



## ***KVHA Registration Deadline Closing in on June 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline – Register Now to Save \$\$\$.***

**Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Thursday, May 26, 2016** - KVHA members are reminded and encouraged to register for the 2016-2017 hockey season prior to June 1st in order to avoid a rate increase. Early registration helps KVHA determine which teams they will offer and what coaching resources are needed for the new season. Ice fees for Rec and Tier-ii teams will increase 5% on June 1st.

**Please note** - KVHA's \$250 Registration Fee will be waived for multiple player registrations in the same family at the time of registration. Just as with the auction fees charged in prior years, it is not our intent to assess a family multiple registration fees when they have two or more players registered with KVHA.

Our KVHA registration numbers as of today are far exceeding the registration rate from this time last year. Thanks to those who have registered so far.

## ***Tournament Team Tryouts Set for June 17, 18, 24 & 25, 2016 at Kent Valley Ice Centre***

Open Tryouts for KVHA's 2016-2017 12U, 14U and 16U Tournament Teams are set for June 17, 18 and 19 at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Tryouts are open to all players from any and all hockey associations and players **do not need to be registered with KVHA** to attend the weekend tryouts and learn more about the program. However, a tryout form is required.

A family may choose to register their player now with KVHA in order to lock in the lower current rates and avoid increases. In the event their player does not make the tournament team prior to the start of the regular season practices, a full refund and a release will be provided upon request. The player will not be forced to stay at KVHA and play for a lower level team.

Tournament Team try out times are:

### **Friday June 17**

5:40 – 7:10 pm – Bantam 14U

### **Saturday June 18**

9:00 – 10:15 am – Bantam 14U

### **Friday June 24**

5:40 – 7:10 pm PeeWee 12U

7:20 – 8:50 pm Midget 17U

### **Saturday June 25**

9:00 – 10:15 am – PeeWee 12U

1:10 – 2:25 pm – Midget 17U

2:35 – 3:50 pm – PeeWee 12U

5:40 – 7:10 pm – Bantam 14U

7:20 – 8:50 pm – Midget 17U

KVHA welcomes the opportunity to give everyone an opportunity to try out for and participate in the Tournament Team program. [Click here](#) for a Tournament Team try out form. We look forward to seeing you at Kent Valley.

## ***Benefits of KVHA's Tournament Teams Exceed Other Elite Programs***

Parents faced with the dilemma of where to place their "elite" player for the upcoming season should consider the benefits of playing on one of Kent Valley's Tournament Teams. For example, last season's 14U Tournament Team had 172.5 practice hours and 10.5 game hours (7 games) at Kent Valley Ice Centre during the season for a combined total of 183 hours on home ice. The team practiced 5 times per week with the exception of holidays and tournament travel days. Additionally, the team received 90 hours of supervised off-ice training in Kent Valley Ice Centre's "Fitness Centre." The tournament teams travelled to play 45 to 50 tournament games during the season.

Compare Kent Valley's 14U experience with other elite programs and you will find that Kent Valley's program clearly provides greater value and benefit for your hockey dollar. The 14U's practice to games ratio exceeds USA Hockey recommendations. When comparing Kent Valley's Tournament Team program with similar programs in the area consider asking the following questions:

1. How many practices per week and per season?
2. How many supervised off-ice training hours per week and per season?
3. How many games/tournaments per season?
4. How long (weeks) is the season?

If you think your player needs to play for a league team to advance their hockey career, consider these former KVHA Tournament Team players who are having outstanding hockey careers:

- **Anthony Petruzzeli** – AJHL (Alberta Jr. Hockey League) and D1 University of Vermont
- **Trevor Cheek** – WHL and AHL
- **Kailer Yamamoto** – WHL and USA Hockey Development Program (USDP)
- **Keanu Yamamoto** – WHL
- **Evan Sarthou** – WHL and US Under-18 Team (USDP)
- **Dylan Gambrel** – USHL and D1 University of Denver
- **Molly Doner** – D1 University of Wisconsin
- **Lydia Grauer** – D1 St. Lawrence University
- **Cory James** – D2 University of Washington (ACHA)
- **Ryan Doner** – NAHL, SJHL and D3 University of Wisconsin, River Falls
- **Eliot Grauer** – NAHL, USHL and D3 University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

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## ***KVHA Receives First AmazonSmile Foundation Payment***

KVHA has received its first Amazon Smile Foundation payment of \$15.40. That may not sound like a lot of money. However, consider it the first installment of a beneficial partnership between the AmazonSmile Foundation and Kent Valley Hockey Association.

AmazonSmile is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organizations selected by Amazon customers. Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) has been selected for support because one or more Amazon customers

have selected to support KVHA (EIN: 42-1547910) when they shop at AmazonSmile (<http://smile.amazon.com>). Thanks, AmazonSmile...

## ***Seattle Ravens Join Nation's Top College Hockey Development League***

Kent, WA (May 20, 2016) – The United States Premier Hockey League (USPHL) has announced that it will expand its USP3 (junior) platform for the 2016-17 season to include a newly formed Pacific Division. The teams that will compete in the USP3's Pacific Division will include the Seattle Ravens, Eugene Generals, Tri City Outlaws, and West Sound Warriors.

"We are excited to bring the USPHL to the West Coast," stated Ravens' General Manager Adam Speer. "This move furthers our goal of providing the best possible development and advancement opportunities for players in the Northwest. It is a major move into a great junior hockey league."

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