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2023-24 BCEHL DRAW ZONE UPDATES

Female U18 AAA Draw Zone Updates: Lower Mainland

Q: What updates have been made to the Female U18 AAA Draw Zones for the 2023-24 BCEHL season?

A: The Lower Mainland will now be divided into two draw zones, instead of a shared draw zone between the Fraser Valley Rush and the Greater Vancouver Comets. The Fraser Valley Rush will draw players from the Vancouver East Draw Zone, while the Greater Vancouver Comets will draw players from the Vancouver West Draw Zone. The zone boundaries are determined by the [Minor Hockey Association \(MHA\) boundaries](#) within each of the draw zone areas. These are:

- **Vancouver East Draw Zone (Fraser Valley Rush):** Abbotsford, Abbotsford Female, Aldergrove, Chilliwack, Cloverdale, Coquitlam, Hope, Langley, Langley Girls, Meadow Ridge Female, Mission, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Ridge Meadows, Semiahmoo, Surrey, Surrey Female, Tri-Cities Female.
- **Vancouver West Draw Zone (Greater Vancouver Comets):** Arbutus Club, Burnaby, Burnaby Winter Club, Hollyburn, New Westminster, North Delta, North Shore Female, North Shore Winter Club, North Vancouver, Richmond Jets, Richmond Ravens, South Delta, Squamish, Sunshine Coast, Vancouver, Vancouver Female, Vancouver Thunderbirds, West Vancouver, Whistler.

Q: What if I play for a Female MHA outside of my MHA boundaries?

A: A player is only eligible to try out for the Female U18 AAA team in which their parents reside within the boundaries of. If a player is currently playing within a Female MHA, they must try out for the Female U18 AAA team within the MHA boundaries in which their parents reside.

- **Hockey Canada Accredited School (HCAS) Participants:** Players may try out for the Female U18 AAA team, based on the residence of their parents and in accordance with [Hockey Canada Regulations](#). Therefore, regardless of the location of the HCAS that a player may be attending, they are only eligible to attend an ID Camp in their "home" AAA zone.

Q: Why was this update made?

A: As the needs of our members and communities change, the BCEHL will also adjust to better serve our members.

Integrated U18 AAA, U17 AAA & U15 AAA Zone Updates: Vancouver Island

Q: What changes have been made to the BCEHL Draw Zones on Vancouver Island ahead of the 2023-24 season?

A: The BCEHL program on Vancouver Island will now draw players from the North Island Draw Zone and South Island Draw Zone as outlined in BC Hockey policies [14.02.2.1](#), [14.03.2.1](#) and [14.04.2.1](#). This includes the following Minor Hockey Associations (MHAs) and their respective boundaries: Campbell River, Comox Valley, Cowichan Valley, Gold River, Juan de Fuca, Kerry Park, Lake Cowichan, Nanaimo, Oceanside, Peninsula, Port Alberni, Powell River, Sooke, Tri Port, Victoria and Victoria Racquet Club.





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Q: What will the program be named?

A: The program will be named the Vancouver Island Royals.

Q: Where will the three Vancouver Island Royals teams (U18 AAA, U17 AAA & U15 AAA) be hosted?

A: The goal is to have one team hosted within the boundaries of the South Island Draw Zone, and two teams hosted within boundaries of the North Island Draw Zone.

Q: When will the specific locations of the three (U18 AAA, U17 AAA & U15 AAA) Vancouver Island Royals teams be finalized?

A: All decisions will be made prior to the program's ID Camps with the understanding that the location of each team could affect a participant's interest in the program. We would strongly encourage all interested participants to complete the ID Camp registration regardless. Registration will be one of the indicators to help us determine the best location for each team.

Q: What happens if we register for an ID Camp and the determined location for the team does not work for our family?

A: We will have increased understanding and flexibility due to further program information being finalized after ID Camp registration has been completed.

Q: Will the program's new structure require billeting when necessary?

A: Based on the location of the athlete and their family, in relation to the host location, billeting may be beneficial, or in some cases, required due to geographical location.

- Please click [HERE](#) for the Hockey Canada Resource Package on billeting.

Q: Is there a cost associated with billeting?

A: Yes, there will be a cost associated with billeting. This cost will be determined by the Vancouver Island Royals' General Manager, in consultation with BC Hockey.

Q: Who is going to be the General Manager of the Vancouver Island's BCEHL program?

A: We are currently in the process of completing interviews to fill the position of general manager. All ID Camp registrants will receive direct communication when this process is finalized.

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