

NORTH DELTA MINOR HOCKEY DIRECTOR REPORTS 2025-26

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Director of Hockey Report 2026

Prepared By: Chris Burns, Director of Hockey Operations

I believe we had another successful season from a player development perspective. This year, we added Jim Martin and Ryan Carrigan to the development team. Looking ahead to next season, we are working on creating more opportunities for Ryan to be involved throughout the year, although scheduling remains a challenge.

Overall, the development team spent 287 hours on the ice with players this season.

As always, we continue to evaluate ways to improve our programming. We have received several strong suggestions on how to better utilize available ice time and create additional development opportunities throughout the season. More information on these initiatives will be shared in the near future.

From a coaching development perspective, we hosted the Hockey Canada Goaltending Skills Clinic this season, with attending coaches earning their Level 1 certification. Each year, we aim to host at least one Hockey Canada Skills Clinic. The available skill streams include:

- Goaltending
- Skating
- Skills
- Developing Defensemen
- Shooting & Scoring
- Small Area Games
- Checking Skills

Each stream offers three certification levels.

Recent NDMHA Hosted Clinics

- **2023–2024:** Shooting & Scoring – Level 1
- **2024–2025:** Checking Skills – Level 1
- **2025–2026:** Goaltending – Level 1

Looking Ahead: 2026–2027

We are aiming to host two clinics next season:

- Skating – Level 1
- Shooting & Scoring – Level 2

Summer camp information has now been released. Please let me know if you have any questions.

VP1 Report 2026 - Rep A Division

Prepared by: Dave Zemlak

The past season was another successful year for our association, highlighted by strong player development, outstanding teamwork, and impressive tournament and league achievements across multiple divisions. Our coaches, players, managers, and volunteers demonstrated tremendous dedication throughout the season and represented the association with pride both locally and in tournament play. We would like to recognize the accomplishments of the following teams and coaching staff:

U11 A1 – Head Coach: Mike Lucas

The U11 A1 team had an exceptional season, earning:

Playoff Banner – Flight 1

Gold Medal – Sea Tac Presidents Day Tournament

Silver Medal – Mission Stars Tournament

Gold Medal – Richmond Ice Breaker Tournament

U11 A2 – Head Coach: Colter Breadner

The U11 A2 team was recognized for:

Team Achievement Award – PCAHA

U13 A1 – Head Coach: Bhavin Serown

The U13 A1 team achieved:

Bronze Medal – Richmond Jets Spring Tournament

Silver Medal – Winfield Tournament

U13 A2 – Head Coach: Grant Bochen

The U13 A2 team celebrated:

League Banner – PCAHA

Bronze Medal – Richmond Jets Spring Tournament

U15 A1 – Head Coach: Kevin Zarillo

The U15 A1 team had a strong tournament season, earning:

Gold Medal – Richmond International Hockey Tournament

Silver Medal – Kamloops River City Showdown Tournament

Silver Medal – Coquitlam Thanksgiving Tournament

U15 A2 – Head Coach: Chris Moren

The U15 A2 team captured:

Gold Medal – Abbotsford Tournament

Gold Medal – Port Hardy Turkey Tournament

U18 A1 – Head Coach: Dean Levangie

The U18 A1 team earned:

Bronze Medal – Richmond International Hockey Tournament

Closing Remarks

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we extend our sincere appreciation to all players, coaches, team officials, volunteers, and families for their commitment and support throughout the season. The continued success of our association is made possible through the hard work and dedication of our entire hockey community.

We congratulate all teams on their accomplishments and look forward to another exciting and successful season ahead.

VP2 Report 2026 - Rec C Division

U13 Division

Our U13 Division started pre-season with coaches in place to support the September on-ice sessions and evaluations, giving everyone an opportunity to see all of the players on the ice. This led to a successful season for both of our U13 C1 and C2 teams, supported by the leadership of their coaches, players, and supporting families. Thank you to coaches Warren Appleton and Curtis Stadnek for your leadership this season.

Season Highlights

U13C1 - Ended the season by winning the PCAHA playoff banner, and bronze at our U13 Spring Classic Tournament

U13C2 - Ended the season as Champions of our U13 Spring Classic Tournament, and the Delta Cup.

U15 Division

Our U15 Division started pre-season with coach support from the DOHO development team. For the second season we had challenges recruiting team coaches for this age group during the first few weeks. We are grateful for the coaches who stepped up to build and lead these teams. There were post-draft challenges that the Association and teams faced that gave us valuable insights into how we can further refine our pre-season development, evaluations, and systems to build more balanced teams in the future. We want to thank our U15 coaches, players, and parents for their patience and

understanding this season. Despite the challenges and early obstacles it was a successful and rewarding season for both teams, thank you to Sheldon Naicker and Aaron Nordean for leading our teams.

