



HHA Families,

I hope you all are having a great summer. Hockey season is right around the corner and registration is now open for the 2018-19 Season. In welcoming you back I also want to highlight a few of the changes for the upcoming season.

The association has decided to procure new game jerseys at the traveling team levels. The Jerseys from the past were getting worn out and when ordering replacements, it was difficult to get an exact match. The new jerseys will be purchased by parents on a two-year cycle. Players keep the jerseys and every 2 years we will procure new ones. The board has found this is the approach many associations are taking toward game jerseys. Our research within the association and with neighboring communities indicated this to be the best approach to game jerseys.

Another change this year is FLEXX has been purchased by FHIT. FHIT in conjunction with their sister company MEGA Goaltending will now run our Monday night development at Squirt/U10 through Bantam/U15 levels. Mite 3 / U8 will train with FHIT/MEGA on Thursday's. FHIT hockey currently operates out of our rinks and the Blaine Super rink. We are excited about the level of training our players and goalies will receive from FHIT/MEGA. The last 2 years we have included a summer / off-season option with training. We will no longer be offering this. With the change to FHIT and complexity of the logistics of the offseason training we have decided instead to invest in the in-season training. This includes full time professional trainers with FHIT and more off-ice training during the season. More information to come from your managers once teams are formed.

We will be holding tryouts at girls traveling levels. We have had received feedback that most girls that have gone through our youth program did not experience tryouts prior to the tryouts at high school. We feel it is important experience for the girls. We anticipate enough players to form one team at each level. That being the case the results will not be used to determine anything. That being said if we need to move a player up a level on a temporary basis to supplement a roster due to less numbers than anticipated or due to injury, we will reference the tryout results.

Some key dates for the 2018/19 season. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- Deadline to register and still tryout **Sep 1, 2018**
- Youth tryouts – **Oct 5-7, 2018**
- Girls tryouts – **Oct 12-13, 2018**
- Reference HHA website for your home tournaments



- <https://www.hudsonhockey.com/page/show/11482-2018-19-tournaments>
- Playdowns - **Feb 1-3, 2019**
- Squirt / Bantam / Girls 10U / Girls 14U -State Tournaments - **March 2-3, 2019**
- Pee wee / Girls 12U state tournaments - **March 9-10, 2019**
- 18U/Junior Gold state tournament - **March 15-16, 2019**

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

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