

2012 WCMBHA Provincial Program Information

The following information is to inform all WCMBHA Executives and Association Presidents the outlines and schedules of the 2012 WCMBHA Provincial Program. As the 2012 Junior Nationals is being hosted in Vernon, BC - WCMBHA has notified CBHA that BC will be entering one (1) U15 Division team, two (2) U17 Division teams and two (2) U19 Division teams. The age groups for these divisions for 2012 are as follows:

U15 Division = 1997 & 1998 birth years

U17 Division = 1996 & 1995 birth years

U19 Division = 1993 & 1994 birth years

As we indicated that we will be entering two teams in U17, the tryouts will take place and the Head Coach of the U17 BC Thunder (Dave Olafson) will make his selections for the team. The second U17 coach that will be appointed by WCMBHA by mid March will select for the second U17 team players from the balance of the tryouts. The U19 Division will follow these guidelines as well. WCMBHA sees these second teams in each division as developmental teams and rostering players that either may have not participated in a National or is a player advancing this year from the lower divisions that may not be seen to make the first team, but is skilled to play for the second team of the division. The Executive feels we have a large number of highly skilled players that will fill two very competitive teams for the Nationals.

The team organizations will be as follows:

U15 West Coast Wolverines

U17 BC Thunder (team 1)

U17 West Coast Wolverines (team 2)

U19 West Coast Express (team 1)

U19 BC Thunder (team 2)

The reason for the same names is due to logos being on file, also if there are kids or staff moving up from a lower division and does not make first team, they have team apparel for the second team to keep costs down for families. WCMBHA as per the budget will purchase a set of U17 and a set of U19 for these teams. After this season those jersey's will become the property of the lower divisions so WCMBHA than has two sets for the U15 and U17 that will be association owned.

Tryouts will be similar to the past years. We will host three (3) "Open Tryout" sessions for each division in early April, followed by scouts and coaching staff to go to various house games to see players and finish up with three (3) Invite Only tryouts in early May leading in to team selections for the U15 and U16 by mid May and the U19 teams by end of May.

We have secured 80 rooms at the Village Green Hotel in Vernon, BC to host all 5 BC teams for the dates of the tournament. Information packages and player fees will go out as a prelim form during the tryouts then followed up after teams chosen with full packages.

Information recently received from CBHA Directors is that the CBHA will be sending out Provincial packages the week of January 16th. The tournament cut off date deadline for the provinces for deposits and entering will be March 15, 2012. After this time provinces will be able to send replacement teams. CBHA hopes is to have a schedule released by May. Entry Fee is \$1250 per team. Banquet Ticket price has not been established yet, but a deposit of \$500 per team will be asked for as well by March 15th, 2012.

We wish all the best to the returning coaches in their final year of their appointed terms:

Gary Slavin, U15 West Coast Wolverines

Dave Olafson, U17 BC Thunder

Brad Moore, U19 West Coast Express

Yours in sport,

WCMBHA of BC Directors