



Hudson Hockey Families,

We are so excited for the 2019-20 hockey season! Over the last few months, the Hudson Hockey Association (HHA) board of directors, employees and volunteers have been planning for the 2019-20 season. Last year was a great year for Hudson Hockey with 9 of our Hudson Hockey teams traveling to the Wisconsin state hockey tournament and 7 Hudson Hockey teams winning the Wisconsin state hockey championships. We're looking forward to this continued success as we develop our program from our youngest levels and build our strong Hudson Hockey community.

In 2019, the Board recognized a decrease in skaters over the last few years, a situation that needs to be a focus of our organization to promote growth and sustainability. This summer, Hudson Hockey launched a "Pathway to Hockey" program, which includes Learn to Skate, Try Hockey for Free, and Learn to Play. While Learn to Skate has been offered for a couple years, it was determined that we needed to bridge the gap between Learn to Skate and Mites. We believe we have achieved that with the incorporation of the "Pathway to Hockey" program. Hopefully, over the past few months you noticed signs around the community for Try Hockey for Free. This program was previously run by the Girls Player and Coach Development Committee and we realized great success with an increase in registrations for the Girls' program. The goal of the program is to introduce the sport to new players. This summer, we decided to offer this program to all youth, both boys and girls. For three nights in June, players that were new to hockey came out and skated in full equipment. We received excellent feedback from the participants and feel the program was an overall success. Thank you to the many volunteers that helped run this program!

Learn to Play introduces the new skater to the game of hockey. We follow the USA Hockey ADM model for early hockey. There is an upcoming session that will take place on Wednesdays throughout August and September. Use the following link to learn more about this and Hudson Hockey's Pathway to Hockey program at <https://hudsonsportsandciviccenter.gemsbrain.com/program/index/pathway-to-hockey>.

Registration is officially now open, with a couple of slight changes to registration for the 2019/20 season as follows.

- The first change is the discontinuation of the main raffle. While this was our largest fundraiser, HHA leadership believes that it was perceived as an additional fee rather than a fundraiser. With the elimination of this fundraiser we will need members to participate in our other 2 main fundraisers. We will be doing Heggie's pizza sales in late fall and the Sportsman's Raffle to be held on March 28, 2020. Both of these fundraisers will need to be a success in order to offset the elimination of the raffle. Please look for more info to come on how to get involved in both events.



- The second change is that registration fees have increased slightly in 2019/20. However, the cost to play at every level has gone down when you consider the elimination of the raffle. In addition, unless you didn't purchase jerseys last year or are an incoming squirt, you will not have that expense in 2019/20 as the jersey you purchased last year will be used for the coming season. Please refer to the below table for registration fee information showing this year's fees compared to those from last year.

	2018/19				2019/20			Delta
	Registration	Tryouts	Raffle	Total Cost	Registration	Tryouts	Total Cost	
Mite 1	\$ 200.00	-	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	-	\$ 200.00	\$ (200.00)
Mite 2	\$ 300.00	-	\$ 200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 300.00	-	\$ 300.00	\$ (200.00)
Mite 3 / U8	\$ 500.00	-	\$ 200.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 500.00	-	\$ 500.00	\$ (200.00)
Squirt / U10	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ (100.00)
PeeWee / U12	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,370.00	\$ (80.00)
Bantam / U15	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,485.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,535.00	\$ (65.00)
Junior Gold	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 700.00		\$ 700.00	\$ (500.00)

Here are some key dates for the 2018/19 season. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- Deadline to register and still tryout **Sep 1, 2019**
- Youth tryouts – **Oct 4-6, 2019**
- Girls tryouts – **Oct 12-13, 2019**
- Home Tournaments:
  - Bantam B (MN-B1) & C - December 6-8, 2019
  - Squirt A-B-C - December 13-15, 2019
  - Pee Wee A & B (MN-B2) - January 10-12, 2020
  - Jr. Gold B & U16 - January 17-19, 2020
  - Girls U8 Jamboree - February 8-9, 2020
  - Bantam A - February 15-16, 2020
- Playdowns – **Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020**
- Squirt / Bantam / Girls 10U / Girls 14U -State Tournaments - **March 7-8, 2020**



- Pee wee / Girls 12U state tournaments - **March 14-15, 2019**
- 18U/Junior Gold state tournament - **March 20-22, 2020**

Please do not hesitate to contact me or another member of the Board should you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you all at the rink and please remind your kids to skate hard and have fun.

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