

Hello, Bow River Bruins families and hockey players. On behalf of the BRBHA board I would like to welcome you to the 2017/18 Season. I am forwarding this President's letter to keep you updated on some items as we begin the season.

BRBHA has become a very web-based association. Please refer to our website www.bowriverhockey.ca as all items regarding teams, evaluations, volunteering, scheduling, coaching, safety, bingos, signup sheets, manuals, partnership sponsors and more will be posted there.

Evaluations are starting with goalies this week, and players right after the long weekend. Many of you are doing camps and getting prepared for the season. Evaluator training sessions are also starting this week. Dates and times as follows:

- Thursday August 31st @ 7:30pm
- Monday September 4th @ 7:30pm
- Tuesday September 5th @ 7:30pm

A Goalie Evaluation Parent meeting was held this past week. Evolution Goaltending will be the BRBHA contractor for evaluations again this year. Goalies and player should familiarize themselves with the skills for the evaluation sessions. Please see our website for the evaluation manual.

Timbits hockey will be ½ ice games this season. This format is planned to move into Novice hockey in the following years. Atom structure has been changed from last season as per the Hockey Calgary survey responses. Atom will have a blend of city wide teams tier 1-3 and a North/South format for divisions 4 – 7. Bantam and Midget will have body checking in divisions 1-3 only.

BRBHA Player Development. In partnership with www.tornadosedge.com and the Calgary Flames we have taken delivery of the first tornado training device. Look for it at the Bowness Sportsplex. Your feedback will be important as development of this device continues within Calgary hockey associations.

Arena Twining. I would like to thank all the volunteers working to increase our ice availability. Much hard work has gone into this effort over the past 4 years. Currently the preliminary studies have been forwarded to the city for review and the existing arena is having a life cycle review. One of many stages in the review of Twinning the BCA arena. I would also like to thank those who donated to the costs at registration. The board has implemented fund raisers for this cause throughout the season.

RIS respect in sport – parent. Please note RIS is taken very seriously by BRBHA and Hockey Calgary. Changes in policy require all families to have one adult take the course every 4 years. We still have many families needing to complete this online course <https://hockeyalbertaparent.respectgroupinc.com/> your player will not be placed on a team if you have not completed this course. Emails have been sent out by HC and BRBHA.

BRBHA Coaches please forward your intention to coach this season. It is important the coach selection committee has your information and intent so they can confirm your coaching certifications for team formation in the next few weeks. We still require coaches in many divisions and age groups.

Our registration numbers are comparable to last season. We will require volunteers in all areas once again to have successful teams and experiences. It should be noted BRBHA won 8 Esso Minor Hockey Championships last season, and other associations will be looking to take the overall champion title from us.

Look for our new yellow B jersey this season. Along with the black bar jersey from last season we are sure to not only perform well but look good doing it as well. Our apparel supplier again this season is [Cutting Edge Skate Shop](#) located at the Bowness Sportsplex.

I look forward to a fun season full of great development and experiences for our players, parents and coaches.

GO BRUINS GO

Michael Burke,

BRBHA President

