



KVHA Early Registration Period Ends

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA – KVHA News for 1 June, 2010 – Where did May go? It can't be June already because it's still raining and we haven't seen sunshine since April. Here's the latest news from KVHA.

Why Does KVHA Push for Early Registration?

Well, Les Grauer, KVHA Executive Director, says, "*It's all about planning and scheduling.*" Grauer explained there's only a certain amount of hockey ice available at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Therefore, there is a limit on the number of teams KVHA can support. The Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) League is asking for Representative team declarations by next Saturday, June 5th, and the North Puget Sound Hockey League (NPSHL) will want a declaration of Recreation teams soon. Grauer is currently watching KVHA's growing enrollment numbers to see how close he'll be to the number of teams (13) he's projected for the upcoming season. Below is a simplified explanation of the process:

Enrollment Projections Based Upon Prior Season – The first step in estimating team enrollment for the next season is to take the prior season's enrollment and promote players to the next age level based upon their birth year. This provides a rough idea of how many teams the Association will be able to field, assuming everyone returned to KVHA. Players being promoted from Learn to Play, an estimate of players migrating to and from the Association, and graduating players (those aging out) are also factored into the projections.

Team Enrollment Factor – The ideal team enrollment is approximately sixteen or seventeen players. Fourteen is viewed as the lower limit for a team and twenty the high limit, or maximum. Sixteen (1 goalie) and seventeen (2 goalies) are the numbers used to determine individual player fees. So, if you end with a team with fewer than sixteen or seventeen, the team falls short of its financial commitment. If the enrollment is greater than sixteen or seventeen, the team exceeds its financial obligation. Hopefully, the Association's average players-per-team ends up close to sixteen or seventeen.

Open Enrollment Space is Limited – Obviously, the key to accurate enrollment projections is early registration. Part of the motivation for members to enroll early is lower ice-fee rates for the season if enrolled before the June 1st deadline. A secondary motivation is the assurance of a spot on a roster. Late registrants may be subject to a try-out format if the number of players for the allotted team exceeds the team player limits.

According to Grauer, "*Open enrollment space is limited. The earlier you register, the better your chance of being placed on a team.*"

Wednesday Evening Midget U-16/U-18 Training and Scrimmage Continues in June

Enrollment and enthusiasm for this program during May were higher than expected. The program continues for June at the advertised rate of \$15 per session drop-in, or \$62.25 for the month of June (5 sessions instead of 4.) [Click here](#) for the June registration form. The registration form is also available under the **Spring/Summer Programs** tab on www.KentValleyHockey.com.

Have a great week!

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