



## **KVHA News – Seattle Ravens Opening Night Coming Soon!**

**Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Thursday, September 17, 2015** – The Seattle Ravens are ready to hit the ice in Northern Pacific Hockey League play with their opening home weekend just days away. All KVHA families are invited to the first games in the history of the expansion Junior A franchise as they take on the Eugene Generals Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26, at the Kent Valley Ice Centre. The team is made up of primarily players from our area who are making the jump to junior hockey with the hopes of ultimately making it to the college ranks.



GM Adam Speer is very happy with the group of young men who are suiting up for the Ravens this year and is looking forward to a very competitive weekend with the Generals. *"We have a group of very skilled players almost all of whom have played at the AAA Midget or junior hockey level. We are still looking to add a couple more to the roster, but this should be a very successful first year for us."*

Not only are these terrific athletes, but the group has quickly come together and has great chemistry on and off the ice. Speer said, *"We specifically recruited high character guys to play for the Ravens, and to a man we got what we were looking for. This is a group that is ready to battle for each other on the ice and have a lot of fun together off the ice. I have been struck by just how many times the coaches have mentioned to me what great young men we have, how hard they all work, and the attention to detail they all pay in an effort to implement the systems we will utilize. By the end of the season I fully expect several of them to get long looks at the next level of junior hockey and from college programs."*

In addition, Ravens players have started to join KVHA teams during practice to lend a hand to coaches. They are all very enthusiastic about working with younger kids and will serve as a big help all season. Ravens players will be on the ice to assist with nearly all practices for Learn to Play, Mites, Squirts, and Peewees.

Tickets for Opening Weekend will be available at the arena prior to games, and are just \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children and seniors 60+. All KVHA players get \$1.00 off admission to every home game. Ravens games are an affordable and fun family night out to enjoy some face-paced, hard-hitting junior hockey action. The On the Edge Café will be open for great food, snacks, beer and wine. After all home games, select Ravens players will also join in the Kent Valley Ice Centre's public skating session to meet and chat with local fans, so don't forget to bring your skates!

Come on down and Root on the Ravens!

### **Mark Your Calendars - KVHA Photo Night is October 19th**

It's never too early to plan. KVHA's Photo Night will be Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be practice night for some of our teams but not all. So, that week could mean an extra evening at the rink for your family. Additional details will be provided by your team manager as the time draws closer.

### **News from Fall PNAHA Meeting**

The PNAHA Annual Fall Meeting was held Saturday, September 12, 2015, at the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel & Wenatchee Convention Center. Les Grauer, KVHA's Executive Director, and Rena Sullivan, Registrar, attended the meeting. Following are some of the highlights.

**USA Hockey SafeSport:** Casey Jorgensen, USA Hockey's General Counsel, discussed the importance of local compliance with USA Hockey's SafeSport program. Jorgensen provided several examples of situations that resulted in legal action against USA Hockey and/or an

affiliate. He urged compliance with the SafeSport program by all PNAHA member associations.

Editor's note - Jorgensen is a Seattle native. His involvement in the hockey community began over 35 years ago at SnoKing AHA. While playing youth hockey, he embarked on an officiating career at the age of 12. Excelling in the profession, he was hired as a linesman in the Western Hockey League at just 17 years old. He officiated various levels of amateur and professional hockey for 25 years, including 12 years in the WHL (1986-98) and six years in the West Coast Hockey League (1995-2001), as well as at several USA Hockey National Championships and international events. Jorgensen became General Counsel for USA Hockey in 2011. He and his family live in Colorado Springs.

**Rule 14 Amendment:** Kent Valley's request for PNAHA to modify Rule 14 was tabled for further review and will be considered at a future meeting.

**PNAHA Tournaments:** PNAHA Rules and Regulations require that any association wanting to host a PNAHA tournament shall complete the Tournament Application Form and submit its request to the President by September 1st for consideration. None were received, so the board will make a decision at a later date.

**PNAHA Team Declarations:** There were no big surprises with team declarations. A complete list is provided at the link below:

<http://www.pnaha.com/page/show/1279595-team-declarations>

## ***USA Hockey SafeSport Program and Kent Valley Hockey***



Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) and the Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC) subscribe to the philosophies of USA Hockey's SafeSport Program. We urge all participants in KVHA's youth hockey program to

become familiar with the SafeSport Program and its principles. KVHA's SafeSport representative is Rena Sullivan.

### **USA Hockey SafeSport Program**

The safety of its participants is of paramount importance to USA Hockey. USA Hockey SafeSport is the organization's program related to off-ice safety.

USA Hockey has long had systems in place to protect its participants from physical abuse, sexual abuse and other types of abuse and misconduct that can be harmful to youth hockey players and other participants. These include without limitation Physical Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Screening, Locker Room Supervision and Hazing Policies, in addition to Codes of Conduct applicable to administrators, coaches, officials, parents, players and spectators. The USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook is intended to update and collect USA Hockey's various policies to protect its participants from all types of misconduct and abuse.

Please [click here](#) for full details on USA Hockey's Safe Sports program. You will be taken to the Safe Sports page on the USA Hockey web site.

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