

## ***KVHA to Host Tier-I and "B" PNAHA State Tournaments February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>***

Kent, WA December 14, 2007 – Les Grauer, Kent Valley Hockey Association Executive Director and Vice President, announced today that Kent Valley Hockey Association (KVHA) will be hosting the Tier-I and "B" Pacific Northwest Amateur Hockey Association (PNAHA) State Tournaments for the 2007-2008 season at Kent Valley Ice Centre (KVIC). The Tier-I State Tournament will be held over the weekend of Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> and the "B" State Tournament will be held over the weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> (the same weekend as the Squirt Festival). The final team declarations will be announced at the PNAHA State Meeting on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Grauer said; "We need to immediately begin planning for the event and will need a Tournament Coordinator for each tournament. We will need to make a presentation to the PNAHA Board on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>. I have begun the scheduling process, but will wait for the final declarations before posting it as I have heard some teams may not attend and there may be additional local "B" teams that might decide to enter."*

Tournament events like these require considerable volunteer effort from the host association. *"We've proven with our past events like the Rainier Cup and Cypress Cup tournaments that KVHA and KVIC are capable of hosting successful tournaments,"* Grauer said. He identified some initial tournament items to consider: determine Tournament Coordinator; block rooms with host hotels; recruit scorekeeper and penalty box operators; coordinate a hospitality room; notify and schedule referees; identify a disciplinary committee; and co-ordinate KVHA/KVIC schedules (resolve league game issues, if any). There are also a host of other tournament activities not mentioned here.

For additional information regarding the tournaments, or to volunteer, please contact Les Grauer at Kent Valley Ice Centre (253) 850-2400 ext 12.

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