The Hockey team is a club based program run, primarily, by students and volunteers. On ice operations are handled by both the volunteer coaching staff, as well as, our hockey operations staff. These two bodies are responsible for all hockey decisions including ice time, roster moves and travel plans. All students that plan to play for the University of Victoria Men’s Ice Hockey Club should be prepared to fully commit to the following core values while also maintaining good academic standing. Players are responsible for passing at least 3 courses per semester. Players are expected to manage their time appropriately, with their studies being their number one priority.

**Team Commitments**

- **Tryouts will be held in early September.**
- **The Club participates in the BCIHL, which consists of a 24 game season (12 per semester).**
- **The Clubs home games are on Friday’s at 7:30pm and Saturday’s at 1:00pm. Full schedule details can be found on the BCIHL website or at vikeshockey.com.**
- In the event that a student has a school conflict on a travel weekend, students can ask to have the conflict (ex. Midterm) moved or postponed; however, if the professor is unwilling to accommodate the student’s request, the student will not be allowed to travel with the team.
- **Practice 3 days a week – Tues, Thurs morning at 7:00am at ISC and Fri morning at 7:40am at ISC**
  - Students that have 8:30 am class on Tues, Thurs or Fri are expected to attend practice until 8:10am at which time students are encouraged to attend class.
  - For players planning to play on the team, it is recommended that, if possible, they try to avoid any 8:30 am classes or 8 am labs to prevent practice conflicts.
- **Players are expected to attend all practices and games that do not conflict or hamper their academic schedule**
- **Off Ice training 1 day a week – weeknight spin class.**
- **Players are expected to manage their time appropriately, with their studies as their number one priority.** In past years, the club has set up study rooms to ensure that players stay on top of their studies.
- **Players are expected to attend all team functions that do not have an adverse effect on their post secondary education.**

**Fundraising**
The Hockey Club relies on player fees, university funding, donations and sponsorship to operate and maintain a balanced budget. Players are expected to set aside time to attend team fundraisers. Half of all donations and sponsorships that a player obtains for the team will be attributed to his player fee. Our affiliation with UVic allows us to issue tax receipts for all donations greater than $200.00. Sponsorship is a more complicated issue, so if you have any questions please contact Matthew Bell at hockey@uvic.ca.

**Team Fees**

- **Player fees - $1200.00 ($600.00 each semester or $1200.00 upfront) - (Mandatory)**
- **Players will not be eligible to play a game in the BCIHL until their player fee is paid**
- **New team equipment – (Mandatory)**
  - Navy blue helmet, Navy blue gloves, Team pant covers
- **Team tracksuit - $120.00 (Optional)**

Note: Players are responsible for obtaining new equipment that matches the team color scheme on their own. Team executives can provide assistance with finding equipment at reduced prices.

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Travel –

- 7 road trips this season – each road trip consists of two away games played.
  - If the team makes playoffs, the team may incur as many as 3 additional road trips
- The team usually travels on the Friday morning, plays Friday and Saturday night and returns home on Sunday.
- It is recommended that students avoid scheduling classes and labs on Fridays to avoid any travel conflicts.
- On occasion, the team will travel, via bus, through the night on Saturday in order to catch the early ferry on Sunday morning. This allows the Hockey club to reduce travel fees and gives players the opportunity to study on Sunday to make up for work missed on Friday and Saturday.
- Players are financially responsible for all meals on road trips.
- The Hockey Club covers player’s accommodations and transportation costs (Hotel, Bus and Ferry Costs).
- The team will travel to Eastern Washington once this season, so students must have a valid passport if they intend to travel with the team on that road trip. Students are encouraged to renew their passports if their current passport expires within 6 months of the end of the season (April 1st, 2015).

Eligibility –

Students must be enrolled in and pass at least three 1.5 credit courses per semester at UVic in order to be eligible to play on the team. If the student was enrolled at a post secondary school in the year prior to the upcoming year and failed to pass at least three full credit courses, then the student is ineligible to play on the team. Additionally, any player who played professionally in the year prior the current year is ineligible to play in the BCIHL.

The Hockey Club at UVic offers students an excellent opportunity to continue to pursue their passion while obtaining a first class post secondary education. The student run program affords students the extraordinary opportunity to influence the direction of the club and provides students with valuable life and job experience.

“I am fortunate to have been a part of the UVic Hockey program as a player and staff member since the BC Intercollegiate Hockey League's inception in 2006. The caliber of the BCIHL is exceptional, but more importantly the UVic Hockey Club provided me with the opportunity to focus on my studies and develop as a professional while playing. I can say with absolute certainty that without UVic Hockey I would not be where I am today” - Corey St. Laurent – Graduated Player and current Director of Media Relations for UVic Hockey

“Playing on the hockey team and winning two championships is what I will remember most when I look back at my time at University.” - Brent Sutherland – Graduated Player

Participating on the Hockey team at UVic can be one of the most rewarding and worthwhile experiences of a student’s university career. While the team commitments can be onerous at times, all of the graduated and current players can vouch for the fact that it is an opportunity you do not want to pass up.