



KVHA News – Molly Doner and Andy Jasicki will Co-Coach 8U Mites

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA., Friday, August 11, 2017 – Andy Jasicki, KVHA's Hockey Director, announced this week that he and Molly Doner will be co-coaching the 8U Mites next season (2017-2018.) Jasicki also indicated they were looking for a few 8U Mite parent coaches that could run the doors for the kids when he or Doner were not able to make the games. Jasicki said, *"Our goal with 8 and under is to build the program and do what is needed in terms of building skills starting with Learn to Play (LTP) and working up to Mites and Mini-Mites."* Lew Sellers, KVHA's President praised the teaming up of Jasicki and Doner saying, *"Parents will be getting top level skills coaching for their money and should be excited about the skill development and fun their kids will have this season."*

Andy Jasicki to Offer Professional Skating & Skills Instructions at Kent Valley

Andy Jasicki, KVHA's Hockey Director and Head Coach of the Kent Ravens, is available for private lessons to skaters of all ages at Kent Valley Ice Centre. Jasicki has considerable experience teaching skating and hockey skills. Following his pro career Jasicki spent several years coaching youth hockey including as a coach with the AAA Colorado Roughriders organization. He also coached at Lenhovda IF in Sweden after co-founding the hockey skills academy Lenhovda Hockeyfritids. Most recently, he served as Assistant Hockey Director of the Spokane Jr. Chiefs. Jasicki can be reached at (206) 879-2104 ext. 104 or via e-mail at HockeyDirector@KentValleyHockey.com.

Jasicki's addition to our roster of individual instructors brings to two the number of instructors available for KVHA members and others. Molly Doner is the other instructor and has been providing individual instruction since early in 2016.

NHL Analytics Tracking of 8U "Half Ice/Cross Ice" Hockey Players – A Must See for Parents of 8U & 10U Players

KVHA's Hockey Director, Andy Jasicki, suggested parents of our 8U and 10U players view this USA Hockey video. The video was originally published on January 29th, 2015. It is an overview of how a cutting-edge NHL analytics team put the "Half Ice/Cross Ice" test to youth hockey for the first time ever. Watch this video and see what you think. [Click here](#) to watch the video on You Tube.

SnoKing Bumps Ice Fees and Reduces Heavy Subsidies in Pursuit of Long-Term Sustainability and Growth

SnoKing Hockey Association announced earlier this week that ice fees would increase dramatically for 2017-2018. Their aim, according to an article posted on their web site, is to reduce the heavy subsidies of prior years to achieve long-term sustainability and growth. Keith Rettig, SnoKing's Board President, said, *"Instead of continuing to heavily subsidize youth hockey with revenue from investments, we have changed the fee structure so that all programs cover their own costs. Those costs include Sno-King staff who work tirelessly all year to run our many programs, as well as ice time, league fees, skills coaches, practice and*

game jerseys, and more.” Rettig is giving all Sno-King families until August 11 to register at their current subsidized prices.

Lew Sellers, KVHA’s President, said, “A small gap still remains between our KVHA rates and those of SnoKing. However, our season is longer resulting in significantly more ice time for our players. At any rate, it is nice to see more parity in local ice fees.”

USA Hockey Rule Book 2017-21 Available for Download

USA Hockey recently posted their USA Hockey Rule Book for 2017-2021 on their web site for downloading and easy access. A mobile version is also available for downloading to tablets and phones. Members can [click here](#) to check out these valuable resources.

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