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Message From The Board of Directors

Welcome to the 2005/2006 BCHA hockey season. We are looking forward to another great year at the Bay County Civic Arena.

With this newsletter we are kicking off fall 2005/06 registration. We are continuing with the discounted registration if you sign up by **AUGUST 24th**. If you sign up by 8/24/05 with a \$25 down payment, you can save \$50 on your player's fees for this season (mite-bantam).

Our mini-mite program will include two separate sessions. Session 1 will last from September to December and Session 2 will go from December to March. Each session will cost only \$99. We would like to see many more players at this level, so please spread the word. Look inside for details.

This year we will be fielding 5 travel teams, along with 18-20 house teams. Please review all of the tryout dates inside and the draft skate dates.

BCHA's website, www.baycountyhockey.com, is a primary source for information for all our members. Check back often for updates.

We will also be doing the Little Caesars' fundraiser again this year. It's a great way to earn money for the association as well as getting money back per item you sell. This association has been one of the top 5 in the nation in selling for the last 2 years.

As all of you know, it takes volunteers to run our hockey program. We do not have any paid staff or employees; everything that is done is done by volunteers. Help always is needed and welcome, so please volunteer to help out your coach, manager or the board of directors.

Thank you ,

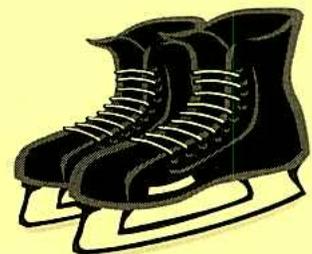
Your BCHA Board of Directors

BCHA Board Members

- President: Joe Rivet
- Vice President: Matt Schultz
- Secretary: Jane Bohlinger
- Treasurer: Doug Adams
- Registrar: Beth Bellor
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- Ice Director: Jerrad Lofton

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Registration Process:

In this newsletter, you find several forms. *These forms must be filled out and returned with your first payment by August 24th to receive your discount. Any registrations forms received after August 24th will be assessed at the full rate schedule.*

1. **Registration/waiver of liability:** Separate forms are required for each family member. Please make copies or obtain additional forms at the Bay County Civic Arena. Players and parents must sign the waiver of liability form.
2. **Release/consent to treat/medical history forms:** Separate forms are required for each family member. Please make copies or obtain additional forms at the Bay County Civic Arena. These forms also are available online on the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association website (www.maha.org).
3. **Parent and participant code of conduct forms.** Please make sure you sign the correct form.

Birth Certificates: We need a copy of each player's birth certificate. Returning registered players from the BCHA from last fall need not send in a copy of their birth certificate. If this is your first time registering with the BCHA, *or* you did not play last year, *or* you are transferring from another association, you are required to send in a copy of your birth certificate.

Players Moving Up (House): If you have a player you would like to have considered for a move up to a higher division, you must send a letter to the Bay County Hockey Association Board for consideration. This letter must accompany your registration materials by August 24th. Move-up requests after this date may not be granted. Players hoping to move up must plan to attend draft skates for both their natural age and the division to which they hope to move. Coaches will make the decision whether a player is suitable for moving up, not the board.

Travel: Payments will be made directly to YOUR team. If your player is planning to try out for a travel team, all forms and fees will need to be turned in to your team manager before your team's first practice. Payments will be determined based on the number of players selected for the team, which is left to the coach's discretion. Coaches/Managers will have the payment information once the teams are selected. Please DO NOT send in your registration forms or payment to the BCHA; these items should go directly to the team manager.

Questions: If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary Jane Bohlinger at 667-4206.

