

Ravens President Message

On behalf of the Richmond Ravens Hockey Board I am pleased to welcome all new and returning players to the 2011-2012 Season. The Board has been very busy working towards enhancing our players experience to ensure an enjoyable and rewarding new season of hockey. We are looking forward to building on last season's successes as we continue to strive to have the best female hockey program in BC. Some of the highlights for the upcoming season:

- We are now officially known by the BC Society Act, and by PCAHA, BCAHA, and Hockey Canada as the Richmond Ravens Female Hockey Association and have a new website domain name: www.richmondravenshockey.ca
- This will be another record year for registrations, we expect to exceed 230 players!
- We successfully launched our on line registration with very few glitches, thanks to Glenn Budden our registrar for implementing this process and to all of you for your patience with this progressive change.
- Our annual Development Camp has sold out for the first time in our history, with over 140 players participating.
- This season, we will be hosting the Pee Wee AA Provincial Championships, our Co-Head Coaches Tony Lindsay and Tony Wong are busy preparing a program for this team as the girls ready themselves to host the Provinces' top Pee Wee AA teams in March 2012.
- We will continue to have an outstanding skill development program for all of our players this season. The program is included in your registration fee. All players, from Tyke up to and including Midget, will receive professional skill development approximately every second week. The program instructors will include Milan Dragicevic, Tony Lindsay, Tracy Warren, Rob Fuchs, Michelle Pepin, and Sheryl Dragicevic.
- Our Director of Hockey Development, Tony Lindsay, is currently developing an optional off ice dry-land program for the players and we will release details shortly.
- We will continue to be creative with ice allocations, which will result in more ice time for all players. Tyke and Novice players will continue to have 3 ice times each week, including a weekly professional skill development session and all new skaters will receive an additional new skater session every second week.
- All our teams will be led by experienced and highly qualified head coaches. We have many returning coaches and some very good new coaches who will provide excellent support for our girls.
- We are busy planning an exciting Pub Night fundraiser that we want to encourage all parents to attend in order to meet and mingle with other parents and Board Members. Details from our social committee will follow shortly.
- We have allocated ice for the week of September 5 and then regular ice allocations will commence the week of September 12. Most players will be on the ice at least twice the week of the 5th, all of this is posted on the website, please take a look at this at your earliest convenience.
- We are very excited by the number of players trying out for our Pee Wee AA, Bantam AA and Midget AA teams this season. Approximately 25 girls are trying out for each of these teams and it promises to be a competitive experience. If your daughter is trying out for any of the rep teams the website has the most up to date information regarding the scheduled times for these tryouts.

- We have two new Associate Board positions, we appointed a new Sponsorship Coordinator, Lisa Fedoruk (sponsorshiprichmondravens@gmail.com) , who will be looking to maximize sponsorship opportunities and will be looking for support from our members and our Family Liaison Coordinator Melanie McKay who will be available to assist all new players and their families with any concerns they may have (newplayersrichmondravens@gmail.com).
- Our revised Operating Policy Manual will be available online for your reference, please take the time to review this document, special thanks to Glenn Budden for putting the finishing touches on this.
- We have a new trophy case that is now in place and will proudly house our Fred Page Memorial Trophy which was awarded to us last year by PCAHA for Minor Hockey Association of the Year, we are eager to fill it with more trophies this year. Special thanks to Nigel Shackles of Strokes Renovations for organizing this, they donated all the material and labour resulting in no cost to our Association, a very generous gift that we are most appreciative of.
- Thanks to the work of the entire Board but in particular Ken Eng, Craig Murray and Bob Reid we now proudly has a Mission Statement which encompasses our Vision, Purpose and Values,
Vision Statement: To be BC's Leader in Female Hockey

Purpose: To provide our players with a fun, safe and respectful environment in which to enjoy hockey and realize their potential.

Values:

Safety: The safety of our members is paramount.

Sportsmanship: We compete in a fair and respectful manner

Inclusiveness: We encourage participation at all levels

Excellence: We are committed to constant improvement

Stewardship: We are committed to modeling leadership behaviours that set an example for other associations to follow

We are fortunate to have a very committed and qualified Board that will provide outstanding stewardship as our Association continues to grow. We all wish to continue to expand and enhance the program for all of our players and are confident that our girls will all be provided with an exceptional playing experience. Our united goal is to continue to work towards the Richmond Ravens being viewed as the number one Female Hockey Association in BC.

Please remember to use the website throughout the year, our Webmaster Yumi Doiuchi is very quick to update the web with any information you may need, all schedules are posted and there are direct links to all Board member emails for your access.

Please feel free to contact me or any Board member should you have any further questions or concerns.

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