

## 2014 UNDER 13 CLUB FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Each year, all Field Hockey clubs in BC are invited to attend Field Hockey BC's (FHBC) Club Festivals and Championships. These are hosted in different locations and offer an excellent opportunity for participants to travel with a team and play against other clubs from around the province. FHBC organizes a Club Festival for the U13 age group, a participation-focused event where standings and scores are not intended to be kept.

This is an optional activity, for which there are additional costs and time commitments.

**The U13 Girls Club Festival is open to players born in 2001, 2002 and 2003.**

### Club Festival Format

New this year, FHBC is introducing **Hockey 5's** (5 a-side) on quarter field at this age group as this mini-game format is seen as the most appropriate developmental structure for field hockey at this stage of learning and aligns with Field Hockey Canada's Long Term Hockey Development Plan.

- Team Size – approximately 8-9 players will be selected per team.
- The club festival is participation-focused however we may not be able to accommodate all interested players due to space availability at the Festival. Currently we have 3 coaches who have volunteered which would allow us to take 3 teams. We will likely not know space availability until early to mid May.
- Priority will be given to the older participants during the selection process, since younger participants will have more opportunities in future years.
- The length of the games and number of games have yet to be finalized and we hope to provide you with this information prior to the assessments.

### Assessments

All participants are required to participate in an assessment process to be considered for selection to a team. Assessments will be held on April 26 and 27 at UVIC.

The assessments are a good experience for all, as these types of sessions will increase throughout the participant's athletic life.

#### *Assessment Dates and Times:*

- Saturday April 26 – 11:30am -12:30 pm on UVIC Turf 2a
- Sunday April 27 - 2:00–3:00 pm on UVIC Turf 2a

Please plan on arriving 15 minutes early for administration and warm up time.

Victoria players interested in participating in the Club Festival must express their interest by registering online. U13 Club Festival registration and information please visit

<http://www.teampages.com/forms/6355-U13-Club-Festival-Trial-Registration>

Players who are not a current Victoria Junior Field Hockey Association (VJFHA) participant are eligible to trial for the U13 Club Festival but must:

- Have a current Field Hockey BC membership (<http://www.fieldhockeybc.com/Default.aspx?tabid=57>) which will provide mandatory player insurance; and
- Pay a fee of \$30 must prior to the trial to cover turf costs, master coach fees, and equipment use.

To ensure fairness, VJFHA will assign one or more assessors to set up and conduct the assessments. The Master Coach will work with the assessors to ensure all participants are evaluated objectively. Every effort will be made to ensure that the assessors are not family members of any participants at the trials.

**Club Festival General Information:**

- Dates: May 31 – June 1, 2014
- Location: Burnaby, BC
- Field Location: Burnaby Lake Sports Complex
- Club Festival teams will be formed by May 3. Participants will be expected to dedicate time for 3 additional practices leading up to the festival. The practice times are currently scheduled as follows:
  - Sunday May 4, 2:00-3:00 pm
  - Sunday May 11, 2:00-3:00 pm
  - Sunday May 25, 2:00-3:00 pm

**Cost and Responsibilities:**

The Victoria Junior Field Hockey Association is currently committed to supporting the teams by covering turf costs for assessments (two 1-hour sessions) and by paying the FHBC entry fee for the Club Festival. The participants who are selected for the teams will be responsible for their own transportation (vehicle/ferry), accommodation and meal costs. In addition, each participant will be required to pay a Club Festival player fee to cover additional team costs, including but not limited to practice turf fees, tournament clothing, and volunteer traveling coach/umpire expenses. In the past, these expenses have ranged from \$50 - \$100. This fee will be communicated to players when they are accepted onto the Club Festival team, and are due in full at the first Club Festival training session.

If you have any questions, please contact **Kathryn Dawson** at [kad1@shaw.ca](mailto:kad1@shaw.ca) or (250) 472-8186 or visit our U13 Girls Division Team Page at <http://www.teampages.com/teams/232152-U13-Girls-Field+Hockey-team-website>