

## Welcome to the 44<sup>th</sup> Season of EHA

It's a new season, but there wasn't too much down time from last season's end. The Summer Skate started in early July with 90+ skaters from learn to skate up to Midgets and High School players. We had skaters from EHA and numerous other organizations including Holy Name, Echo, South Windsor, WTM, Rifles, and Falcons. The turnout was great and the kids were very enthusiastic about skating hard and learning some new skills. The pond hockey portion of the Summer Skate was very popular especially with the older skaters. It was also a great chance for some old friends to skate together that don't get a chance to during the regular season.

Coaches were at the travel scheduling meeting in early August down in East Haven and most teams started practices on Labor Day weekend. The referees were at their annual certification meetings in September learning the new rule changes and getting ready for the season. An overview of the "Points of Emphasis" in the rule book this year, is given later in this newsletter.

The Booster Club has been busy also, organizing some outings for EHA including nights out at Sonny's Place, Red Robin and the New Britain Rock Cats Game. They also organized EHA's participation in the Enfield Runs For A Reason 5K Road Race on October 12<sup>th</sup> which is also talked about later in this issue.

I'm looking forward to another great season at EHA and wish good luck to all the players, coaches and parents.

Rob Vose - ICE CHIPS COORDINATOR

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### ENFIELD RUNS FOR A REASON

On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013, players, coaches and parents participated in the Enfield Runs For a Reason 5K. This event raises money for Breast Cancer Awareness and Research. This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual run and EHA has been a big participant for all three years. The EHA Booster Club gave out iron-ons to the EHA participants. I counted 11 runners in the 5K field of 95 with one EHA Player, Thomas V coming in second overall with a time of 20:31. There were also around 15-20 EHA participants in the 1K walk.

The Booster Club has also provided pink laces, tape and wristbands to the EHA teams for October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The kids really embrace the cause, not just to raise awareness, but to support those close friends and family that have been impacted by the disease.



*Members of EHA Midget, Bantams and PeeWees pose before the 5K Race. Joey P, Nate R, Patrick F, Robert V, Jamie S. Connor J, Thomas V*

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## NEW RULE POINTS OF EMPHASIS

You may have noticed already by the types of penalty calls this season that there has been an emphasis on Fair Play and Respect. The Preface in the 2013-2017 USA Hockey Rule Book discusses the Points of Emphasis that should be followed by players, coaches, referees and parents.

*"Intimidation tactics have no place in ice hockey. These tactics include any contact to the head of the opponent, checking from behind and late avoidable body checks to an opponent who is no longer in possession and control of the puck. Officials are instructed to enforce these rules to a high standard and assess the appropriate penalty when these actions occur."*

*"In Body Contact categories, legal body contact shall be allowed and players allowed to compete using proper body position skills. However, any deliberate body checks shall be penalized accordingly. If a body check is delivered for the purpose of intimidation, a major penalty should be assessed to the offending player. "*

*"In Body Checking categories, the purpose of the check shall be to separate the opponent from the puck and officials should strictly penalize any illegal actions such as boarding, charging and a late avoidable body check to a player who is no longer in possession and control of the puck."*

### **Note:**

**Body Contact categories = Youth Teams 12 and under and all Girls/Women's Teams.**

**Body Checking categories = Boys Youth Teams above U12.**

The Rule Book goes on to stress the following for all groups:

*"Players are encouraged to develop a deep sense of respect for all (opponents and officials) while endeavoring to enjoy the sport and improve their playing ability. Each player is expected to use proper skill and technique when engaging in any type of body contact.*

*Coaches are responsible for instructing their players to play the sport in a safe and sportsmanlike manner. To that end, coaches are directed to teach only those skills necessary to allow for proper and legal body contact.*

*Officials should be diligent and confident when officiating the sport. Each official should enforce all playing rules fairly and respectfully with the safety of the players and the best interest of the game in mind. Players must be held accountable for dangerous and illegal actions with the proper enforcement of the rules at all times.*

*Spectators are encouraged to support their teams while showing respect for all players, coaches, officials and other spectators."*

**Boarding, Charging, Head Contact** are similar to the Checking From Behind rule because they carry an automatic Minor & Misconduct Penalty or a Major & Game Misconduct Penalty depending on the severity.

