



RAIDERS HOCKEY

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Raiders Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. With hockey just around the corner, we wanted to touch base and let you know what's going on with the Raiders over the summer.

As always, our volunteers are hard at work planning for another great season of hockey; replenishing equipment, jerseys and socks, prepping evaluation jerseys, building the schedule, planning picture day, working on the in-season development plans for players and goalies, and getting ready for all the fun events we've come to enjoy with the Raiders, such as our welcome back BBQ, and our fantastic legacy events.

On-ice, our spring camps, run by our new development lead and his team, were successful with lots of great feedback - over 80 of our younger players took advantage of the program this year. Next up, our summer conditioning camps start in just a few weeks at Crowfoot Arena. Space is limited, but there are still some spots open at most age groups - information can be found here on our website: **[August Camp Information](#)**

Lastly, if there is any information you don't see in this newsletter or on our website, we encourage you to reach out to your appropriate age group director and they will be happy to answer your questions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we can't wait to see you in the fall!

Let's go Raiders!

Troy Cleghorn



RAIDER NATION NEWS

Upcoming Dates & Reminders

July 31st - Early Bird Registration Deadline! **Register HERE** to avoid added fees

Aug 17th - August Pre Season Camps Start

Aug 20th - Coaches Meeting @ 7:00pm Dalhousie Community Centre

Aug 25th - Coach, Manager & Coordinator Applications Due

Aug 31st - Pathway Skates Begin

Sept 7th - Welcome Back BBQ

Sept 8th - Evaluations Begin

Oct 24th - Raiders Ice Breaker Pub Night @ Scotsmans Well

Nov. 1st - Photo Day

COACH, MANAGER & COORDINATOR APPLICATION DEADLINE!



For those interested in coaching or managing this season, the application deadline for these roles is Aug. 25th. These roles provide great opportunities to cover your Association and Team-level volunteer hours, while making a meaningful impact on our hockey community.

COACH APPLICATION



MANAGER APPLICATION



COORDINATOR APPLICATION



Email Reminders

Be sure to check your junk and spam folders regularly, so important updates aren't missed. Add @raidershc.ca to your email safelist to ensure our messages land in your inbox.

It is a member's responsibility to ensure they are receiving Association communications.

Need help safe-listing emails?

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RAIDER NATION NEWS

RAIDERS 4th ANNUAL KICKOFF BBQ!

Join us for delicious food, music, great company and a little bit of Ball Hockey. The event is weather dependent. We will provide updates if weather conditions affect our plans. We look forward to seeing everyone and kicking off the season together!
Please **RSVP HERE** by August 25th.

RSVP

Date: September 7th
Time: 3:00PM - 6:00PM
Location: Crowfoot Arena



Association Volunteer shifts are available for the BBQ - **Sign up here!**

VOLUNTEER POLICY REMINDERS

Please take time to review and understand your family's Volunteer Requirements for the upcoming season. Each family is responsible for completing their required volunteer requirements to avoid paying the \$800 Fee, and ensuring they remain in good standing with the Calgary Raiders Hockey Club.

Volunteer opportunities for the start of the season will continue to be added throughout August, be sure to visit the **Volunteer page** on our website regularly for updates.

Families are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the **approved** volunteer roles and monitor SignUp Genius frequently, as new opportunities will be posted as we approach the start of the season.

The Breakdown of Association and Team Level Hours remains the same for the upcoming season

The Volunteer Commitment we require is:

5 Association Hours per FAMILY and 15 Team Hours per PLAYER

ASSOCIATION volunteer hours are accumulated by the individual family, however, TEAM volunteer hours are accumulated per individual player.

Our FULL Policy and FAQ document can be found by clicking the links below:

VOLUNTEER POLICY



VOLUNTEER POLICY FAQ



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RAIDER NATION NEWS

EVALUATIONS

As we approach the new hockey season, we encourage all members to familiarize themselves with the Evaluation Guidelines.



Please review the Evaluation Guidelines for updates

Notification of Player Movement:

Between evaluation sessions, parents will need to check our website to find out when their player will be evaluated next. Players' jersey numbers will be used to find this information, emails will **NOT** be sent to parents regarding this, so it is important to regularly check the website to ensure you don't miss any evaluation sessions.

VIVO UPDATE

Some great news is that VIVO is replacing their ice plant. After 25 years of service, the current plant has served the community well, but this upgrade is a critical and much needed unit. Although plans are to have the new plant installed and the ice ready to go for September, as with any construction project, there is always a chance of delays. Losing access to Vivo ice during September would create quite a challenge to complete evaluations for an association as large as the Raiders. With that in mind, a 'Plan B' evaluation schedule is being created. Raiders will provide more detail on a Plan B schedule as September draws closer and/or if it becomes a reality. Again, this is only a contingency. We are optimistic Vivo will be up and running and there be no impact on evaluations. We just want to keep you informed of the possibility.

2026-2027 AGE DIVISION INFORMATION

Members should receive an Age Division Welcome Letter by August 25, with details about the evaluation process for each division and dates for Pathway Skates and Evaluations. We are currently finalizing the dates and times, and the Evaluation process will begin after Labour Day. Evaluations are projected to be completed by Thanksgiving.

AGE DIVISION DIRECTORS

Each Age Division has a dedicated Age Division Director who will oversee their respective division and manage the Evaluation process. They are your primary contact for any division-specific questions. We appreciate the time they have already volunteered to ensure our Evaluations are organized and effective. Their names and contact information can be found [HERE](#).

- U7 & U9 Jessica Buzanko
- U11 Colin Beaman
- U13 Paul Harvey

- U15 Travis Merrick
- U18 & U13AA Jake Turgeon
- U21 Trish Solobay

