

President's Report – 2025–26 Season

As we reflect on the past season, I am proud of what Coquitlam Minor Hockey accomplished. Our success continues to be driven by the dedication of our athletes, coaches, volunteers, families, support staff, and Board members, all of whom contribute to creating a positive hockey experience for our players.

Key Successes

1. Successful Implementation of Distraction-Free Tryouts

One of the most significant changes this season was the introduction of distraction-free tryouts. While the process represented a major shift for many families, the results were overwhelmingly positive. Players experienced less stress, coaches were able to focus on evaluations, and the process placed athletes at the center of the experience. The initiative has also generated interest from other associations looking to learn from our approach.

2. Launch of the Hybrid U18A2 Team

This season marked the creation of our first hybrid U18A2 team, The TriCity Hydra, in partnership with Port Moody and Port Coquitlam. The collaboration provided players with an opportunity to compete at an appropriate level while fostering new relationships and strengthening connections between associations. The success of this pilot demonstrates the value of innovative partnerships.

3. Strong Commitment Across the Association

Our coaches, managers, volunteers, and athletes demonstrated tremendous dedication, sportsmanship, and commitment throughout the season. The achievements of our teams on and off the ice are a reflection of the many hours invested by everyone involved in our program.

Key Challenges

1. Evolving Hockey Landscape

Like many associations across the province, we continue to face increasing competition from non-sanctioned hockey programs. This changing environment requires us to continually evaluate and enhance the value we provide to players and families.

2. Growing Demand on Volunteer Leadership

The complexity of operating a modern hockey association continues to increase. Supporting players, families, coaches, and programs requires significant time and effort from volunteers and Board members.

3. Time Spent on Complaints and Discipline Matters

A considerable amount of Board time this season was dedicated to complaints, disciplinary matters, and conflict resolution. While these issues require attention, they can divert focus and resources away from program development and strategic initiatives that benefit all members.

Looking Ahead

The coming season presents exciting opportunities for growth. Our priorities include attracting and supporting exceptional coaches, expanding player development opportunities, exploring innovative programming, and enhancing the overall experience for players and families.

We are also preparing for a significant milestone with the planned hiring in February 2027 of a General Manager for the 2027–28 season. This investment will strengthen hockey operations, improve support for coaches and volunteers, and allow the Board to focus more effectively on governance and long-term strategy.

Above all, we remain committed to building a strong hockey community rooted in respect, connection, and a shared commitment to supporting young athletes. Our success will continue to be measured not only by results on the ice, but by the positive experiences and lasting impact we create for our players and families.

Respectfully submitted by Ashleigh Turner, Coquitlam Minor Hockey President