

# Please note that the 2025 U15 T2 Championship will be held Friday March 14 to Tuesday March 18, in Nanaimo, BC.

Mandatory Team Banquet will be held Friday March 14 at 6pm.

Game Play commences Saturday March 15 at 8am.

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BC Hockey Mission Statement: "Lead, Develop and Promote Positive Lifelong Hockey Experiences"

# NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Welcome all Coaches, Players, and Families,

On behalf of the Nanaimo Minor Hockey Association, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all the teams joining us for the BC Hockey U15 Tier 2 Championships!

We are thrilled to host this event and to have you here as part of this exciting week of hockey, camaraderie, and sportsmanship. The journey to a BC Hockey Championship is not an easy one and the players who will be here for the week have shown the necessary dedication and teamwork. We know the participants will display the skill, work ethic, and sportsmanship which are all integral parts of minor hockey. Their responsibility here goes beyond what happens on the ice as they are all goodwill ambassadors for their Districts. We wish them all good luck and fair play.

In addition to the on-ice action, we hope you take the time to experience some of the great food and activities our City has to offer. From fantastic local restaurants to fun attractions for all ages, Nanaimo is proud to be a destination for sports enthusiasts and visitors alike. Whether you're fueling up between games or exploring in your downtime, we're confident you'll find plenty to enjoy.

The tournament committee has worked hard to create a fun and welcoming experience for all teams. From the Banquet on the first night to the opening puck drop to the final whistle, we hope this event will be a highlight of your hockey season.

We are grateful for the time and effort you've invested to travel to Nanaimo and look forward to seeing great sportsmanship, exciting games, and plenty of smiles on and off the ice. If there is anything we can do to make your tournament experience better, please don't hesitate to reach out to our volunteers or staff.

Thank you for being part of this special event. Let's make it one to remember!

Wishing you the best of luck and a fantastic tournament!

Sincerely,

Amanjit Pandher
President, NMHA
www.hockeynanaimo.com



# **HOST COMMITTEE WELCOME:**

Please check back to this Welcome Package as it will be updated from time to time.

If you have any questions, please contact the Host Committee Co-Chairs Colleen Broekhuizen or Katherine Bartley:

bchchampionships@hockeynanaimo.com

Colleen: 250-802-7588 / Katherine: 250 740 5974

## Once your team has qualified for the Championships:

Please send the following information to <a href="mailto:bchchampionships@hockeynanaimo.com">bchchampionships@hockeynanaimo.com</a>

- Official Team Picture: Highest resolution jpeg for use in the program and the other print material. Please include names of everyone in order as they appear in the team photo and their jersey number as well.
- **Association Logo**: Please send a high resolution image and your home jersey colors.
- **Team Contact information**: Please provide Head Coach and Managers names and contact numbers.

U15 T2 BC Hockey Apparel Store: OrderMyGear

# **BC Ferries Sport Experience Program:**

Through the BC Ferries Sport Experience Program, BC Ferries and viaSport provide travel support to eligible not-for-profit sport organizations and athletes.

Applications for ferry vouchers must be received at least 12 business days (between and including Monday to Friday, not including weekends and public holidays) before the first day of travel in order to be considered. Exceptions will not be made for late applications. BC Ferries Sport Experience Program | viaSport

Good luck to all teams and players! We look forward to hosting you!

# CALENDAR OVERVIEW - MARCH 2025

Game schedule is subject to change based on the number of teams participating and the Jr A and B playoff schedule.

SUNDAY	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					14	15
						GAME TIMES:
					6pm – Banquet 8pm – Coach/Manager meeting	<ul> <li>8:00am</li> <li>10:45am</li> <li>1:30pm</li> <li>4:30pm - Opening Ceremonies</li> <li>5:45pm</li> </ul>
16	17	18				
• 10am • 12:45pm • 3:30pm • 6:15pm	• 10am • 12:45pm • 3:30pm • 6:15pm	8am – 1st Div A vs 2nd Div B  11am – 1st Div B vs 2nd Div A  5pm – Bronze Medal Game  8pm – Gold Medal Game  *Above is				
		based on an 8 team format and is subject to change.				

# **BC Hockey Championships Policies:**

**Competition Format and Rules** 

# **GENERAL CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION**

U15 T2 Championships will be held March 14, 2025 to March 18, 2025.

Banquet will be held for rostered players, coaches and managers, and invited guests at 6:00 pm on Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo. Doors will open at 5:30pm Vancouver Island Conference Centre: Convention Centre, Event & Wedding Venue

The mandatory **Coach and Managers meeting** will take place immediately after the banquet at the same location.

