



Indus Ringette Association, Monthly Board Meeting

Monday, October 6th, 2025 at 6:30pm at Indus Rec Centre

Topic: October IRA Board Meeting

Time: October 6th, 2025 06:30 PM MST

Where: Indus Rec Centre, Meeting Room

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Alex Litwiller motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trevor Robinson.

3. President's Report – presented by Vice-president

• BVAS and CRCA Memberships

- Anyone who uses the facilities must pay memberships. Indus registered list of players was sent to BVAS and CRCA for tracking memberships.
- Half of the practice/game ice is in Strathmore and half is in Indus, Chestermere
- Registration fees between SMRA and IRA teams will be balanced
- BVAS – possibility checking names of the membership list
- IRA gets discount on ice for having membership
- There will need to be better adjustment of registration fees between SMRA and IRA next season

4. Financial Report (Treasurer)

- Operating budget – right now even budget (revenue vs. expense); will need to be updated and will be presented monthly, need to add: Session 3, full coverage and 50% provincials, 50% provincials

5. Registration Report (Registrar)

- Indus has 107 players; still need an update from Step 1, U14C and U19A
- The Secretary presented a motion to update the IRA policy to reflect that starting the 2025/26 season, volunteer and jersey bonds will be placed as levies on RAMP registration. If a family does not complete the required volunteer hours or does not return the jersey, the levy will be applied to the RAMP account. Brad Kappel seconded the motion. All in favor.

6. Evaluations Coordinator Report

- Considering using the third-party Sports Evaluations, we would like to hear feedback from parents. A survey will be developed and sent to the parents before Evaluations debrief meeting
- Teams are consistent from what was in the past
- Coordination between IRA and SMRA proved to be challenging
- The Vice President believes that it was money well spent
- Sports Evaluations was very good to deal with, very good experience

- IRA and SMRA's ice become available later than other associations (day after Labor Day); AA must have evaluations completed by Labor Day weekend; we cannot complete evaluations earlier
- One night to get IRA, SMRA representatives all together to release all teams together

7. Coach & Player Development Report

- **Update to Coach certifications**
 - Now: 1 head coach and 2 assistant coaches (one female) cover certifications; always covered certifications for junior coaches
 - We should allow certifications for all the coaches that want to become certified even above the set number above
- **Goalie training**
 - Completed one goalie training session with the seven U10 goalies. It was well received, and the kids had fun! The next session will be on October 17.
 - I am working with Natasha (SMRA) to coordinate monthly goalie training sessions. The goal is to have one session each month, alternating between SMRA and IRA hosting. SMRA has October 19 booked for U10–U12 and October 26 for U14–U19.
 - I wasn't able to get ice in late November (trying to keep Goalie sessions one month apart) but was able to book December 6 with Ballistic.
 - SMRA has all of their development ice booked, but they may be open to letting us use it if we cover the cost of Ballistic (\$183 including mileage).
 - I'd like to get possible February ice times confirmed soon so there's enough notice to book a goalie coach.
 - Ballistic offers Goalie Fundamentals: This session is for Active Start through new U14 goalies and includes coach training. It will be classroom-based, so we'll need a TV or projector. Kyle is checking on room options and costs at CRCA and IRA, and whether they have the necessary equipment. Does anyone have a projector we could use? The cost is \$150 plus \$22.50 for mileage.
 - We could host this out SMRA after the October 19th Goalie training SMRA is hosting.
 - Ballistic also offers a Mental Mindset classroom course (\$150 plus mileage), which could be a good addition.
- **Hockey goalie affiliations**
 - Hockey goalies couldn't affiliate well below their tier (cannot affiliate as U14C goalie)
 - Might be worth affiliating the hockey goalies anyway,
 - Indus U14C doesn't have a goalie – might have to rotate players to play goalie
 - Social Media Coordinator will advertise for part-time goalies for U14C
 - Anya Trousdale will check whether we can affiliate from other U14C
- **Safe Sport**
 - It is free for parents
 - We need to come up with a way we could track the validity of certification (need to complete one member of the family once every 3 years)
 - It will be discussed at the next meeting
- **Others**
 - All junior couches are fully assigned
 - Affiliate meeting was successful

- Breakfast club started last week – U14 A and B and U16 – includes Indus and SMRA players
- All coaches please email to Tamara NCCP numbers
- Development funds: \$150/U10 Step 1/2; \$500/U10 Step 3 and up

