

Hockey Tryouts Underway at Kent Valley Ice Centre

Kent, WA. August 15, 2008 – It was 58 degrees at ice level inside the Kent Valley Ice Centre Friday afternoon as hockey player's trudged into the rink from a sweltering 94 degrees outside. The cool ice arena was a welcome relief from the rare Pacific Northwest heat wave for players as well as their parents.

PeeWees were first to take the ice at 4:00pm to tryout for the KVHA Tier-II team. Sixteen PeeWee players turned out to compete for spots on the team. Several prospective players were away at camps and unable to participate in the tryouts. They will be evaluated and considered at a later time. A couple of players were not available for the Friday afternoon's session but will participate on Saturday and Sunday.

Bantams, Midgets and U-16/U-18 prospect were scheduled for their tryout times at 5:10pm, 6:20pm and 7:30pm respectively. Tryouts continue Saturday and Sunday at the following times:

Saturday tryout schedule,

PeeWee Morning Session = 6:45am – 8:00am

PeeWee Afternoon Session = 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Bantam Morning Session = 8:10am – 9:25am

Bantam Afternoon Session = 4:55pm – 6:10pm

Midget Morning Session = 9:35am – 10:50am

Midget Afternoon Session = 6:20pm – 7:35pm

U-16/U-18 Morning Session = 11:00am – 12:15pm

U-16/u-18 Afternoon Session = 7:45pm – 9:15pm

Sunday tryout schedule,

PeeWee Session = 7:30am – 9:00am

Bantam Session = 9:10am – 10:40am

Midget Session = 10:50am – 12:20pm

U-16/U-18 Session = 12:30pm – 2:00pm

The U-16/U-18 players will have additional tryouts in August and September with expectations of firming up the final roster for the team late in September. Danny Lorenz, Head Coach, said a number of prospects were attending WHL camps and would not be available for consideration until early in September. KVHA is pleased with the U-16/U-18 program and the prospects for an excellent 2008/2009 season. Anyone interested in participating in the U-16/U-18 program can contact Danny Lorenz by phone at (253) 850-2400 ext 14 or via e-mail at Danny@kentvalleyicecentre.com.

Host Families Needed

The KVHA U-16/U-18 team will include players from outside the greater Puget Sound area. KVHA is seeking host families to house these players. Anyone interested in hosting a player should contact Danny Lorenz.

The Seattle Thunderbirds are also seeking host families to provide safe, stable homes for T-Bird players during the season. Interested families can contact the Seattle Thunderbirds at (425) 869-7825 for additional billet information.

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