HOUSE FALL DRAFTS & AGE CLASSIFICATIONS

Age classifications effective 2005-2006 season

DIVISION	YEAR	BIRTHDATE	FIRST SKATE DATE/TIME *	SECOND SKATE DATE/TIME *
Mini-Mite	1st/2nd year	1999 & younger	Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 5 p.m.	No second skate
Mite	1st year	1998	Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 6:30 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 10:30 AM
Mite	2nd year	19967	Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 5:30 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 9:30 AM
Squirt	1st year	1996	Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 7:00 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 11:00 AM
Squirt	2nd year	1995	Wednesday, Sept. 7th @ 6:00 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 10:00 AM
Pee Wee	1st year	1994	Thursday, Sept. 8th @ 6:30 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 12:30 PM
Pee Wee	2nd year	1993	Thursday, Sept. 8th @ 5:30 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 11:30 AM
Bantam	1st year	1992	Thursday, Sept. 8th @ 7:00 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 2:30 PM
Bantam	2nd year	1991	Thursday, Sept. 8th @ 6:00 PM	Saturday, Sept. 10th @ 1:30 PM

NOTE: All draft sessions are 50 minutes. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR PLAYER ATTENDS THE SESSION THAT HE/SHE IS ASSIGNED TO IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DRAFT PROCESS RUN SMOOTHLY.**

* Each player is required to attend both skates to allow the coaches to make an adequate assessment of ability. Please come early before your assigned skating time so that you have time to check in and get dressed. Prospective move-up players should plan to skate with their age division for the first skate so an adequate assessment may be made. The only players allowed to skate in two different draft sessions will be players who have applied for move-up review.

ICE FEES FOR THE FALL 2005/06 SEASON

DIVISION	Payment 1 <i>Due Aug. 24</i>	Payment 2 <i>Due Oct 1</i>	Payment 3 <i>Due Nov. 1</i>	Payment 4 <i>Due Dec. 1</i>	Payment 5 <i>Due Jan. 1</i>	TOTAL
Mini-Mites Session 1	\$99					\$99
Mites	\$25	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$525
Squirts	\$25	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$131.25	\$550
Peewees	\$25	\$137.50	\$137.50	\$137.50	\$137.50	\$575
Bantams	\$25	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$143.75	\$600
Mites AFTER Aug. 24	\$115 Due at registration	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$115	\$575
Squirts AFTER Aug. 24	\$120 Due at registration	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$120	\$600
Peewee AFTER Aug 24	\$125 Due at registration	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$625
Bantam AFTER Aug 24	\$130 Due at registration	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$650

PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY AS DISCOUNTED FEES WILL NOT BE GIVEN AFTER AUGUST 24. THANK YOU.

What does your fee cover?

- Ice fees for Approx. 60 hours of ice for practice/games (house)
- Draft ice
- Player registration fee with USA Hockey
- Player insurance
- Increased referee fees
- Adray league fees

MINI-MITE PROGRAM

In an effort to shorten the Mini-Mite season and to bring in additional players to the program, the BCHA has adopted a split Mini-Mite season. Session 1 will begin with the September draft and run till mid-December. Teams for Session 2 will be selected the week of December 15 and run through the beginning of March 2006. Each session will consist of 24 hours of ice and cost \$99.

Travel information and tryouts

Squirt AA -- July 13-14

Bob Kraut
(989) 654-2857

Peewee A

Dan Beuthin

Peewee AA -- Aug. 9th and 11th

Greg Chapie
Home (989) 835-6282
Cell (989) 859-3086

Bantam A -- July 26th and 28th, Aug. 1

Jason Cryderman
(989) 205-2522

Bantam AA -- Aug. 15th, 17th and 18th

Mark Komorowski
(989) 684-7393

If you are interested or have any questions about joining a travel team, please contact the team's coach.

BHCA/BCCA fall midget program

The Civic Arena and Hockey Association have partnered to put on a new midget program (1990 and older, up to age 18). Offering 14 ice times (one and one-half hours each), youth will practice four times, play eight regular season games and have one bonus game against a team from another arena. End-of-season playoffs will be single elimination. Practices will be a full hour and a half on a full sheet of ice. Depending on interest levels, a draft skate may be held. Ice times start Sept. 12th and run through Oct. 30th. Cost is \$220 per player, which includes \$30 USA Hockey registration. For more information, contact Dave Gill at the arena pro shop. To register, complete the form at the pro shop.