The **Opening Ceremony** will take place from 4:30pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

Teams playing immediately before and after will be in full gear, other teams in game day dress code under Home jersey and shoes appropriate for walking on ice surface.

Please bring **one spare jersey** for your Opening Ceremony representative to wear to lead your team into the Ceremony.

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**Fair Play Award** will be awarded to the most sportsmanlike team. Player, Coach and Parent conduct will be taken into consideration. The team receiving the Fair Play award will receive this after their last game is played during the Championship.

The **Gold and Silver medals** will be presented along with the Championship banner right after the Championship game.

As a hospitality gesture, a professional **Photographer** will be taking photos throughout the Championship which will be made available for all participants to access/download online at no cost.

BC Hockey Championship **Apparel** Link: <u>BC Hockey U15 Tier 2 Championship | Shadow Agency Inc | powered by OrderMyGear</u>

Your team may be eligible to reach Ferry vouchers from the **BC Ferries Sport Experience Program**. This program is not managed by BC Hockey or NMHA. To apply for a travel grant, you will need to apply through viaSport <a href="here">here</a>.
Ferry reservations on all routes are recommended.

**Fuel Up! Panago Pizza coupons** are available for team or individual purchase for \$15 each. They can be redeemed for any medium pizza at the Nanaimo locations. Etransfer to: <a href="mailto:com">colleen\_mw@hotmail.com</a>

#### LOCATION:

Vancouver Island is home to some of the most spectacular beauty in the province, with hidden wonders all around, adorable small towns, and nature at your doorstep. While Victoria is a well-known city here, Nanaimo is the other main hub on the island. The name of our City is taken from the Snuneymuxw word meaning "Gathering Place".

It has its own great food scene, local businesses, cool shops and a small-city vibe. Nanaimo is west of Vancouver, about two hours by ferry on the opposite side of the Strait of Georgia. While many only know Nanaimo for the non-baked cookies known as Nanaimo Bars, or for the locally-famous bathtub races on Nanaimo Harbour, this waterfront city is actually the third oldest in British Columbia and offers visitors a chance to visit several key historical sites. Nanaimo visitors are encouraged to visit the Tourism Nanaimo Visitor Centre downtown, where brochures offer both walking tours and the recipe for Nanaimo Bars.

After walking around the city, visitors to Nanaimo might also enjoy exploring the green spaces in the city. With more than 130 kilometers of trails and 65 playgrounds, city developers have ensured no one will be bored. We also encourage teams to explore the nearby communities of Ladysmith, Parksville and Coombs where you will find other local hidden gems. For more information, please visit the City of Nanaimo website: www.nanaimo.ca



## **TRANSPORTATION**

#### FERRY TRAVEL

BC Ferries: Nanaimo is the major arrival and departure point for cars and foot passengers via BC Ferries. It is home to two of the island's major ferry terminals – one at the northwestern edge of downtown (Departure Bay) and the other at Nanaimo's south end (Duke Point). Reservations are recommended. You may be eligible for Ferry Vouchers through the BC Ferries Sport Experience Program:

BC Ferries Sport Experience Program | viaSport www.bcferries.com

**Hullo Ferry:** Fast, convenient ferry travel between downtown Vancouver and Nanaimo. Foot-passenger travel is about to get a 'hull' lot better. Our fast-ferry service is here to connect you to a boatload of possibilities in just 70 minutes. <a href="https://www.hullo.com">www.hullo.com</a>

## **AIR TRAVEL**

**Nanaimo Airport** is 18km/11mi south of the city off the Trans-Canada Highway. A number of Airlines offer service to and from Nanaimo. <a href="www.ycd.ca">www.ycd.ca</a>

**Sea planes** offer direct service between Vancouver Harbour or the Vancouver Airport to Nanaimo. Seair <a href="www.seairseaplanes.com">www.seairseaplanes.com</a> and Harbour Air <a href="www.harbourair.com/">www.harbourair.com/</a>

**Helijet**: Offers helicopter service between Nanaimo and Vancouver. <a href="https://www.helijet.com/">www.helijet.com/</a>