You can download a free copy of the Rule Book at the following link on the USA Hockey Website:

[http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/4244/2013-17\\_USAH\\_Rulebook.pdf](http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0042/4244/2013-17_USAH_Rulebook.pdf)

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## GAME REPORTS

Here is the section where we recap some of the action during the month and recognize the kids' effort and hard work. Parents on the travel teams have sent in some pictures from games that are included in this issue. If you have a write up or a picture you want to include send me an email at [rvoase@snet.net](mailto:rvoase@snet.net). You can also fill out an ICE CHIPS report on-line at the EHA website ([www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org)) by selecting ICE CHIPS from the left side menu and then selecting "Online Form"

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## PEEWEES

The PeeWee B team is off to a fast start for the 2013-2014 season. They have amassed an impressive record of 10W, 2L, 1T through October and are firing on all cylinders. Here are a few game shots of the PeeWee Eagles in action so far. (all photos by Christina Kaliff)



*Jake E goes top shelf on the ECHO goalie on 9/21/13*



*Mike K slides to his post to maintain his shutout*



*Nora B moves the puck around the pinching ECHO defense to breakout of the zone*



*Ben K and Patric F move the puck up the ice against ECHO at the Twin Rinks. The Eagles went on to win 8-0.*



*On 9/22/13 the PeeWee B took on the Central Capitals in Newington. Emma B and Jake E defend goalie Mike K*

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*Remington F follows his shot on the Capitals' net*



*Nick B brings the puck up the ice against East Haven  
(photos by Christine Juhasz)*



*Patric F goes in behind the net on the forecheck. The Eagles earned the victory in a close game 3-2*

In the second period the Eagles worked it down low in the offensive zone. Nick B kicked it back out to the Jake S on defense, who then made a nice one touch pass to Connor for his second goal. Connor, Tyler N, Cam G and Jake S did a great job on the Penalty kill for Enfield and Alex J had a first half shutout.



*Shane W moves to the puck against the Yellow Jackets*

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## **BANTAMS**

### **9/8/2013 vs. East Haven B (W7-2)**

The Eagles took on East Haven B for their first game of the season in Enfield. The Eagles got off to a fast start when Robert V took a hit in the corner and was able to move it to Shane W for the score. Shane returned the favor on the next goal by Robert with an added assist by Kyle D. Connor J completed the scoring in the first off a feed from Nick B and Nate R. Nate made a nice fake from his defensive position to open up the passing lane to Nick up the boards.

Heading into the 3<sup>rd</sup> period the Eagles were up 5-1. Robert got the next goal on some nice passing by Jamie S and Mike U. Then Robert drew a tripping penalty. On the ensuing Power Play, Jake S scored from the point with assists by Cam G and

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Robert. Connor completed the scoring on his usual hard nose play around the net, by digging out a rebound and stuffing it in by the post. The Eagles went on to win 7-2.



*Joey P passes to Jamie S from the point.*

Nate R would get the Eagles on the Power Play by drawing a tripping penalty. In the offensive zone, Joey P won the face-off back to Robert V. Robert took a hard shot on goal, which was rebounded back to Jamie S who was in good position to shoot into the open net.

The Eagles did a good job of staying out of the box with the penalty differential of +5 in the Eagles favor. The Defense of Nate R, Jake S and Julian C were strong throughout the game limiting the chances for the Stars. Also Jake A and Alex J were tough in net limiting the Stars to only one goal.

## 9/21/2013 vs. Holy Name A (W3-1)

The Eagles took on a tough Holy Name A team in Enfield. This was the second match up with Holy Name A after winning 5-2 a week earlier in West Springfield.



*Julian C looks to pass as he moves up the ice*



*Robert splits the D against Holy Name and scores!*

In a critical few seconds at the end of the second period, Robert split the D on a breakaway and went top shelf on the goalie with 1 second on the clock to score. Leading 2-1 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period Robert was able to get an insurance goal on a rebound of a Tyler N shot that Connor moved to Robert for the score. The Eagles went on to win 3-1.

