### **Female Hockey Programming Communication**

Salmon Arm Minor Hockey is very proud to announce that Val Kloska has been nominated and confirmed to serve another two-year term as Vice President of Female Hockey here in Salmon Arm. Val has been a steady presence and has overseen the growth of our Female program in recent years. We look forward to continuing that forward momentum with Val at the helm for years to come.

We are also extremely excited to announce the addition of Niki Carlin to our Female program as the Division Manager for Female Hockey. Niki has most recently worked as the U13 Integrated Division Manager, and we are thrilled to have her join the Silverhawks program for the 2025/2026 season!

Working in support of all 6 Female divisions, Niki is now the main point of contact for all inquiries related to female hockey in Salmon Arm, and you contact her at <a href="mailto:female@salmonarmminorhockey.com">female@salmonarmminorhockey.com</a>

# **Program Information**

# U7

- Players born in 2019 & 2020
- We are currently projecting to have one U7 Female team
- 2 practices per week

### U9

- Players born in 2017 & 2018
- We are currently projecting to have two U9 Female teams
- 2 practices per week

### U11

- Players born in 2015 & 2016
- We are currently projecting to have two U11 Female teams
- U11 Female Development was on the table. There were two main requirements that must be met, and only one looks to be aligning:
  - There is adequate demand within the association, which we believe there is
    There is support from OMAHA, and the formation of a league
    - At the Semi-Annual OMAHA meeting, U11 Female Development was discussed. SAMHA advocated for the formation of a league because we believe the appetite for that level exists in our community. Unfortunately, it does not look like the formation of a league in the region is viable.
- 1 practice per week Recreation
- 2 practices per week Development \*If Applicable

• We will explore additional opportunities for those players who would like to see a U11 Female Development option and/or a higher level of play. We will communicate those options as soon as possible as we continue through the summer months.

### U13

- Players born in 2013 & 2014
- We are currently projecting to have one U13 Female Recreation team
- U13 Female players may try out for U13A in Vernon and do require a request to try out form to be submitted to GVMHA with their registration.
- 1 practice per week

# U15

- Players born in 2011 & 2012
- We are currently projecting to have one U15 Female Recreation team
- U15 Female players may try out for U15A Novas and do require a request to try out form to be submitted to OMAHA with their registration.
  - Team host association TBD
  - o OMAHA Meeting on May 24, 2025, will provide clarity on this
- 1 practice per week Recreation

#### **U18**

- Players born in 2008, 2009 & 2010
- We are currently projecting to have one U18 Female Recreation team
  - We are currently below projected numbers for this team, and will work closely with our neighbouring associations to ensure that we have adequate numbers to continue the success of the U18 Female Recreation program
- U18 Female players may try out for U18A Novas and do require a request to try out form to be submitted with their OMAHA registration.
  - Team host association TBD
  - o OMAHA Meeting on May 24, 2025, will provide clarity on this
- 1 practice per week Recreation

\*Coaching application can be found on the website or by clicking this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJcaqgxk6VFHSy18pjxHe7GhoZ9GskekVPVS-inAwvkS45hA/viewform

<sup>\*</sup> There will be more information to come regarding Female programming, Fees, Schedules, and Team Declarations as we go through league meetings, and registration.