

TEAM FUNDRAISING POLICY

of the Oswego Minor Hockey Association Inc.

As an entity, the Oswego Minor Hockey Association makes every effort to limit operating expenses while raising money by various means – usually through the operation of a concession or events such as invitational hockey tournaments. The money raised by the Association benefits all its members by helping to keep player registration fees as low as possible, and providing more area youth with the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport of ice hockey.

The Association realizes that, in addition to individual registration fees, there can be additional expenses incurred by a team as a regular part of its season. This may include costs for tournaments, coaches' hotel rooms, team jackets, etc. Generally, these expenses are shared equally by the families of each team member.

To offset these shared "team" expenses, the Association recognizes that team families may organize individual fundraising events.

In order to avoid conflicts and provide a uniform understanding among teams, the Oswego Minor Hockey Association (herein referred to as "the Association") requires that all its members abide by the following guidelines when conducting fundraising activities:

1. For purposes of this Policy, a player's parents, guardians, or other immediate family members are considered to be "members" of the player's team.
2. To monitor and provide feedback for teams' fundraising activities, the Association will name a volunteer who will function as the Association's *Fundraising Coordinator*.
3. For each fundraising event, the team must name a coordinator who will be responsible for organizing the activities and handling the money.
4. Prior to the start of any fundraising activity, the team's coordinator must provide the Association's Fundraising Coordinator with a brief written description of the event.
5. Members may not conduct team fundraising activities at, or in conjunction with, any Association sponsored tournament. (This includes invitational, league, or NYSAHA tournaments.)
6. No homemade food items may be sold, distributed, or raffled as part of fundraising activities.
7. Fundraising activities may not include the sale, distribution, or raffling of items that are not considered conducive to a wholesome family environment. This includes (but is not limited to) firearms, knives, other types of weapons, alcoholic beverages, fireworks, cigarettes, materials of a sexually suggestive nature, materials of a discriminatory nature, materials of an unpatriotic nature, materials which promote the use of illegal substances, and "bootlegged" or other illegal materials.
8. At any time during or after the event, the team coordinator must be able to give each member of the team an accurate written accounting of the event's income and expenses. In addition – upon completion of the fundraising event, the coordinator must provide a copy of the event's written accounting to the Association's Fundraising Coordinator.
9. All money earned through fundraising activities carried out by a team, or any individual member of a team, must equally benefit all members of the team.
10. In the event a team's fundraising efforts net more money than the amount of the team's expenses for the season, the excess funds must be turned over to the Association immediately after the end of the season.
11. No individual member of the Association may personally profit by any fundraising activities.
12. Team members are responsible for all expenses incurred as a result of team fundraising events, and may not refer any debts to the Association for payment.
13. Teams or team members may not solicit merchandise, funds, or services from any organization or business that is a sponsor of the Association, when doing so may jeopardize the current or future sponsorship by that organization or business.
14. The Association reserves the right to alter or demand a halt to a particular team's fundraising activities when those activities are in violation of any of the points contained in this policy, or are considered to be detrimental to the image or well-being of the Association.