

October 23, 2017

Hello Members of the Bow River Bruins Hockey Association,

It is that time of year again when we all have teams and the games begin. I want to thank the whole evaluation committee and those volunteers that stepped up to evaluate and form the teams. It was a long 6 weeks and I appreciate all the efforts to get the teams made. I would also like to thank the whole coach selection committee, and the volunteers that stepped up to Head Coach, Assistant Coach and be On Ice Helpers. Let's not forget the team managers who keep the coaches and players organized and ready to go on the ice. We are very fortunate to have so many great people at BRBHA to ensure our teams are ready. Remember we need everyone on the teams to volunteer at the team level to ensure a successful season.

Goalie Development.

There will be additional ice times for goalie specific training with Top Prospects Goalie Development again this year. Goalies please watch the website for these opportunities and let's make good use of these times. [Register here for Goalie Development Sessions](#)

Player Development.

We are very excited to present the Tornado's Edge training device to the BRBHA www.tornadosedge.com. This device is a skating specific apparatus developed primarily for Timbit to Pee wee players. Look for it on ice at the Bowness Sportsplex. We were able to purchase this device with the help of the Calgary Flames and a generous sponsorship from Paul Ackerman with Re/max Professional Realty. I believe the Tornado's Edge device is a huge investment in BRBHA player development. Thank you for your support!

	<p>Paul Ackerman paulackerman@shaw.ca</p> <hr/> <p>Supporting children on the open ice, and parents on the open market!</p> <hr/> <p>Proud partner in the purchase of the new Tornado's Edge</p>	<p>Paul Ackerman Office: (403) 259-4141 Mobile: (403) 926-4435 paulackerman@shaw.ca #10, 6020 1A St SW Calgary, AB</p>	
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Photos.

Photos will be taken at Montgomery Community Center (5003 16 Ave NW) on Sunday OCTOBER 29 and Sunday NOVEMBER 5. Click here for the [Photo Schedule](#). Please arrive **20 minutes prior** to your photo time.

BRBHA wishes to thank Paul Ackerman from Re/Max Realty Professionals for sponsoring our 2017 Photo days as well. Paul will be onsite during our photos with an exciting draw. Please stop by and thank him personally while you are waiting for your player.

Let the Games Begin:

I would like to send out a personal appeal to our parents, coaches and players to remember the Respect In Sport guidelines. We need to have respect for each other, other associations and referees.

We are a minor hockey association full of volunteers doing their best. Let's communicate to make our association better. Bow River is the defending Esso Minor Hockey Week Champions and a competitive association, let's keep it that way by doing it the right way.

Sponsorships.

In the coming months look for new sponsorships at BRBHA. The Board has been working very hard to attract sponsorships. Sponsorships have been developed to assist in the costs of player development, and the costs involved in the twinning initiative of the Bowness Sportsplex – Legacy Fund. I would ask you to support our sponsors in our common interest of life lessons through hockey development.

Legacy Fund.

The arena twinning proposal in partnership with the Bowness Community Association has been submitted to the City of Calgary. The proposal contained several development options and has been reviewed by the City of Calgary, who has initiated a life cycle review of the existing facility. Once this study is completed the options can be narrowed down. Once an option is picked the next stage will be full architectural design.

Our next fundraising initiative is Bow River Night on January 10/18 with the Canadian Women's Olympic Team vs the NW Midget AAA Flames. Look for further updates on this event.

BRBHA Website

A reminder that our website is the best place for you to source all communications from the BRBHA. Emails can be directed to spam folders and there is no way of knowing they are received. Please check the website regularly. www.bowriverhockey.ca

Calgary Flames

I would also like to make note the Calgary Flames have forwarded several initiatives to the BRBHA: the Tornado's Edge training device, Hockey inspires Leadership Day, and deals on team purchases to upcoming games for the Flames, Hitmen and Roughnecks. Please contact me if you plan to have a team builder at any of these events for discount vouchers.

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