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## ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Kelowna Inline Hockey Association (KIHA) which is dedicated to the promotion and development of organized Inline/Roller Hockey in Kelowna and the surrounding areas from Oyama to Peachland. KIHA will operate a drop-in league for male and female players 18 years of age and under beginning in April 2005 at Memorial Arena in Kelowna. A full league schedule will commence in April 2006.

The emphasis for Inline/Roller Hockey is the development of the skills of skating, passing and puck handling in a FUN environment. KIHA will strive to provide the best skills instruction and environment possible for all participants.

Inline/Roller Hockey has been rapidly growing in popularity over the past 10 years in Canada. The BC Summer Games has recognized this growth and has become the second province in Canada to host Roller Hockey beginning in the 2006 Summer Games. Local players born in the 1991 and 1992 years will be eligible to compete to participate for Team Okanagan at these games.

KIHA is a nonprofit organization and a member of the BC Inline Hockey Association (BCIHA). BCIHA is the provincial branch of the National Inline Hockey Association - Canada (NIHA). The NIHA is the recognized governing body of Inline Hockey in Canada and an associate member of Hockey Canada.

Players wanting to register for the 2005 Drop-In League may do so in one of the following four ways; online at [www.recreationkelowna.com](http://www.recreationkelowna.com), by telephone to Sport Kelowna at 469-8504, by telephone to Parkinson Recreation Centre at 469-8800, or in person at Parkinson Recreation Centre located at 1800 Parkinson Way off Highway 97 or Spall Road.

For further information about the "Fastest Game on Wheels" please contact us at 763-7879.

Joe Wack  
President

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