



KVHA News – Tryouts Set for KVHA U-14 and U-16 AA/AAA Teams

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. July 16, 2015 – Tryouts have been set for **August 7th, 8th, and 9th** for the U-14 and U-16 AA/AAA program. Tryouts are open to all players and players need not be registered with KVHA to attend the weekend and learn more about the program.

The teams will represent the continuation of the Rainiers/Selects programs from prior years that have focused on player development and seen many of its alumni go on to play College Hockey (Div. 1 & 3), WHL, USHL, Canadian Tier-2, and in the NAHL.

Once again, the program will focus on a “development first” approach, with 3-4 practices and 3 supervised off-ice workouts weekly. The teams will go to select tournaments and play a combination of tournament and exhibition games. Home weekends will be at the Kent Valley Ice Centre and will feature 2 game slots for each team as well as shared practice ice and other off-ice activities. When scheduling permits, home weekends will kick off with Friday evening practices giving players a 3-day weekend filled with up to 6 practice/game ice slots.

Danny Lorenz, KVHA’s Hockey Director, reminds interested players that KVHA pre-registration is not required to try out for any of KVHA’s teams. *“The only thing we require (actually a USA Hockey requirement) is that players confirm they have completed their USA Hockey 2015-2016 registration process, complete a try-out registration form and pay their try-out fee of \$75 submitted 3 days in advance; \$100 fee when not in advance.”* Lew Sellers, President of KVHA, added, *“Players from any hockey association are free to try out for KVHA tournament and travel teams without committing to KVHA enrollment. The open try-out format gives everyone a chance to check out our program before making a full-season commitment.”*

U-14/U-16 AA/AAA Try-Out Dates and Times:

Tryouts for the U-14 and U-16 teams will occur Friday August 7th through Sunday August 9th per the following schedule:

Friday, August 7th	Welcome/Optional Skate (U-14 and U-16) 6:45-8:15PM
Saturday, August 8th	Bantams U-14 8:45-10:15AM Midgets U-16 1:30-3:00PM Bantams U-14 3:00-4:15PM (PARENT MEETING 5PM) Midgets U-16 6:45-8:15PM
Sunday, August 9th	Bantams U-14 10:00-11:30AM Midgets U-16 11:45-1:15PM

To register for tryouts please [click here](#), complete the registration information and return it to Kent Valley Hockey Association either via email to Rena@kentvalleyicecentre.com, via FAX to 253-852-2932, or in person at the Kent Valley Ice Centre, ATTN Rena Sullivan Registrar. You may also call Rena directly and register over the phone with a credit card at 253-850-2400, ext. 10.

PeeWee U12 AA Tier-II Selects Try-Outs - \$50 Try-Out Fee 3 days in advance (\$75 not in advance)

Monday, August 10th	6:30-8:00pm
Wednesday, August 12th	5:30-7:00pm
Thursday, August 13th	6:30-8:00pm

Please Register at Your Earliest Convenience

Which comes first, the team and its players, or the team’s coach? That is the dilemma KVHA faces at this time of the summer every year as we try to estimate what our

enrollment is going to be, which teams we are going to offer and who is going to coach them. One major challenge is that over 50% of parents hold off on enrolling their player until late August or early September. We often don't know until then whether or not we're going to have enough enrollments for all the teams we'd like to field.

Early enrollment is often complicated by parents wanting to know who is coaching before they register their player. I understand the concern of parents on that issue. I've been there, done that. However, the major challenge in designating a coach is that some coaches often have a player of their own who may be trying out for a higher level team; one not offered at KVHA. Therefore, they can't commit to being a KVHA coach until they know where their child is going to land. Or, a coach may tell us that he is willing to coach for us if we have enough players to form a team, otherwise they may take their coaching skills and their player to another association that offers a team at the desired level.

By the way, registering early doesn't necessarily tie you in for the season. If we are unable to form a team, a member can request a refund and look elsewhere for a team. KVHA's refund policy is available for viewing on the KVHA web site. [Click here](#) for a copy of KVHA's refund policy.

Historically, an ice fee discount for early enrollment, prior to July 1st, has little impact upon increasing our enrollment numbers. So, that said; registering your player now will help us determine which teams we can offer for the 2015-2016 hockey season. Please [click here](#) for a KVHA Registration Form. Thanks for your patience.

Fall Learn to Play Hockey Begins September 27th, Enrollment is Already at 33, Thanks to Groupon.

We are happy to report that enrollment in Kent Valley's 2015 Fall Learn to Play Hockey program is already at 33. Our June 4th Groupon campaign brought in 31 boys and girls new to ice hockey. We will most certainly acquire more Learn to Play enrollees the closer we get to the start of the 2015-2016 hockey season. [Click here](#) for a Kent Valley Hockey Association registration form.



KVIC ProShop Restocking for Next Season. Check Out the Clearance Sale on Hockey Skates, Sticks and Shin Guards.

Kent Valley Ice Centre's ProShop is currently running a clearance sale on Hockey Skates, Sticks and Shin Guards. Check out the bargains during your next visit to KVIC. ProShop Manager, Rena Sullivan, reports that new stock will be arriving in July and August. "We're clearing out the old to make room for the new," according to Sullivan.



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This year's staff will be working with all age groups two hours per day, committed and motivated to teaching and improving the skills of everyone in attendance throughout the week.

All sessions for the 2015 Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Camp will take place at the ShoWare Center, home of the Seattle Thunderbirds. Participants will utilize the Thunderbirds locker room and WHL dressing rooms throughout the camp.

[Click here](#) for a 2015 T-Birds' Hockey Camp registration form.

[Click here](#) for more information regarding the 2015 T-Birds' Hockey Camp on the Seattle Thunderbirds web site.

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