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Dear Portland hockey families,

The Portland Jr. Winterhawks (PJW) & Rose City Hockey Club (RCHC) are pleased to announce new steps to grow girls hockey in the local area. Together we will be offering three girls development teams this season at the **19U, 14U and 12/10U levels**. These teams will share 1.5 hours of ice each week, including one full sheet and a half sheet. This 18-week season will also include a minimum of two tournaments for each age group. RCHC will work with the PJW tournament director to schedule tournaments in a way that best avoids conflicts with PJW metro league. Because the girls development program is designed for players with considerable hockey experience, evaluation skates will be held with independent evaluators from both associations. Ice times will focus on individual skill and team development. RCHC and PJW's shared goals are to raise the overall level of play, meet developmental needs, foster team play, and support player retention.

Going forward, PJW and RCHC will form an official partnership regarding the girls development program. Once finalized, RCHC will take responsibility for registering players, managing teams, and running the program with the assistance of the girls committee and other volunteers. To be eligible for the development program, girls must play in another program (just like last year). RCHC will continue to run its normal programming in addition to the girls development program. In addition, PJW will continue its commitment to supporting female athletes on all of its teams.

We are enthusiastic about the season ahead and our new partnership, but there is much work to do. We would appreciate your patience as we work through the details. RCHC will be holding a meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the girls development program and answer your questions. As we finalize season details together, both organizations will do their best to be transparent with you as parents, while working hard to meet the needs of our female athletes. This is an exciting time in girls hockey in Portland and we look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

Rose King
Co-Founder RCHC

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PJW President