BCCA high school league

Continuing on the success of the arena's summer high school league, a fall league is expected to attract teams from around mid-Michigan. Each team will play eight regular season games and hold one hour and a half practice. End-of-season playoffs will be single elimination. Register as a team for only \$1,950. The season will begin in mid-September with playoffs scheduled for the last week of October. To register, stop at the pro shop or contact Dave Gill for more information.

Not ready to play? Be ready to join a team in December!

The arena offers an accelerated learn to skate and play hockey class just for young people interested in the BCHA programs at a special rate. The learn to skate and play hockey program is offered in two segments. The first segment focuses on skating skills and the second focuses on game situations, playing and scrimmages.

Each segment includes a total of 12 ice times. Class meets Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Wednesday class includes a half-hour chalk talk and video instruction. Cost is \$89 for both segments.

Wanna be a good hockey parent?

Attend our brand new parent academy -- in one night really learn the rules of the game, how to get involved with your child, even spend 30 minutes on the ice and on the bench with officials calling the game. We promise you won't get heckled. Why should your children have all the fun? The parent academy is just \$15.

To register for these programs, call the arena at 671-1000 or stop in at the arena. Each program has limited space -- register now!

The arena is offering youth drop-in on Friday evenings starting Sept. 16th. These sessions are a great opportunity to get extra ice time.

Mites -- 5:30-6:20 p.m. @ \$8 per skater (parents free)

Squirts -- 6:00-6:20 p.m. @ \$8 per skater

Peepees -- 6:30-7:20 p.m. @ \$8 per skater

Bantams/Midgets -- 8:30-9:50 p.m. @ \$10 per skater

Adults (18 and older) -- 9:00-10:20 p.m. @ \$10 per skater

* Goalies skate free.

* Times subject to change -- please call ahead to confirm.

BCHA Online

We have put together a website for the Bay County Hockey Association. The address of the site is www.baycountyhockey.com. This site contain loads of information pertaining to registration, team schedules, team standings, BCHA events, and a whole lot more. Check this site often for continuous updates.
www.Baycountyhockey.com



Equipment Needed

We have put together a limited equipment program for those who may be in need. The BCHA is also in need of good quality new and used equipment that would be used in helping make hockey a little more affordable for others. If you have gear that you would like to donate, contact Matt Schultz at 671-0660.

TEAM SPONSORSHIP

We are in need of team sponsors (both house and travel) for the upcoming season. If you would like to sponsor a team or know of a business that would like to sponsor a team, please contact Joseph Rivet at 686-4159 or Doug Adams at 893-2655.

Coaches Corner

Coaches Registration:

Coaches are needed at all levels. Applications can be found within this newsletter. These applications must be turned in by August 24, 2005. All prospective coaches should have (or plan to have) the appropriate USA Hockey coaching certification for the level they apply for. Our insurance policy requires all on-ice coaches to be properly certified.

Mandatory Coaches Meeting:

There will be a mandatory coaches meeting August 29th @ 7:00 PM inside the Bay County Civic Arena. All prospective Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches, and Team Managers are expected to attend. Head coaches will receive their team assignments. Coaches packets will be distributed at the meeting. We also will be reviewing draft rules, USA Hockey rule changes, common rule misconceptions, and BCHA expectations of the coaching staff. Coaches also will be asked to turn in a copy of their current USA Hockey coaches card, and fill out the Coaching Ethics Code Agreement and Background Screening Application Form. If you do not attend this meeting you will NOT be assigned a team.

Renewal Program Effective September 2005:

If you are a Level 1, 2, or 3 coach, look at the stickers on your CEP card. If ANY of the stickers is dated 03-04 or 04-05 or 05-06 you do NOT have to renew in the 05-06 season. If your card and stickers are older, for example, 03-04, 01-02 or 99-00, you need to go through the renewal process in the 2005-06 season.

Coaches are advised to check the coaches web page on www.maha.org to get an overview of the renewal process and review coaching level requirements for the various age groups. Coaching Education Program questions may be directed to Mark Komorowski.

The BCHA also will be having coaches training classes. Please watch for postings at the arena or check the MAHA web site along with www.baycountyhockey.com

The BCHA also has a vast video collection for coaches to use. More information will be given at the August coaches meeting.