



# Welcome to U18 Tier 3 BC Hockey Championships



Proudly Hosted By:

**Greater Trail Minor Hockey Association (GTMHA)**  
**U18 Junior Smoke Eaters**

March 14-19, 2026

Trail Memorial Centre  
1051 Victoria St Trail BC V1R 3T3





Trail and surrounding areas along with Greater Trail Minor Hockey Association welcomes all participants to the

## **2026 U18 Tier 3 Provincial Championship!**



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### **Committee Members**

- Committee Chair - Kim Robinson
- Treasurer - Emily Kjelskus
- Additional members

**BC Hockey Representative - Sherry Wakelin**



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## REQUIRED TEAM INFORMATION

Congratulations, your team has made it to the Provincial Championship! We look forward to seeing you in action. For us to ensure your team is well represented in any print material, please provide the following information to [u18t3bchockeychamps@gmail.com](mailto:u18t3bchockeychamps@gmail.com)



**Official Team Picture:** Please ensure it is sent in the highest resolution jpeg so it is clear in any printed items. Include the names of everyone in the photo, in the order they appear (back to front & left to right)



**Association Logo:** Please send an EPS or Illustrator image of your association logo



**Colours:** Please indicate your team's home and away jersey colours



**Contact Information:** Please provide the name, email address, and home & cell phone numbers for your Team's Head Coach and Team Manager



**Team Roster**



**Hotel Information:** Please provide hotel you have booked with



## BANQUET, MEETINGS & CEREMONIES

### **Banquet Information:**

All Teams and Coaches will attend the Banquet hosted by, The Colander, a Trail tradition.



Where: Gymnasium - Trail Memorial Centre, 1051 Victoria St, Trail BC



When: Saturday, March 14, 2026



Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

### **Coaches & Officials Meeting:**

Coaches and managers are asked to attend a MANDATORY meeting to ensure everyone is aware of all pertinent information. More information will follow via email regarding this.



Where: Red Room - Trail Memorial Centre, 1051 Victoria St, Trail BC



When: Saturday, March 14, 2026



Time: 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm

### **Opening Ceremonies:**

Opening Ceremonies will take place in the Trail Memorial Centre



Where: Cominco Arena - Trail Memorial Centre, 1051 Victoria St, Trail BC



When: Sunday, March 15, 2026



Time: 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm

Teams are asked to arrive early, enter through the back sliding doors to the basement facility entrance, and look for the volunteer holding your team logo sign to help guide you to your designated area.

### **Closing Ceremonies:**

Closing ceremonies will take place directly after the final game and is not mandatory.



## EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST



British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association 6671 Oldfield Road Saanichton BC V8M 2A1  
Ph: 250.652.2978 Fax: 250.652.4536 info@bchockey.net www.bchockey.net

### EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

EQUIPMENT	INSPECT	BASIC THINGS TO LOOK FOR
PANTS	Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No tears, loose threads &amp;/or dangling belts/straps.</li> <li>- Inside zippers done up and working.</li> </ul>
STICK		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Plug is in butt end of the stick (top).</li> <li>- Blade has no sharp edges, breakages</li> </ul>
HELMET	Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have visible CSA label, snug chin strap, ear guards, be tape free &amp; not painted.</li> <li>- Numbers, team decals and decals supporting a cause (ie. Humbolt, Cancer etc.) are permitted</li> <li>- No cracks in shell or padding.</li> </ul>
FACEMASK	Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No metal bars broken on cages</li> <li>- Tight screws and if replacements, NOT too long.</li> <li>- Straps snug with stretch in elastic</li> <li>- Clips in place.</li> <li>- NO cracks in plastic</li> <li>- watch for rust at wire seams</li> </ul>
GLOVES	Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High enough so covers wrist. Firm fingers, thumb and back padding</li> <li>- Palms soft and pliable. NO holes near fingers or in palm larger than a quarter)</li> <li>- No loose threads</li> </ul>
NECKGUARD	Condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fits snug enough around neck</li> <li>- MUST have BNQ certification, be free of fabric cuts</li> <li>- Velcro strap NOT worn and in good working order</li> <li>- Must not be altered in any way</li> <li>- Rips or tears should be sewn.</li> <li>- No tape wrapped around neckguard</li> </ul>





## TRAIL ARENA & FACILITIES

1051 Victoria Street, Trail BC, V1R 3T3

Home of the Trail Smoke Eaters Junior A hockey team, the Trail Memorial Centre is one of the finest hockey facilities in the province. The arena houses theatre style seating and a state-of-the-art four-sided video scoreboard with full broadcast facilities. The arena recently completed a major 2.6 million overhaul replacing refrigerated floor, ammonia plant, and mechanical systems, while installing new NHL standard dasherboards with seamless acrylic glass and improved corner radius. This project received a significant donation from The Murphy Family Foundation, Clean BC Communities Fund, Fortis BC and Vancouver Canucks & LiUNA Local 1611.

