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Coaches Update #5

Wishing you all happy New Year! As the 2013 season approaches there are many exciting things happening. The new ICEWA website was launched recently and now contains a "Coaches Corner" where you can find updates and any other important information about all things related to coaching. If there are any particular things you want to see linked let me know.

2013 Brown Tournament Expressions of Interest

WA is looking for interested coaches for a WA men's open team to compete at the Brown Tournament.

Level 1 Coaches Course

WA is looking into running a level 1 coaches course prior to the season start in early April. Once arrangements are finalised the information will be released on the icewa website. Some important info about the course:

- The level one course is the entry level qualification which is recognised by IHA and the IIHF;
- The minimum age to undertake the course is the year in which an individual turns 17;
- All participants must be registered with IHA;
- All participants must sit and submit an exam as a part of the course;
- It is free and will likely be held over a weekend; and
- Interested participants are encouraged to register their interest jo_frankenberger@hotmail.com

Australian Team Updates

During the month of January WA Coaches Markus Frankenberger and (former WA coach, now head coach of the Adelaide Adrenaline) Ryan O'handley will travel to Serbia, Belgrade to compete again in the Div II Pool B World Championships. This is the second year this coaching duo have coached the National Junior Team. In 2012 the team competed and maintained their placing in this pool by beating Mexico.

In 2013 the team is looking to further their placing amongst some top ranked nations including Estonia, Korea and Iceland. Congratulations to Markus and Ryan and all the best to team Australia. Visit the IIHF.com for more information including latest up to date scores for this tournament.



Other news & updates

Congratulations to the following WA coaches who were selected to attend IHA's 2013 peewee and bantam Development camps respectively. The IHA development camps are a tremendous learning and mentoring experience for the coaches who will learn from some of IHA's best instructors.

- Mick Sheppard from West Coast Club; and
- Christian Stenvall from Northern Ice Hockey Association.

IIHF Girls Hockey Open Day

Given the success of the 2012 hockey open day we are already planning another hockey open day for girls in 2013. We'd like all coaches to save the date of **October 12th-13th** for a **pink themed weekend of hockey**. If you are interested in running, coordinating or helping at a girls hockey day at your local rink please contact us so we can help you organise an amazing day.



Photos courtesy from the IIHF website: 2012 Girls hockey days over the globe (Slovakia, United Kingdom and Sweden) <http://www.iihf.com/iihf-home/sport/women/world-girls-hockey-day/2012.html>

Thanks for taking the time to read this update. If you have any questions, comments, feedback etc. please let me know.

Regards,
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