



Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association (Vancouver Angels)

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This has been an interesting year, for many reasons... especially in how the 2019-2020 season ended, and how the 2020-2021 season started.

We're in the middle of a "once in a century" global pandemic, and we sincerely hope you and your family are staying safe and healthy. Hockey has become a much lower priority, as we all focus on getting through this together.

We hope that with the return of hockey, we have brought some sense of normalcy to you and your family. Team sports help build strong community bonds that can help with overall wellbeing. Thank you for putting your trust in us to help deliver a safe and fun program this season.

A huge thanks to the Parents, VFIHA Executive, Team Officials, Referees, and especially the Players for making this past season a great one.

Some of the highlights from the past year:

- 2 Well Attended 'Come Try Hockey' Events
- Volunteer Participation was Outstanding
- Female Referee Numbers are the Largest in Metro Vancouver (again!)
- Overall Registration Up 95% Over 6 Years
- UBC Development Program Continues
- Pee wee A1 @ BC Hockey Provincial Championships
- Banners, Medals & Tournament Success!

Thank you to Scotiabank, viaSport & the Government of BC, and our many Corporate Sponsors for helping our Fundraising efforts this year, and the many team sponsors for their support.

Thank you to everyone who helped by volunteering over the past season, including Parents, Coaches, Managers, & Referees. Your contributions at the Team & Association level continue to help make this Association great.

Thank you to the Killarney Community Centre Society for their ongoing administrative support over the years. KCCS supports our association through their community board and accounting services. The staff have been extremely helpful with our Community Gaming Grants, helping to arrange board meetings, and keeping on top of our books.

Thanks to the Vancouver Canucks and Rogers Arena, for coming through in September 2020 with ice, where we had no good options available. Rod was amazing to work with, and we were able to give our membership some great memories on the big ice!

October 2020 was going to be the first female tournament in Vancouver, in partnership with BC Hockey. Unfortunately, that was shelved for now. We hope to bring this back in 2021, assuming we are able to do so.

Looking ahead to this season, we continue to monitor and provide updates to our programming, in order to adjust to public health orders. We will continue to help keep our players and parents engaged, while providing a safe and fun program for everyone.

The biggest update we have this season involves a huge thank you to the Vancouver Park Board operational staff (Erica, Michael, Brittany, Claudia). After years of communication, meetings, statistics, more communication, etc... we are witnessing the start of a fundamental change in how ice times are allocated in Vancouver. This will bring a more equitable approach to ice allocation, with consideration given to a fast growing female group!

And finally, we are taking steps to grow our association in terms of oversight and management, with a new board and volunteer structure. This type of reorganization will help bring more 'super' volunteers into positions where they can have a huge impact. We need you more than ever, and your efforts will help make female hockey in Vancouver even better.

Thanks for a great season, and I look forward to what next season will bring!

James Nedila
President
Vancouver Female Hockey Association