### Amenities:

- ☐ Seating capacity of 2,100 people
- ☐ Eight hockey dressing rooms
- ☐ Kids Rink
- ☐ Sports Hall of Memories
- ☐ Concessions
- ☐ McIntyre & Red Floor Room
- ☐ Gymnasium
- ☐ Racquet & Squash Court



**\*Please note there is NO skate sharpening on premises.**

<https://trail.ca/en/play/memorial-centre.aspx#Amenities>



## TRAIL ARENA & GENERAL INFO

1051 Victoria St, Trail BC, V1R 3T3



Players, coaches and officials can access the building by using the designated back door entrance. (#2) Please note that for ease of drop off, one can drop off and drive around the building and loop back into parking lot.

Spectators are required to use the Main entrance located at the front of the building. (#1) Please note there is not a drop off area location at the front of the building.





## MEDICAL FACILITIES

Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital  
1200 Hospital Bench  
Trail BC V1R 1S1  
250-368-3311  
24 hour Emergency Department  
[www.kbrh.ca](http://www.kbrh.ca)



Other Medical Related Stores:

- Shoppers Drug Mart 1305 Cedar Ave Trail BC 250-368-3341
- Pharmasave 1280 Cedar Ave Trail BC 250-368-3364



## TEAM AMENTITIES

Skate Sharpening & all your hockey needs:



- Gerrick Sports 930 Rossland Ave, Trail BC, 250-364-1661
- Canadian Tire 8238 BC-3B, Trail BC, 250-364-3333 \*no skate sharpening
- Mallards Source for Sports 660 18th St, Castlegar BC, 250-365-5588

## ACCOMODATIONS

HOTEL	ADDRESS	WEBSITE
Best Western Plus Columbia River Hotel	1001 Rossland Ave Trail BC 250-368-3355	<a href="http://www.bestwesterntrail.com">www.bestwesterntrail.com</a>
Glenwood Inn and Suites	2769 Glenwood Dr Trail BC 250-368-5522	<a href="http://www.glenwoodinnandsuites.com">www.glenwoodinnandsuites.com</a>
Crown Columbia Hotel	1399 Bay Ave Trail BC 250-368-3296	<a href="http://www.crowncolumbiahotel.com">www.crowncolumbiahotel.com</a>
Prestige Mountain Resort	1919 Columbia Ave Rossland BC 250-362-7375	<a href="http://www.hotelsone.com/rossland-hotels-ca/prestige-mountain-resort-rossland">www.hotelsone.com/rossland-hotels-ca/prestige-mountain-resort-rossland</a>
Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western Rossland	1199 BC-3B Rossland BC 250-362-7364	<a href="http://www.surestayrossland.com">www.surestayrossland.com</a>
Red Mountain Resort Lodging	4280 Red Mountain Rd Rossland BC 250-362-5553	<a href="mailto:lodging@redresort.com">lodging@redresort.com</a>
Super 8 by Wyndham	651 18th St Castlegar BC 250-365-2700	<a href="http://www.super8castlegar.com">www.super8castlegar.com</a>
Sure Stay Hotel by Best Western Castlegar	1810 10th Ave Castlegar BC 250-365-2128	<a href="http://www.surestaybwcastlegar.com">www.surestaybwcastlegar.com</a>
Sandman Hotel Castlegar	1944 Columbia Ave Castlegar BC 250-365-8444	<a href="http://www.sandmanhotels.com/castlegar">www.sandmanhotels.com/castlegar</a>



## RESTAURANTS

Trail has a number of great eats to try during your stay!

Colander Restaurant	Arlington Bar & Grill	Trail Coffee Co
Columbia Steak House & Cocktails	Benedicts Steakhouse	Tunnel Pub
Pinos Authentic Italian	Kootenay Kebab	Blackfin Tuna Sushi
Trail Out Brewing	Apna Adda Kitchen of India	Kootenay Taste of India

Trail offers a variety of fast food restaurants in the area, most within walking distance of the Trail Memorial Centre.

Subway	McDonalds	A&W	Starbucks	Bridgeview Cafe
Rustic Crust	Panago Pizza		Domino	Pizza Hut

The food court at the Waneta Plaza Mall offers Colander Express & Sizzling Wok

Great restaurants can also be found in our neighbouring towns: Castlegar, Salmo, Nelson, Rossland

## RECREATION

Trail offers an abundance of outdoor & indoor activities to be enjoyed by the whole family. We have a rich history that you can't find in most towns. The Columbia River Skywalk is one of the longest suspension bridges of its kind in North America at 1000 ft landing to landing. It spans the Columbia River from Rotary Park in West Trail to McQuarrie St in East Trail. There are countless activities to keep one busy while visiting this hidden gem of the Kootenays. With many hiking and biking trails near by.

