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INTRODUCTION

Hi, Everyone! Welcome to the Stoughton Youth Hockey Association. For those of you who have never been involved with hockey before, our condolences. Before you know it, you'll be as addicted as the rest of us.

This booklet is an attempt to put all the information you need to be an informed hockey parent in one place. It's also an attempt to give you the information you need in order to know who to ask about anything that might come up over the course of the year.

This book may not answer all of your questions. Other valuable resources include the SYHA website (www.stoughtonhockey.com), your players' coach, or your Age Level Director (ALD). You can also always ask one of the members of the Board of Directors for SYHA. Contact information for the SYHA board can be found on the website.

INFORMATION

The Club does a fairly good (but not perfect) job of communication with everyone. We do this in a number of ways, so that when everything works, everyone gets the information they need one way or another. Here's where you can look for the information.

Newsletters: These are sent out on an as-needed basis during the season and contain all kinds of information that is pertinent at the time. If you have something you would like included in the next newsletter, please see the website for the current newsletter coordinator.

Bulletin Board: There is a SYHA bulletin board in the lobby at the Mandt Center. Please check this board regularly for information on scheduling, fundraising opportunities, equipment for sale, hockey camps and other announcements.

Team Rep: Each team has a team rep who is responsible for a variety of duties, including communicating schedules (game and practice) to his/her team. We often provide the team reps with newsletters or other written information to hand out to each team member as well. If you have questions about anything, your team rep is the first stop. If he or she doesn't know the answer to your question, try your ALD or another board member.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are held monthly during the hockey season. All members are welcome to attend at any time. If you have anything you would like to raise at the meeting, or if there is some topic you want the board to take up, please contact a board member so you/it can be put on the agenda for the next meeting.



LEVELS OF PLAY

U6: Ages 4-6

U-8: Ages 7-8

Rec team (in house): 9-12

Squirt: Ages 9-10

PeeWee: Ages 11-12

Bantam: Ages 13-14

Girls Teams (depending on numbers)

U-10

U-12

U-14

Although all levels are coed, SYHA also offers all-girls teams. Age levels for these teams depends upon level of interest.

THE SEASON

Hockey has been known to have “the never-ending season”, however, since the Mandt Center does not have ice in the summer, our club does officially take a break (although we do provide some ‘off-season’ programs!). The information below will hopefully help give you a general guide to the official hockey season.

July/August: Registration

Late September/Early October: Tryouts

All players at the Squirt level and above must participate in the tryout process. This is to ensure that all players are placed on the appropriate team, based on their ability and level of experience. SYHA will offer various open hockey times during the week prior to tryouts. Depending on the level of play and the number of skaters trying out, there will be 2 or 3 tryout sessions at each level.

October – February: The Season

For all levels of play, Squirt and above, practices are held 2 times per week at the Mandt Center. Most teams will play 2-3 games per weekend, starting in late October and continuing into early March. Teams generally participate in 2-3 tournaments during the season. At the beginning of the season, each team will hold a team meeting to discuss games and tournaments, as well as other important information as it pertains to that particular team.

February: State Playoffs

March: State Tournaments

SYHA sponsors March Thunder 3-on-3 Tournament



EQUIPMENT

In order to play hockey, here is a checklist of equipment you will need:

Helmet*	Breezers*
Mouth guard	Athletic supporter and cup
Neck guard	Shin guards*
Shoulder pads/chest protector*	Socks
Elbow pads*	Skates
Gloves*	Skate guards
Jersey	Stick
Hockey Gear Bag	

*These items are available for rental on a limited basis to Mini/Mighty Vikes and 1st year skaters.

When looking to rent, borrow or purchase any equipment, it is important to be sure you have the proper fit. There are many places to purchase new and used equipment. Club members have found knowledgeable and helpful staff at many stores, Suter's Gold Medal Sports, Total Hockey, Hockey Giant. Other sporting goods stores in the area also sell equipment, but may or may not have knowledgeable staff.

Below are some further explanations of what to look for in certain equipment.

Skates: Make sure they fit. If you're not sure how to tell, by them at (or if you already have them, take them to) a store where they have people who know about the equipment and can help you.

Skates need to be sharpened when you buy them and kept sharp by regular sharpening. The store where you buy the skates should sharpen them for you the first time. After that, you can get them sharpened at the Mandt Center. Check the sign on the office door for the hours when sharpening is available.

Helmets w/face cage: If you buy your own, please buy black.

Mouth guard: USA hockey requires colored mouth guards, so that referees can tell that each player has one in without having to search for it.

Athletic supporter and cup: Both boys and girls are required to have this equipment. Many skaters prefer the one piece shorts that provide both the cup and supporter, as well as Velcro tabs to hold up the skater's socks.

Socks: Sock required for Squirt and above. The Club's colors are purple, black, gray and white. Each player will need to have 2 pair of game socks, one home and one away. Additionally, players are encouraged to have an alternate pair of socks for practice. Sweatpants work well for younger skaters. Socks are available for purchase at the concession stand.



