



# N.W.M.H.A.

New Westminister Minor Hockey Association  
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Hello Royals Families,

I am reaching out to you in these unprecedented times. With the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the forefront, hockey may be the last thing on your minds. New Westminister Minor Hockey Association ("NWMHA") and its Executive want you to know we will monitor the developments and keep up to date with the federal and provincial governments' actions. We want to update you on a number of things:

- Deadline for registration without late fees is **May 31, 2020**. That is also the last date to ensure a spot for your child without risking a wait list. Details of payment dates and methods are below.
- We have reduced the Registration Fees for the 2020/2021 (goalies in U11 to U21 who have their own goalie gear will pay 50% of the Registration Fees):
  - U6 (previously Initiation Minor) ..... \$200
  - U7 (previously Initiation Major) ..... \$350
  - U8 (previously Novice Minor) ..... \$400
  - U9 (previously Novice Major) ..... \$450
  - U11 (previously Atom) ..... \$560
  - U13 (previously Peewee) ..... \$670
  - U15 (previously Bantam) ..... \$720
  - U18 (previously Midget) ..... \$720
  - U21 (previously Juvenile) ..... \$300
- NWMHA will be increasing RPM Hockey's participation to develop the U6 to U11 players and mentor the coaches to prepare and run better practices. RPM Hockey will continue to assist the U13 to U18 players and coaches as in the previous seasons.
- NWMHA will continue to offer skills clinics at a reasonable rate (\$10 per session) in the Fall and Winter sessions to its registered players. Over the past couple years NWMHA has added additional skills clinics to the regular power skating clinics. These additional skills clinics include: Battle and Checking, Defenseman Program, Forwards Program, Shooting and Passing, and Hitting (for Rep players U13 and above).
- NWMHA will host and offer clinics to help develop our coaches to improve their hockey skills. **This will be a free clinic to all registered coaches with NWMHA.** These clinics will also help each volunteer coach gain professional development points as required under the National Coaching Certification Program ("NCCP").

With the COVID-19 pandemic situation, and the order from Hockey Canada to suspend all hockey activities, the Bobby Love/Al Hughes Memorial Tournament in March 2020 was cancelled. It was very unfortunate and we had a significant loss from that outcome as t-shirts, programs, and other swag were already ordered and paid for.



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Our Executive is preparing to have the 2020/2021 season start when we get the approval from Hockey Canada.

**Online Registration will open up on April 6, 2020.** NWMHA needs to plan the 2020/2021 season which is expected to start in August 2020 (subject to Hockey Canada approval). In addition, NWMHA will need to secure ice with the City of New Westminister, which must be done in June 2020. Therefore, **May 31, 2020 is the deadline for registration to guarantee you a spot in the 2020/2021 season.** Any registrations after May 31, 2020 will not guarantee a spot in the 2020/2021 season and will also have a \$100 late registration fee. This is the most important thing you need to do to help us plan and get ready for the start of the next hockey season. Last season NWMHA ended up having a wait list in both Bantam and Midget divisions. NWMHA managed to work through most issues, but there were some players who needed to play in associations outside NWMHA last season.

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation, some families may be feeling financial constraints. NWMHA does understand and suggests that those who need financial assistance contact the following organizations to supplement your registration fees:

- Canadian Tire Jumpstart (<https://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca>)
- Kidsport Canada – BC division (<http://www.kidsportcanada.ca/british-columbia/>)
- Athletics For Kids (<https://www.a4k.ca>)

In addition, when you register online, if you do not want to make the payment with a credit card at that time, you can choose the payment by post-dated cheque dated for August 15, 2020. If you need to make payment arrangements, you can contact the treasurer at [treasurer@nwmha.ca](mailto:treasurer@nwmha.ca) to discuss a payment plan that works for all parties.

The NWMHA Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) is usually held at the end of April to approve the financial statements for the year ended March 31, approve the budget for the next season, and choose the Executive for the next year. Currently, the COVID-19 pandemic situation does not allow us to meet as a group in person. We are looking into options to possibly meet through an online video or teleconference meeting. Further details to come.

The Awards and Scholarships Ceremony that takes place just before the AGM, will also be delayed. NWMHA is still accepting applications for all Awards and Scholarships until April 15, 2020, so please submit them to Kurt Bordian ([treasurer@nwmha.ca](mailto:treasurer@nwmha.ca)). The application forms for Scholarships are on the NWMHA website (<https://www.nwmha.ca/pdfs/Scholarships.pdf>) and the Award descriptions are located at this link (<https://www.nwmha.ca/pdfs/AwardsDescription.pdf>).

Finally, NWMHA is a volunteer association. NWMHA cannot exist without the hard work by ALL the volunteers at the Executive, Division, and Team level. The Executive will be looking for committed and hard working volunteers with passion to drive the future of minor hockey in New Westminister in the coming season and beyond. NWMHA are currently looking for volunteers to fill the following Executive positions:



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- Initiation Division Manager
- Atom Division Manager
- Midget Division Manager
- Vice President 3 – Safety and Awards

Please email Jeff Nottingham ([president@nwmha.ca](mailto:president@nwmha.ca)) if you are interested in volunteering and helping NWMHA thrive and our players succeed at the minor hockey level.

Thank you for your continued support for minor hockey and please register online between April 6, 2020 and May 31, 2020. We are updating the Registration Page on the website (<https://www.nwmha.ca/registration-returningplayers.cfm>) with the current information, so please register and guarantee your daughter or son a spot for the coming hockey season.

Thank you,

*“Jeff Nottingham”*

Jeff Nottingham  
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