# **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

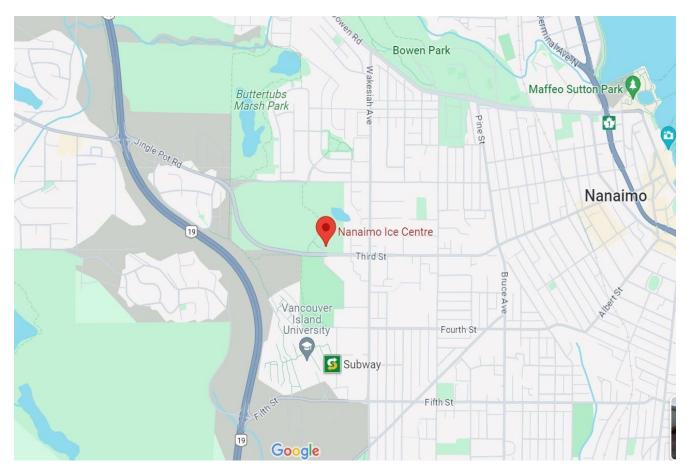
The Nanaimo Regional Transit System provides regularly scheduled morning, afternoon and early evening service. Call the customer information line (250-390-4531) for routing tips or look at their website. <a href="https://www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home">www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home</a>

# **NANAIMO ICE CENTRE**

The City of Nanaimo opened the doors to the New Nanaimo Ice Centre on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. With two NHL size rinks and a large open community room. www.nanaimo.ca/facilities/Details/216-Nanaimo-Ice-Centre

Located at 750 – 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Exit 18 off the Island Parkway; across from the Nanaimo Aquatic Center.





# **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The following **Sponsoring Hotels** have limited base blocks of rooms held for our participating teams.

Please contact the Sales Managers listed below to take advantage of the U15 T2 BC Hockey Championships rate.

#### **BEST WESTERN DORCHESTER**

Best Western Dorchester Hotel | Hotels in Nanaimo BC

70 Church St 250-754-6835

Sales and Marketing Manager: <a href="mailto:sales@dorchesternanaimo.com">sales@dorchesternanaimo.com</a>

#### **COAST BASTION INN**

www.coasthotels.com/coast-bastion-hotel

11 Bastion St 250-753-6601

Sales Manager: n.ele@coasthotels.com

#### COURTYARD MARRIOTT

Hotels in Nanaimo BC Canada | Courtyard Nanaimo

100 Gordon St 250-824-2705

Sales Manager: TC.Rodrigo@hotelequities.com

# **Other Accommodations**:

MICROTEL INN & SUITES – will offer a Team rate

12570 Trans Canada Hwy North Oyster, BC 1-855-516-1090

Guest Service Manager: <a href="mailto:gsm@microteloysterbay.com">gsm@microteloysterbay.com</a>

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# **USEFUL INFORMATION**

# **Skate Sharpening:**

The Edge Skate Kirby's Source for Sport Chek
Sharpening Sports Woodgrove Centre

Text or Call Jim at 1925 Bowen Road 250-390-1581
(250) 668-7070 (250) 585-5066

• BC Hockey Equipment Checklist

# **Medical Care**

# Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

1200 Dufferin Crescent Nanaimo, BC V9S 5R6 (250) 754-2141

#### The Medical Arts Centre

Open: Monday – Friday 9am to 9pm Saturday and Sunday 10:30am to 5pm 13-650 South Terminal Ave Nanaimo, BC (250)753-3431

# Ladysmith Urgent Care Clinic

Open: Daily 7:30am to 9:30pm 1111 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ladysmith, BC (250) 739-5777

# Parksville Urgent Care Clinic

Open: Daily 7:30am to 9:30pm 489 Alberni Hwy, Parksville, BC (250) 951-9550

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#### NANAIMO MINOR HOCKEY



# NO TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENCE CODE

#### FOR PLAYERS:

- (a) I will learn, understand and play by the rules;
- (b) I am responsible for and must control my actions I will control myself at all times or I will leave the ice;
- (c) I will respect my opponents by being mindful of their safety;
- (d) I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee.

#### FOR PARENTS:

- (a) I will assist my child to understand and play by the rules of the game;
- (b) I will remind my child, whenever necessary, that acting in a violent manner is not an acceptable part of youth hockey;
- (c) I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee;
- (d) I am responsible for and must control my actions I will control myself at all times or I will leave the arena;
- (e) I will not vocally or by my actions antagonize, criticize or heckle anyone.

#### FOR COACHES:

- (a) I will lead by example and respect the rules;
- (b) I will teach my players to play by the rules;
- (c) I am responsible for and must control my actions I will control myself at all times or I will leave the arena;
- (d) I will not tolerate any violent conduct on the part of my players;
- (e) I will never act in a disrespectful way towards a referee;
- (f) I will not vocally or by my actions antagonize or heckle anyone.

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