



KVHA News – 2016-2017 Registration is Open! Register Prior to June 1st and Save \$\$\$...

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Monday, May 2, 2016 – Registration for KVHA's 2016-2017 hockey season opened today with new lower monthly payments and fees for those who register before June 1, 2016. Register today at www.KentValleyHockey.com by visiting the **Registration & Tryouts** tab from the front page.

***** NEW THIS SEASON! *****



New Lower Monthly Payments –

The New Monthly Payment Plan provides eight convenient lower monthly payments if registered before June 1st.

No Annual Auction – While recent KVHA Annual Auctions have been very successful the burden of staging the auction is heavy for a few dedicated members. We're going to try a season without the auction to evaluate member satisfaction with the new rates.



Registration Rates Have Increased 5% for 2016-2017

KVHA has made only minor rate increases, or none at all, over the past several seasons. Due to increased demand for ice time in our region KVHA is compelled to raise rates by 5% for the coming season. KVHA is just one of the major customers competing for ice time, prime time at that, at Kent Valley Ice Centre. To soften the impact of increased fees KVHA has developed a payment schedule that conveniently spreads payments over 8 months, thus reducing the monthly burden on members. The 8-month payment schedule is only available to those who register prior to June 1st. Additional rate increase will apply to later registrations. These fees are completely outlined in the KVHA Registration Form.

To Auction or not to Auction - that is the question...

It seems that following each Annual KVHA Auction we've asked ourselves whether or not the season-long challenge was worth the effort. The auction was never very popular with KVHA members and achieving participation from the majority was often difficult if not impossible to achieve. Fortunately, a dedicated few members were always available to take on the organizational burden and make it work. We were always very appreciative of their efforts.

We frequently looked at the proceeds of the annual auction, which varied greatly in recent years from a low of \$10,380 to a high of \$45,068. We concluded it would have been a lot less trouble and less painful if we had just raised player fees in the first place. Auction proceeds have varied from a low of \$62 per player to a high of \$285 per player.

Therefore, we have instituted a \$250 registration fee for the 2016-2017 hockey season. This registration fee will raise the average equivalent of that raised by the annual auction. We will allocate 20% of the registration fee to KVHA's Fund a Player account, also

equivalent to the average amount we typically raised at the auction for Fund a Player. The balance of the \$250 registration fee will serve a variety of purposes, just as auction proceeds have in the past: 1.) Serve as a cushion (reserve) for those seasons where team costs are higher than budgeted. 2.) Help cover the cost of team jersey replacements. 3.) Provide hockey related training materials and tools for coaches. 4.) Provide on-ice practice equipment. 5.) Fund specialized training and instruction for players and teams. 6.) Support the promotion, marketing and operation of KVHA's Learn to Play Hockey program. 7.) Support recognition of players and teams.

By replacing the annual auction with an upfront registration fee, members will avoid the burden of a season-long fund raising process and will not be required to acquire an auction item or purchase auction tickets.

The downside to eliminating the annual auction is the elimination of the annual dinner auction event itself. Many of us have enjoyed this annual social and fundraising event. The last several of these events have been very enjoyable. This social event for membership will be missed by some.

To make up for the loss of the annual auction social event we will explore the possibility of an event at the beginning of the season or the end of the season. We could invite players to compete in an on-ice skills competition, play some miniature golf and hit some balls in the batting cages. Add some hot dogs and sodas and we've got a season kickoff party or season ending celebration. We are open to any suggestions you might have to help us plan the event(s).

Registration is now open!



Robby Glantz Returns to Kent Valley June 3 & 4

The Kent Valley Ice Centre is pleased to report that Robby Glantz International Power Skating will be returning to Kent Valley June 3rd & 4th, 2016. The Robby Glantz' program has always been a popular program with Kent Valley skaters and this year should be no exception.

Thanks to KVHA Coach Harry Smith, a KVHA 15% discount is available again this year. [Click here](#) for full details.

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