

Hello everyone,

I apologize for the delay in sending out my yearly email. Having been actively involved in BC Hockey Operations and District Registrar meetings over the past few months, I've learned one thing for sure – we continue to operate day to day. We don't know what the 2020/2021 season will look like, and even still, we must move forward with registrations so that we can start to plan *what* our season might look like.

So lets get started!

Division Name Changes:

You are probably aware that Hockey Canada is in the process of completing divisional name changes. Here's a cheat sheet of sorts:

New Division Name	Old Name	Year(s) of birth
U19	Midget	2003, 2004, 2005
U15	Bantam	2006, 2007
U13	Peewee	2008, 2009
U11	Atom	2010, 2011
U9	Novice Major	2012
U8	Novice Minor	2013
U7	Initiation Major	2014
U6	Initiation Minor	2015

Important dates:

- Registrations will be open June 2. <https://www.avmha.com/registration/>

- We are holding the registration fee longer this year – it will remain in place until August 31. After that, there will be a late fee, the same as in previous years. Please register as soon as possible.
- Rep Tryouts – Deadline to indicate Rep and Development tryouts is August 15, 2020. If we do not have the required number of players for rep/development at this time, we will simply not have a rep team.

Registrations:

For registrations this year, we are utilizing the TeamSnap application which is also the platform for our beautiful new integrated website (<https://www.avmha.com/>). You will require your player's Hockey Canada ID. This is the number that is unique to him/her/them and will follow throughout the hockey career. You can get this through the ehockey Canada website <https://ehockey.hockeycanada.ca/ehockey/account/login.aspx>.

With any new system, we expect there to be some bumps and learning. Please don't panic! Simply email me and we will work through it together.

Payments:

You will notice when you get to the payment section, that there is an auto deferral payment system starting with a deposit, then payments beginning September 1. Please don't make a full payment at this time! Once we receive direction on what our season might look like and we are able to plan, we will inform the membership. If you are applying for any of the following, please **STOP** at the payment section and email me at hockeyreg@shaw.ca:

- KidSport <http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/port-alberni/>
- JumpStart <https://jumpstart.canadianfire.ca/>
- Grindstone Award Foundation <https://grindstoneaward.com/>
- Athletics 4 Kids <https://www.a4k.ca/>
- Multiple player family discount

Volunteers:

Now, more than ever, we need folks to volunteer! Please complete the attached form and indicate which positions you would be willing to volunteer with. We cannot have a season in any shape or form if we don't have volunteers in place. If you aren't sure and want more information, check out the

AVMHA website and under “resources” you’ll find the Policies and Procedures book. Or simply click the contact section of the website. <https://forms.gle/VDqAX4snsbanke118>

Moving Forward:

Our goal this year, as in the past, is to get the skates on the ice, in a safe way. Today that means something different than it did at the beginning of the season last year. If you are affected by the COVID 19 pandemic and are financially struggling, please respond to this email discuss alternative payment arrangements.

If you are planning registering for the 2020/2021 season, please register as soon as possible AND complete the volunteer form.

Finally, if you haven’t already, please take a moment and complete this survey. We will share the results on our website when they have been tallied. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VIAHACovid-19>

If you have any questions at all (regarding registrations process), please don’t hesitate to ask!

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<https://www.avmha.com/>; www.viha.org; www.bchockey.net

Lessons from behind the glass, video series: <https://www.bchockey.net/Content.aspx?id=297>