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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,

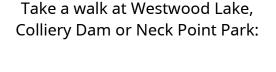
Amanjit Pandher President, NMHA <u>www.hockeynanaimo.com</u>

HOST COMMITTEE WELCOME & CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

On behalf of the Host Committee, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to all players, parents and fans participating in the 2025 BC Hockey U15 T2 Championships. Please take advantage of some of the unique opportunities our community has to offer.

Our local businesses have been generous in sponsoring this event, so please take some time to visit them and enjoy our community's hospitality.

A few spots we recommend visiting:







Get your Team photo at the NANAIMO sign in Maffeo Sutton



Experience authentic Mexican a short walk from the arena at Jalapenos



We are looking forward to welcoming all rostered players and team staff (up to a maximum of 25 people/team) to the mandatory PLAYER BANQUET being held at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre at 101 Gordon St. The Conference Centre 4 v5/Mar102025

is within easy walking distance from our Sponsoring Hotels in downtown Nanaimo. Doors will open at **5pm** on **Friday March 14**, with festivities starting around **5:20pm**. The dress code for this event is at the discretion of the teams. Feel free to pick a theme or come in your pre-game 'fit. Directly following the banquet at **7:30pm**, there is a **Mandatory Coach and Manager** meeting in the same location.

Game Play commences on Saturday March 15. You can find the Schedule and Standings updates on the BC Hockey website here:

<u>U15 Tier 2 Championship - Nanaimo - BC Hockey Championships</u>

Questions about the schedule can be directed to your own MHA President who can then communicate directly with the BC Hockey office. Please familiarize yourself with the Championship format and rules found here:

Competition Format and Rules

All Teams (players and rostered staff) will participate in **Opening Ceremonies** at the Nanaimo Ice Centre at **4:30pm on Saturday March 15**. Please have all players on site wearing their jerseys (no gear or sticks) by **4:10pm**. Teams will be walking onto the bare ice surface so please wear appropriate footwear (no skates).

As a hospitality gesture, Stanley's Creative will be taking photos throughout the Championship which will be made available for all participants to access/download online at no cost. Here is the link to the gallery:

https://stanleyscreative.smugmug.com/BCH-U15-Tier-2-Championships-2025

You can also follow along on our social media accounts here:

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/share/18KRCBsHAA/?mibextid=wwXIfr

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/bchchampionshipu15t2?igsh=ODFnemttb zBuNGcw

If teams are looking for a room for a meeting or meal, there is a warm room upstairs at the arena that teams can reserve through the Host Committee at no charge.



To book, please call or text Katherine at

250 740 5974

We are grateful for your support and thank you in advance for your sportsmanship as you cheer on the players and respect the officials who are working hard to make this tournament happen.

To all the players attending, you are now part of a unique tradition, as the annual championship events are reserved for those players, teams and coaches who have worked hard as individuals and as teams to represent their Minor Hockey Associations. Take a moment to think about the support you've received from your parents, coaches and community.

Enjoy this week, play hard, be a good teammate and make memories to last a lifetime.

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

Katherine Bartley & Colleen Broekhuizen

Host Committee Chairs

ORDER YOUR CHAMPIONSHIP APPAREL!



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**

Reservations for Ferry Sailings are strongly recommended.



Find Sailings | BC Ferries

You can sail into either one of Nanaimo's terminals from either Horseshoe Bay to Departure Bay or from Tsawwassen to Duke Point.

GAME SCHEDULE



*Subject to Change

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 **5:00 pm on Friday March 14**th at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, 101 Gordon Street, Nanaimo. Doors will open at 5:00pm

<u>Vancouver Island Conference Centre: Convention Centre, Event & Wedding Venue</u>

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 15th at the Nanaimo Ice Centre.

