

I want to give a Giant Thank you to all the volunteers, team managers, safety persons and of course coaches who put much of their personal time into assisting, teaching and developing all the children and young adults who play hockey for Coquitlam Minor. I also want to thank my Executive colleagues for much of their time and dedication working each week to ensure the Association runs as smoothly as possible.

I want to especially Thank all the coaches for each team on a successful season. Coquitlam is extremely lucky to have many returning coaches year after year and we added some new coaches as well. We had an excellent mix of both parent and non parent coaches throughout the association and even brought on some past Coquitlam players as coaches. We hope to bring in both new and experienced coaches each year and look forward to a coach mentoring project that's being worked on for next season.

Coquitlam once again hosted the Development 1 clinic which was run by our own Craig Fraser and another Thank you to Craig. This was held in the two Poirier rooms upstairs and extremely well attended with not an empty seat in the room. BC Hockey was thankful to CMHA and Poirier Rec Centre for hosting a very well-run clinic that needs to be held both on and off the ice.

CMHA hired Jordan Gould this season as the Technical Operations Coordinator, and he did a fantastic job in both organizing our evaluations and development. Jordan also organized the U18 mentoring program for many of the players and teams. He did state that he wishes he could have been more available to many of the other teams however it was too much for one person. Jordan brought forward a proposal to the Board which was approved to add Ty Babych and Matt Gauld to the TOC group for the upcoming season.

There were some coach suspensions this season for various reasons, some having to do with the intensity and heat of the games. All our coaches did discuss these issues and they have learned from this. We must remember to support our coaches any way we can so that we can all become better.

The Coach Feedback from parents was well received. The Coaches appreciate all the feedback whether it's positive, negative, or somewhere in between and helps them work on their coaching skills. It also helps recognize situations that may require attention and to learn from. We encourage all parents to fill these evaluation forms out at the end of each season.

I have already engaged many coach applications for the upcoming season, and we are always looking for more in both the A and C categories. We have hired some A coaches and do hope to hire much of the balance by the end of June, so never too late to send in your application to coach a team with CMHA whether it be Head Coach or Assistant.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as Coach Coordinator with CMHA and meeting all the players and parents. Hockey is the greatest game on earth and it's up to all of us to ensure the kids know it's a game, and because it's a game we must make priority number 1... FUN!

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