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To: All Youth Players and Families

From: Dave Weaver - BAHA Hockey Director

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and enjoying the remainder of summer. Hockey season is just around the corner, and I know there are many questions. My hope is this letter will answer those questions.

Before getting into specific programs, it is important to understand how the ice schedule was written for this season. First, we plan to open 2 weeks earlier this season, with a start date of September 14th. Because we must limit the number of people in the facility at the same time, and maintain social distance, almost every program will be 90 minutes followed by a 30 minute break. For example, if the PeeWee team practices at 6:00 – 7:30 PM, then the Bantam team would begin practice at 8:00 PM. After each ice session, players will have 15 minutes to exit the facility. The next group will enter the facility 15 minutes before their ice session begins.

I have also attached the rules and regulations we are following due to Covid-19. I ask that families and players respect the rules put in place. We have two main goals for the season: 1) Players and teams are able to skate and play hockey this season; 2) We provide the safest possible environment for our patrons and staff. We are all living in a different world right now, and I appreciate your understanding and support as we navigate through all of the issues.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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### **Pre-Season Skills**

Pre-Season Skills will be limited to two groups only: Squirts/PeeWees and Bantams/Midgets. Unfortunately, there will NOT be a Termite/Mite pre-season clinic this season. These clinics are limited to a total of 25 skaters per group. One year experience is mandatory to participate.

### **Weaver Camp**

Weaver Camp has moved to Bozeman! In previous years we have held this camp in Billings, but because of our earlier start date, we moved it to Bozeman. It will be held September 18th – 20th. There will be a limit of 25 players per group.

### **Robby Glantz**

We are very excited to have Robby Glantz coming back to Bozeman. The 3-day clinic will be held in November. Space is limited to 25 skaters per group.

### **Termites (2014-2016 Birth Years)**

Because of the limit of 25 skaters on the ice at one time, we have expanded Termites to include two different groups. Players will be assigned either Group 1, Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00PM, or Group 2, Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00PM. Every other week, we will add a second practice. Group 1 will skate Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:00PM and Wednesdays 6:00 – 7:00PM. Group 2 will skate Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 PM and Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00 PM. In other words, our Termites will have 3 practices every 2 weeks. Because there is one less practice every two weeks, we reduced the price by 10%.

### **Mites (2012/2013 Birth Years)**

We will separate the Mites into two groups. Group 1 will skate on Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, and Group 2 will skate on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:00 PM. Every other week we will add a second practice. Group 1 will skate Tuesdays 6:00 – 7:00 PM and Thursdays 4:00 – 5:00 PM. Group 2 will skate Wednesdays 6:0 – 7:00 PM and Thursdays 5:30 – 6:30 PM. In other words, our Mites will have 3 practices every 2 weeks. Because we have 1 less practice every two weeks, we reduced the price 10%.

### **Mountain League**

The Mountain League program is our non-travel program, and will be offered to non-travel hockey players only. After registration, we will separate our players into teams and groups. Group 1 will practice on Tuesdays from 4:30 – 5:30 PM. Group 2 will practice on Fridays from either 4:30 – 6:00 PM, or 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Games for both groups will be on Wednesdays, with a start time of either 4:00 PM or 5:30 PM. We reduced the Mountain League price by 10%.

### **Power Skating Clinic**

Our Power Skating Clinic for youth will be held every other Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. In the past we had this clinic every week, splitting ice with the Goalie Clinic. Because of the limitations of the number of skaters allowed on the ice, we have separated the two clinics and alternated them throughout the season. This clinic is limited to 25 skaters.

### **Goalie Clinic**

Our Goalie Clinic for youth goalies will be held every other Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. In the past we had this clinic every week, splitting ice with the Power Skating Clinic. Because of the limitations of the number of skaters allowed on the ice, we have separated the two clinics and alternated them throughout the season. This clinic is limited to 25 skaters.

### **Travel Teams**

All travel teams will practice twice a week. In the past, practices have been 80 minutes. This season they will be 90 minutes, so each player will practice 20 minutes more per week. However, all practices will be half ice. In addition, away tournaments are not included in the fees this season as we are not sure if we will be able to participate in tournaments.

The Girls 14U team will have one practice per week, splitting the ice with the 19U girls team. The Girls 14U players will also practice with the Mountain League, and will play games in the Mountain League as well.