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TEAM ANNOUCEMENT – Saanich Express

May 29, 2023 – We are excited to announce our sixth confirmed team for this this year’s invitational!

The Saanich Express represents the Municipality of Saanich and has players on its team from Saanich and free agent areas such as Sidney, Saanich Peninsula and Victoria-Esquamalt catchments.

The Express were formerly known as the Saanich Tigers which had operated off and on since the early 2000’s. After the 2017 season, the team was moved from being operated by minor lacrosse to Andrea and Tyson Leies where since the 2018 season, the Express have been Pacific Northwest Junior Lacrosse League and Provincial contenders.

The Express finished 2nd in the province in 2019 and then after two years of COVID, won Provincial gold in 2022 in Victoria. With a new bench boss and returning players turned coaches, the Express are led by Head Coach Dane Sorensen, Assistants Darcy Tytgat, Bryan Toth and Kyle Drouin and are looking to be a top team in the PNWJLL in 2023.

With highly sought after players by BC Junior B1 teams, the Saanich Express are often a “go to” team when B1 teams require call-up’s either on Vancouver Island or on the mainland.

The Express are involved annually with local community box lacrosse associations and players give back by helping teams at practices, being evaluators for association tryouts and clinics and even running the Saanich 3 on 3 Tournament for our minor association and giving back to minor lacrosse.

It is with great pleasure that the Saanich Express has been included in the 8 team MacDonald Cup, the Western Canadian Invitational Tournament being held in Port Coquitlam in August. *Tyson Leies- GM*

All Aboard!

This event will be held in the new arena at the Port Coquitlam Community Center from **August 9-13, 2023**, which will precede the 2023 Founders Cup. The active planning committee has members from multiple provinces and is looking for volunteers and sponsors to make this a great event.

For more information, please contact the organizing committee at:

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