

Dear members of the Nantucket Youth Hockey Community,

In the next two weeks you will be receiving from the board a survey asking you to identify what hockey program you would like to be involved in next year. Your decision will be non-binding of course, but your answers will be incredibly important in helping us to identify how many travel teams we should plan to have, how the house program will look and what our girls program should look like.

It is important for all to understand that the incredible rise in participation in youth hockey over the last few years has put us in a wonderful position. Our goal is to offer, if possible, a variety of opportunities to families that meet their desired time and financial commitment.

Below we will lay out the various opportunities and the associated expectations attached to each opportunity. We will host an information session at the rink on **Monday February 4th at 6:00pm** to answer questions to further answer specific questions. After the above information session we will send out a Survey on **Wednesday February 6th** and we ask everyone to give a thoughtful response to what program you expect to participate in in order to help the board plan for the 2019-20 hockey season.

It is important to understand that we are putting a **cost range** in this letter as it is impossible to set prices before we understand our user base. This range is an estimate and based on historical numbers and are non-binding. Everyone involved with NYH should know that the board works tirelessly to help keep the cost down.

Travel Hockey: Is available for Squirts('09 and '10 birth years), Peewees ('07 and '08), and Bantams('05 and '06).

Cost: between \$2200-\$2500 for a full season, excluding travel and lodging for tournaments. This can be an extra \$500-1000.

Practices: 2 a week, with breaks around the major holidays and one skills session.

Games: 1-2 a week (24-28 in a season with the majority OFF-ISLAND.) The User Fee will take care of your child's ferry ticket and transportation to and from the ferry, but it will not take care of parents ferry tickets/transport. We encourage parents to attend a significant number of off-island games.

Other Family Expectations: For home games we often ask parents to pick up opposing teams at the ferry. We will also ask parents to help coaches on the ferry and in all logistics surrounding the team. All members (coaches/administrators) of youth hockey are volunteers so to ease the burden of those who make the engine run, we ask parents to be a heavy support crew.

Commitment: Families are fully committed. Any practices/games that will be missed should be communicated to coaches at the beginning of the season or as early as possible.

Tournaments: Each team will play 1-2 tournaments, of which a parent is expected to attend and stay off island. Hotel and transport cost is not covered for this.

**It is important to note that we won't know if everyone who is interested in playing travel hockey will actually have a spot. A lot of that will depend on numbers. A large reason we are sending

out these surveys is for planning purposes so that we can try and create the perfect scenario for all, but that might not work.

Midget Hockey Is Available as a split season practice only for '01-'04. This is designed for players hoping to play in the high school program to have a Fall option.

Cost: \$400-\$600

Practices: 2 a week from September-November 15th.

Mite House Hockey (ages 5-8):

Cost: \$500-\$650

Practices: 2 a week

Games: 1 game a week on island.

Commitment: As a lot of energy goes into planning and organizing and the expectation is that families are committed, but if families leave for weekends occasionally that is understood.

Tournament: Possibility for 1-2 tournaments. If it works that your child can and wants to participate in a tournament, this will be an additional cost to the family.

Squirt/Peewee House Hockey (ages 9-12)*** *We are still trying to figure out how we are going to divide up the house program, but this here is the initial thought, but it is obviously based on enough participation. If there is not enough participation, we will continue with the current model.*

Cost: TBD, but likely in the \$400-\$600 range

Practice: 1 per week(two total touches)

Games:1 per week (two total touches)

Commitment: As a lot of energy goes into planning and organizing the expectation is that families are committed, but if families leave for weekends occasionally that is understood.

Tournament: Possibility for 1-2 tournaments. If it works that your child can and wants to participate in a tournament, this will be an additional cost to the family.

Girls Program: *Would you be interested in having your daughter participate in an "add-on" program for girls that would practice once a week and play in 4-6 games over the season and potentially one tournament? If you were to do this, the hope is that you would also be on a travel team or in the house program. This would not be necessary but suggested from a development standpoint. This would be an add-on option for squirt and peewee aged girls.*

Cost: TBD

Practice: 1 per week

Games: 4-8 over the course of the season

Tournament: potentially one that would not be covered by the user fee.