



Vancouver Female Ice Hockey Association (Vancouver Angels)

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Well that was an interesting season!

First off, we hope that you remained safe and healthy throughout the hockey season, and hope for a quick round of vaccines to ensure we all remain that way.

We know this was not the hockey season we hoped for, when we spoke about it during the summer of 2020 (seems so long ago...). However, even without games (for most of it) and other normal hockey things, we hope you enjoyed your time at the rinks. There weren't a lot of other options for most of you, as most high school & other sports were cancelled.

We are proud that we were able to keep operating while keeping everyone safe, and as one of the only options to do so, we took that responsibility quite seriously.

We hope that with the return of hockey, we 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:

- Volunteer participation was outstanding during a challenging season - Thank you!
- UBC Development Program continuation @ Kerrisdale
- Outstanding Referee signups & training
- Coaches and their creativity with practices
- Managers/HCSFs for their steadfast commitment to safety
- Parents for their amazing patience with arena staff and team officials
- Arena staff for their willingness to work with us, amid ever-changing requirements

Thank you to Scotiabank, viaSport & the Government of BC, Rogers Arena & the Vancouver Canucks, 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 2021/2022, assuming we are able to do so.

The VFIHA board has already been speaking about options we can provide in August 2021 pre-season & September 2021 to get our hockey season back on track. We hope to provide more details about this soon.

And finally, this was my last hockey season as President of VFIHA, as my daughter - Tehani - is graduating this year. I wanted to thank everyone i've had the pleasure of working with over the past 7-8 years. I've made some great friends, had fun, and helped provide a great culture for this association.

I leave the association in great hands, as the current board has a great understanding of what makes this place special, and what it will take to grow female hockey in the short, medium, and long term future.

Thanks for the great memories, a great bunch of years as President, and i'll enjoy my retirement!

James Nedila
President
Vancouver Female Hockey Association