

CINCINNATI SWORDS

HOCKEY TIMES

New Editions - Locker Room Project

First, I want to thank our volunteers who worked at both the deconstruction and the build for our new locker rooms! Many of us came together to accomplish this task quickly. Your hard work and sweat equity will afford the Swords organization these lockers for several years to come. I especially want to recognize Chris Sample for his dedication and leadership on this project. This effort not only makes better use of space and ensures lockers for Swords skaters, but also serves as a beautification to Sports Plus in general.

How they will work: As a practical matter, we can't have lockers for all our teams. We also have teams who simply do not want a dedicated locker room. We will continue to manage space available to best support the players we have. While much of the material and labor were donated, to cover costs, the Swords organization has Swords teams signed up to "lease" these lockers back from the organization over time. To be clear, this is an ongoing process. No team owns a locker room year to year. To that end, lockers can be customized within Swords standards, but any improvements stay with the locker room and cannot be removed. The Board of Directors will work with head coaches on any design proposals and will come up with 1 or 2 standard upgrades that teams can use. In addition, when the regular season is over, the Swords lockers may be used to help entice tournaments and clinics to the area and thus need to be vacated at that time.

Thanks again to all who participated. The lockers are proactive positive step forward for us as an organization.

Todd Adrien
Swords President



Players hard at work clearing out the storage closet



Parent and player volunteers deconstructing the Rapid Shot floor



Clockwise from top left: Volunteers working storage closet demolition, Volunteers working on exterior walls of the new locker rooms, New skate rental booth



Lindsay's Law - New Ohio Requirement

It is a new requirement this year that all skaters and at least one parent as well as all coaches (head, assistant, on-ice helpers) must comply with OH Senate Bill 252 (Lindsay's Law). Most of our skaters have completed this but if they have not they are not permitted to participate in games or practices.

As a result, we have been asked about portable AED units. Ironically, there is no law that requires these units. Safety is a major theme with The Swords Board. We are in the final process of having these installed at Sports Plus. We have worked in coordination with the Evendale Fire Department to get compatible equipment with their squads. You should see them available this season at the rink. In addition, the Evendale Fire Department has offered training and we will be scheduling training soon.

Striving for Open Communication - New Parent Rep Committee

This year the Swords are excited to announce the formation of a new Parent Rep committee for the 2017-2018 season. We hope with this added outreach to our families that communication will be enhanced at all levels. Each team was asked to appoint a Parent Rep who will attend monthly meetings. During these meetings, the committee will discuss designated topics, such as running game clocks, completing score sheets and other game day topics as well as allow for time for open discussion on things that are going well during the season or things parents may have concerns about. Mandi and Andy Sloan will be heading up this committee and will be responsible for developing the meeting agenda as well as facilitating discussions with the Board of Directors.

Below are highlights of topics discussed in the initial meetings.

- ✓ Introductions/Purpose of the Committee
- ✓ Monthly Meeting - set day of the week
- ✓ Possibility of publishing Board Meeting Minutes
- ✓ Lindsay's Law
- ✓ Running Clock/Keeping Score
- ✓ USA Hockey Rule Changes
- ✓ Topic Requests
- ✓ Penalties
- ✓ Scheduling
- ✓ Jersey/Bag Status

Future Meeting Dates

10/25, 11/29, 1/31, 2/28

2017-2018 Committee Members

Below are the committee members for this season. Should you have questions, concerns or suggestions you would like communicated to the board please be sure to reach out to your parent rep. Also, we still have a couple spots to fill so if you have a child on one of the teams we still need a rep for please consider volunteering.

Committee Co-chairs: Mandi and Andy Sloan

| TEAM | PARENT REP |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| SQ 2007 TEAM BACKEN | BRIAN O'CONNOR |
| SQ 2008 TEAM CROUCH | BRYAN BENDER |
| SQ 07/08 TEAM ANDREAE | ADRIENNE CUSTER |
| SQ MYHL TEAM JOHNSON | CHRIS LEE |
| SQ MYHL TEAM LOUNGO | IAN CARTER |
| PW 2005 TEAM GANZ | JEN TYSON |
| PW 2006 TEAM MCDONALD | ANGIE JAMES |
| PW 05/06 TEAM DRILINS | PAT KELLEY/ DUANE REH |
| PW MYHL TEAM CLARK | MANDI SLOAN |
| PW MYHL TEAM WRIGHT | ROSEMARY MILLER |
| PW MYHL TEAM PRICE | TBD |
| BT 03/04 TEAM SCHOONOVER | TINA BOJACK |
| BT 03/04 TEAM GICK | FRED HILKOWITZ |
| BT MYHL TEAM BOGARD | JOHN RISING |
| BY MYHL TEAM SIUDA | TBD |
| HS JV TEAM DRACH | PAUL D'ALESSANDRO |
| HS VARSITY TEAM RENO/BIGGS | ANGIE JAMES |
| HS VARSITY TEAM CLISHAM | TBD |

Important Reminders

Scoreboard Sponsors Needed!

Cincinnati Swords is the largest youth hockey program in the area, which will allow numerous opportunities for your company logo to be seen by numerous hockey families from the tri-state. At not only that but the following programs also use Sports Plus - UC Bearcats, Xavier Musketeers and several high schools including, Sycamore Aves, Mason Comets and St. X Bombers.

In addition, Sports Plus will also be host to two Big Bear tournaments, Rising Stars tournament for girls/women as well as the BTHL tournaments. There is also a strong figure skating, broomball and curling presence at the rink. Which all means there are many opportunities for your company logo to be seen by families from throughout the Cincinnati area and beyond.

Sponsorship will run the entire season and the summer after. In addition, all sponsor logos are featured on the Swords website.

The following options are available (4 spots open):

- **1/3 Panel** Donation of \$1,000
- **1/2 Panel** Donation of \$1,500
- **Whole Panel** Donation of \$2,500 or more

Please consider becoming a sponsor or asking someone you to consider becoming a sponsor. It is with the support of our sponsors that we are able to do things like getting new score boards, locker rooms, etc. If you or someone you know would like to become a scoreboard sponsor please email Emily Bosch at swordsmarketing@gmail.com

Concussion BASELINE Test

Baseline concussion testing can be completed at <http://www.impacttestonline.com/testing>

Instructions to complete ImPACT Concussion Test online can be found on the Swords Website. Beacon is only supporting baseline testing for high school at players.

Any questions please contact the Swords Office at swordsoffice@gmail.com

Drayer Injury Clinics

This year the injury checks will be done at Drayer's Anderson office. To schedule a check call 513.247.4340 and let the front desk know you are with Cincinnati Swords Hockey and your player needs an "injury check/screen". Initial screenings are free of charge. If further care is needed Drayer will advise of next steps.

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