Season Highlights

U15 C1 - Earned silver at our U15 Spring Classic Tournament, finishing strong with a closely contested final game.

U18 Division

The U18 Division continues to be a balancing act each season, with having to manage 3 age groups for team formations. Similarly to the U15 Division, we had a coaching shortage for pre-season and team evaluations. Once again we were grateful to have individuals step up to coach and develop their own skills in new roles. There were multiple conversations and perspectives at the table to build these teams, in what we had hoped would balance on-ice competition and friendships between teammates. The results of the season showed an imbalance between the teams. Even so, the players enjoyed the opportunity to play with their friends, and found ways to make the most of their season. We appreciated Duane Bradley and Mike Smith for stepping forward to coach the teams this year. Your support, commitment, and guidance were greatly appreciated.

U21 Division

Thank you to our coaches, Jeff Miller (C1) and Cole Delisle (C2), for their dedication and leadership throughout the season. As some of our players conclude their minor hockey experience with NDMHA, we wish them and their families all the very best in the future.

Season Highlights:

Congratulations to U21C1 on finishing the season as PCAHA playoff banner winners—an outstanding achievement and a great way to close out the year.

Parent Auxiliary Report 2026

Prepared By: Julie Nager

This year set records for the number of volunteers who stepped up to help make this season extra special for our players and membership.

Picture day ran as smooth as can be as we had our PA volunteers jumping in to organize teams throughout the night.

Giants night we sold 662 tickets and filled 2 buses for a fun night out! The U6s showed off their new skills during intermission. Giants night is our major fundraiser for our association. Proceeds from the 50/50 and ticket sales come straight back to our association. A net total of \$6700 was raised for the Association. This fundraiser not only provides teams with a team building opportunity, but all funds from this night go right back to our player development! The goal is to build on this number next season.

Cancer night was a huge success! The impact of our initiative will be reaching the most vulnerable populations who can't afford life saving medications. We had 9 team leads meeting every few weeks starting in November. We had over 35 people volunteer on the night of the event! After hearing about our fundraiser, one of the opposing teams decided to join fundraising efforts and presented us with a giant check on the night of the event. In total we raised over \$21,000 towards the patient relief fund for the BC cancer foundation all serving the patients at the Surrey Cancer center.

A big thanks to the Delta Ice Hawks who helped with this initiative this season.

We wrapped up the season with our Awards Night! We had 3 team leads- food, decoration and production, with 10(+) people raising their hands to volunteer on the night. Memorial families joined us in presenting the awards. It was a great night filled with tears and excitement recognizing players, coaches and volunteers. 325 people attended this year and we hope to make this number grow each year! It's events like this that remind us that we are a strong community!

Tournament Director Report 2026

Prepared By: Bre Blackburn

This season was a tremendous success for our tournament program. Over the course of the year, we proudly hosted seven tournaments, welcoming 38 visiting teams and receiving approximately 175 team applications. While most participating teams came from across the Lower Mainland, we were also pleased to host teams from other regions of British Columbia and even one international team from Seattle.

The success of these events was made possible through an incredible amount of work behind the scenes. Tournament planning required well over 100 hours of preparation, while our volunteers contributed approximately 200 hours during the events themselves. Their dedication ensured a positive experience for every player, coach, official, and family who attended.

We received numerous emails and messages from visiting associations expressing their appreciation for the tournaments. Common themes included how organized and welcoming the events were, the friendliness of our volunteers, and the quality of the tournament swag provided to participants.

On the ice, our teams also enjoyed success, bringing home two tournament medals. Our U13 team captured a gold medal, while our U15 team earned a silver medal, showcasing the hard work and development of our athletes throughout the season.

To enhance the tournament experience, we offered concessions and 50/50 draws at every tournament, as well as professional event photography through RVD Photography. These additions were well received by participants and spectators alike. Building on this year's success, we look forward to bringing these features back next season, along with several new enhancements designed to make our tournaments even more memorable.

Thank you to our volunteers, coaches, players, sponsors, and families for helping make this year's tournament season such a success. We are excited to continue building on this momentum in the years ahead.

President Report 2026

Prepared By: Kim Dennis

The 2025–26 season was a year of meaningful progress for the North Delta Minor Hockey Association. It was defined by strong community engagement, strengthened partnerships, and a continued commitment to player development. We also faced challenges that required reflection and adaptation, and the lessons learned have already contributed to improved operations. This approach mirrors the expectations we set for our players: we learn through experience, we adapt, and we strive for excellence.

