



CHEDOKE MINOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to start off this newsletter by thanking our entire executive for their dedication and hard work this season. Not only have they made our league a great place to play hockey, they have also made my job as president so much easier. As well, I would like to thank the parents who stepped up to help on Picture Days, Skate with the Bulldogs and our Pee wee convenor.

REGISTRATION DATES

Pre-registration for the 2010/11 season will take place February 28 and March 7, 2010 from 8a.m. to noon. **Please take note** we will only register the number of goalies for the number of teams in that division. The following are the projected number of players eligible for pre-registration:

- PreNovice: 62 players. 8 teams, need 66
- Novice: 126 players. 8 teams, need 2
- Atom: 118 players. 8 teams, need 10
- Pee wee: 132 players. 8 teams, 4 too many
- Bantam: 104 players. 6 teams, 8 too many
- Midget: 128 players. 8 teams

As you can see in Pee wee and Bantam there may be players who have played at Chedoke for several seasons who may not get a spot. It is imperative that you register on one of these two dates if you want your child to play here next year.

If your child is thinking of trying out for Hub, then please do not take up a spot that another player may want. We are increasing the non-refundable administration fee to \$100 next season. The reason being is that once we decide on the number of teams and jerseys, we order them and if we don't fill that spot when a player asks for a refund, it is the league that is out that cost.

The new HST will be added to our ice rates next season along with an increase in our hourly rate. This means we must once again increase our registration fees. PreNovice to Bantam will be \$325 and Midget will be \$340 for full payment at the pre-registration dates only. Prices will increase following these dates or if split payments are made. We will still be one of the lowest costs in the city.

TEAM PERSONNEL APPLICATIONS

Coaching applications are available on our bulletin board or in our office. Please fill them out as we would like to name the head coaches for next season by Super Saturday.

SUPER SATURDAY

Super Saturday is fast approaching on March 27, 2010. The schedule will be posted to our website soon.

Please contact Terry at vpopperations@chedokeminorhockey.com if you can help with cooking and passing out food and drinks to the players.

We will also have two special presentations during Super Saturday, the Art Davidson Award for Sportsmanship and the new award recognizing team sportsmanship in honour of Ken McGinley.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be March 3, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chedoke Room. Elections for the following positions will take place: President, Vice-President Senior Division, Vice-President Operations, Vice-President Administration and Select Director. There are also some proposed Constitutional changes to be voted on.

OTHER INFORMATION

Oak Gables Golf Cards will be available again this year at registration. \$20 per card will give you great discounts on each round of golf. I would like someone who has the time and knowledge of running a golf tournament to please contact me. We have the opportunity to run a golf tournament at Oak Gables that will be a fundraiser for the league, plus a lot of fun for the parents and kids. The cost per person would be around \$75. Please email me if you would like to do this at chedokeprez@chedokeminorhockey.com

The annual Chedoke Golf Tournament at Willow Valley will be held May 30, 1 pm. Modified shotgun, best ball.

SPONSORS

Our sponsors are not only a very important part of our league but our community as well. Many of our sponsors do not have a child in our league. Some parents may work for them, but their generosity is done to help us build a better community. Please take a look at the sponsors list on our web page and support them when you can. Thanks again to all sponsors for your continued support of our league.



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**** PLEASE READ ****

To All Parents and Guardians:

We are now into our playoff season and it has been a difficult season for your executive.

Our Annual General Meeting is on March 3rd 7 pm downstairs in the Chedoke Room.

This meeting will determine who your executive will be for next season. I, myself as president, am up for re-election. I must tell you that I am having very strong thoughts of not coming back next year for only one very large reason. That reason is that you, as parents, are not willing to step up to help run this league. We have six divisions and only one of those divisions has a non-executive member as its convenor.

For a league that is the largest house league in Hamilton, I find that rather sad. When teams are not as equal as they could be, people have all kinds of ideas as to what should be done or who is to blame but have no thoughts of stepping forward to be a convenor. Your executive members have taken on many jobs that could/should be done by a parent volunteer, spreading the workload and making things easier and better for everyone.

We are currently working on solutions to make the drafts as fair as possible next season but we need more help.

I'm asking anyone who thinks they have time to give each week, to come forward before the election. I have no problems coming back if nominated and elected, but I want to see that parents are willing to give their time as well. My time here has been very rewarding. My wife and I have met people who will be our friends for the rest of our lives so every minute of it has been worth it.

Please step up and help.

Yours,
Ross Firmin
President CMHL