



**When can I start playing minor hockey and what are the division levels?**

Hockey players are divided into different age divisions based on their birth year (& how old your child is on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current season)

- U7 (Under 7)                    5 & 6 year olds
- U8 (Under 8)                    7 year olds
- U9 (Under 9)                    8 year olds
- U11 (Under 11)                9 and 10 year olds
- U13 (Under 13)                11 and 12 year olds
- U15 (Under 15)                13 and 14 year olds
- U18 (Under 18)                15-17 year olds
- U21 (Under 21)                18-20 yr olds. CRMHA does not typically host a U21 team however, 18 year olds who have previously been playing recreation hockey can apply for an overage exemption to join a U18 team. Approval by CRMHA and VIAHA is required.

**How much are registration fees?**

Registration fees are set out below. Of note, there is an early bird discount for registration before July 31<sup>st</sup> on all packages except Female Only as well as discounts for new players!

Division	Recreation Hockey	With Rep Tryouts	Female Only	Female and Recreation
U7 (5 & 6 yrs old)	\$375.00		\$175.00	\$400.00
U9 (7 & 8 yrs old)	\$450.00		\$200.00	\$600.00
U11 (9 & 10 yrs old)	\$575.00	\$675.00	\$300.00	\$775.00
U13 (11 & 12 yrs old)	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$300.00	\$775.00
U15 (13 & 14 yrs old)	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$300.00	\$775.00
U18 (15-17 yrs old)	\$575.00	\$725.00	\$300.00	\$775.00

**My child would like to play hockey but I am not able to afford it. Is financial help available?**

Yes! Many local organizations have funding available to help cover registration fees. If you would like more details, please speak to the registrar and she will be happy to assist you (info@crmha.ca)

**What do my registration fees pay for?**

Campbell River MHA is a not-for-profit organization run by volunteers. The majority of your registration fee goes to pay for ice fees to Strathcona Gardens. Our ice fees are typically \$170,000 per year.

Other costs include officiating fees, (approximately \$60,000 per year) as well as reimbursement for certifications and clinics attended and passed by all our bench staff (coaches, managers and safety people). CRMHA has a paid Administrator, various office and operational expenses and also pays for goalie coaches, development coaches and skating coaches.

CRMHA supplies socks and jerseys to all players, as well as replaces sets of jerseys when needed. Sets of jerseys are approximately \$2000.00 per team. In addition, CRMHA also provides pucks, first aid kits, goalie and other various equipment as needed (approximately \$35,000 per year)

CRMHA pays the entrance fees to tournaments for each recreational team to attend one out of town tournament per season (approx. \$35,000 per year).

Lastly, there are other incidental costs, including, membership fees, team fees and insurance to BC Hockey and VIAHA for each player (approximately \$45,000 per year)

### **Does my child need to know how to skate before they can register?**

Players are strongly encouraged to be comfortable on the ice to enhance their hockey experience. A good starting point is to ensure your player can skate across the ice with their hockey gear on. However, don't let that stop you! CRMHA welcomes players of all skill levels and also hosts the NHL First Shift Program for our new players!

### **What equipment do I need to purchase for my child?**

- C.S.A. approved helmet (with ear protectors)
- C.S.A. approved facial protector (full cage or full visor)
- B.N.Q. approved throat protector (collar or bib type)
- Athletic support cup (male)/Athletic Jill strap (female)
- Hockey pants
- Shoulder pads
- Elbow pads
- Garter belt for jock or jill shorts(if needed)
- Shin pads
- Hockey gloves
- Skates
- Practice Jersey and socks
- Stick
- Tape for stick
- Shin pad tape

### **What is Recreation (House) Hockey?**

House league hockey guarantees players equal ice time regardless of the player's ability and is not as competitive as rep hockey. There is no body checking in recreational hockey but there is still physical contact between players. The Campbell River Minor Hockey Association is governed by BC Hockey residency boundaries. To participate in CRMHA you must live within the clearly defined boundaries.

### **How often are recreational games/practices held?**

In general house teams can expect to have one practice and one game per week.

### **What is the U11 Development Tyees hockey Program?**

U11 Development is your players' first step into competitive hockey. What that means is a higher level of commitment to practice, games and travel but with a focus on player development. These teams have been created to provide a necessary base for our Representative program and to provide an opportunity for the more skilled U11 players to play a more competitive level of hockey. The U11 Tyees will each participate in the VIAHA Island League and will attend 2-3 out of town tournaments. U11 Development Tyees will have typically 2 practices and 1 game (3-4 hours) of on-ice time a week – with the emphasis on player skill development and age-appropriate tactics.

