

VFIHA Annual General Meeting Director's Report
Wednesday, June 24th, 7pm
Room 322, Hillcrest Community Centre

Position	Director, Player Development
Incumbent	Dan Fontaine
Key Activities and Achievements	
This was my second year serving as Director of Player Development. We continued to invest in our player development programs, made some additional adjustments, and trialed new ideas. This season we strived to provide additional skill development sessions as frequently as possible, reinvesting surplus budget into player development programming. There were some adjustments to the skill coaches we worked with this year, with the following providers involved in our programming throughout the year: • Empower Hockey • Slapshot Alley • Mitch Fyffe • UBC Women's Hockey • Goalie Development Providers: Brad Sherwin, Sam Gotowiec, Jordan Dobres, and Aaron Oakley • Powerskating Coaches: Victor Kraatz, Karen Kos, Lee Boyd, and Candice Hughes We continued to have team development opportunities on Pro-D Days and Statutory holidays this season. I understand that these sessions can be challenging for some families to attend; however, they provide a great opportunity to get additional ice time at city rinks, and skill coaches generally have the ability to work on these days and times. We also tried some strength and conditioning training at Richmond Oval for some teams, if they were interested. We offered several spring skills clinics this year with ice we were able to secure. I wanted to do more, but we were limited in what ice we could get. I appreciate those who took the time to provide feedback either in-person or by email. I'm generally pleased with the additional adjustments made this year, but there is always room for further tinkering and adjustments.	
Future Plans	
I do not intend to return to this same role next season despite initially planning to serve a two-year term. I have put forward my intent to continue supporting the Board for next season as the VP as various roles transition with new people joining the Board. I plan to continue to support our player development programming and the continued growth of the association from that new role. Our main constraint as a growing association is ice availability. This issue affects all areas of hockey operations, including scheduling games, practices, and development. The location and time of available ice may not be ideal, but it is the reality of the situation in Vancouver.	

Membership should expect continued changes to schedules including days/times/locations of practices and development. The structure of our development programs will continue to evolve and may transition away from team-based training to a signup or additional fee-based process depending on the needs of the association and our financial position in the years to come.