

# Peninsula Eagles

Minor Hockey Association serving Saanich Peninsula & SGI



## League and Tournaments are starting

It is October and league games will start soon. Tournaments are also starting as they will be mostly on long weekends. PMHA will host the Larry Orr Memorial U15 T2/T3 tournament this Thanksgiving weekend. We will see teams from the mainland, Vancouver Island as well as a team from Seattle. More about the Larry Orr tournament further below.

Our VIJHL friends, the Peninsula Panthers, are off to a great start to their season as well with 7 wins and 1 loss so far, in their bid to defend the VIJHL title.

For parents new to hockey, and a reminder for others, the best skating can be done on sharp skates. They dull over time and dull pretty much instantly if kids walk with them on unprotected floors. You can get them sharpened again at various places such as Kirby Source for Sports. You almost always have to "drop off" the skates for sharpening for pick up another time so if skates are dull don't leave it to the last moment.

### TIPS TO PLAY

Check this video for a few general tips on playing Defence.

### LACING A SKATE

For new parents, check this video for lacing a hockey skate

### BUY SELL SWAP

There is a Facebook Group for buying and selling hockey gear.



### Be a Referee?

Click here for more information on becoming a referee



### U13 Rec Tournament

PMHA will host February Face Off February 13-15



### Spordle

Rosters, Schedules, and game reports can be found on Spordle

## Larry Orr

Thanksgiving weekend PMHA will host the Larry Orr Memorial Tournament. 10 Years after his passing his name still lives on but many of our players are too young to remember, or to have known him..... or get a piece of bubble gum in your skate. So who was Larry Orr?

Our former VP of Operations, Mike Brown said it best: "Larry Orr was a Saanich Peninsula icon and embodied everything that is great about Canadian Minor Hockey. His home-based skate shop was ground zero for sharpening for Peninsula Minor Hockey and the Peninsula Panthers. His shop was warm, welcoming, and chock-full of local hockey memorabilia. When players and parents departed Larry's shop on any given day, they likely left with three things: a smile from spending a few minutes with Larry, razor-sharp skates, and a fresh piece of Dubble-Bubble chewing gum – Larry's signature parting gift.

Larry was also the centrepiece in the NHL Kraft Hockeyville application that North Saanich won in 2015.



## Referees

Senior Official Joe Baker led the on ice clinic for new referees past weekend. A great group of kids who make it possible for other kids to play the sport we love. We wish them the best on their journey and remind everyone that the referees you see at your kids' games are not NHL referees (yet). Neither are your kids NHL players (yet). Mistakes WILL be made, and we all tend to have coloured glasses on. So remind yourself that minor hockey is a journey for everyone that should be fun before anything else. Yelling serves nobody, and verbal abuse will not be tolerated, not from players, not from coaches, and not from parents in the stands. These kids try hard and make the game possible.



## PENINSULA PANTHERS

The Panthers are off to a great start this season defending their title. So far they've recorded 7 wins and only 1 loss. Their home games are at Panorama and most of them are Friday nights (not all) check the [schedule HERE](#) to see when they're playing this month. Last game had a great attendance of 325 people so join the crowd for a fun night of hockey and come out to the Panthers' games.

Every first home game of the month PMHA players can come in for free wearing their Eagles jersey.





## Photo Day

October 15th and 16th will be photo days for PMHA. This year is a little different than previous years. Our photographer will be Rutger Kamphuis at Equinox Creative. They will deliver digital files instead of physical prints and parents/players can use these photos for easy sharing by email or social media, or printing. There will be an option to separately purchase a memory mate with physical prints that is similar to previous years. More info will be sent later by your team manager.

Besides the regular photo day photos (the portrait and the team photo), Equinox Creative also offers packages for teams to book to get more creative photos. Those can be off-ice, on-ice or both like the ones below. Team Managers will receive more info on that.



## 3rd Jersey Vote

As announced last month's newsletter there will be "3rd jerseys" that teams can purchase. The online vote between two versions yielded the one above as winner with 59 vs 39 votes.

[Check the website](#) for more information about the 3rd jersey and how teams can purchase those.

And while you are online, don't forget to follow the PMHA accounts on social media:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## PENINSULA PANTHERS PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Peninsula Minor Hockey has close ties with the VIJHL team and current reigning champions Peninsula Panthers. For their home games they welcome a young player every time to be player of the week. Find out more or sign your child up to be player of the week by emailing [jason.fletcher@shaw.ca](mailto:jason.fletcher@shaw.ca)

