



# ICE CHIPS



Registration Edition

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## President's Welcome

*By Gaetan L. Laplante  
E.H.A. President*

Dear E.H.A. Member,

For thirty-one years the Enfield Hockey Association has continued to develop and cultivate young hockey players. While other associations have reduced in size we have grown to nearly 500 members.

What are we doing right? With valuable input from you we are always looking at what we can do to improve the quality of what we as a hockey association offer. We have high goals for the development of our coaches, which in turn will develop our skaters.

Communication with this many members is key. Last season we created a web site ([www.EnfieldHockey.org](http://www.EnfieldHockey.org)). Please pay it a visit, it's a great place to find information, get forms, and send e-mails to your elected board. The Ice Chips weekly publication and the bulletin board in rink #2 are two other ways that you can stay informed.

As with most non-profit organizations we are always looking for volunteers to help with the many fundraisers and activities that are so important to the success of any organization. If you would like to help in any way please send me a note. As a parent of a skater for the past 10 years I regret not getting involved with this Association before I did. I invite you to come to our monthly association meeting held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Asnuntuck Community College on Elm St. in Enfield.

Whether this is your first year or your fifth, I welcome you back for our 31<sup>st</sup> season and thank you for skating with the Enfield Hockey Association. I wish you and your skater an educational and fun season.

## EHA Age Classification Rule

This season the Enfield Hockey Association has adopted an age classification rule that follows the age guidelines set by USA Hockey.

What this may mean to you is that your child can only skate in the divisions within the birth dates listed in the USA Hockey age chart for that season.



### USA HOCKEY

Age Classifications for the  
2000 – 2001 Season

DATE OF BIRTH	DIVISION
7/1/82 - 6/30/85	Midget
7/1/85 - 6/30/87	Bantam
7/1/87 - 6/30/89	Pee Wee
7/1/89 - 6/30/91	Squirt
7/1/88 & Younger	Girls U-12
7/1/91 & Younger	Upper Mite Lower Mite
Age 3 & Up	Initiation

## Off Ice Skills Development

On Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> an off ice skills development clinic will be held at Twin Rinks. It is free to any EHA registered skater. Kids need to bring an old stick, gloves, sneakers, and comfortable clothes.

<b>Mite</b>	8:00 - 8:30 am	Class preview drills Heads up video
	8:30 - 10:00 am	Off ice drills
<b>Squirt</b>	10:00 - 10:30	Class preview drills Heads up video
	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Off ice drills
<b>Pee Wee</b>	12:00 - 12:30 pm	Class preview drills Heads up video
	12:30 - 2:00 pm	Off ice drills
<b>Bantam</b>	4:00 - 4:30 pm	Class preview drills Skill video
	4:30 - 6:00 pm	Off ice drills

# CHC Registration Policy

*By Bernie Bolton  
Registrar*

Registration projections indicate that EHA will be enjoying another strong year, with player membership in each division increasing once again. The continued growth and strength of our organization will allow us to become more competitive at each level and provide players with a level of play best suited to their capabilities, while challenging them to grow to the next level.

EHA is committed to their players and makes every attempt to meet their needs and goals. Nearly all of our players return year after year. However, there has been an explosion of "select" teams in the area and we have, each year, lost a number of players to these teams. They have left EHA knowing that if they return (which they almost always do!) they will be welcomed back without hesitation. We want the best for our players and always respect their decisions.

Although we still feel this way, the Connecticut Hockey Conference has made a change to their Release Quota rule that will include non-CHC teams (including in- and out-of-state "select" teams) for the 2001-2002 season. This means that all players coming to EHA next year from any other organization must submit a Release form, and EHA will only be allowed to accept 2 released players per team with no more than 4 per division.

We, unfortunately, did not find out about this rule change until after some select teams for the upcoming year had already formed. We always want our EHA families to make the best decision, and the best decision is an informed decision. If you have any questions, please let me know.

*Have a GREAT season!!!!*

# Getting Information in the Ice Chips

"Ice Chips" is the weekly newsletter of the Enfield Hockey Association. It contains announcements, news, and game summaries of in-house and travel teams. Getting information in the Ice Chips is easy. Travel teams and in-house teams should designate someone to be responsible for Ice Chips reports. Information can be e-mailed to: [icechips@enfieldhockey.org](mailto:icechips@enfieldhockey.org). Game write-ups must be submitted by Wednesday, following the game played the previous week, for it to be included in the current issue. No late write-ups will be considered. Ice Chips will be available at the rink by Friday evenings and on the website at [www.enfieldhockey.org](http://www.enfieldhockey.org).

# E.H.A. Website

*Offers information on everything having to do with Enfield Hockey.*

Over the summer, the Enfield Hockey Association's official website has gotten a makeover. Web "surfers" will find the site neatly organized and easy to get the information they need.

*Here are some highlights:*

- Pages devoted to each division
- Schedules from in-house to travel
- Organizational information and announcements
- Downloadable documents and forms
- E-mail ordering system for the Booster Club Store
- Interactive content
- Directions to ice rinks in CT and beyond
- Links to youth hockey and general hockey websites

Your input as members of the association is important to the developers of the website and the organization. Please feel free to contact any board member to include information on the website.

# Referee Clinic

*By Mike Gaylor  
Referee Director*

The Referee Clinic will be held this year on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 2:00pm sponsored by USA Hockey for Levels 1, 2 & 3. It will be held at JFK Middle School in the Blue Wing. You must bring skates and a helmet. There will be a \$15 fee to cover rental of the facilities.

Anyone with any question can contact Mike Gaylor at 749-4397 or [GaylorIII-Family@Worldnet.ATT.Net](mailto:GaylorIII-Family@Worldnet.ATT.Net).