



## **KVHA News – May Coaching Assignments versus August Reality**

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. May 12, 2014 – Coaching assignments made in May are based on our best guess as to what our enrollment will likely be in August and September. If it turns out our August enrollment is more or less than expected, we might possibly need to make adjustments one way or the other to the number of teams we will ultimately offer. Obviously, this could also mean adjustments to our coaching assignments.

Our coaches are well aware of the potential for enrollment-based adjustments to our team lineups in August and/or September. We thought it important to also make parents aware of the process.

### **2014/2015 Squirt Coaches Named**

Danny Lorenz, KVHA's Hockey Director, has named Derek Pizzey to coach the KVHA Squirt "B" team with Matt Wagner as assistant coach. Pizzey has with KVHA coached at every age level since the 2005/2006 season and has also assisted with the Learn to Play program. Wagner is relatively new to KVHA. He was head coach for the Mites last season and has also been active in the Learn to Play program.

Lorenz also named John Dunn as the Squirt Tornados head coach. Dunn served as assistant coach with Derek Pizzey last season. He also coached the Mite Tornados during the 2012/2013 season.

Lorenz said, *"I am pleased with our Squirt coaching choices. We have the seasoned experience of Derek Pizzey combined with the skill, energy and enthusiasm of Wagner and Dunn. The 2014/2015 season looks to a good one for the Squirts."*

Lorenz expects to name additional coaches over the next week or so as interviews are completed and decision are made. Lorenz said he appreciates that everyone is waiting anxiously for the balance of our coaching lineup for next season and he is making every effort to complete the assignments as quickly as possible.

### **Members Express Confidence in KVHA as 2014/2015 Registrations Continue to Grow**

Congratulations to Nicklas Pokrzywinski (Midget Tier-II Selects) for being the first to fully complete a KVHA registration for the 2014/2015 hockey season. A family from Alaska, new to KVHA at the Squirt level, was a close second. Pokrzywinski and all of the other "early" registrants have demonstrated renewed confidence in KVHA and we truly appreciate their continued participation in our youth hockey program.

For those members who have not yet registered and may be suffering from FUD (fear, uncertainty and doubt,) you can rest assured that your registration fees are fully refundable in the event the sky falls in on our hockey world. However, we don't believe there is any chance of the sky falling. So, for the record and to lower your FUD level:

1. All KVHA funds for the 2014/2015 season are held in a trust account at a bank separate from the Ice Center's bank.
2. KVHA guarantees full refunds up until practices get underway at the start of the season.
3. Releases can be easily secured for any KVHA member in good standing.

If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact us. We would be glad to address any question or concerns you might have. Thanks again for all those who have already completed their registrations.

### **KVHA's Open Try-Outs for Rep Teams**

Hockey Director, Danny Lorenz, recently opened KVHA's 2014-2015 try-out registration process. Lorenz reminds interested players that KVHA pre-registration is not required to try

out for any of KVHA's teams. *"The only thing we ask is that players confirm they have completed their USA Hockey 2014-2015 registration process, complete a tryout registration form and pay their try-out fee of \$75 (\$100 fee the day of try-outs.)"*

Lew Sellers, President of KVHA, said, *"Players from any hockey association are free to try out for KVHA Rep teams without committing to KVHA enrollment. The open tryouts give everyone a chance to check out our KVHA program before making a full-season commitment."*

## **Quote of the Day!**

### **Playing Hurt:**

*"I had shoulder surgery just prior to the season, and it gave me problems all year. I battled through it, though, because in the end I would gladly trade my shoulder for a Stanley Cup any day."*

### **Max Talbot, Stanley Cup winner with Pittsburgh 2009**

Quote from **Raising Stanley - NHL LEGENDS IN THEIR OWN WORDS** by Ross Bernstein

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