



WEST VANCOUVER FIELD HOCKEY CLUB

Home of North Shore Field Hockey



2021 FALL NEWSLETTER

We started 2021 hopeful of a return to normal play, after a quiet 2020. We launched with outdoor winter junior programs into Spring League which opened up into games. Summer had camps and drop-in sessions and now we are fully into Fall Programming with full junior programs and Men's and Women's League practices and games.



SCHOOLS PROGRAM

We are back to planning and booking our School Visit Program where our talented Club coaches visit schools across the North Shore from November through to January and introduce K- Grade 4 students to field hockey. Ask at your school if they have a visit planned - we'd love to visit all the schools.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

WINTER – Registration Opens Nov 15th

Technical Development & Spring Prep:

For Grades K-12; outdoor program
Conditioning & skill development

Winter Wolves:

For Boys Grade 6-12
Technical & tactical development
Outdoor program

Winter Adult Recreation: Refresh your skills/knowledge. Perfect for beginners or those just getting back in the game. Outdoors.

SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2021

Skills and games

ANY
NORTHSHORE
SCHOOL
VISITED

Free
sessions

Grades
K-4

10425 PLAYERS COACHED
IN 3 YEARS

Program runs
Nov '21 - Jan '22

High performance coaches

We bring the equipment



EMAIL
INFO@WVFHC.COM

SPRING – Registration Opens Nov 1st

Spring League:

Grade K-12. Fun for all.

Spring HP & HP Dev:

Grades 5-12; Focus on skill
Development & technical improvement

Ongoing

Women's League:

For women Grade 9+
Runs from September-March

Men's League:

For men Grade 9+
Runs from September-March

PROGRAM DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE: WVFHC.COM



DAPHNE NICHOLSON BURSARY 2021

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The bursary is funded by the Nicholson family and WVFHC. This year a generous donation from a WVFHC family enabled us to grant a second bursary as among our exceptional candidates we had two we loved. Our winners, Arden Goddard-Despot (right) and Kelsea Lun (left) are dedicated players and junior coaches inspiring a new generation of players. Additionally, Kelsea is a community umpire and Arden was chosen as an alternate on the Junior Women's Pan Am team. Both are headed to university to study - Nursing (Kelsea) and Sports Psychology (Arden). We wish them all the best.

WEST VANCOUVER HERITAGE CLUB GAMES

June was Participaction Month and as part of the Heritage Games, WVFHC took part in the virtual Participaction Community Challenge. Our Club activity hours helped West Vancouver win \$15,000 which the Heritage Games Council donated to West Vancouver Place for Sport. Thanks for being active!

WVFHC IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need your help, your talents and your input!

If you would like to be more involved with the Club and meet some fabulous people, we need a variety of volunteers. Currently we would love to have committee members for our Women's Committee and our Junior Committee. Or would you like to join our Board? Elections for the Board will be at our annual AGM in December. Information on roles are on our website or send questions to info@wvfhc.com.



Follow us on Social Media to keep up with our players, teams, news and events! We are @wvfhc on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

ADULTS - WOMEN

Women's League started a few weeks ago and we are excited to be back on the field. This year there are two ladies Prem teams. The new Prem B team is all under 19's. The WV1 team is an all adult competitive but social team. We are hoping to continue to have that option for competitive adult players who don't want to play Prem but still want to play at a high level.

For players looking for a non-competitive option there is Adult Rec on Monday nights or Hockey Fit on Tuesday mornings.



ADULTS - MEN



Last fall, the men voted for an in-house 5-aside Men's League. Four teams were formed, named after some of our club's elite members of the past: Brooks, Boyd, Tanner, and Wolsak. It was fast-paced and exciting hockey, until abruptly halted in early December, just days before the final matches.

This fall, things are back to (almost) normal, with 80 players signed up, 20% are new to Men's League! With so many new faces comes the challenge of creating a new dynamic chemistry both on and off-field, while continuing the proud social culture within the club. This is most noticeable on our Premier 'Millionaires' team, where longtime leaders have moved on. The impact that Mark Pearson, Scott Tupper, Rob Short, and Antoni Kindler provided over the past 10 years is remarkable, helping lead our club back to prominence atop the league, winning multiple titles and solidifying our place as one of the elite clubs. We are forever grateful, and wish them well in their next challenges, and hope to see them back in WV colours sometime soon!

JUNIORS



In Spring League 2021, our amazing team of AGCs, our AGC Coordinator, the Junior Committee, Junior Coach Coordinator, all of our parent coaches and managers, Junior Coaches, umpires, safety officers and Club coaches combined to give our juniors a great season. Although restrictions meant there weren't games until late in the season, it was great to get out on the fields of the north shore with friends and team mates to play field hockey. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen! Sadly our end of year Ball Bash was curtailed by the heat dome but we hope to see everyone back next season. Registration for Spring League 2022 opens November 1st



This Fall, our Juniors are learning skills, developing field hockey tactics and playing hockey 5's games in the Hockey 5's, Boys Wolves, High-Performance Development and High-Performance programs.



Thanks to our Sponsor - Kiwanis Club

Kiwanis Club of West Vancouver have generously sponsored our Fall 5's programs, so every participant receives a colourful Fall 5's t-shirt. Thanks for your support!



OUR COACHES



Pictured are Coaches Justin, Jeremie, Daniel, Clovis, Kent, Aaron, David, Karli, Rachel, Isabelle, Head High-Performance Coach Nicky and our Technical Director Geoff.

Did you know we have 20 Club coaches for our Junior Fall Programs? This includes Fall 5's, Wolves, HP and HP Development.

Did you know that 17 of our coaches currently play for WVFHC on our Men's and Women's Prem teams?

Did you know 3 of our coaches are current members of the Women's National Team and two of our coaches are current members of the Men's National Team? Karli, Rachel and Hannah, Taylor and Brad

Did you know that our coaches have played field hockey competitively in various other countries - South Africa, England, Belgium, the Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland and the USA?

Did you know that two of our coaches represented Canada on the Junior Men's team in the Junior Pan Am FH tournament in Chile? Daniel and Aaron

For more information about our coaches please visit the coaches page on our website at www.wvfhc.com

STAY TUNED

Coming Soon....

Our Fall WVFHC merchandise program - shop for Christmas gifts
AND

Our annual Toy and Food Drive November 27th and 28th

FIELD HOCKEY CANADA

We are proud partners with Field Hockey Canada and are pleased to support our members participating in National events. From our juniors playing in ID camps with both FHBC & FHC to cheering on our national field hockey teams and participating Club players, coaches and officials in international events.

Tokyo 2020 Olympics

Thanks to all the Spring League teams who designed and made posters to cheer the Men's Olympic Team on - the players loved the posters! We hope you had fun cheering them on during their Olympic games.



Junior Pan Am FH, Chile, August 2021



Congratulations to our Club members who represented Canada at the recent Pan Am Games in Chile this past August. Pictured on the left are Nora Goddard-Despot, Bronwyn Bird and Lucy Wheeler, members of the Gold Medalist Junior Women's team. Congratulations!

Pictured on the right are Kyle Bishop, Aaron Foong, Daniel Goodwin and our Technical Director Geoff Matthews, Assistant Coach for the Junior Men's team which finished fourth in the tournament.

Both teams are now preparing for the Junior World Cup - in India in November (Men) and South Africa in December (Women).

Thanks for reading! For more details see our website www.wvfhc.com or email us at info@wvfhc.com.