Volunteerism

Volunteerism remains the foundation of NDMHA. More than 400 volunteers contributed to the success of our programs this season, serving as coaches, managers, safety personnel, event organizers, and board members. Their dedication ensures that our players receive a safe, organized, and positive hockey experience.

As our association continues to grow, we encountered challenges in coordinating and supporting volunteers across multiple divisions and events. These challenges highlighted the need for improved communication and more structured onboarding

processes. Work is already underway to strengthen these areas for the upcoming season.

Coaching and Player Development

Our coaching group demonstrated strong commitment to development and mentorship. Participation in NCCP training increased, and experienced coaches provided valuable guidance to newer volunteers. The coaching team remained focused on long-term player development, emphasizing fun, confidence, and resilience.

Key achievements included:

- Skill-specific development sessions in skating, shooting, and goaltending
- Consistent reinforcement of core values that support player growth

The progress shown across all divisions reflects the dedication and professionalism of our coaching staff.

Officiating

The officiating program experienced positive growth this season, welcoming a strong cohort of new officials—many of whom were current NDMHA players. Enhanced mentorship opportunities and improved communication between officials and team staff contributed to a more supportive and collaborative environment.

Community Events

Community engagement was a highlight of the 2025–26 season. Major events included:

- **Giants Night** – A high-energy evening attended by a large contingent of NDMHA families, generating \$6,700 in net proceeds to support association operations.
- **Cancer Night** – Our most impactful event to date, raising over \$21,000, and raising awareness and strengthening community connection.
- **She Scores Summit** – Continued growth in participation and visibility for female athletes.
- **Awards Night** – A celebration of athletic achievement, sportsmanship, leadership, and community involvement.

These events reinforced the values that define NDMHA and strengthened our sense of community.

Partnership with the Delta Ice Hawks

This season marked the launch of a new collaboration with the Delta Ice Hawks. The partnership provided NDMHA players with skill sessions, mentorship opportunities, and game-day experiences. While the initiative required adjustments throughout the season,

the positive response from players and families demonstrated its value. This partnership represents an important step in strengthening the development pathway within our community.

Operational Growth and Challenges

Like many sport associations, NDMHA faced operational challenges related to communication, coach recruitment, and ice availability. These challenges provided important learning opportunities and reinforced the need for continued process improvements. Our operational team approached these issues with resilience, adaptability, and a commitment to continuous improvement. The addition of the Executive Director Position helped support day-to-day operations, while reducing the workload from board member portfolios. This has been a successful addition to the organizational structure of NDMHA, which we will continue moving forward.

Delta Female Hockey Association

With the approval of the new Delta Female Hockey Association this past weekend, NDMHA is working closely with our female players and families to navigate the requirements and impacts on registration for the upcoming season. Ensuring a smooth transition and clear communication will remain a priority.

Bylaw Amendments and Policy Updates

Over the past year, the board has undertaken a comprehensive review of NDMHA's bylaws, policies, and procedures. This has been a significant and necessary undertaking, and the updated bylaws will be brought forward for a vote shortly.

These updates are essential as our association continues to grow. Modernizing our governance structure will streamline operations, reduce duplication of work, and provide clearer expectations for volunteers and members. This is particularly important in key volunteer roles where workload and burnout have become ongoing concerns.

Just as our teams focus on learning and improvement, our board is committed to strengthening the foundation of the association. The bylaw changes and accompanying rationale were provided to all members as part of the AGM package, ensuring transparency and clarity as we move forward.

Registration Fees and Financial Stewardship

As part of our fiduciary responsibility to the association and our community, the board conducted a thorough review of our financial position and the cost pressures we face heading into 2026–27. Like many minor sports organizations, we are experiencing significant increases in operating costs—including a substantial rise in PCAHA fees,

higher ice rental costs, and the broader impact of inflation on equipment and administrative services.

To ensure we can continue delivering a safe, well-run, development-focused hockey program, we will be implementing an increase to registration fees for the 2026–27 season.

This decision was not made lightly. We recognize the importance of affordability for our families. However, maintaining program quality, supporting our volunteers and staff, and ensuring long-term sustainability requires us to respond to the financial realities we are facing.

Our commitment is to remain transparent, responsible, and forward-thinking in how we manage the association's resources. These adjustments will help protect the programs our players rely on and ensure NDMHA remains strong for years to come.

Conclusion

The 2025–26 season showcased the strength, dedication, and community spirit of NDMHA. Our volunteers, coaches, officials, players, and families contributed to a season filled with growth and meaningful experiences. While challenges were present, they served as catalysts for learning and improvement.

We remain committed to providing a positive, inclusive, and development-focused hockey environment for all athletes. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this season and look forward to continued progress in 2026–27.