Red Mountain Ski Resort is about a 15 min drive away. **Ski discounts** will be given to family and players at Red Resort. Please reach out to [jp.goulet@redresort.com](mailto:jp.goulet@redresort.com) if you'd like to take advantage of this offer.

Please visit the links below to find an activity that suits your needs.

ACTIVITY	WEBSITE
Columbia River Skywalk	<a href="http://www.trail.ca/en/inside-city-hall/ColumbiaRiverSkywalk.aspx">www.trail.ca/en/inside-city-hall/ColumbiaRiverSkywalk.aspx</a>
Royal Theatre	<a href="http://www.royaltheatretrail.com">www.royaltheatretrail.com</a>
Aquatic & Leisure Centre	<a href="http://www.trail.ca/en/play/aquatic-and-leisure-centre.aspx">www.trail.ca/en/play/aquatic-and-leisure-centre.aspx</a>
Trail Riverfront Centre/ Trail Museum	<a href="http://www.trail.ca/en/play/trail-riverfront-centre.aspx">www.trail.ca/en/play/trail-riverfront-centre.aspx</a>



## HOCKEY HISTORY OF TRAIL

The City of Trail is well known for its hockey tradition, which includes: the founding of Minor Hockey Week, as well as, home to many hockey players who have moved on to have very successful professional hockey careers. Check out the Home of Champions monument in downtown Trail commemorating locals who have proved themselves champions in their field, including the Trail Smoke Eaters Hockey Club who are remembered for two world championship wins in 1939 and 1961.

Want to know more about the local history of our Trail Smoke Eaters visit:

[www.historicsmokeeaters.ca](http://www.historicsmokeeaters.ca)



## CITY OF TRAIL

The City of Trail is in the Columbia River Valley of southeastern British Columbia situated on the banks of the beautiful and mighty Columbia River, 19 km north of the US border. Home of the Greater Trail Minor Hockey Association.

The Greater Trail area has a population of just over 18,000 people. We are sure you will find our city to be very friendly and outgoing. Trail is also known for its significant Italian community. Before the end of World War II Italian immigrants were largely responsible for shaping the community's social and cultural structure.




The Greater Trail area is also known as the “Home of the Champions” and has successfully hosted a multitude of provincial, national and international sporting events over the years. Our community is looking forward to hosting the upcoming BC Little League Provincials next spring and hosting the Canadian Major Baseball Championships in 2028. Some of these include:

 2007 World Junior A Hockey Challenge

 2006 & 1982 BC Winter Games

 1996 BC Summer Games

 1995 Senior Babe Ruth Baseball World Series, which was the first time this international event was hosted outside the USA

The City of Trail was recently awarded the title “BC’s #1 Sports Town”. This title was earned for not only producing many athletes, coaches and teams in a variety of sports who gained success in National and International competitions, or from the first rate sports facilities that the City has built, but also from successfully hosting large-scale sporting events.



## APPAREL INFORMATION

### U18 TIER 3 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEBSTORE

<https://bchockey18tier3championship.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

**Please see next page for order instructions & additional information**



Orders placed by **March 9th** will be shipped directly to the event for distribution.

Orders placed after **March 9th** will be shipped to the address of your choosing once the provincial championship has ended.

Deadline for all purchases is

**MARCH 9, 2026**



# BC HOCKEY

CHAMPIONSHIP STORES

## HOW TO ORDER

### Step 1 — Visit the Online Store [HERE](#)

Access the championship apparel store using the provided link.

### Step 2 — Select Your Gear

Choose your items, preferred colours, and correct sizing.

### Step 3 — Review & Checkout

Confirm quantities and sizes, then complete checkout using the secure payment system.

### Step 4 — Confirmation

A confirmation email will be sent once your order is successfully placed.

## ORDERING + FULFILLMENT

Deadline for orders delivered to tournament is **March 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:59 PM.**

Orders **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 AM** or later, will be shipped to your house subject to \$15.00 shipping charge with an expected delivery of 3 weeks after the store closes.

All items are made to order and sales are final. **No** refunds or exchanges.

Production begins after order confirmation.

The store will be open until **March 29<sup>th</sup>**, with an expected delivery **3 weeks** after the store closes.

**Note:** not all items may be available at that time due to product availability. Anything backordered will be delivered to your home address.

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