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THE PUCKS DROPS THIS MONTH FOR THE MOLSON CARHA HOCKEY WORLD CUP

Ten countries represented; 200 games offering free family-friendly entertainment

The Molson CARHA Hockey World Cup, presented by Lulu Island Winery, is coming to Richmond from March 19 to 26. Recognized as the largest international adult recreational hockey tournament, ten countries will be represented as 98 teams compete across 17 divisions. Participants will have travelled from Australia, Canada, England, Finland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United States.

Local hockey fans and supporters will enjoy family-friendly entertainment with free admission to the approximately 200 games at the Richmond Ice Centre and Richmond Olympic Oval. Tournament games begin Monday, March 20, and run all week, with championship games concluding on Saturday, March 25. Game schedule may be viewed <u>here</u>. Additionally, Minoru Arenas will host the highly-anticipated Feature Game on Friday, March 24, at 7:00 pm. This divisional championship game is staged similarly to a professional game, including three periods, intermissions, player of the game announcement, and trophy presentations.

The public is invited to attend the free events to witness adult recreational hockey at its best. Details are available on the tournament's <u>community experience page</u>. The week's festivities kick off with the March of Athletes on Sunday, March 19. The community is encouraged to attend and officially welcome the athletes from participating nations by lining the street from Hilton Vancouver Airport Hotel and Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel to the Richmond Olympic Oval.

There are numerous ways for the community to get involved in this world-class event. Local organizations and groups like minor hockey teams and spring break camps can explore opportunities and learn more by contacting Kellan Tochkin at <u>KTochkin@carhahockey.ca</u>.

Tournament details, including game schedule, are available at: www.carhahockeyworldcup.ca.

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About the Molson CARHA Hockey World Cup

The Molson CARHA Hockey World Cup is organized every four years in a select Canadian city and is an event that attracts participants from all across Canada, the United States, Asia and Europe. Approximately 100 teams from ten countries will travel to Richmond, British Columbia, from March 19 to 26, for this week-long event. Built on an Olympic-themed approach, since the event's inception it has grown to be the world's largest international adult recreational hockey tournament. Learn more at www.carhahockeyworldcup.ca and connect on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

About CARHA Hockey

CARHA Hockey is a national, not-for-profit sports organization that is dedicated to providing programs, resources and benefits to the adult recreational and old-timers hockey market in Canada. Learn more at <u>www.carhahockey.ca</u> and connect on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.