



## TMSN Connection

### How can we do more to help our managers?

Last summer, a Thunderbird Manager Support Network website was created covering a variety of topics. This was the first step to making the role of the team manager a bit easier. We know there are many other areas or methods that we can help with and would love to hear from the trenches on what would have made your life easier this year. Rather than a restrictive survey, please feel free to send an email in any format to [admin@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:admin@vancouverbirds.ca) with your thoughts.



### Key Future Dates

Since you get asked everything, here are some dates for people to write down:

New Player registration - open now!

Returning Player registration - April/ May

Summer Camps - Aug 13-24

Rep Tryouts - Aug 25 - Sept 15

### Respect

Emotions can get a little higher during playoffs, but we must ensure that we remain in control. This includes all team staff, parents and players. We have already seen a higher level of borderline behaviour with just the first weekend of playoffs completed, so please remind your team that the Codes of Conduct are still expected to be followed. Respect your opponents, coaches, and game officials and the playoff experience will be greatly enhanced!

### Where did the season go?

It is baffling how quickly the season has gone by, and yet here we are, in February. I hope that in between all the hours you have put into your team this season that you have had a great time. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and the players would not be on the ice if it wasn't for you - mainly because they would have no clue when their ice time was! But you do so much more, and on behalf of the Board, I say thank you for being there for your team all season.

The majority of your job is already done, but we did want to connect now to ensure you have all the information you need to wrap up at the end of the season.

One of the things we want to get much better at is telling our Thunderbird story. As we start to wrap up the season, I want to make sure we have captured all the high points of the season - all the tournament wins, the playoff successes,

but more importantly the stories of how players helped each other or activities our teams have done in the community. If you could send a bullet list of all your team's accomplishments to me, with pictures if you have them, we can create a year end report like never before! We tend to hear all about the things that perhaps don't go as planned, but we need to celebrate our successes and congratulate those who deserve acknowledgement.

Finally, to our team managers and division managers who may be in their final year with TBirds - thank you for all the years of making this association possible! You will enter the ranks of alumni and we hope you won't be a stranger.

See you at the rink!

Tanya Foley, Executive Director  
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### **Financial Reconciliation - Referee Fees**

All team managers in Hockey 3 and older would have received an advance at the beginning of the season to cover balancing/placement, league and playoff games. A reconciliation form is required to be submitted to our bookkeeper, Katie, **no later than March 10**. This form will identify any shortage/overage for your team, and if you require additional funds, this form will need to be submitted prior to a cheque being sent.

- If you haven't already done so, download the form from the Vancouver Thunderbirds website. Click on "Forms" (located along the top bar), "Game Officials", in the section "Game Official Fees"
- Complete and submit to Katie - [kmak@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:kmak@vancouverbirds.ca) by March 10
- If you did not use all the funds provided, for initiation and recreational teams, please send a cheque to the Association office (#170 4438 W 10th Ave, Vancouver, BC, V6R 4R8). This must be received no later than March 20. For rep teams, the fees should remain in the Association provided bank account for removal.
- If you ended up paying more in ref fees than you were provided, please ensure you include the name a cheque should be made to and an address to send it to.

*Remember, the Association only covers balancing/placement, league and playoff games. We do not cover exhibition or tournament games and these games should not be listed on your reconciliation form.*

Note that if you are owed any funds, you will need to submit your reconciliation form no later than March 3 to be included on the cheque run for March. Any forms received after this date will be included in the cheque run for the April 12 board meeting.

### **Jerseys and Equipment Return**

Our outstanding equipment manager, Chris, who volunteers hours of his time taking great care of all of us, has asked that the following be done with regards to returning all Association items:

- All jerseys are to be washed, and returned on wire hangers
- Jerseys are to be in numerical order in each colour (blue set and white set)
- In case you have forgotten, all Atom to Midget teams should be returning 20 blues and 20 whites
- All pant shells (rep only) are to be washed
- All goalie gear from Hockey 1 through to Atom Rep to be returned in the goalie bags provided at the beginning of the season. Note, for Hockey 1-4, goalie sticks are not to be returned
- Puck bag including pucks, cones and first aid kits must be returned
- All As, Cs, name bars and sponsorship patches/bars, and all stitching must be fully removed. Any damaged jerseys will not have their jersey deposit returned so please be careful when removing these

Once you have all of the items, please email Chris at [equipment@vancouverbirds.ca](mailto:equipment@vancouverbirds.ca) to arrange for a time to drop it off. Please note that he will not open the door unless you have all the items...ok, perhaps he's not that strict but he really does ask that you only need to make one trip so you collect everything before you arrange to meet with him.