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Hello fellow Bow River Bruins Hockey Association members. I hope you have enjoyed your time off this summer. It has been a hot one, I was thinking the arena will be a great air conditioner. During the off- season there have been many changes. Your board has been very busy preparing for this season. This letter is to update you on these items.

It is that time of the season for you to start preparing for evaluations. Goalies will be starting before the September long weekend, and players right after the holiday Monday. A Goalie Parent meeting has been scheduled for Aug 22. Our goalie evaluation contractor this season is Evolution. All players should be trying their equipment on to ensure a good fit before evaluations start. With school and hockey starting at the same time it can be a stressful time. Better to be prepared.

You most likely have been to our website and realized it has changed. We have changed hosts from Goalline to TeamSnap. Most Hockey Calgary associations have changed or plan to shortly. This will allow BRBHA to share Hockey Calgary scheduling information with you much easier. This cost has been moved from teams to the association. Your team's account will be populated by the association with players, games, and practices as the information is made available. TeamSnap will also be used to send out notices from our BRBHA Administrator and our Age Group Coordinators. BRBHA has evolved to use the website as our primary information contact point with TeamSnap as our scheduling and communication tool. Please refer to the website throughout the season.

This season, player and coach development will be enhanced. We will continue with off-ice sessions, Coach Certification clinics, Goalie clinics, Novice Development League (NDL), Bantam Checking clinics, and pre-season skates. Please check our website for times for your age group. Drafted schedules have been posted and will continue to be updated over the next few weeks, right through evaluations. New development initiatives this season will consist of additional Hockey Alberta coach specialty clinics, coach (team) mentoring, and extra player development opportunities. Once again, this season BRBHA has obtained ice to have one of the highest levels of practice to game ratios. New initiatives and enhancements to existing programs are driven by our membership surveys. BRBHA continues to evolve and strives to provide a great hockey experience to its membership.

Check out the new center ice BRBHA logo at the Bowness Arena. www.bowriverhockey.ca

There have been many changes to the hockey structure for this season. Hockey Canada has implemented changes including Novice ½ ice format. Hockey Alberta has implemented the Alberta One tiering model. Details of both of these initiatives can be found on their respective websites or through the links below. The reflective changes they have placed on Hockey Calgary can be seen on their website. In saying this, there will be changes to the evaluation process to ensure BRBHA complies with the rules. The BRBHA evaluation manual will be posted to the website soon. Please review it for your age group just prior to start of evaluations. Notices of these changes were listed in the April president's letter.

See the article on our website [Hockey Calgary Changes for 2018 - 2019 Season](#).

Hockey Alberta [Information Bulletin - Alberta One Standardized Tiering Model](#)

Hockey Canada [Half-ice Novice Program](#)

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