8. Referee – in – Chief's Report

- Evaluation refs were paid last weekend, SMRA should pay half of the ref fees
- There will be need only for Step 3 refs during Ice Angels Tournament

9. Equipment Coordinator

- All team managers please send the coordinator the names of the players and their jersey numbers

10. Grants & Funding Report (Grants Coordinator)

- No updates

11. Trip of the Month (TOTM) Update

- AGLC license is submitted now
- Tickets will be printed in November; 450 booklets will be printed; first special draw will take place on December 17.
- The coordinator presented some options for division of the booklets. Board members asked for clarification if all families have 5 booklets (couple more if multiple children in the association). She will present the option for dividing the number of booklets at the next Board meeting

12. Ice Angels Update

- Registration opened on October 1, and all the slots are now full (just waiting on Strathmore Step 3 team to see if they want to participate as well. Some teams might need to refund registration fees
- All Indus teams must submit a gift basket to the tournament by November 1, 2025. \$20 per player for the baskets
- Donation letter will be sent to teams as well to help with fundraising
- Schedule will be done by the end of the week

13. Pub Night

- Will take place on November 29, 2025 at the Lakeside Green Golf Course in Chestermere
- It used to be part of the registration not this year; Every Indus hosted team family will have to purchase 2 tickets (\$10/each)
- Will need volunteers – great way to fulfill hours

14. Informed Consent for posting name and pictures on social media

- Social Media Coordinator will draft a consent letter that will be sent to the team managers. Managers will ask their families to sign the form and managers will track the information and only send photos to the Social Media coordinator that can be posted on Social Media

15. U12B Regionals / Alberta Winter Games

- We need to allocate ice time for the Regionals mid-March – end of March, can be anywhere (not just in Indus or Chestermere); all South U12B teams take part; last year was at WinSport

- U12B Regionals Coordinator – Cindy Medernach said she would help organize it; last year registration fee was \$1250/team
- Alberta Winter Games is asking to allocate ice for Zone 2A evaluations; only U16A, U16C – those teams should not have games during the evaluation weekend; Airdrie is in the same scenario; Airdrie provides one, IRA/SMRA 2 ice times; we need to provide refs and evaluators, probably RAB pays for the ice

16. Player/Team Funds

- There was no cash call included in registrations for U12 and up teams; therefore, there is no kickstart fund for those teams.
- Only U10 teams will receive kickstart fund (\$100 per team member).
- Development events must be approved by Coach and Player Developer before refund.

17. U19B Team Third Jersey

- Strathmore gets a black keepsake jersey made for all U19 athletes. The head coach wants to add the Indus logo to the shoulders for the players that have always played under IRA.
- Current policy: 17.4.1. During games, teams are required to wear the jerseys supplied by Indus Ringette Association that display the colors and logo of the Association. No Indus Ringette Association team is permitted to use a "third" jersey or any alternate jersey for any game.
- The secretary made a motion to amend the policy: Indus Ringette Association use of logo on "third" jersey is allowed only with a written permission by the Executive Board of the Indus Ringette Association. Brad Kappel seconded. All in favor.

18. Age Coordinators update

- **U10:** Step 2-1 unique challenges with Step 2 becoming full ice in Session 2; they are considering merging the two Step 2 teams; RAB is ok with merger, all Zone 2 teams will be full ice; Step 3 – two exhibition games; fundraising awesome; no dryland yet, one injured player
- **U12B:** The U12B team is off to a strong start, winning an exhibition game 15–2 against South Calgary. The roster, emergency plans, and volunteer roles are set, and the team is connecting well in practices. Fundraising began with a successful bottle drive, with more planned. Tournament applications have been submitted to Lethbridge, Airdrie, South Calgary, and Edmonton; we're currently on the Lethbridge waitlist.
- **U14:** team building, 14-1 exhibition game; challenge with U14 C goalies; Some questions about Strathmore home tournament and which divisions will be included
- **U16:** U16A double header Lethbridge, NW Rumble, Sherwood Park tournament; started dryland; breakfast club; AWG looking for flexibility in scheduling
- **U19B:** Team of 19 athletes from Carbon, Chestermere, High River, Indus, Langdon, Okotoks, and Strathmore bonding well; confirmed for Lethbridge (mid-Nov) and Langley, BC (early Dec) tournaments. First game Oct 1 ended 2-2. Fundraising underway with Friends & Family Bottle Drive and Hire-a-Team initiative.

Adjourned 8:18pm