



Girls Hockey Calgary

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Dear Parents of Atom and Pee Wee Aged Players;

As the 2008 – 2009 hockey season has drawn to a close, the Board of Directors of Girls Hockey Calgary ("GHC") would like to thank each of you for participating in the inaugural year of the Rocky Mountain Female Hockey League (the "RMFHL").

As with any new league, it is impossible to foresee all the issues that will arise and the RMFHL was no exception to this rule. The Board of Directors of GHC believes the RMFHL is the right direction for female hockey in the greater Calgary area with its opportunity for larger leagues, expansion to other age divisions and the eventual addition of a C level within each age division.

GHC is aware, however, that there is room for improvement by the league, and it intends to have the following key issues be addressed at the annual general meeting of the RMFHL (the "AGM"):

1. Clarification of Playing Rules:

- a. GHC will be working with the RMFHL for clarification regarding differences in playing rules between Calgary teams and rural teams, including but not limited to:
 - i. Teams must apply for a scheduling window by a specific date in order to allow for teams to attend tournaments;
 - ii. Time allotted for games including time outs;
 - iii. Use of mouth guards.

2. Referees not attending games:

- a. Once GHC realized referees were not attending RMFHL games, Barb Bauer, Director of Minor Hockey Divisions for GHC, worked diligently to correct this problem and by the end of the season was confirming referee attendances at RMFHL games with Central Zone on a game by game basis.

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- b. The Board of Directors of GHC has approved a new board position entitled Director of Officiating to work with Central Zone and the community referees to ensure the officiating issues experienced this past season do not occur for the 2009 – 2010 season.
3. Posting of Game Schedules and Playoffs to the RMFHL Website:
 - a. GHC will be making a request to the RMFHL to have game schedules and playoff games posted to the RMFHL website as soon same are completed and also ask for notification of the posting to be send to the GHC Office in order that GHC can then notify the coaches of same.

The members of the RMFHL are comprised of following local minor hockey associations:

- Minor Hockey Association of Calgary represented by Girls Hockey Calgary
- Okotoks Minor Hockey Association
- Strathmore Minor Hockey Association
- Cochrane Minor Hockey Association
- Airdrie Minor Hockey Association
- High River Minor Hockey Association

GHC is but one member of the RMFHL and therefore cannot alone implement the recommended changes to the RMFHL but will ensure the issues experienced this past season are addressed at the AGM and hopefully will be successful in its endeavor to get approval of the changes needed to improve the league for the 2009 – 2010 season.

The Board of Directors of GHC appreciates your support of this new initiative and if you would like assist GHC in improving the RMFHL, please contact the GHC office at 403.278.9223, as we welcome any assistance from the membership in helping develop and improve the RMFHL.

All the best;

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