

## Coaches Report – Comox Valley Minor Hockey Association

### Season Summary

This season focused on strengthening coach support, improving communication, and ensuring all coaches were equipped with the tools and certifications required to provide a positive and development-focused experience for our players. Through structured meetings, education opportunities, and ongoing communication, we saw strong engagement and growth across all divisions.

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## Coaches Meetings

### 1. Beginning of Season Meeting

The start-of-season meeting set the foundation for the year. Key topics included:

- Expectations for coaches, players, and parents
- Review of association policies and fair play guidelines
- Seasonal structure, development focus, and practice standards
- Certification requirements and deadlines

This meeting ensured all coaches started the season aligned and prepared, with clear direction on both on-ice and off-ice responsibilities.

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### 2. Midseason Meeting

The midseason meeting provided an opportunity to reconnect, evaluate progress, and address any challenges. Focus areas included:

- Sharing best practices and team successes
- Addressing common challenges and providing solutions
- Reinforcing player development principles and positive team culture
- Updates on certifications and reminders for completion

This meeting was valuable in maintaining consistency across teams and supporting coaches through the busiest part of the season.

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### 3. Year-End Meeting

The year-end meeting focused on reflection and continuous improvement:

- Review of the season and overall program success

- Open feedback from coaches on what worked well and areas to improve
- Discussion on player development outcomes and team experiences
- Planning considerations for next season

This session helped gather important insights to guide future planning and enhance the coaching experience moving forward.

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## **Coaching Certifications**

A strong emphasis was placed on ensuring all coaches met their required certification standards. This included:

- Clear communication of certification pathways at the beginning of the season
- Ongoing tracking and reminders to ensure compliance
- Support for coaches in accessing and completing required courses

As a result, we saw a high completion rate across all divisions, strengthening the quality and safety of our programming.

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## **Coaches Seminar**

A coaches seminar was hosted during the season and was very well received. Highlights included:

- Strong attendance from across multiple divisions
- Engaging, practical content focused on skill development, practice planning, and team management
- Opportunity for coaches to collaborate, ask questions, and learn from one another

The positive feedback emphasized the value of continued education and the importance of creating opportunities for coaches to grow and connect.

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## **Conclusion**

Overall, this season demonstrated a strong commitment to coach development and support within the association. Through structured meetings, certification compliance, and educational opportunities, our coaches were well-equipped to deliver a positive and effective hockey experience for all players.

Moving forward, we will continue to build on this foundation by expanding coach education opportunities, maintaining strong communication, and supporting a culture of development, respect, and enjoyment of the game.

Thank you

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