#### November 2024



### **Key Dates**

Dec 21-29: U7-U9 Winter Classic Jan 2-5: U11A Winter Classic Feb 8: ND Fights Cancer Night Feb 1: NDMHA Night @ Vancouver Giants March 15-18: U13C & U18C Spring Classic March 20-23: U11C & U15C Spring Classic

## Send us your pics!

Each team has great stories within their group - on and off the ice. Help us celebrate them with you by sharing the information, videos and pictures.

If each team has one or two parents who want to be the team official communications volunteers who sends a couple pictures/stories each week, imagine how much of our story we can share!

Send pictures with names, team info etc to Amit at media@ndhockey.com

# **Hockey One Program**

Registration is open for any U6 player to join ND Hockey's unique intro to hockey program. If you know any neighours or younger siblings of your child's friends that live in North Delta, be sure to spread the word and let them come out and have a blast on the ice! Starter hockey equipment package is included!

Click here for more information.



# Welcoming in a new season



With the season set up now behind us, we always try to look back at what went right and build on the positives and at the same time we look to identify what things we can improve upon. We sat down together as a group and identified a few key areas that we hope to be able to make changes to help make the process a little bit smoother for next season. This year,we had a lot of new people in key executive roles that were trying their hardest to learn on the fly and try to stay on top of everything that was / is coming their way. We appreciate your patience and consideration

It has been my honour to serve as President of NDMHA over the past five and a half years. I have been privileged to coach hundreds of kids alongside some fantastic coaches. I have met many parents and the one question that parents tend to ask me a lot, besides "You're still here?". Is about their players' development. From my experience, there are two things that are far more important than our players' development. #1 - The importance of building character, playing the game with integrity, accountability, and discipline.
Making sure that your player speaks to their coaches with the utmost respect.
Respect for their teammates, the game, opponents, and officials.

#2 - It is imperative that they learn good work ethics, instill in them the importance of never missing a practice, always being on time. Hockey imitates life, the habits and values formed through hockey - hard work, commitment and resilience - will serve them well beyond the rink, in every aspect of life and work.

Looking forward to a successful season, filled with tournament wins, playoffs, banners, and memories for both parents & players.

Rob Reid President NDMHA



### 2024 Jersey Day - Lights, Camera, Smoke Machine?!

It's a special day when you get handed your ND jersey for our U7 and U9 players and we were so happy to catch the smiles from the day. Thanks to Amit and Ashley for making the event so special for the players this year.



### **Helmet Decals honoring Dominic Giammarco**

Helmet decals to honour Dominic Giammarco are being distributed across the association.

Dominic was a 2009-born player and would have been a 1st-year U18 skater this season. He started hockey late but quickly excelled as he was a natural athlete who absolutely loved to compete. Though he was soft-spoken, he was a natural leader and someone that we could always count on both on and off the ice. He always had a smile on his face and his enthusiasm was infectious, and it was an easy choice to name him a team captain.

When medical issues prevented him from being able to play hockey, he returned as an assistant coach and continued to give his time at practices and on the bench at games. He never stopped supporting and caring for his teammates, even when he could no longer be on the ice with them in competition.

Helmet decals won't make things better, but we hope that they will help us all keep Dom in our hearts this season and beyond.

Have you been wondering how to get your player outfitted with some ND Hockey branded apparel? <u>Click here</u> to go to the ND Team Store and show your Sun Devils pride today!

### 2023-24 Season Award Winners

Each year the association recognizes outstanding contributions from our members. We gathered together in June to celebrate the award winners. Below is a listing of all those celebrated for last season. Be sure to watch out for people this year who go above and beyond to make the hockey experience for those around them a great one so they may have the chance to be recognized at the end of this season.

Avi Rai (U15C)

Barik Berar (A1)

Gurveer Jaswal (U18C) Nick Boyce (U18A)

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Jeff Kerpluck Award: Reginald Atkinson Award:

Connor Anderson Award:

Clifford Wright Award:Houston MinhaLeo Sweeny Memorial Award:Teshaan PooniKen Waterman Memorial Award:Curtis StadnekJames Rennie Memorial Award:Peter Karppa

Neil Mcdonald Award:

Leadership Awards:

Jerome Levangie (C) John Smith (A2) Chauncey Yu (U13C) Kelan Bringsli (U18A) Houston Minhas (U11C) Teshaan Pooni ard: Curtis Stadnek rd: Peter Karppa Dominic Giammarco Chayse Hainz (U18A1) Carter Miedema (U15C2) Dan Kay (U18C) Evan Lau (U11C) Harshinder Senghera (U15C1)

> Henry Ircha (U11A1) Houston Minhas (U11C1) Jack Saunders (U11C3) James Marek (U15A2) Keaton Walker (U13C2) Kevin Goodale (U13A1) Kyle Pugsley (U15A1) Landon Corpuz (U9C1) Lukas Seath (U13C1) Parker Martin (U7C2) Sawyer Delisle (U18C1)

Sportswoman of the Year: Sportsman of the Year: Trainer of the Year: Official of the Year: Coach of the Year:

**Outstanding Service Awards:** 

Harneet Teja

Gary Brar Jeff Walker

Linden Chow

Aaron Nordean (C) Peter Pothier (U6-U9) Reggie Hayer (A)

Devin Dandiwal Dominic Figurelli Jeff Miller Maddison Wing





# **Introducing our Division Leadership**

With each newsletter, we will introduce some of our team starting with our Vice-Presidents and Division Managers who are taking care of all of our families. This group is the driving force behind getting all of our players on the ice, coaches set up and supporting our team managers this season and we are so grateful for the hours of time they have all spent making the start of this year so smooth.



Vice-President 1 (Rep A) Dave Zemlak



Vice-President 2 (U13-U21C) Kim Dennis



Vice-President 3 (U6-U11C) Ashley Swartz



U6 Division Manager Monica Reid



U7-U9 Division Manager Amit Khanna



U11C Division Manager Zoey Erwin



U13C Division Manager Raj Nagi



U15C Division Manager Brandi Weir



U18C Division Manager Amy Becker