

EHA Registration Update

The number of skaters in Enfield Hockey is climbing weekly. Our numbers this year are already up to 256 skaters. This is a significant jump from over the past few years. Many people have told me it looks like our hockey numbers are declining. My response to them are hockey numbers are declining throughout the United States. Enfield Hockey is in a location where there are several other organizations in the immediate area for parents to choose for their children to play for. While sometimes it may seem like a bad thing, this year it turned out to be good. This year we have had more kids come to our association than leave. This is not the case this year for many other area organizations. We always welcome any players and will find a home for them at any time. Youth hockey was hit hard a few years back when the NHL lockout occurred. You can see the decreased numbers everywhere in the United States in the peewee/squirt bracket due to this. After the lockout it took a year or so for new kids to become interested in the game of hockey again.

The biggest jump in numbers is in our Instructional program. A few years ago our Instructional program ended the year with 30 skaters. This year we began the season with 46 skaters and will pick up 10-15

skaters after soccer ends. My personal feeling the reason we see Instructional numbers increasing... Gator's chicken jokes! Kids from all over are eagerly awaiting the next chicken joke.

Enfield Hockey is about the children. The coaches are there for the kids and make sure that every child has a place and a chance to play- no matter what your playing level is.

While most skaters live in Enfield, we have skaters coming from Suffield, Windsor Locks, Windsor, Granby, Tolland, Stafford, Stafford Springs, East Windsor, Ellington, Broad Brook and South Windsor. Our skaters move on to skate for Enfield High, Fermi High, Suffield High, Tri Town, Windsor High, South Windsor High and Rockville. There aren't many youth associations in Connecticut that can say they give the hockey foundation for 7 High School Hockey teams.

We welcome any player, no matter what your age or playing ability to join EHA at any time during the year. Life is too short not to play hockey!!

Mary Sullivan

Registrar--EHA

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Coaching Continuing Education Classes

The Enfield Hockey Association will be holding a series of coaching continuing education classes. These classes are open to Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and anyone who is interested in coaching in the upcoming season.

The classes are scheduled for the second Thursday of every month and will be held at the North Thompsonville Fire Department, which is located at the corner of Route 5 and Brainard



SPEAK UP !

Like what is going on with EHA?
Want to address the board, but can't
go to the meetings?

Try the feedback section of the new
and improved EHA website. Log
onto enfieldhockey.org for details.

Around the Rink

This section will be
dedicated to highlighting
various teams throughout
the season.

Check back to see if your
team made the **ICE CHIPS!**



Attention Coaches & Parents!

Send in your team submissions so they can be included in future editions of the **ICE CHIPS**.

Submissions should be sent in no later than the end of the 3rd week of the month for the prior month's games.

To download the submission form, go to the **ICE CHIPS** section of the website.

For EX: For November's games, please submit your Summary Form no later than Friday, November 23rd.

10/6/07 PeeWee B (6) TriCity (1)

We win again! The PeeWee B Team in the 1st period skates hard to keep the Tri City team out of their zone and the wild saves by Eagles goalie **Matt R. #01** does just that with help from the defense. Both teams skate hard through this period, but neither team is able to score. In the 2nd period, the Eagles team scores the first goal by **Kevin M. #49**. That's all it took to fire up the Enfield team. The next 2 goals are scored by the Eagles **Avery B. #47** and **Camden C. #28**. What a wild period! Tri City only has 8 players on their team and you can see they are getting tired. But they are able to keep up with the game. The 2nd period ends with a score of 3-0, Eagles leading. In the 3rd period, **Kyle M. #13** gets the next goal for Enfield, with an assist from **Avery B. #47**. Tri City, just doesn't want to let up and they are playing really hard, but they can't keep our forward line from scoring again. **Nate N. #6** is assisted by **Connor B. #18**. The Eagles are on a roll! At this point, the Tri City players are showing how tired they are, but Enfield does let up a goal to the Tri City player, Whalen #21. But wait, here comes **Avery B. #47** for Enfield and scores the final goal for the 3rd period. The final score is 6-1. Good playing on Tri City's part. Congratulations again, PeeWee B!-- Kellee Domingue