Stick: Be sure to purchase the correct stick, depending on if your player is right or left handed when they shoot. This does not always correlate with whether they are right or left handed when they write. 1st time skaters may want to purchase a stick with a straight blade until they determine which way they prefer. Make sure the stick fits your player's height, too. If you're not sure how to tell, ask at the store where you buy it, or check with your child's coach. The stick needs a "stick knob" at the top. The can be purchased and moved from stick to stick as your child grows, or can simply be made by wrapping hockey tape around the end of the stick until a ball forms.

Skate guards (optional): These are guards that cover the blade of the skate. They can be used simply to protect the edge while they are in the bag, or they can be used for the skater to be able to walk on surfaces other than carpeted ones or the ice before or after games and practices.

Jerseys: Players should wear a practice jersey to practice. These can be any type of color. Game Jerseys are purchased through the club as part of the registration process. You will be required to purchase both home and away jerseys for all competitive team (Squirt and above).

The club will have some of these items available for purchase at the concession stand. Available items will include tape, socks, mouth guards, skate guards, shin straps and stick ends. Check the concession stand for availability and prices. If you have any questions about equipment, check with your coach and/or contact the Club's equipment director (see website for contact).



FEES, FUNDRAISING & RAFFLE

Fees, fundraising and raffle dollars are necessary to cover the costs of ice time, referees, and rink maintenance. The website contains this year's figures for fees and fundraising at each level. Each skater is obligated to sell \$100 in raffle tickets (10 tickets @ \$10 each).

The fundraising year is a calendar year, so if you do not pay the fundraising fee in cash at registration, you need to complete your fundraising by December 31st. You will be billed in January for any amounts you are short of your fundraising obligation and payment will be due by the end of January. Skaters who's fundraising is not paid will not be allowed to skate, starting with the first week in February, until fees are paid. If you exceed your fundraising obligation, excess fundraising will be credited toward your cash fees for the following hockey year. Please note, however, that even if you "cash out" by paying the fundraising portion of the fee in cash at registration, you will still be required to sell raffle tickets.

There are a variety of activities in which you can participate to meet your fundraising obligation. A list of the various activities and the person in charge of that activity are listed on the website. There will be more information available on most of these activities in your newsletters or on the bulletin boards.

For families with 3 or more skaters, only the two oldest skaters will have fundraising obligations and the fundraising fees for the youngest skater(s) will be waived.

CONCESSION STAND

In addition to your fundraising responsibilities, each family is required to work a minimum number of hours in the Mandt Center concession stand. The profits from this stand contribute to a substantial portion of our budget and, therefore, keep everyone's fees down. The hourly requirement varies yearly. Please check the website for this year's requirement.

A limited number of 'cash out' options for concession stand will be offered each year. These are available on a first come – first served basis and need to be signed up for at registration time. The concession stand policy is a separate document handed out to all SYHA members each year. Please refer to it for a detailed information regarding the concession stand commitment.



RINK RESPONSIBILITIES

Each team will be assigned certain weeks during which it will be the responsibility of that team to maintain the ice rink. Those responsibilities include vacuuming, locker rooms, cleaning bathrooms, sweeping, cleaning the windows and glass, ect. as needed. You will get more information on specific weeks and tasks from your team rep.

ZAMBONI DRIVING

If you are interested in driving the Zamboni, but haven't been trained, please contact the Zamboni coordinator (see website for contact). Driving the Zamboni earns you fundraising credits.

PICTURES

Individual and team pictures will be taken sometime early in the season. Pictures are taken individually and as teams, with proofs then sent to you at your home to determine what, if any, pictures you want and in what quantities/packages.

SYHA BYLAWS and GUIDELINES

For more detailed information regarding Stoughton Youth Hockey Association, please refer to the Bylaws and Guidelines. Both of these documents are available at the rink or can be access through the website.



AREA RINK ADDRESSES



Baraboo Ice Rink:

Beaver Dam:

609 Gould Street 414-885-5430

Beloit:

Edwards Ice Arena

2101 Cranston Road 608-362-2758

Capitol Ice:

2616 Pleasant View Rd. Middleton 608-821-1230

Delafield:

DePere Ice Recreation Center:

Dodgeville:

Eagle River Sports Arena:

Eau Claire Hobbs Ice Arena:

Elmbrook, the Ponds:

Fond du Lac:

Green Bay – Brown County Youth Ice Center:

Green Bay – Resch Center:

Janesville:

Kenosha Ice:

LaCrosse Ice Arena:

Madison – Hartmeyer:

Madison – Dane County Arena:

Madison – Dane County Coliseum:

Madison – Madison Ice Arena (MIA):



Madison – UW Shell:

McFarland

Milwaukee – University School Rink:

Monroe Ice Arena:

Nagawaukee:

Neenah – Tri-County Ice Arena:

Reedsburg:

River Falls – W.W. Hunt Arena:

Rockford:

Rockford – Carlson Artic Ice Arena:

Sauk Prairie:

Stevens Point – W.B. Willet Arena:

Stoughton – Mandt Park Ice Arena:

Sun Prairie:

Superior – MIA – Municipal Ice Rink:

Superior – Wessman Arena:

Verona – Southwest Eagles Nest Ice Arena:

Waukesha – Eble Ice Arena:

Waukesha – Naga-Waukee Ice Arena:

Waukesha – Wilson Park:

Waupun Ice Arena:



Wausau – Marathon Park Ice Arena:

Winter Club:

