



PCEHL U13 PROGRAM

Parent/Player Information
Meeting

June 2026

PCEHL U13– Hub 1 Parent/Player Information Meeting



Agenda

- Introductions
- League Information
- Evaluation Overview
- Season Planning
- Questions?

Hub Team Committee

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Collaborative Partnerships

- Multiple MHAs working together with the goal of supporting and developing athletes
- A unified oversight committee for each team reporting to the PCAHA committee and league coordinator
- Hub collaboration for coach selection
- Hub aligned evaluation process
- Opportunities to share ice and facilities within hub teams
- A coordinated approach for affiliate opportunities (A1 players AP)
- Joint budget and program oversight



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Why Change?

Evolving Landscape

- The hockey environment is evolving rapidly
- Top-tier players are advancing at younger ages, engaging in year-round training, and facing more challenging competition.
- However, many development routes remain constrained by geographic location and residency regulations that limit access to elite competition.
- Players should have the opportunity to compete at the highest level that matches their skills, no matter their place of residence.

Advantages of A Modern Player Pathway

- 1) Athlete Development Improves
- 2) Retention Strengthens
- 3) Standards Rise Across the Board

Inclusive Approach

This program ensures that athletes are not limited by where they live but empowered by where they can grow and develop as a player and person.



Program Goals

- Provide greater access and opportunity for a wider range of players from all associations at the highest level, regardless of geography or association size.
- Prioritize a “**Player First Focus.**”
- Better define the overall Rep player pathway
- Improve player retention at all levels
- Improve player and coach development opportunities
- Leverages our strengths as PCAHA associations
- Keep current with developments in other programs around the province
 - We are already seeing the positive impact of similar programs around the province (OMAHA & Vancouver Island, Kootenays)



Program Overview, Philosophy & Governance

- New PCEHL U13 stream expands elite development opportunities; it does not replace existing A-level hockey.
- Built on a player-first philosophy focused on skill growth, fairness, and long-term development.
- Operates under centralized PCAHA / PCEHL governance with regional “Hub” delivery across multiple MHAs.
- Hub organizing committees coordinate tryouts, logistics, and alignment with common program standards.

Program Management

PCAHA + PCEHL Committee set standards, budgets, and oversight. Hubs execute locally with a designated coordinator supporting operations.



Operating model

Shared resources, common standards, and regional collaboration are intended to strengthen delivery and consistency.



2026-27 Hubs

MHAs were grouped based on criteria such as overall athlete pool to draw from; geographical neighbours; and previous affiliations at older age divisions.

Hub 1: Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope

Hub 2: Aldergrove, Cloverdale, Langley

Hub 3: Arbutus Club, Burnaby Minor, Van Minor, Vancouver TBirds

Hub 4: Coquitlam, New Westminister, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody

Hub 5: Hollyburn, North Vancouver, Squamish, Sunshine Coast, West Vancouver, Whistler

