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AGM REPORT 2026 - (Mike Ikeda: Rep Director)

Main Objectives:

1. U17 PILOT PROGRAM
2. REP 'OFF-ICE' SUMMER CONDITIONING PROGRAM (JULY TO AUG)
3. NEW BRANDING & LOOK FOR REP APPAREL PACKAGE
4. REP POLICY REVISIONS

Key Responsibilities:

1. Plan and execute the Rep ID Skates, Checking Clinics and Rep Prep Camp
2. Oversee and coordinate REP Tryouts in conjunction with the DOHO and RTC
3. Developing a template/curriculum for the entire Rep Program with monthly development goals
4. Rep Coach Development and Assessments
5. Rep Coach Selection

2025/2026 Season Summary:

The 2025/26 season was certainly not our best rep season if we are basing it on an overall Wins & Loss perspective. However, a well-deserved shout-out to Judd Lambert, Kamesh Goundar and Michael Gill for capturing a few of President's Banners for our U18A2, U18A1 and U13A2 teams respectively. We also would like to commend Reegan House and his U11A2 team in finishing their season and reaching the GVC Flight 1 -Championship series. This is a huge accomplishment based on where this team was in late January.

I do believe we have a good group of core coaches and good people to say the least. In all honesty as DOR - I need to have better time management and look to spend more time with the other rep teams (games and/or practices). I found this to be my biggest challenge. Commitment to my own team was the biggest hurdle and I will certainly strive for a more balanced approach for next season.



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I felt the 2025/26 tryouts and organization of the tryouts went extremely well. There was flow from the first day between the TOC and DOR. Check-in was extremely efficient and the on-ice component(s) were proficient. Goalie rotation for the U11 and U13 was challenging; however, we were able to come up with a rotation that provided each goalie an accurate number of minutes played for each session they participated in. Phase 1 & 2 was run in an orderly manner and closed in 6 days.

Phase 3 was satisfactory; however, we need to push coaches in acquiring more exhibition games for each working group. As mentioned in the recommendations below, the sample size for some groups was too light with regards to number of exhibition games played. Younger coaches will need to be supported in this area – TOC does a great job in providing support – but the DOR will need to be pushing the coaches directly to acquire more exhibition games as well.

Looking at the total number of players that are required to be evaluated in a short period of time, I must say the foundation set from previous tryouts by the Richmond Jet's organization has done an outstanding job to say the least. Our Tryout Process is very streamlined and Proficient!

Recommendations:

- To provide more comprehensive training session(s) for our evaluators. Focus needs to be on the following criteria: Ability to see play develop, Anticipation, Angling, Body Position, Defensive Side Positioning, Deception, Change of Pace, Determination in going to the net, Gap control, Finishing Checks, Work Ethic
- To provide more comprehensive training session(s) with our coaches on the Vidswap cameras and how to take advantage of the technology we now have.
- Focus on communication with rep families and stress that we are looking for players who will arrive for tryouts in tip top shape. What preparations have they done to be in shape? Did you attend our summer conditioning program? Or attend another program?
- During tryouts we need to push coaches in acquiring more exhibition games for their respective working group. The sample size for some groups was too light with regard to the number of games played.



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- The Richmond Jets would like to move forward on the development of an Under U17A league within the PCAHA for the 2026-27 season. We will be offering two high performance teams: **U18-A1** team and a **U17-A1** development team. With the traditional Under-18 Division being a three-year cohort of players, we believe a crucial step on the development pathway has been neglected for athletes moving from Under-15 'A' to Under-18 'A'. The Richmond Jets Minor Hockey Association will be working together with the PCAHA and other MHA's on furthering the development of an Under-17 'A' League within PCAHA for the 2026/27 season. This Under 17 League will bring together Under-17 'A' teams from several Tier 1 Associations anticipating a 6 to 8 team league focused on the continued development of athletes entering the Under-18 'A' division.

Thanks,

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