



## WEST COAST KINGS BLAZING A TRAIL WITH THEIR ANNUAL CANADA CUP INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

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(Surrey – June 01, 2012) – After last year’s successful inaugural Canada Cup International Hockey Tournament, the anticipation is high this year as field hockey enthusiasts are already buzzing about the much-anticipated 2012 Tournament featuring players from around the world.

Running from July 13–15, this three-day field hockey extravaganza, organized by the West Coast Kings Field Hockey Club, will showcase the world’s best teams and highlight the skill and talent of players at Surrey’s Tamanawis Field located at 126 Street and 64 Avenue. The tournament will commence on Friday morning, followed by festivities in the afternoon, including an opening ceremony and diverse individuals from Olympians and top-notch field hockey players to sponsors and entertainers, such as Satwinder Bitti, will be on hand to participate.

“Field hockey is one of the most challenging games played because of the amount of skill that it requires. Athletes can be fast and strong, but they also need to learn finesse to dribble and trap the ball. The goal of our widely experienced club will be to hone in on developing that skill base with the club’s athletes,” according to the West Coast Kings member board.

The West Coast Kings mandate is to not only host the Canada Cup, which is a free event to the public, but to also raise greater awareness about field hockey and to support youth leagues, player development starting at the secondary school level and training with scholarship initiatives. One of the West Coast Kings’ initiatives was to have a state-of-the-art field house at Tamanawis Park, and as a result of their efforts, Premier Christy Clark recently announced \$150,000 funding for the field house. The new field house will feature change rooms, public washrooms and meeting spaces for the entire community to enjoy, and will be completed in time for the Canada Cup.

“Promoting and supporting healthy lifestyles is an important part of our government’s commitment to help families and communities remain active and strong. This new facility provides a safe venue where families can watch international tournaments while at the same time encouraging them to get out there and play themselves,” says Clark.

New this year, the Canada Cup tournament will host a Women’s division and U-12/U-40 matches. Complimentary parking will be available at Tamanawis Secondary School, and the local community and businesses come together to provide complimentary food and beverages during the three-day tournament.

#### **About West Coast Kings Field Hockey Club:**

West Coast Kings is committed to elevating the sport of field hockey in Canada. With an experienced 9 at-large member board, the club has an open membership call and is primarily focused on players from the Lower Mainland. For more information about West Coast Kings Field Hockey Club, email [wckhockey@gmail.com](mailto:wckhockey@gmail.com) or join their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/westcoastkingsfieldhockeyclub](http://www.facebook.com/westcoastkingsfieldhockeyclub).

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