

The Sno-King Times

VOL 1.1

Thursday December 14th, 2017

Welcome To Your Newsletter!



Greetings Sno-King community! We are pleased to forward you the first edition of our community newsletter, The Sno-King Times. This newsletter is the first-step in a broader effort to communicate with you in a consistent and timely manner. Our goal is to provide relevant information so you feel informed regarding the many great community experiences currently thriving at Sno-King. A new issue will be coming out each month, however, the format and content are works in progress. Please feel free to provide us with any feedback you have regarding categories of information you feel would benefit the Sno-King Times. Email Brenda@SnoKingHockey.com

A heartfelt thank you to all of the parents who took time to meet with me during the last few weeks. There were many good conversations and it was helpful for me to hear from you, as Sno-King begins this next chapter in a long history of successful youth hockey. As I mentioned at the meetings, please feel free to reach out to me at anytime.

We hope you are enjoying the hockey season. The staff at Sno-King joins me in wishing you a joyful holiday season!

What's Happening>>



Sno-King Tournaments

Sno-King plays host to several tournaments for our recreational teams from 8U through 14U with many teams from other Associations and Canada filling out the brackets. Here is some information on just some of the tournaments.

Thank you to all of the 10U teams and the families that helped make this year's Thanksgiving tournament a success. The visiting teams all had a great time and thanked us for being such great hosts.

Sno-King will be hosting its annual 12U C MLK Tournament from January 12th-15th. This will be a 16 team tournament with teams coming from British Columbia and Alaska. The tournament schedule will be sent out before the Winter Break.

The 14U C Presidents Day Tournament will be held February 16-19th. Be on the lookout for more information in the next newsletter.

Just a reminder that all games will be run by Sno-King volunteers. This means that we will need 3 volunteers per game to run the game clock, music, and scoresheet. It's a great opportunity to be close to the action.



Skateworks Is Open!

We're so excited to welcome Skateworks to the Renton Ice Arena. Having a full service hockey equipment shop in our Renton facility puts world class service and equipment in the hands of our players, including CCM equipment and True hockey sticks. And while you're there, be sure to check out their state of the art skate sharpeners, giving players the precision edge they need to stay at their best. Stop in today!



Holiday Hockey Clinics

From power skating, to attack skills, to 3 on 3, we have your child covered for their holiday hockey development needs. Take advantage of the break from school and treat your Jr. Thunderbird to some extra ice time so they can return from break stronger than ever with a grin from ear to ear!

Register online www.SnoKingHockey.com



SKAHA Volunteers

Sno-King's success is undoubtedly built on the willingness of its many generous and amazing volunteers to contribute to its vibrancy and health. From coaches, to clock operators, to tournament organizers and team managers, they make our amazing program the success it is. We are grateful for all the volunteer hours that so many of you contribute. There are several ways to volunteer, including at some upcoming tournaments. If you're a volunteer working for a company providing matching funds for volunteer hours (such as Microsoft) please submit all your hours as matching programs are a significant source of funding for Sno-King's operations.



SKAHA's ADM Aspects



SKAHA is proud to be a model Association for the USA Hockey ADM program. The principles of the American Development Model ("ADM") approach to developing young hockey players are a cornerstone of our hockey program. Doug Kirton, SKAHA Hockey Director and PNAHA ADM Director says: "It is well known that hockey has become so fast and skilled that time and space are very limited. Players are forced to make quick decisions and those that learn that skill will excel at the older ages where playing in traffic is the norm and goals are scored and defended in the small area zones. Kids progress at incremental levels, 8u cross ice, 10u half ice and 12u full ice. Hockey has finally caught up to other sports like soccer, basketball and baseball when it comes to age appropriate training. Other areas of the country are following Washington's lead!"

As to the benefits to the players, Jim Levin, 10U Rec Coordinator at SKAHA is a big supporter. "I have been a 10U head coach for 3 seasons. I was skeptical of the half ice concept at first but it did not take long for me to see the benefits. The games are played at a much faster pace and without as many stoppages. There are fewer breakaways; instead, players must use their skating and stick handling skills to create plays and they are forced to learn to play in tight spaces. The goalies face a lot more shots as well, and need to stay engaged the entire game. Overall the half ice concept has been incredibly beneficial to our player development."



Character Forward!

Good sportsmanship encompasses many aspects of a person's character. A player with sportsmanship respects both their teammates and their opponents as equals. A win that does not come fairly holds no satisfaction for them. It is demonstrated by treating others as you want to be treated, by being unselfish, by being humble in victories, and by having the proper perspective toward disappointments and losses.

Here's a letter we received from the parent of an opposing player. This is one element of good sportsmanship we aim to continue building. Great job to all who were involved!

"We played you guys yesterday and were quite overwhelmed obviously by the talent on your team (we struggle). I wanted to let you know that your boys (and girls?) are awesome! Very nice kids and great sportsmanship. That being said, my son is the goalie for a 14UC team. Although he took the beating and was visibly upset at times, he came out of the locker room with a smile and said your team would encourage him after goals and compliment him on saves. As the Mom, I can't tell you how that warmed my heart! He's been in net

exactly 1 year and it's his complete and total passion, so the encouragement your team gave him was immeasurable!

My son actually said he looks forward to playing you guys again! So thank you for the outstanding coaching and instilling such wonderful sportsmanship into your kiddos in today!

Coaches Spotlight >>



Skills Coach - David Min

David grew up playing for Sno-King, and Team Seattle, from 10U to 16U. As a 14U player, David received the John D MacDonald award, Sno-King's most prestigious player award. David went on to play junior and prep hockey, and attended Asia pro-league camps. Most recently, David played two years in the USPHL. He has returned to the Seattle area to finish his college degree.

David's goal for the season: Provide a fun and challenging experience for the players through drills and positive attitude.

Message to players: "Work on your SKATING!!! I see many players focusing heavily on puck skills compared to skating. I want players to understand the importance of skating and how it's truly the foundation of all hockey skills."

Looking for gift ideas?

Visit our Team Store / Pro Shop in Kirkland



All of these great items and more can be found at our Kirkland Team Store

Quantity is limited to stock on hand



www.SnoKingHockey.com

Feedback? Email Brenda@SnoKingHockey.com

Thank you to 4THEWIN Marketing and Dee Murphy for the work done to complete our first newsletter!