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Coaches Update #4

2013 State Teams & Appointment of Coaches

As a heads up for all coaches WA will be aiming to participate in the following National Events/ Tournaments in 2013. EOI's for 2013 State team coaching positions closed on 12 September 2012. The WAIHA committee voted on nominations received and would like to congratulate the following coaches who have been successfully appointed to the following National Tournaments.

Team	Age category	Coaches Appointed	Location
Ginsberg	13 & under	TBA	TBA
De Fris	15 & under	David Kenway	TBA
Tange	18 & under	Darin Bryce	TBA
Brown	Men's Open	To be Advertised	TBA
OIHAN	Masters	TBA	TBA

To help coaches start their preparations the following important information should be noted:

- Assistant coaches and managers should be sought as soon as possible to start team preparations. Joan Smail is the WA State teams' Coordinator and should be contacted on 0410 226 145 for any questions related to team management and uniforms.
- To help state team coaches the following WAIHA templates are now available for use:
 - State Team Try Out Poster (to advertise try out dates)
 - State Team Report Template (to be submitted within 30 days post-tournament)

Australian National Junior Ice Hockey League

WA will aim to participate in the ANJIHL in 2013/2014. While the format is not yet set in stone WA is seeking qualified and experienced coaches to coach and travel with the teams. More information will be provided once available. A significant amount of planning, organising and sponsorship will be required for this initiative to get off the ground. Paul McCann has accepted the role of ANJIHL administrator and will be the lead contact for this initiative.

Australian Team Updates

- During the month of September IHA conducted its first U18's girl's talent identification camp. The camp was a thorough success and included on ice trainings every day, off ice activities and some exhibition games. The girls were also visited by the Women's National Team Coach and had some informative class-room sessions on all things hockey.



- During the month of October IHA conducted its first Bantam Selects Team which toured to New Zealand. The team competed against North and South teams as well as an All Star New Zealand team. The Australian team did well winning the series, recording one tie, three wins and one loss.

Other news & updates

- Congratulations to Perth Thunder Coach Stan Scott and his partner Nerina who welcomed baby Emily into their family on 26th September 2012, just in time for the girls' hockey day!
- WA held its first IIHF Girls Hockey Day on Sunday 14th October 2012. The open day was attended by approximately 30 girls in ages from 4 years up to adult. The day was a thorough success thanks to the combined effort of many and generous sponsorship from Cockburn Ice Arena. Thank you to all the coaches who helped on the day, WAIHA President Randy Salmond for coming to support the event and the many female ambassadors comprising both players and officials.



- The budget for Coaches development for 2012/2013 has been presented but not yet accepted. WAIHA will be conducting a comprehensive budget meeting to determine funding. An update will be provided.
- Atom Development officially kicked off on Sunday 9th of December. Few participants attended however reports from the players and parents were promising with happy faces on the ice. A budget of \$2000 has been allocated to the new program and initially will be used to buy Atom specific equipment including lighter pucks and smaller goals where necessary.
- Following a successful 2011 National Youth Team (NYT) try out, NYT coaches led by Steven Lindsay will once again hold try outs in WA at Perth Ice Arena on 20th October 2012.

Regards,
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State Coaching Director

