

Highland Storm Minor Hockey Summer 2009 Newsletter

It's time to start thinking about HOCKEY!!

If it's any consolation, your Executive has never really stopped thinking about hockey. We continue to meet every month, to take care of the things that make our Association run smoothly.

Registration

For the last couple of years, Highland Storm has implemented a Spring Registration in order to make sure that everything is in place for the start of the season. This year, the turn out was not as high as we would have liked to see.

Teams need to be registered with the OMHA and Muskoka-Parry Sound League, insurance has to be paid, the number of players per team has to be set... and the list goes on. Please remember that the members of the Executive volunteer many hours each year in addition to the time that they spend at the arena, like you. Having everyone sign up in the spring takes a tremendous amount of pressure off the Executive and gives us time to plan and prepare, not scramble to make decisions on the spur-of-the-moment.

If you have already registered for the 2009-2010 season, thank you.

If you have NOT registered yet, please do so immediately.

Registration forms are printable from the website (www.highlandstorm.org) and should be sent to our mailing address. Please note, as this point, that late fee of \$50 applies and the total balance is due in full – no postdated cheques please.

Registration for any Highland Storm team, representative or County League, after August 1st means that your player is not guaranteed a spot.

For insurance purposes, all fees must be paid in full before your player's first skate.

Rep or County League?

Not sure whether to play rep or County League this year? If your player has signed up for County League but would like to experience a rep tryout, a nominal fee of \$5/tryout may be paid at the tryout. If the player chooses to "make the jump" to travel hockey, any tryout fees will be deducted from the balance owing. Please see our website for tryout dates and times.

Goalie Clinics

Highland Storm Hockey and long-time volunteer Brian Sachs are once again offering free goalie clinics Sunday mornings in the Haliburton arena. Starting September 20 at 9:00 a.m., the clinics will be held every 2 weeks. For the two hours, goalies and shooters under 16 must be dressed in full protective equipment.

Executive Update

On behalf of Highland Storm, we would like to welcome the following new volunteers to their portfolios:

Monica Keefer – Fundraising Convenor

Dave McKay – OMHA Representative

With the OMHA's launching of a new computer system, the Executive has assigned Tammy Smith to learn and look after all our needs in relation to this new computer program. Consequently, we have asked Sheldon Stevenson to join us as the Gate/Timekeeper Scheduler. Welcome aboard to Monica, Dave and Sheldon!!

Rep Team Coaches

At the regular Executive meeting in July, based on recommendations from the Coaches Selection Committee, the Executive approved the following appointments of head coaches for our rep teams:

Novice – Jamie Dollo
Atom – Mike McNaull
PeeWee – Bernie Upton
Bantam – Dean Chaulk
Midget – Ted Vasey

As soon as final selections are made at tryouts, we will be soliciting coaches for any AE teams, based on player numbers.

Final Reminders

For anyone who holds a trainers certificate that expires this year, OMHA is offering a recertification clinic in Bracebridge on August 20 in the evening. Information is on our website.

County League: start up will be September 29. Please check the website for further details. Coaches will be in touch before first ice times.

Tryouts:

Novice	Atom	Pee wee	Bantam
Sept. 2 nd 7:00 Hal	Sept. 2 nd 7:30 Hal	Sept. 1 st 7:00 Hal	Sept. 3 rd 8:00 Hal
Sept. 8 th 6:00 Min	Sept. 10 th 6:00 Min	Sept. 8 th 7:00 Min	Sept. 10 th 7:30 Min
Sept. 12 th 10:00 Hal	Sept. 12 th 11:30 Hal	Sept. 12 th 1:00 Hal	Sept. 12 th 2:30 Hal
Sept. 13 th 10:00 Min	Sept. 13 th 12:30 Min	Sept. 13 th 2:00 Min	Sept 13 th 3:30 Min

Midget
Sept. 1st 8:30 Hal
Sept. 8th 8:30 Min
Sept. 12th 4:00 Hal
Sept. 13th 8:00 Min