10/21/07 PeeWee B (6) WTM (7)

In the first period, WTM's #12 scores the 1st goal of the game. However, Enfield comes right back and scores the next goal by **Cam C. #28** with an assist by **Avery B. #47**. You can tell Enfield is ready to play this team! The next goal is made by WTM's #61, but **Avery B. #47** from Enfield comes right back with the next goal, which is followed by **Connor B. #18** with an assist by **Avery B. #47** from Enfield. What a period! The Enfield goalie Matt R. #1 keeps WTM's front line from moving in! What a fast moving game this turns into! WTM's #75 scores another goal for WTM and the period ends with the score being tied 3-3. The 2nd period begins and WTM scores the next 4 goals by #75, #58, #61 and #75. A goalie change is made by Enfield and they bring in **Kevin B. #4**. Enfield's PeeWee B team just doesn't want to give up and it shows in the team work! Enfield scores the next goal by **Kevin M. #49** and assisted by **Nate N. #6** and **Connor B. #18**. A shift change is made by Enfield and **Cam C. #28** comes out onto the ice and scores another goal and assisted by **Mark R. #19**. With the Enfield team being down 5 players, you wouldn't know it with the skating the Enfield team is doing. The teamwork between the players is outstanding! Enfield scores the final goal by **Avery B. #47** and the period ends 7-6 WTM. WTM played a great game too. I am sure the Eagles will see this team again after Evaluations. TEAM WORK, TEAM WORK! Thats how you play hockey!-- Kellee Domingue

10/14/07 PeeWee B (6) Brattleboro (7)

The Eagles are ready for another Evaluation game! The first period begins and Enfield is skating great. Passing, shooting and all around teamwork. **Avery B. #47** for Enfield scores the 1st goal of the period and assisted by **Kevin M. #49**. The Enfield team must have eaten their Wheaties, because Enfield again scores the next goal by **Cam C. #28**. The Brattleboro Hawks make the next goal by #34 but the PeeWee B team comes right back and scores another goal by **Cam P. #52** assisted by **Mark R. #19**. With only a few seconds left in the period, **Avery B. #47** makes a quick goal for Enfield and is assisted by **Mark R. #19** and **Chad F. #3**. The period ends and the score is 4-1 Enfield. The 2nd period begins and you can tell the Brattleboro Hawks want to make up points in this period. They score 2 goals by #16 and #19, but Enfield is right on their heels. **Mark R. #19** scores the next goal and assisted by **Avery B. #47**. The Hawks just don't want to give up. The Hawks score a goal by #21 and the period ends with a score of 5-4 Enfield. In the 3rd period Enfield comes out hard again. **Mark R. #19** scores the 1st goal of the period and is assisted by **Avery B. #47**. Enfield is getting tired. The Hawks score the final 3 goals by #34, #19 and #34. The period ends and the final score is 7-6 Brattleboro Hawks. Great game Enfield! This was a really close game. -- Kellee Domingue

10/21/07 Bantam B (3) Simsbury B (2)

The Enfield Bantam B team won their second game of the year today verses Simsbury B. (3-2) Our last three games the team has come together very well. Today's effort was by far the best to date. Everyone made a great effort!!! Keep up the good work Gentlemen!!!
Coach Sellew

10/28/07 Bantam B (5) Yale B (2)

The Enfield Bantam B team played another strong game today, with a 5-3 win over Yale. Once again it was a complete team effort.
Keep up the good work guys!!!
Coach Sellew

11/3/07 Bantam B (3) Simsbury B (4)

The Enfield Bantam B team played hard Saturday verses Simsbury B We may have lost 4-3 but there were some bright moments in the game. Our goalie **Brandon Carey** stopped another penalty shot and we scored a short handed goal. Keep up the hard work men!!!
Coach Sellew

11/4/07 Bantam B (2) Hamden B (4)

As a team we played a great first period, again a game that we could have won but we let it slip away. In a 4-2 lose to Hamden today we got miked up in some tough spots today. Hopefully we as a team can learn for this that we can't win the game for the penalty box. Some our fault, some out of our control. Men, keep your heads up high!!! Let 's go out and play hockey like we know how. I believe in all of you, so believe in yourself.
Coach Sellew

Booster Club News

The Booster Club provides numerous support services to members of the Enfield Hockey Association. These services are **banquets, yearbooks, trophies, dances, charity events**, and much more.