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

Fair Play Award will be awarded to the most sportsmanlike team. Player, Coach and Parent conduct as well as post-game dressing room condition will be taken into consideration. The team receiving the Fair Play award will receive this after their last game is played during the Championship. Thank you to our Fair Play Award sponsor <u>Sawmill Direct</u>

Please note that Air Horns are strictly prohibited in all City of Nanaimo arenas. Air horn usage will automatically disqualify that fan's team from consideration for the Fair Play Award and could result in ejection from the Arena. There will be Raffle Baskets and Silent Auction items. Don't miss out! Please bring cash for your Raffle Tickets (\$5 for 10 tickets)

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



LOCATION & THE NANAIMO BAR TRAIL:

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. Be sure to check out the Nanaimo Bar Trail - Tourism Nanaimo

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. www.hullo.com

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. www.ycd.ca

Sea planes offer direct service between Vancouver Harbour or the Vancouver Airport to Nanaimo. Seair www.seairseaplanes.com and Harbour Air www.harbourair.com/

Helijet: Offers helicopter service between Nanaimo and Vancouver. www.helijet.com/

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. www.bctransit.com/nanaimo/home

NANAIMO ICE CENTRE

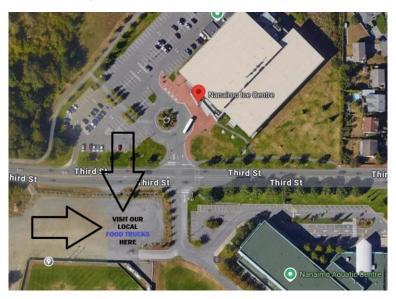
The City of Nanaimo opened the doors to the New Nanaimo Ice Centre on July 16th, 2006. With two NHL size rinks and a large open community room. www.nanaimo.ca/facilities/Details/216-Nanaimo-Ice-Centre

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



FOOD TRUCKS

<u>The Spud Barn</u> will be located across from the Arena on Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to cross the street to the gravel lot to check them out & see what other great local Food Trucks are there!



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: sales@dorchesternanaimo.com

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: gsm@microteloysterbay.com

TOP TIPS FOR TEAM ACTIVITIES

- **Take a Hike!** Walk around Westwood Lake, Colliery Dam, and Neck Point Park. Breath in the fresh air at Departure Bay Beach, and Pipers Lagoon and get your steps in climbing down the 300 steps to <u>Blueback Beach</u> at low tide.
- Support our local eateries! Grab a slice of the best pizza in town at
 <u>Mambo's Pizza</u> or <u>Bastion Pizza</u>. Use discount coupons provided to your
 team to dine at many of our favourite independent restaurants <u>Simon Holt</u>,
 <u>The Driftwood</u>, and the <u>Longwood Brew Pub & Restaurant</u>.
- **Take a short walk** from the Arena for the best coffee in Nanaimo at <u>Bees Knees Cafe</u> or the most authentic Mexican in town at <u>Jalapenos</u>. Both are conveniently located near the Nanaimo Ice Centre. Walk from your downtown hotel to take the "K2" Mountain Burger Challenge at <u>Mrs Riches</u> to join the legendary <u>Wall Of Fame</u>.
- Visit the famous "Goats on the Roof" in Coombs, about 30 mins northwest of Nanaimo. And if you get that far, keep going another 15 mins to Cathedral Grove to walk through trails with ancient 800 year old Douglas Fir Trees hovering 250 ft above you. Can you find the tallest one?
- Book a low impact Team activity:
 - Black Diamond Pinball Arcade
 - Baseball Batting Cages | Caged Athletics
 - Virtual Reality, Near You | VRCORE
 - o Prime Golf | Indoor Golf Simulator located in Nanaimo, B.C.
 - o <u>Island Time Axe Throwing</u>
 - WildPlay Adventure Zipline Course
 - The Bloc Bouldering
 - o Romper Room Indoor Climbing Gym
 - o Splitsville Bowling
 - o Vancouver Island Paintball Club
 - o Paradise Fun Park mini golf 20 mins north in Parksville

Take a quick pickle boat ride to visit <u>Saysutshun - Newcastle Island</u>
 Marine Provincial Park



SHOPPING & DINING

Check out local shops and eateries downtown and in the Old City Quarter: Supporting Nanaimo's Local Businesses on Commercial Street - Tourism Nanaimo