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*Connor J wins the face-off back to Nate R*



*Tyler N hustles on the forecheck*

The Bantams continue to play hard despite a few injuries and currently have a record of 9W, 4L, 1T through October.

## MIDGETS

### 9/22/2013 vs Holy Name Stars (W9-0)

Playing in the Greater Springfield League (GSL) the Enfield Midgets took on Holy Name at Cyr Arena

in Forest Park. This was a close game early on, but after a couple of 5 on 3 advantages for Enfield, they took control of the game.

Phil M started in net and kept the Stars at Bay until the Eagles offense got into gear. During the first 5 on 3 advantage, Ryan G picked up the puck off a face-off win from Jake P and shot it under the outstretched glove of the Holy Name goalie. A short time later, the Eagles were on another 5 on 3 advantage and Jake P scored from the side of the net off a rebound from a Kevin G shot. Near the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> period, Connor W, picked up a short-handed goal on a breakaway started by a nice headman pass from Christian. The Eagles led 3-0 after 1 period.

Enfield continued their offensive barrage when Jake P received a breakout pass from Justin Mc and went in for the score. Meanwhile the defensive core of Jason M, Justin W, Kevin G and Krystian K limited the number of shots on the Eagles' goal. Phil and Zach F were solid in net combining for the shutout.

Connor continued his great offensive game with another breakaway goal and then completed his hat-trick when he took a pass from Sean B and went stick side on the Holy Name goalie. Thomas V got into the scoring when he wheeled out of the corner into the slot and went top shelf over the goalies glove. Tyler H got the assist on Thomas's goal. The Eagles, again took advantage of the power play when Jake P scored. Justin Mc and Nick Vi moved the puck around the perimeter and fed Jake in the middle. Sean B completed the scoring. Nick Vi fed Zak M, who shot the puck off the post and then Sean tucked in the rebound. The Eagles came away with the victory 9-0.

The Eagles have continued to do well in the GSL with a current record of 9W, 2L, 0T.



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## **\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

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### **TEAM CAN AND BOTTLE DONATION CONTEST**

**Friendly Reminder Next Collection Date -  
Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

The Contest is being held October 14 - December 6, 2013 and the team that collects the most money in can and bottle donations will win a team pizza party sponsored by EHA's Booster Club. Be sure to ask your parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and neighbors to give you any can and bottle returns. Proceeds from the can and bottle donations will help provide EHA players with additional opportunities.

**Collection Dates are 10/23, 11/6, 11/20 and 12/4 from 6-7pm at The Beaudry Home; 89 Town Farm Road; Enfield, CT.**

Please be sure your bags are clearly marked with your team's name. Thank you to the Beaudry Family for providing the location to house our donations!! May the best team win!!! GO EAGLES!!!

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**Player Fundraisers**  
**Wreaths, Taste Books and Gift Cards**  
**Friendly Reminder Gift Card Fundraiser Due -  
Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

Please check EHA website for further information

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## **\*\*EHA LEARN-TO-SKATE\*\***

The Enfield Hockey Association is pleased to announce its 2013-2014 Learn-To-Skate / Learn-To-Play Hockey (LTS/LTP) Program.

The LTS/LTP Program provides an on-ice training experience focused on basic skating footwork, starting/stopping, balance, and LOTS OF FUN! The program is structured using the lessons and games outlined in USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM).

The program will be comprised of three 8-week sessions, conducted on Sundays from 8:10am-9:10am at the Enfield Twin Rinks. The cost for each 8-week session is \$100.

Session Dates are as follows:

Session 1 – 9/15/13 - 11/3/13

Session 2 – 11/17/13 - 1/5/14

Session 3 – 1/19/14 - 3/9/14

Register online today at [www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org).

Basic hockey equipment, including helmet, gloves, and skates are required for participation in this program. Starter hockey equipment packages are available at DK's Hockey and Lacrosse Superstore, located at the back of the Enfield Twin Rinks.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Terhune ( [thomasterhune@gmail.com](mailto:thomasterhune@gmail.com)), Janine Liddell ( [jlshortstuff1@att.net](mailto:jlshortstuff1@att.net)), or Larry Juhasz ( [enfieldhockeyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:enfieldhockeyassociation@gmail.com))

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