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QATAR MINOR ICE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## QMIHA

### Executives for

#### 2016-2017:

##### President:

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##### Past President:

n/a

##### Vice-President:

Amanda Holmstrom

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Jacek Kurantowicz

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Welcome back to the Coolest Game in the Gulf and the Qatar Minor Ice Hockey Association (QMIHA) 2016 - 2017 season.

We are looking forward to another fun filled term of hockey .

Please feel free to contact any member of the executive if you have any questions or concerns at [qmiha.raiders@gmail.com](mailto:qmiha.raiders@gmail.com).

We will keep the website up to date with tournament information, game schedules and upcoming events so please check for updates from time to time at [www.qataricehockey.com](http://www.qataricehockey.com).

## Members of the Executive



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## QMIHA Important Dates for the 2016—2017 Season

### Regular Season

Mon, Sept 19 - Wed,  
Dec 14

Fri, Jan 6 - Sat, April 1

### Spring Break

Sun, April 2 - Sun, April  
23

### Spring Hockey

Mon, April 24 - Sat,  
May 27

## Important Note From Coaches and Executive:

Players are expected to be ready to play at the stated time. Players who arrive late cause disruptions to already formed teams and games that are already in progress. Players arriving more than 15 minutes late may be excluded or stopped from participating in the game on those days. **Please make sure your child is at the rink and is dressed by the stated time.**

## Exciting QMIHA News:

We have recently finalized a partnership with the Gondolania Ice Rink at the Villaggio Mall to support the Qatar Raiders in all aspects of our league. With this change will come some new changes, such as a new logo for our Qatar Raiders to include the Gondolania Ice Rink name. The new logo is pictured at the bottom of each newsletter page and on the website. We are in the process of working with Gondolania and a new supplier to finalize our jerseys and will have more information on the status of jerseys soon.

QMIHA will also be putting in place volunteer programs for our older players. More information on this will be included soon.

## Important Note:

We would like to remind all families of the rules and regulations that are in place at the Gondolania ice rink at the Villaggio Mall. Due to Health and Safety laws in the State of Qatar, these rules will be strictly enforced by both Gondolania Ice Rink and QMIHA. The State of Qatar defines a minor as being any person under the age of 18.

It is absolutely **MANDATORY** that a parent/guardian (over the age of 18) remain at the rink side during games and practices or designate a responsible adult (over the age of 18) to be present in the event of an injury, accident or evacuation. Please make sure your child knows who is responsible for them if you are not there as they may be asked.



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## QMIHA Weekly Schedule

### Monday:

Vipers 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
Saluki 7:15pm - 8:15pm  
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### Wednesday:

Scorpions 6:00pm - 7:00pm

### Friday:

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Please make sure that your child has all the required safety equipment at all times including a neck guard and mouth guard. We have a limited number of neck guards available for purchase so drop us an email if you require one. Mouth guards can be purchased at any sports store in Doha. **Those players found to not have all required safety equipment will not be allowed on the ice.**

This is as per the Parent Code of Conduct that all members initialed during the online registration process. Random checks and drills will take place throughout the year, **those players found without a parent or responsible adult (over the age of 18) will be removed from the ice.** Please contact us at qmiha.raiders@gmail.com if you would like a copy of the Parent Code of Conduct emailed to you.

## Weekly Schedule:

There will be a weekly rotation on Saturdays of the three divisions Vipers, Salukis and Falcons. The new schedule and seasons fees have already been updated on the QMIHA website (qataricehockey.com). The Saturday rotation will continue to be updated every Sunday during the season with the schedule for the coming week.

### Saturday , January 7th :

Viper 6:00am - 7:15am  
Saluki 7:15am - 8:30am  
Falcon 8:45am - 10:00am

### Saturday , January 14th:

Saluki 6:00am - 7:15am  
Falcons 7:15am - 8:30am  
Vipers 8:45am - 10:00am

### Saturday , January 21st :

U15 Qatar Raiders Cup  
No regular scheduled hockey

### Saturday , January 28th :

Falcons 6:00am - 7:15am  
Vipers 7:15am - 8:30am  
Saluki 8:45am - 10:00am

### Saturday , February 4th :

Viper 6:00am - 7:15am  
Saluki 7:15am - 8:30am  
Falcon 8:45am - 10:00am

### Saturday , February 11th :

Saluki 6:00am - 7:15am  
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### Saturday Rotation Schedule for Spring Term

#### QMIHA

#### Head Coaches for

#### 2016-2017:

##### Gecko:

Bilal Chawa

##### Scorpion:

Scott LaBonte

##### Viper:

Aubrey Pinsent

##### Saluki:

Marc Haddad, Pauliina

Siltaniemi

##### Falcons:

Matthew MacDonald

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#### Saturday, February 18th:

Falcons 6:00am - 7:15am

Vipers 7:15am - 8:30am

Saluki 8:45am - 10:00am

#### Saturday, February 25th:

Viper 6:00am - 7:15am

Saluki 7:15am - 8:30am

Falcon 8:45am - 10:00am

#### Saturday, March 4th :

Saluki 6:00am - 7:15am

Falcons 7:15am - 8:30am

Vipers 8:45am - 10:00am

#### Saturday, March 11th:

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Saluki 8:45am - 10:00am

#### Saturday, March 18th:

U18 Qatar Raiders Cup

No regular scheduled hockey

#### Saturday, March 25th :

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Falcon 8:45am - 10:00am

#### Saturday, April 1st :

Saluki 6:00am - 7:15am

Falcons 7:15am - 8:30am

Vipers 8:45am - 10:00am

### This Schedule is subject to change

The last QMIHA session before the Spring Break will be Saturday, April 1, 2017. QMIHA will resume again after the holidays for Spring Hockey on Monday, April 24th, 2017.



