



Jr Ice Flyers Update

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WELCOME TO THE 2015-2016 SEASON!

We are gearing up for the next season with registration right around the corner. Make sure you keep an eye out for upcoming events and registration!

FUNDRAISING IS REQUIRED? WHAT?!

Yes, the board voted to require all registered players to participate in fundraising this year. Our ice costs increased by 20% last year, but we haven't changed our league fees for at least five years. Our goal is to keep the cost as low as possible so that families have money to allocate elsewhere.

Here are the fundraising guidelines that were established by the board.

Fundraising Guidelines for the 2015-2016 Season

1. Every fundraising activity must be approved by the Board of Directors and have an approved point of contact/leader.
2. Every Fundraising point of contact/leader will be responsible for managing all activities, control of money, tracking volunteer hours, safety of the kids, and remain (or put someone in charge) with the activity throughout, set up/clean up.
3. Proceeds of all fundraising activities will go to the League's general funds account, not to individuals or teams.
4. All proceeds/funds for said activities shall be utilized for the betterment of the league. Such as league improvement, league growth, marketing, new equipment purchases, to help alleviate team tournament fees, extra ice time, etc.

5. Requests for funds usage may be submitted by coaches for specific items or activities (tournament fees, etc.) and shall be voted on and approved by the Board of Directors. The BoD will be responsible for monitoring of fund distribution in a fair manner, not to favor any team/individual.
6. Fundraising dollars may not be used for: lodging, travel, meals etc.
7. Each registered player is required to participate in 1 of the 3 available fundraising options per hockey season. The 3 options are: sign up a sponsor for the league, volunteer a certain number of hours, or buy yourself out.

GETTING INVOLVED

It takes a great deal of effort from a lot of volunteers to keep this program running. In order for us to enjoy continued success, I am asking each of you to explore ways to help support the league beyond just getting your kids to and from the rinks. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Team Parent/Manager: The team parent/manager for each team acts as the liaison between the coaches and the families of the team. Coaches spend a tremendous amount of time off the ice preparing for each event, whether it is practice, a game, or a tournament, plus the time they spend on the ice. The team parent/manager can really help to lighten the responsibilities of the coaches and allow them to focus on coaching the players. Email secretary@jriceflyers.com if you are interested in being a team manager for the 2015-2016 season.

- Coaching: If you are interested in coaching or helping on the ice during practices, you will need to get approval from the Coach-in-Chief and attain coaching certification. USA Hockey does not allow anyone to be on the ice with the kids unless they have gone through the certification process; this includes student coaches. Email coaching@jriceflyers.com with any questions.

Other Volunteer Opportunities: We will also need volunteers to work at various events such as Try Hockey for Free events, fundraising events, sponsorship, etc.

Sign up for volunteer opportunities through our website! From the Home tab, click on Volunteering. Opportunities will be added as they arise, so keep checking back for items that interest you!

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

We have new buttons on our website for direct Donations and Sponsorships. Spread the word that we are looking for Sponsors for the 2015-2016 season and direct them to our page to sign up! Sponsors of \$500 or more will have their logo on our NEW t-shirts! We are a non-profit organization so all donations are tax deductible.

COMMUNICATION

We are still learning how to use lots of the great features of our league management website. Please keep checking out the site and your family account for new ways to communicate with the league!

REGISTRATION AND EQUIPMENT SWAPS

Planning is in the works regarding registration for the upcoming season and the always popular equipment swaps. Please stay tuned to the website, Facebook, and your email inboxes for the announcements!

WHAT ABOUT JERSEYS?

Every season, jerseys are hot topic of discussion, and each season we get a little better at managing them. For the upcoming season, your board has decided to issue sets of jerseys to the house team coaches who will hand them out to their players. The coaches will then collect the jerseys at the end of the season. The travel team players are required to purchase jerseys, which they will keep. The board understands some house families want the ability to purchase jerseys for their players, and is looking at options to accommodate those families.



ENOUGH OF THE MISCELLANEOUS INFO, TELL US WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW... WHEN DO WE HIT THE ICE???

In true NFHL fashion, everything is still up in the air. We have been working with the Bay Center over the summer, but we are still waiting on things to come to fruition.

We expect that ice will be made available to us sometime in October. We will continue to work with the Bay Center and will get the schedule posted on the website as soon as possible.

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