The Booster Club is made up of volunteers who are interested in spending a few hours a week working on some of the activities mentioned above. Booster Club members know that the work put into many of these services is appreciated by all people in the association and makes the hockey season a fulfilling one.

If you are interested in becoming a Booster Club member, complete the attached application form that is included in the registration package or sign up at the Booster Club table at registration.

Meetings are generally held the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30pm of every month starting in September at the Enfield Twin Rinks unless otherwise noted.

For more information contact

[Angel Kennedy \(860\) 741-7734.](mailto:angel.kennedy@enfieldhockey.com)

Look what we have going on !

Pictures--We are busy getting read for picture weekend. Pictures are currently scheduled for the weekend of November 17th & 18th. Your team parent will give you scheduled time and picture envelope.

Coaches Game--This year will be the second annual coach's game to be held either January or February. This was a lot of fun last year and we are looking forward to this again this year.

Booster Club Store--The store will be opening on weekends in late November and stay open until the end of December. The opening of the store is dependant of the parent volunteers in opening and running of the store during your weekend ice time. This is a very busy time of year and we could always use extra help.

Awards Ceremony--The scheduling for this begins after the team schedules are completed, even though it is held at the end of the season. Contact needs to be made with JFK to secure dates. Much time and coordination is needed to be sure every skater has a trophy, yearbook and a fun night.

Yearbook--The yearbook is given out to every skater at the end of the year. It contains puck ads that are written by coaches, parents, siblings and grandparents. Candid pictures are also taken by individuals for teams and submitted. We encourage you to take and submit pictures early. Digitals are preferred but regular photos are accepted.

Inside Player Development

Did you know that EHA offers FREE clinics to skaters and goalies throughout the season?

Enfield Hockey provides these free clinics to give all skaters a little extra ice time to work on the fundamentals of the game.

These clinics, which are held at the Enfield Twin Rinks, are free of charge and provide additional hockey instruction to our skaters. With the exception of the goalie clinics, each clinic is targeted towards a specific age group. The goalie clinics are open to goalies in all age groups.

Check enfieldhockey.org for the complete Clinic Schedule!



EHA Sponsors "Sunday Pond Hockey" at ETR

Beginning Sunday, October 6th there will be a slot of ice dedicated to "giving the game back to the kids". Our purpose is to provide an environment that will encourage kids to be creative in a competitive setting where success is not results driven. Our only objective is to have fun!

Each week, a different age group (division) will be scheduled to use the "Pond". Ice time will be Sunday nights at 6:10 PM.

We will have a five-minute warm up followed by two twenty minute running time periods. Pond Hockey sessions will be open to EHA registered skaters only. All participants must wear full gear. All participants should bring both home and away jerseys. Sessions will be monitored by a minimum of two coaches.

To access the schedule, please log onto enfieldhockey.org and check the [Clinics](#) menu on the left menu bar to view the schedule for both "Pond Hockey" and skills clinics for your player's division.

Other Items of Interest

Help Wanted ! EHA Tournament Director



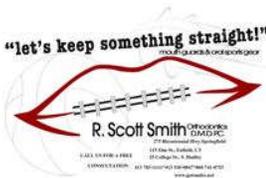
The Enfield Hockey Association currently has an opening on its board for a Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director coordinates all tournament activities for the association's annual spring tournament.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Shawn Sniffin.



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Note from the Editor

You may notice that this edition is for a two-month period instead of the usual monthly version. This had to be the case due to outside personal factors affecting my ability to complete the October edition on time. My apologies and look for a special contest which is currently in development in a future edition. In the mean time, keep sending in those submissions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Enfield Hockey Association.

Ken Labak
ICE CHIPS Coordinator

Happy Thanksgiving

