

## CWSF 2008 - Ottawa, Ontario



### Rikell Kowalchuk

#### The Best Defenseman

**Division:** Physical & Mathematical Sciences / None

**Category:** Intermediate

**Region:** Parkland

**City:** Foam Lake, SK

**School:** Foam Lake Composite High School

**Abstract:** Throughout the hockey season I have noticed that I develop a case of eczema due to the bacteria on my equipment. There are ways to clean equipment, but these methods are expensive and can also be harmful for your skin. I tested the efficacy of UV radiation in killing the bacteria on hockey equipment, finding successful results.

#### Biography

My name is Rikell Kowalchuk. I am very athletic, and I take part in many in-school and out-of-school activities. I play hockey, basketball, volleyball, baseball, and I also take track. I am also very interested in music and art. I take piano lessons, and am doing my gr. 7 RCM exam this year. I am also a part of my school's drama production, and in dance (tap and jazz). Some of my hobbies are hanging out with friends, watching movies, bikerides, reading, painting, and playing the piano.