



Jr Ice Flyers Update

June 9, 2015

WELCOME TO THE 2015-2016 SEASON!

Summer is in full swing for most of you but your board has been diligently working to prep for the upcoming season. We felt that now was a perfect time to get the word out about upcoming events and things to look for in the upcoming season.

NEW COACH-IN-CHIEF

We are pleased to announce that Nick Skelton has returned to the area and will be our Coach-in-Chief for the 2015-2016 season. Nick brings many years of coaching experience and ice management to the league. Please give Nick a warm welcome and a Thank You when you see him!

BRETT BEEBE HOCKEY CAMP INFO

Pensacola Ice Flyer Brett Beebe is hosting a camp for our Jr Ice Flyers in Pelham, AL on August 8-9. This camp is a great opportunity for both our players and our league. We are getting the word out that we have a need for year round ice here and that our local Ice Flyers and Jr Ice Flyers have to travel to other rinks like Pelham when we don't have ice here. There are not many openings left so if you want to sign up, please do so now @ www.beebehockeycamp.com.

BEEBE CAMP SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Brett has a corporate sponsorship program for his camps. If you know any business that may be interested, have them email Brett @ brettabeebe@gmail.com.

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. Ways that you can get involved are:

- 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 Volunteering: We will also need volunteers to work at various events such as Try Hockey for Free events, fundraising, sponsorship, etc... The bottom line is that if you want to get involved, there are plenty of opportunities. **NEW!** Sign up for volunteer opportunities through our website. From the Home tab click on Volunteering. Opportunities will be added as they arise.

FOLLOW US!

Website: <http://jriceflyers.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com/jriceflyers

FUNDRAISING

The below fundraisers are to raise money and awareness for the Beebe Camp in Pelham. We will hold future fundraisers to raise money for general events for next season—stay tuned!

June 27 – Car Wash

6919 Pensacola Blvd @ the Magnuson Inn parking lot, 9am to 3pm (depending on business.) Contact Lynn Gither to volunteer or with any questions hockeygigi@gmail.com.

June & July – 31 gifts w/ Nichole Collins

This is an online party that anyone can order from. Nichole is generously donating her profit (25%) of all sales. She will continue to do these parties throughout the season but June and July's proceeds will go towards Camp Beebe. And they now have a hockey stick monogram design! Shop here: [Thirty-One Gifts - Junior Ice Flyers Fundraiser](#).

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! 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 work 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!

TRAVEL TEAM NEWS

With the great turnout we had for travel tryouts, we are happy to announce that we will have a Squirt, a PeeWee and a U16 travel team this season. If your child tried out for a travel team, you should have received an email from a coach whether or not your child made a team. Contact board@jriceflyers.com if your child tried out but you haven't heard from a coach.

The requirements / expectations for playing on a Travel Team are:

Cost - \$1000 (covers 30 travel team practices & ~ \$5000 for team travel fees). We will set up registration that will break this down into 5 monthly payments.

Travel Schedule - expect to travel 6-10 weekends over the season. Last year, the team had 6 weekends for league play, a couple weekends for travel practice, and some players were asked to play in the house tournaments.

Jerseys - the travel teams will be expected to purchase their own jerseys. This will be an additional cost of ~\$150 and will include light and dark jerseys, as well as game socks.