

2025 - 2026 PCAHA Female AA Elite Hockey League Announcement

The PCAHA Female Hockey Committee is excited to announce the Female AA Elite Hockey League for the 2025 - 2026 season.

PCAHA, in collaboration with minor hockey associations, is thrilled to provide competitive U13 and U15 athletes with a high-performance hockey experience to grow and develop within a sanctioned hockey environment.

The Program Mandate:

- Provide opportunities for high-performance female hockey players.
- Foster growth and development of female hockey, allowing players to remain within Hockey Canada and BC Hockey-sanctioned programming.
- Provide a pathway of excellence for players seeking to play U18 AAA, collegiate hockey, or to maximize their potential.
- Provide female athletes with a positive environment and engaging experience.

The program provides the following opportunities for participating athletes:

- Zoned Teams Across the Lower Mainland (2 teams based in the "Valley" and 2 teams based in the "Coast" regions)
- 2 to 3 weekly practices with weekend games following a BCEHL/CSSHL/College-based regular season schedule.
- Program schedule that runs from late August 2025 to Spring Break 2026
- Off-Ice Dryland Sessions
- 2 Travel Tournaments
- Experienced Coaches
- Program Apparel & Gear
- Non-profit costing relative to other high-performance options

2025 - 2026 Female AA Elite Hockey League Catchment Areas

This program will be zoned to align with the BCEHL Female U18 AAA Greater Vancouver Comets and Fraser Valley Rush. There will be 2 teams based in each region. The exact zones will be determined and communicated to participants in the upcoming weeks.

The draw zones for each zone relate to where the athlete's parent(s)/guardian(s) reside, not to where they played previously.

Coastal Zone Associations	Valley Zone Associations
Arbutus Club	Abbotsford / Abbotsford Female
Burnaby / Burnaby Female	Aldergrove
Burnaby Winter Club	Chilliwack / Chilliwack Female
Hollyburn	Cloverdale
New Westminster	Coquitlam / Port Coquitlam
North Delta / South Delta	Норе
North Shore Winter Club	Langley / Langley Girls
North & West Vancouver	Ridge Meadows / Meadow Ridge Female
North Shore Female	Mission
Richmond / Richmond Female	Port Moody
Squamish	Semiahmoo
Whistler	Surrey / Surrey Female
Vancouver / Vancouver Female	Tri-Cities Female

Program Evaluations/Assessments

Female players registered with any PCAHA minor hockey association (female or integrated) are invited to sign up for evaluations in April 2025.

Players must declare/register to participate in the program this year. Limited positions will be available for evaluations, and declaration/registration will be open until <u>February 15th, 2025</u>. At this time, confirmation of acceptance will be communicated with registered families, and payment for evaluations will be <u>due immediately.</u>

Evaluations will be held over two weekends in the Spring:

Phase 1:

Friday, April 4th, 2025 (Planet Ice Delta - Goalie Specific Evaluations) Saturday, April 5th, 2025 (Planet Ice Delta) Sunday, April 6th, 2025 (Planet Ice Delta) 3 Ice times (1 Skills Practice, 2 Evaluation Games)

Phase 2:

Saturday, April 26th, 2025 (Langley Sportsplex) Sunday, April 6th, 2025 (Langley Sportsplex) 3 Ice times (1 Skills Practice, 2 Evaluation Games)

*The top athletes from phase 1 evaluations will be invited to Phase 2, and invitations will be communicated on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025.

Evaluation Cost - \$275.00

- <u>U13 Evaluation Registration Link</u> (2013, 2014 Birth Years)
- <u>U15 Evaluation Registration Link</u> (2011, 2012 Birth Years)

More information will be shared over the next few weeks and months with exciting announcements to come soon!

If you have any questions, please contact program General Manager, Lucas Giles (femaleaa@pcaha.ca) for more information.