The U11 Tyees are recreation hockey development teams and are not considered an official Representative team but will adhere to Representative Team policies set in place by CRMHA.

### **What is Representative (Rep) hockey?**

Rep (representative) hockey is competitive hockey. Players are required to try out to make the team. Body contact in rep hockey starts at the U15 level. Rep players are expected to have a higher level of commitment to the team than house league players. The Campbell River Minor Hockey Association is governed by BC Hockey residency boundaries. To participate in representative/travel hockey for CRMHA you must live within the clearly defined boundaries.

### **When are Rep team tryouts held?**

Schedules for Rep try outs will be posted to this site as soon as they become available, usually late August. Tryouts begin after Labour Day.

### **How often are Rep games/practices held?**

In general Rep teams can expect to have three practices and one game per week. Rep teams play in tournaments every long weekend until December.

### **What is the North Island Tier 1 Zone Program?**

The North Island MHA's have been working closely together to help develop the T1 program U13, U15, U18 age groups comprised of representatives from all 4 North Island Minor Hockey Associations (TPMHA, PRMHA, CRMHA, CVMHA) The goal is to get better representation from North Island for the T1 Zone teams in Island League, improve player development and provide a viable hockey season option to keep players at home (vs leaving to play at academies or other leagues).

The program will be based out of different areas arenas depending on team player composition (where majority of rostered players reside), ice availability and other factors to facilitate optimal involvement.

[Click Here for more information on the North Island Tier 1 Zone Program](#)

If you are interested in trying out for the Tier 1 team, tryouts will take place August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in Comox, followed by the Tier 2 tryouts in Campbell River starting September 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may choose to tryout for both or either, however if you choose to not tryout for the Tier 1 team, you will not be able to affiliate to that team during the season.

Please choose the Rep Tryout option during online registration and you will be contacted by email with further details on tryout dates and times. The Tryout fees paid at the time of registration cover the costs of tryouts for both Tier 1 and 2.

**Do you offer a program just for female players?**

Absolutely! CRMHA welcomes and encourages female players of all ages! We offer a female only program from U7 to U18. Females playing in recreational co-ed hockey may also choose to play female only for an additional cost.

**How often are Female games/practices held?**

In general female teams can expect to have a weekly practice and one game/practice on the weekend which may be played out of town. U7/9 female development practice is Mondays @ 5:15pm, U11/13 female group will practice Mondays rotating between 7am or 6:30pm, and U15/18 female only group will practice Mondays rotating between 7am and 7:45pm.

**I want to know what days my child will play. Why is it not the same every week?**

Unfortunately, hockey is not an activity that provides a rigid schedule each week, although our ice coordinator works hard to keep some consistency. Some difficulties come in keeping that consistency while scheduling Rep and Female teams who rotate to play other island league teams (including teams from Victoria, Oceanside, Nanaimo, Lake Cowichan, Cowichan Valley, Parksville and Port Alberni) based on every arena's ice availability.

We also share our ice with other user groups including the Campbell River Skating Club, The Storm Hockey Team, Oldtimers Hockey to name a few. Special events or tournaments may happen which we have to work our schedule around.

Although subject to change, generally speaking weekday recreation practice times will be :

U7 – Thursdays @ 5:15pm U8 – Tuesdays @ 5:15pm U9 – Wednesdays @ 5:15pm	U11 – Tuesday or Wednesday @ 6:30pm U13 – Tuesday @ 7:45pm or Friday @ 6:45pm U15 – Monday @ 8:00pm or Wednesday @ 7:45pm U18 – Monday or Wednesday @ 9:00pm
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In addition, there will be ice times on the weekends.

**For house hockey, other than registration fees, are there other fees and expenses throughout the season?**

CRMHA may offer additional opportunities for development, including skating clinics, development weekends and extra practices. These will be advertised if/when available and purchased on your online registration account. There will also be opportunities throughout the season to purchase CRMHA clothing. There is no mandated clothing for house players however Rep Tyees will have clothing purchases to make. Your team may decide to enter more than one out of town tournament per season. The costs of the entrance fee and travel expense would be the responsibility of parents to cover.

**Are house teams allowed to fundraise?**

No. In order to keep the requests for funding to our community at a minimum, CRMHA does not allow for House teams to fundraise. We cover the costs of your teams' jerseys and socks, as well as the tournament entrance fee for each house team to attend one of town tournament per year. No other costs are expected for your team.

**Are female teams allowed to fundraise?**

Yes, to a maximum of \$2000 per team. Due to the travel costs associated with having to travel on Vancouver Island to play other female teams and attend female only tournaments, CRMHA allows some fundraising for these teams to help with those costs.

