



KVHA News – Are You Ready? Let the 2016-2017 Hockey Season Begin!

Kent Valley Ice Centre, Kent, WA. Friday, August 26, 2016 – Ready or not, the 2016-2017 hockey season is upon us. The first team practices begin Monday, August 29th. The first few practices will be utilized to balance teams into equitable competitiveness where there are enough players for two teams. At the current time it looks like we could have the following ten or eleven teams:

- Mite – 2 Rec Teams
- Squirt – 2 Rec Teams (possible “B” Team later in the season)
- PeeWee - 2 Rec Team (possible “B” Team later in the season)
- Bantam – 1 Rec Team
- Midget – 1 Rec Teams, possibly 2...
- 12U – 1 Tournament Team
- 14U – 1 Tournament Team

The number of teams could change in the first couple of weeks as late registrants arrive or a few players are moved around for balance. We will likely form some “B” teams later in the season.

Changing Ice Schedules

The beginning of the season is a time when Ice Schedules are in flux as teams are formed and players moved around to achieve balance. For that reason, parents are encouraged to check the Ice Schedules frequently to make sure they don’t arrive too early, too late or show up for the wrong practice.

Kent Valley management wishes everyone a successful and entertaining season. Welcome back! Let’s do this!

Kent Valley’s 12U and 14U Tournament Teams Offer On-Ice and Off-Ice Development Not Available Elsewhere.

Kent Valley’s Tournament Team 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. No other program in the greater Puget Sound area offers as much on-ice and off-ice development time.

Space is still available on these teams. Please contact Head Coach [Mike Anderson](#) via e-mail with any questions. [Click here](#) for a Tryout Registration Form.

Learn to Play Hockey Begins September 25th

Kent Valley is looking for boys and girls 4 years and older interested in learning to play hockey. Kent Valley’s “Learn to Play” Hockey program begins Sunday, September 25th and runs for 24 Sunday sessions. Most sessions will run from 1:45pm to 2:45pm with exceptions for holidays and other special events. [Click here](#) for more details.

USA Hockey 2016-2017 Registration Required for Players and Coaches to Enter the Ice for Practice and/or Play

Reminder for Parents & Coaches– Rena Sullivan, Kent Valley’s Registrar, reminds members that players and coaches must provide proof of 2016-2017 USA Hockey registration in order to go on the ice for any practice or game. Sullivan said 27 players and coaches were still missing their USA Hockey Registrations as of Tuesday, August 23rd.

Regarding the registration rule, Sullivan said, *"It's not my rule, it's USA Hockey's rule!"*

T-Birds Will Practice at Kent Valley Ice Centre on Tuesday August 30th

The Seattle Thunderbirds have scheduled their first Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC) practice of the season for Tuesday, August 30th, 11:00am to 12:30pm. The T-Birds utilize the Kent Valley Ice Centre for practices when the ice is not available at ShoWare Center. KVIC provides backup ice for the T-Birds through an agreement with the City of Kent, owners of ShoWare Center.

Visitors are always welcome at KVIC when the T-Birds are practicing. Come on down and watch the T-Birds in action.

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