Happy New Year BRBHA members, I hope your holiday were relaxing. We are about half way through the season, so the break was likely needed. But now we are back and right into Esso Minor Hockey Tournament. I want to wish all our teams the best for your efforts over the next few weeks.

A few facts about Esso Minor Hockey Tournament from Hockey Calgary.

- This year marks the 40th anniversary of EMHW
- It runs for 8 days
- At 33 arena (54 ice surfaces)
- There are 653 teams
- Over 11,000 players
- Over 3,000 coaches
- Over 900 referees
- In 902 games
- There will be 60 Champions Crowned!
- COUNTLESS parents, grandparents, family, friends and fans!

Let's give it our BRBHA best effort and leave great memories of the event. Maybe add a few more banners to the rafters. BRBHA holds the record of 8 Esso champs in one year!

The Bowness Community Association has reached out and would like to inform all Bruins of the changes that have taken place at the Bowness arena, as well as those changes that are expected for 2019. Please see the attached note from Michelle Dice, on behalf of the Bowness Community Association. All inquiries related to these changes can be directed to Michelle at: mdice@mybowness.com

The BRBHA Coach Selection Committee has recently sent out the 2018-2019 mid-season coaching survey. Please take the time to complete this survey as your feedback is extremely valuable in ensuring the continual improvement of the BRBHA. All inquiries related to the survey can be directed to Secretary@bowriverhockey.ca

Michael Burke

BRBHA President.



2019 ESSO MINOR HOCKEY WEEK Game Format and Special Rules

These rules apply to all leagues except Minor Novice. Minor Novice EMHW games will be played according to regular game play guidelines and rules of play.

- 1 The HOME team will be the top team in each bracket and will provide the game sheet.
- 2 Each team will supply two off-ice officials Home team supplies the timekeeper and Home penalty box and the Visitor supplies the scorekeeper and Visitor penalty box. Off-ice officials should be in position at least five minutes before the scheduled start of the game. As game officials, they are expected to remain neutral and conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
- 3 Set the clock for a 3 minute warm up and start the clock at the scheduled start time, regardless of whether or not the teams are on the ice. If the teams are not on the ice, sound the horn to alert them.
- 4 GAMES WILL NOT BEGIN BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME with the following game format being observed:

GAME FORMAT	
GAME LENGTH	PERIOD LENGTH
1 hour permit	12, 15 & 15 minute stop time periods
1 1/4 hour permit	15, 15 & 15 minute stop time periods
-1 ¾ hour permit	15, 20 & 20 minute stop time periods (flood/scrape at the discretion of the Arena Staff)
2 hour (or more) permit	20, 20 & 20 minute stop time periods (flood/scrape at the discretion of the Arena Staff)

- 5 In addition to the period lengths, Timekeeper shall set:
 - 30 second break between each period.
 - o 30 second break after regulation prior to shoot out or overtime.
- 6 Teams may not take the ice more than 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time.
- 7 Time outs are NOT permitted.
- 8 GAMES WILL END AT THE SCHEDULED TIME REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE GAME STARTS.
 If delays occur for any reason, including a previous game going late, and the game cannot be completed within the scheduled time, the following procedure must be followed:
 - At the first stoppage of play when time reaches five (5) minutes left on the permit, the timekeeper will notify the referee. At this stoppage in play the clock will be reset to two (2) minutes and the remainder of the game completed with stop time.
- * Due to scheduling constraints, some teams may not get their full game time this is unfortunate but both teams will have an equal opportunity to affect the outcome of the game.
- 9 It is the scorekeeper's responsibility to place a check beside each shooter as they shoot during the shootout. No player may shoot twice until every shooter that is eligible has shot.
- 10 NOVICE ONLY the goaltender may not be pulled for an extra attacker at any time in regulation or overtime.



Happy New Year from the Bowness Community Association to Bow River Hockey Association. We wanted to share with Bow River some of the changes that have happened at the BCA over the last year and let you know about all the exciting things coming for 2019. 2018 brought a number of changes in the facility on the main hall side of the building with the addition of a curtain divider, new exterior doors and a new sports flooring that is a great addition for all the sports organizations looking to do dryland training and other activities in the main hall. Feel free to pop your head in and check it out.

This January we are excited to start Phase 1 of renovations to revitalize the second floor of the Bowness Community Centre (Please see preliminary plans for both Phase 1 and 2 in the attached drawing). Our vision for the second floor is to create accessible multi-purpose spaces for community to access both for public and private events with revitalized design and space for all our user groups. Phase 1 includes the addition of an elevator and preparation work including hazmat remediation and building code improvements for Phase 2. We hope to secure funding and begin phase 2 in the fall of 2019. What this means for Bow River; dressing room 4 will be closed for the first month of renovations as a temporary storage alternate for Bow River Bruins. We thank you for your patience as we lose one of the dressing rooms for the first half of the winter season. Kutting Edge Sports will be moving into the concession kitchen area during this same time period. If you are looking for Bow River meetings they will now being held in the other available spaces in the facility so please check with the organizer to ensure you know which space the meetings will be held. If you need to book a meeting space please contact Molly at the BCA office during office hours at 403-288-8300. The renovations should not affect any arena operations outside of this and we will keep you up to date as things progress.

On another note, the Bowness Community Association will be holding their casino on January 23^{rd} and 24^{th} and are still looking for volunteers. For every BRBHA volunteer shift we give Bow River \$100 to go towards your hockey fees. Please call Laddie at the BCA office 403-288-8300 if you are able to help out.

We are looking forward to working together, improving the building and community with BRBHA into 2019!

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