Hub 6: North Delta, Richmond, South Delta

Hub 7: Mission, Ridge Meadows

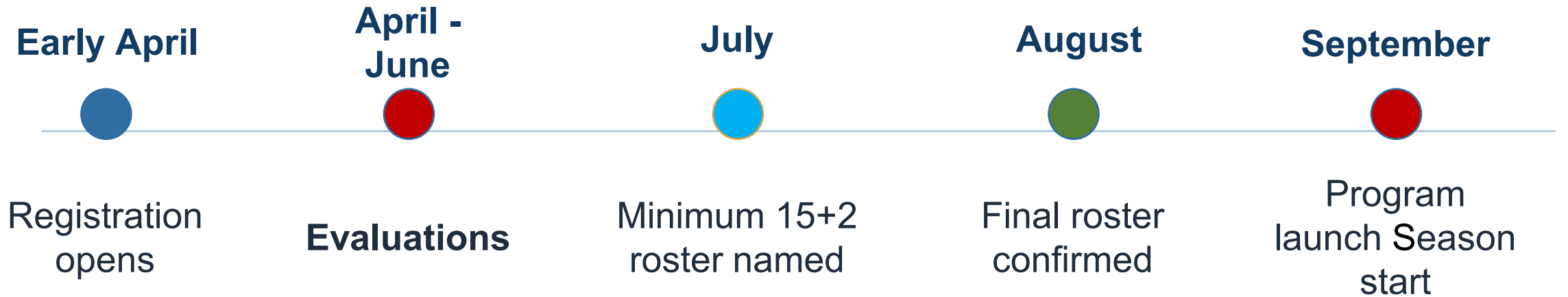
Hub 8: Semiahmoo, Surrey

Hub 9: North Shore Winter Club

Hub 10: Burnaby Winter Club



2026 Rollout Timeline



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Evaluation Model & Integrity Standards

- Evaluations are decentralized in year one, but all Hubs must follow common minimum standards.
- Every player receives at least 3 evaluation ice sessions unless capacity or safety exceptions apply.
- Assessment is merit-based with no association quotas; core categories include skating, hockey sense, skill execution, and competitiveness.
- Independent evaluators and standardized scoring across all Hubs.

Releases / Refunds

If registration exceeds 60 skaters and 8 goalies, or a safety concern exists, early release after the first session is permitted with a 75% evaluation-fee refund.



Key Rules & FAQ Snapshot

- Eligible players: U13 athletes born in 2014 or 2015; underage players are not considered for the inaugural season.
- Players attend evaluations in their designated geographic Hub and must pre-register online with PCAHA.
- No formal appeals process exists, so complete evaluator notes on all players are essential.
- Hub will declare a minimum roster of 15 + 2 by June 30. Additional roster spots may be added for injured players or residential moves to the PCAHA maximum roster size of (18 + 2).

Injury cases

Injured players must still register and submit medical documentation. Alternative evaluation may be determined, but no player can be named without being evaluated.

Released Players Return Home

Released players return to their home MHA for the season where they are eligible to be called up as an AP.



Evaluation Schedule and Process

Wednesday, June 3

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Sardis Sports Complex #3
Goalie Evaluations (goalies only; players do not attend)

8:15 PM – 9:15 PM | Sardis Sports Complex #2
Player Skills Evaluation

Thursday, June 4

8:15 PM – 9:15 PM | Sardis Sports Complex #3
Intersquad Game

Tuesday, June 9

7:00 PM | Matsqui Recreation Centre
Full Game Evaluation

Attendance Expected

- Players are expected to attend all ice times they are scheduled for.
- If a player is injured, or cannot attend due to an immovable commitment, an Evaluation Exemption Form (link on PCEHL website) must be submitted
- Players will only be evaluated on the ice sessions they attend.
- No make-up sessions will be offered.



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Program Standards

- Professional certified, paid head & assistant coach(es) approved by hub team committees and PCEHL committee
- 2026-2027 season to begin in September
- 1 Home game ice time
- 2 practices each week, plus 1 player skills session per week (estimated 20/season)
- Goalie skills coaching
- Weekly dryland training
- Uniforms/equipment/apparel package
- Tournaments & Final Championship with other similar programs

Head Coach

Steve Ahuja



Assistant/Development Coach(es)

Ben Thornton – Assistant Coach

Yale and Thunderbird Coaches for development sessions.



Program Costs

Season Fee (Estimated)
~\$4500 - \$6000 per player

Centralized Support

PCAHA oversight person for the league contract shared by all Hub teams.

Head & Asst Coaches

Professional coach contracts and coach tournament expenses.

Skills Coaches

Skills sessions for skaters and goalies.

Equipment Package - TBC

Game & practice jerseys, socks, pant shells, gloves, helmet, player swag, team jacket

Ice Costs

Weekly: 1 home game, 2 practices, 1 skills session

Tournament Entry Fees

2-3 tournament entries plus team building activities

Other Expenses

Referees, PCAHA/BC Hockey/ Hockey Canada fees, team administration costs



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Program updates and information available
on PCAHA Website - PCEHL U13

webpage:

[Pcaha.ca/leagues-contacts/pcehl-u13](https://pcaha.ca/leagues-contacts/pcehl-u13)

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