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### End of Year Party

May 5, 2017

Details will be announced closer  
to date

## QMIHA Coaches

Thanks to the parents who have volunteered their time and energy to coach our divisions. Without these wonderful individuals QMIHA would not be able to run!

There is always a need for more volunteers to help on the ice. If you would like more information or feel you could help please email.

## Coach Coordinator:

Scott LaBonte

## Gecko Coaches:

Bilal Chawa,  
Falcon volunteer coaches

## Scorpion Coaches:

Scott LaBonte, Ivo Bures, Kent  
Aitken, Doug Thomas, Dina  
Schnurman

## Viper Coaches:

Aubrey Pinsent, Matt Mac-  
Donald, Scott LaBonte, Steve  
Buteel

## Saluki Coaches:

Marc Haddad, Pauliina  
Siltaniemi, Pat Desbarats,  
Matt McDonald

## Falcon Coaches:

Matt MacDonald, Bob Talbot,  
Markus Schmidt

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## Executive Meetings

The Executive Committee meets once a month to discuss updates, upcoming events and other

related matters. Meetings rotate between the Al Jazeera 2 clubhouse and the Headley residence one Friday every month. Meeting are usually an hour long.

Please note Executive Committee Meetings are open to **all** parents, coaches and players who would like to attend.

The dates for the first terms Executive meetings are:

**January 6th, 2017** at the Headley residence from 10am—11am

**February 3, 2017** at the Al Jazeera 2 Clubhouse from 1pm—2pm

**March 3, 2017** at the Headley residence from 10am—11am

**March 31, 2017** at the Al Jazeera 2 Clubhouse from 1pm—2pm

Any questions please email the Executive Committee  
qmiha.raiders@gmail.com

## Tournaments:

We will be hosting an U15 Tournament here in Qatar at Gondolania Ice Rink January 20 & 21st, 2017. This tournament will be for those born 2002, 2003, 2004. We are not sure of the format as it will depend on how many teams participate but tournaments are always fun for the kids and a great opportunity for some friendly competition.

Sign up is now open online on the website under the registration tab. Please sign up on the QMIHA website (www.qataricehockey.com), under the registration tab as soon as possible if you are interested in participating in this tournament. **Registration will close January 6th, 2017.**

A sign up for volunteers will be at hockey the first week of January.

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## Other Items:

Parents **MUST** remain at the rink during practice and game times or designate another adult to be responsible for your child. The coaches have 30+ kids on the ice and will need your help in the event of an emergency

Please have your hockey player at the rink in time to be dressed and ready to go on the ice on time. When we start games on Saturday, coaches ask for players to be dressed and on the bench 15 minutes **before** the start of the game so they can make the game line up.

Please ensure that your hockey player has all the required safety equipment including a neck guard. In addition, please check your gear regularly to ensure it is in good working order. In particular keep an eye on your helmet as screws can become loose or go missing

We would like to remind you that there is no changing along the side of the rink at any time. Please use the designated changing rooms and area at the end of the rink. Also, please do not leave any hockey bags or personal belongings along the side of the rink. This creates a hazard for our players entering and exiting the ice.

**The executive members are happy to talk with you at the rink, however please remember we are volunteers and we are there to watch our children. If you approach with a topic of concern you will be asked to also send an email.**

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## Game Days

Due to the unique set up of the

Villagio arena with the bench and stands combined, during games all parents are requested to remain in the stands and not to stand along the bench and refrain from interacting with their child.

The reason behind this request is, we want the kids to focus on watching their teammates, listening to the coaches instructions so they are receiving clear direction from one source only during a game. Encouragement and congratulations can wait until after the game. Parents who are unable to comply with this request will be asked to leave the arena area.

**We are very excited about our new term and hope that every one has a safe and fun term!!**

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask

# ***Go Raiders!!!***



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## Advertisements

**GONDOLANIA ICE ARENA**  
**FLYING CAMELS**

**Private Lesson (One on One Class)**  
QR 700 - Tuition fee  
QR 150 - Membership Registration fee (one time payment per annum)

**Semi - Private Lesson (Minimum of 2 skaters)**  
QR 500 - Tuition fee per student  
QR 150 - Membership Registration fee per student (one time payment per annum)

For registration and further inquiries, please contact: +974 4450-7873

**LITTLE PENGUINS**  
**LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM**  
(4-6 YEARS OLD)

12 Sessions / 6 weeks  
Monday and Wednesday  
LTS 1 : 3:45pm-4:15pm  
LTS 2 : 4:15pm-4:45pm  
QR 1250

First Come First Serve Basis  
Program Starts on:  
19 September 2016 - 26 October 2016  
Registration: 4 September 2016 onwards

**POLAR CUBS**  
**SKATING SKILLS PROGRAM**  
(7 YEARS OLD and ABOVE)

12 Sessions / 6 weeks  
Monday and Wednesday  
5:00pm - 5:45pm  
QR 1650

Registration: 4 September 2016 onwards  
First Come First Serve Basis  
Program Starts on:  
19 September 2016 - 26 October 2016