

**Q: What were the results of the DYHA Board elections?**

A: Bill Franey and Frank Earl were reelected and Ross Bareksten was elected to join the DHYA board. An additional board seat was vacant; Debbie Berglin will fill this seat. The Board would like to thank Brenten Minick for his years of service to DYHA.

DYHA-High School will hold HS board elections on August 18.

**Q: What are the Board positions for the 20-21 season?**

A: DYHA Board positions are as follows: Bill Franey, President; Michelle Cornett, VP; Frank Earl, Hockey Director; Blayne Mathis, Treasurer; Wendi Patton, Equipment Manager; Ross Bareksten, Secretary; Karen Quick, Registrar; Mark Birch, Philanthropy & Discipline; Debbie Berglin.

DYHA-High School board positions will be confirmed following the August 18 HS Board elections.

**Q: Will we have a season this year?**

A: **The situation is still developing and will continue to evolve in coming days. At this very moment, it appears that we would be limited to practices only with no competition this fall. However, this is subject to change based on several governing bodies as follows.**

Nationally: USA Hockey is our national sanctioning body; they have so far allowed state organizations to make reopening decisions for their members independently while providing some high-level guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Illinois: The State of Illinois, on July 29, announced [guidance on fall sports](#) that identifies hockey as a Higher risk activity and will only allow non-contact practices and activities; no games or intra-team scrimmages allowed. AHAI, the Illinois-based hockey sanctioning body, has cancelled some of the regular events they hold and has stated that no rosters will be authorized until August 31<sup>st</sup> at the earliest. Up to this point AHAI has given approval for hockey activities so long as they respect the state of Illinois's guidelines under phase 4, but there is another AHAI meeting on Monday and additional guidance will likely come from that given the state of IL's guidance just issued. AHAI has also made clear that individual clubs will be responsible for liability and managing notification for active COVID-19 cases.

Missouri: At the youth travel level, our DYHA travel teams play as guests in Missouri under the sanctioning body MoAm. MoAm allowed full regular play by mid-summer, but on July 20, St. Louis issued guidelines that until further notice disallows all inter-team competitions and any practices with more than 10 individuals or where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Decatur: Discussions are underway between DYHA and Decatur Civic Center leadership to discuss if and when ice will be laid this year.

The combination of decisions made by USAH, AHAI, MOAM, Illinois, and City of Decatur between now and September will ultimately determine what the 20-21 hockey season looks like. We will communicate more as we are able. At this time, it does appear that only non-contact practices will be allowed when the season starts.

**Q: What do teams and dues look like for the coming season?**

A: We expected to offer the same team groupings as last year: Beginner, 6U, 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, Combined House, and High School. All programs were expected to have sufficient numbers of players to field teams, and 10U expected to have enough players for two full travel teams. However, we understand that the restrictions imposed around COVID-19 may impact team sizes – which is one of the reasons that we are sending out the membership survey.

When registration opens, cost will be unchanged at \$50. We hope to leave dues unchanged, but this decision will be made as the season nears based on the length of season, the hourly ice rental rate charged by the Decatur Civic Center to DYHA, and our ability to hold games.

**Q: Have coaches been named for the coming season?**

A: Head Coaches have been named for the youth Travel teams. 8U Full Ice: Zach Keck; 10U AA: Ian Taylor; 10U A: Andrew Chiligris; 12U: Patrick Kelly; 14U: Greg Lawson. House and High School coaches will be confirmed in the future.

**Q: How will this season get started?**

A: We plan to open registration in the next two weeks. Tryouts for travel teams are currently scheduled to happen in Springfield during the week of August 31. This plan will be further reviewed during the August Board meeting and based on continuing guidance by the aforementioned authorities and the membership survey results.