**What happens to the money that is raised at home tournaments at raffle tables and 50/50 draws?**

All money raised through a 'gaming event' such as online 50/50 ticket sales or raffle tables at tournaments gets deposited into our gaming account and is used to pay some of our associations ice costs.

**I have a house player who wants to develop his/her skills – what options are available?**

CRMHA has a budget and funds set aside for development of all our players. We will be using those funds to provide skills coaches, goalie coaches, skating clinics, and extra development ice slots (if available) across our association to each team and division. Please be aware there is over 500 members in our association and very limited extra ice availability – we strive to do our best to develop all of our players and will work hard on providing these opportunities as they come available.

**For Rep Teams, other than registration fees, are there other fees and expenses throughout the season?**

Yes. CRMHA charges rep fees which are payable to the association to cover the costs of the additional ice times provided to rep teams. These are estimated at \$300 for the U11 Dev Tyees, and \$400 for U13 – U18 Tyees. In addition, you can expect further player fees will need to be paid to your team. Additional fees to be paid to a Rep team could vary between \$0 and \$1500 (with no team fundraising or sponsorships). Depending on the fundraising efforts of your team, it is possible to not have to pay any additional team fees! Historically, players have paid between \$0 and \$650 per player in team fees.

Although CRMHA will provide Rep teams with some paid development opportunities, your coaches and team may decide to do further development, including skating clinics, skills coaches, gym rentals etc. A Rep team also must pay entrance fees for 2-3 tournaments per year. There are also required clothing items needed for a Rep team. If your Rep team has a 'non-parent' coach, there will be additional costs paid to the coach for their time and travel expenses.

**Are Rep teams allowed to fundraise?**

Yes. Because of the additional costs associated with the Rep program, rep teams are allowed to fundraise. Your team staff will draft a budget for the season, meet with the team to review the plans for the season and then the budget and seasons plans will be sent to the CRMHA Executive for approval. Budget & Financial reports will be submitted monthly to the CRMHA Treasurer for review and monitoring.

**My child would like to play Rep hockey but I am not able to afford the extra costs. Is financial help available?**

Yes! Many organizations have funding available to help cover hockey fees. If you would like more details, please speak to the registrar and she will be happy to assist you ([info@crmha.ca](mailto:info@crmha.ca))

**Where do I find the information for the start of the season?**

Campbell River Minor Hockey website is the best information source, please get comfortable navigating for all information, also follow us on Facebook and Instagram. You will be assigned a division manager and team manager who will be your communication link throughout the season.

**When will my child get their jersey?**

Teams are formed between late September to late October, your player will receive their team jersey once they have been placed on a roster.

**Where do I find my players' team schedules?**

Campbell River MHA has division managers and team managers to relay schedules to you. The majority of these managers uses TeamLinkt to input the teams' schedules and for contact with players. You will also receive schedules through emails and they will be posted on our website.

**Can my player play as an overage or underage player?**

All players will be evaluated and start in their age divisions. In most cases it is best for players to stay within their age group, however, if you feel it would be better for your child to play in a different age division, there is a process that needs to be followed with a specific request to VIAHA and BC Hockey. Please contact the office at [info@crmha.ca](mailto:info@crmha.ca) for further information. Players will be able to play at equal skill and ability levels regardless of age. No player in CRMHA may play or practice with any division other than his/her own without permission.

**What is an affiliate player?**

VIAHA encourages all teams to make use of affiliate players (AP) to ensure that there are sufficient players available to safely participate in games. Coaches will identify players that they think have the appropriate skill, attitude, and maturity to play with the higher division, and then the division manager will contact the players parents to ensure that they agree that their child is ready to compete at a higher level. The division manager of the higher division will share the list of available APs with their head coaches, and the coaches will pick players to be rostered to their team. Team managers will notify the family when an AP is needed; however, there is no guarantee of being called up. If your player is interested in playing in a division above, and you believe that they are able to compete at a higher level – let your coach or team manager know.

**Who do I talk to if I have questions, concerns or complaints during the season?**

Please email [info@crmha.ca](mailto:info@crmha.ca)! If you have any questions, concern or complaints about anything at all, we want to hear from you! Communication is key to continuously make improvements to our program or answer your questions by explaining a process, rule, policy and anything else you need to know about CRMHA and minor hockey in Campbell River.

If you have questions or concerns, please don't wait until the season is over – let us help you get the answers you need, help resolve problems, tell us what you like or dislike and make your hockey experience a positive one!