Take home something special from the Island: visit <u>Vancouver Island</u> <u>Boutique decor fashion chalk based paint in Nanaimo — Island-ish™</u>



Shopping Malls

The Port Place- located near downtown hotels

90B 650 Terminal Avenue

Includes: Casino, The Pantry Restaurant, Noodlebox, Bar Burrito, Starbucks, Dollarama, Thrifty Foods grocery, London Drugs, Local Pizza, Subway, and Wendy's

Woodgrove Centre

6631 Island Highway North *Includes: Avalon Cinemas*

North Town Center Mall

#168 - 4750 Rutherford Road *Includes: Galaxy Cinemas*

Other Recommended Restaurants

Top Notch Burgers (located in the BW Dorchester)	The Jingle Pot Pub (Family friendly until 8pm)	Huong Lan Vietnamese Restaurant
Red's Bakery	<u>The Modern Cafe</u>	Real Food Nanaimo
Gabriel's Cafe	<u>Delicado's Deli</u>	<u>La Stella Trattoria</u>
Gina's Mexican Cafe	Poke Page	<u>Serious Coffee</u>
<u>Donair Dude</u>	Bar Luna	<u>Umai Sushi</u>
Kellys Kitchen Cafe	Minnoz Restaurant (located in the Coast Bastion)	The View (located in the BW Dorchester)

GROCERIES

CANADIAN owned and operated		
Thrifty Foods 650 South Terminal Avenue Has ready to eat options and great platters for team meals. Reserve & Pickup Thrifty Foods	Quality Foods 867 Bruce Avenue Has ready to eat options and an affordable in-house dine in café with hot options Upstairs at QF	
Country Grocer 1800 Dufferin Crescent Has ready to eat options and an affordable in-house dine in café with hot options. There is also a board room available to non-profit groups – book in advance with Jackie at 250 591 5525 or bowenfe@countrygrocer.com	Deli & Ready to Eat Nesvog Meats & Sausage Terminal Park Mall - 1533 Estevan Rd Rd Ready to Eat Dinners Sandwiches / Wraps Hot case	

SKATE SHARPENING:

The Edge Skate	Kirby's Source for	Sport Chek
Sharpening	Sports	Woodgrove Centre
Text or Call Jim at (250)	1925 Bowen Road	6631 Island Hwy.
668-7070	(250) 585-5066	(250) 390-1581

SAFETY: BC HOCKEY EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

MEDICAL CARE



For any **BC Championship players** who become injured and require care (physiotherapy, chiropractic, or athletic therapy) our clinic will be reserving some "urgent-care" hours on **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesday** specifically for visiting elite hockey teams. Should any weekend injuries occur it is IMPERATIVE to contact our reception staff <u>first thing Monday morning</u> so that we can find something that fits your family's schedule to ensure the athlete gets booked in, assessed, diagnosed, and treated quickly.

Advanced Health and Sports Clinics Services Include:

Physiotherapy / IMS & Acupuncture / Complete Concussion Management / Chiropractic Care / Athletic therapy / Laser and Shockwave Therapy /

Vestibular (Inner Ear/Dizziness) Rehabilitation / IMS & Acupuncture / Custom bracing and orthotic prescription.

After assessment and diagnosis, we are happy to communicate as needed with trainers or coaching staff to make sure that for team workouts, practices, and return to play plans everyone remains on the same page for athlete safety.

Nanaimo Location Booking Information:
Website: Advanced Health and Sports Clinic
Online Booking Portal: Advanced.janeapp

Phone Number: (250) 585 8553

Address: 5160 Dublin Way (Unit 203), Nanaimo BC, V9T 0H2

Nanaimo Regional General Hospital	Medical Arts Centre Walk In Clinic	
1200 Dufferin Crescent	13-650 South Terminal Ave	
	Nanaimo, BC	
Ladysmith Community Health	Oceanside Health Centre	
Centre Urgent Care		
Open: Daily 7:30am to 9:30pm	Open: Daily 7:30am to 9:30pm	
1111 4 th Ave., Ladysmith, BC	489 Alberni Hwy, Parksville, BC	

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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