

KVHA News Items for August 21, 2008

Kent, WA. August 21, 2008 – It was a busy weekend at Kent Valley Ice Centre as more than seventy PeeWees, Bantams, Midgets and U-16/U-18 candidates took to the ice to try-out for spots on Kent Valley Hockey Association's (KVHA) rep teams. The Seattle Thunderbirds training camp gets underway Friday August 22nd at Kent Valley Ice Centre and runs through the middle of next week. News regarding this and other items are noted below.

T-Bird Practices Will Not Conflict With KVHA Practices

Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC) confirmed today that Seattle Thunderbird practices at KVIC will not adversely impact the ice time available for KVHA teams. Les Grauer, Director of Operations for KVIC said, *"The T-Bird's weekday practices will occur during the early afternoon (2:15pm – 4:15pm) during a time slot the hockey program has never utilized. The T-Bird practice schedule will not conflict with or take anything away from KVHA teams."* Grauer's comments followed concerns stated earlier by parents that the T-Birds might be taking practice ice away from KVHA teams. *"That's simply not the case,"* Grauer said.

KVHA players are encouraged to drop by KVIC and watch the Seattle Thunderbirds practice whenever possible. Danny Lorenz, KVHA's Hockey Director, said, *"It's a great opportunity for the young kids in our association who dream the dream of playing at a higher level, to watch the 16 to 20 year-old T-Bird players who are taking a step toward realizing their dream of skating at that higher level. If they're a Squirt or PeeWee, it could be them out there in 4, 5 or 6 years. Watching the T-Birds up-close and personal can inspire them to work hard on realizing their dreams."*

The Seattle Thunderbird's annual training camp begins Friday August 22nd and runs through Wednesday August 27th. Again, KVHA members are invited to observe the training camp sessions. Ice times are posted on the schedules under the **Ice Schedules** tab at www.KentValleyHockey.com.

Additional Try-Outs Scheduled for Kent Valley Selects

Additional Try-Out Practices have been scheduled for PeeWee Tier-II, Bantam Tier-II, Midget Tier-II and U-16/U-18 teams. Essentially, this is a continuation of the Try-Outs from August 15th.

For those players who paid the initial Try-Out fee, no additional payment is necessary for participation in this round of try-outs. If a player was unable to participate in the original round of try-outs and did not pay the try-out fee, the drop-in rate is \$12.50 per session. The drop-in option is also available for players just wanting to get in some practice time but having no desire to try-out for a spot on a rep team. The schedule is as follows:

PeeWee Tier-II

Thursday August 28th 6:45pm – 8:00pm
Saturday August 30th 12:00pm – 1:15pm

Bantam Tier-II

Thursday August 28th 8:15pm – 9:45pm
Saturday August 30th 5:40pm – 7:10pm

Midget Tier-II and U-16/U-18)

Thursday August 28th 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Friday August 29th 4:30pm – 6:00pm
Saturday August 30th 10:15am – 11:45am

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Danny Lorenz, Hockey Director, by phone at (253) 850-2400 ext. 14 or via e-mail at:

Danny@KentValleyIceCentre.com

KVHA Recreation Teams Approaching Full Capacity

Rena Sullivan, KVHA Registrar, reported Monday that many KVHA recreation teams are nearing full enrollment. Sullivan encourages parents to register players at their earliest convenience in order to reserve a spot as team enrollments reach capacity. *"Most teams have only 3 to 6 spots available,"* she said.

As it stands today, KVHA will field two Recreation teams at the Mite level (8 & under), two at the Squirt level (10 & under), two at the PeeWee level (12 & under), one at the Bantam level (14 & under) and one at the Midget level (18 & under.) The association will also include Representative teams at the Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget and U-16/U-18 age levels.

Registration instructions and forms are available under the **KVHA Registration** tab at www.KentValleyHockey.com. Questions regarding KVHA registration may be directed to Rena Sullivan, KVHA Registrar, by phone at (253) 850-02400 ext. 10 or via e-mail at:

Rena@KentValleyIceCentre.com

September Ice Schedules Posted

KVHA has just posted ice schedules for the first and second weeks of September. Members are encouraged to check the schedules for Rec and Rep team try-out and practice times. We are still working on building the September schedules. You will note that we're still missing the weekend of September 13th & 14th from the posted schedule. We'll update that as soon as we can.

The Seattle Thunderbirds will play an exhibition game at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Saturday September 13th. We'll have more news on that event at the beginning of next week.

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