team Official Meetings

As previously noted one of the AMHA's focus' for the 2017/18 season is on Safety and the role of the Safety person (HCSP). On October 11th the AMHA hosted an HCSP Meeting, and will be hosting another meeting online via webinar on October 19th. Thank you to those that have stepped up to take on the role of Safety person for our teams as the health and safety of our children is one of our most important priorities.

Epact

Just a reminder there are still a handful of players who are not signed up with Epact our online medical history platform. Epact replaces the paper medical forms and is a requirement for all players. The AMHA will be conducting an audit in the coming days and those who have not signed up for Epact will need to sign up, or their child will be removed from participation on November 30th. If you have not signed your child up for Epact, reminders have been sent to the primary email address you registered your child with. If you need this email again, please contact our Registrar Rhonda Bencze, or Jen Robillard our Risk Manager.

Those that are having technical support, please contact Epact directly. Their technical support has been fantastic to our members thus far.

Community Presence

Over the past few years the AMHA has had a number of fantastic stories about our teams giving back to the community and having a strong community presence. The AMHA encourages all teams to participate in the community and we would like to acknowledge and hear about it. Let us know your team's story so we can publish it in the Monthly Newsletter and on our Website.

Hockey Day in Abbotsford

Saturday October 21st come celebrate Hockey Day in Abbotsford with the Abbotsford Pilots from 11:30 - 1:00 pm and enjoy a Road Hockey Game with the Pilots. For more info and details please see our [website event calendar](#)



Hockey Operations

Recreational Team Balancing

Big thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in getting teams operational and balanced. The season is now upon us and we wish all our teams good luck in their league play.

Pee Wee Ice Breaker Tournament Recap

Over the Thanksgiving weekend the AMHA Pee Wee A2 team hosted a 12 team tournament. Our own AMHA Pee Wee A2 team made it to the Semi Finals losing to eventual tournament champions Seattle Jr. Congrats to the team and coaches for a strong showing, and big thanks to the parents for their efforts in running the tournament led by Tournament Chair Shelley Laspa.

Coach Certification Clinics

The AMHA successfully hosted a Coach 1 - Intro to Coaching clinic October 14th. Twelve (12) AHMA coaches were in attendance.

We hosted a Coach 2 Level Clinic on October 15th. Fourteen (14) coaches were in attendance.

Coming up October 21/22 the AMHA is hosting a Development 1 Coaching Clinic for Pee Wee and above Rep Coaches.

Thank you to all our coaches who are attending.

Player Development Programs up and Running

Just a reminder all our development programs are now up and running. They can be found under the "Development" tab of our website or you can look specifically on the following pages:

[Goaltender Development Page](#)

[Initiation Skills Programs Page](#)

[Recreational Skills Programs Page](#)

[Rep Skills Programs Page](#)



User Pay Programs up and Running

Based upon membership feedback from last season the AMHA has launched its first ever “user pay” development programs. The first session run by coaches Peter Hay (Bantam/Midget) and Travis Oddy (Pee Wee) are now up and running. For more information or to see new and upcoming user pay program offerings, please visit our [website user pay page](#).

Canucks Learn to Play up and Running

The Canucks Learn to Play program started on October 10th. This introductory learn to play program allows new players to the game of hockey additional development opportunities and their first set of hockey gear provided by CCM and the Canucks, as well as meet members of the Canucks organization. For more information on the program please visit the [Canucks Learn to Play Program page on our website](#)

H1-4 Name Change

Earlier this fall with the continuous efforts to change our game for the better, the governing bodies of hockey have updated the names of all divisions at the H1-4 level. Beginning next season the AMHA will change names of our divisions to follow suit with the name change. In the coming months you will see additional division names included beside H1-4. The new divisional names include:

- H1 - Minor IP
- H2 - Major IP
- H3 - Novice Minor
- H4 - Novice Major

Midget Memorial Tournament Coming up

Over the Remembrance Day long weekend November 11-13th the AMHA Midget A1 team will be hosting its annual Midget Memorial tournament. This year we will have 12 teams participating in the tournament. Check out the tournament schedule on our website and come out and cheer on our Midget A1 team as they battle it out with some of BC's top Midget Tier 1 teams.