



SFHA Newsletter

Season 2013-2014

Welcome to the new SFHA Newsletter. We hope you are all had a great summer. This newsletter contains information about the upcoming season 2013-2014 season as well as some summary information from the past season

Message from the President

Welcome to the 2013-14 Hockey Season

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer, but it is time to start thinking and getting excited about another hockey season. The 2013-14 hockey season starts this week with our youngest age group (Tyke/Novice) stepping onto the ice first – the rest of our players will start their season during the first two weeks of September and, after evaluations, teams will be formed.

An exciting 2013-14 hockey season is expected for SFHA. We will continue to have strong teams as in the past but, equally important, the plan is to continue with enhancements to our hockey program. Although not ideal yet, we have made some progress in our ice situation (e.g. more ice). We also plan to increase our player and coach development – this will help both individual players/coaches plus benefit SFHA in the coming years. We are also trying to build a strong sponsorship program and, if successful, this will help us to maintain reasonable registration fees while at the same time providing a better hockey experience for our players/coaches. We are enhancing our communication, including through a greater emphasis on the use of our website, at least two newsletters and the posting of the Minutes of Executive meetings. Our SuperHeart tournament will continue to be a showcase for our association and we are planning on hosting the BC Hockey Peewee Provincial championship.

It is important to remember that we are all involved in minor hockey for the benefit of our children – I encourage all of us to work together to make this a successful hockey season.

I wish everyone a great 2013-14 hockey season.

Gary Eaton, President
SFHA

Questionnaire Results

We really appreciate you taking the time to fill out the end of season questionnaire. This has been instrumental to the executive making many changes to work to improve



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our association. One of the things requested was better communication which resulted in this Newsletter which we will do at least twice a year.

A link to the questionnaire summary results can be found here.

<https://sfha.goalline.ca/files/2012-2013sfhaparentsurveysummary.pdf>

Volunteer Positions Needed

As you know SFHA is a volunteer organization. We are currently looking for a number of positions to help us make SFHA even better. At this time we are looking for people to help with the following::

- Tournament Committee members
- Midget/Juvenile Division Coordinators
- Web site administrator
- Ice allocator
- Evaluation on ice helpers

2013-2014 Season Update

Based on your feedback we have been working hard over the summer months to ensure that the 2013-2014 season is a big success. Here are just a few of the items we are working on

1. Additional Association Ice

Work has been done here to secure ice not only at Surrey rinks but also at facilities in Langley and possibly Richmond

2. Sponsorship Program Coordinator

We are happy to report that Chanpreet Singh Dhaliwal has volunteered to be our Sponsorship Program Coordinator.

3. Player Development Program

- working to secure more ice for the association
- working to expand the player development in the upcoming season.



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Important Dates

With the new season approaching we encourage you to watch the website for updates. This will be more and more the primary vehicle used for communication. We are working to get the season off to a flying start at the beginning of September.

September 2nd – Evaluation Start Date

See the website for evaluation details by [clicking here](#)

Useful Links on our website www.sfha.ca

We have strived to put many useful links that you may need throughout the season in one location. These can be found by clicking the “[Education, Knowledge Base and Resources](#)” link. This currently has links covering topics from financial assistance to concussions to the locations of arenas.

Contacting SFHA Executive

Last but not least we encourage you to give us feedback and contact us if you ever have any concerns or hear something that troubles you about SFHA. We are here to make SFHA the best it can be and are always happy to get feedback and input from our members. If you ever have any questions or concerns then please contact us via email at feedback@sfha.ca. The email addresses of all the executive members can be found [here](#) if you wish to contact anyone directly.