



EPHA BOARD UPDATE

October 18, 2024

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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<p>Charitable Gambling:</p> <p>District 6 Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$12k net gain. <p><u>Conduct and Discipline</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• As discussed in our last meeting, please see the attached Disciplinary Process refresher and Penalty one-pager. Please remind coaches, parents and players of their obligations of conduct this season• If a player/coach receives a game misconduct (including during a scrimmage), the coach is required to advise the D6 Disciplinary Committee (David L and Mike M) within 24 hours. EPHA president@ep hockey.com and secretary@ep hockey.com should be notified FIRST. <p><u>Scrimmages and Games</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All players are required to wear neck protection and tethered mouth guards <i>even for scrimmages</i>. Tucking the neck guard in the helmet is not wearing it appropriately. Failure to wear proper equipment is in violation of USA Hockey rule 304 H• If teams do not have their 2024-25 uniforms yet, they are still required to have jerseys that are not the same color as the opposing team, must have numbers on them and the game must be recorded in Gamesheet (unless controlled scrimmage)• Teams need to have the iPad and Gamesheet signed prior to the start of the scrimmage by the coaches (reminder, coaches are signing off on the roster which is why they sign <i>before</i> the game/scrimmage) (unless controlled scrimmage)• All D6 teams have received their invite codes for Gamesheet. Some districts do not yet have their Gamesheet codes entered. If you encounter this during a scrimmage, fill out a paper scoresheet and send to Joel ASAP upon completion• If the team does not have the game sheet ready, the officials will leave the ice <p><u>Upcoming Dates:</u></p> <p>Team Rostering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Thurs October 17 – Bantam, Peewee, 12U○ Thurs November 7 – Squirt, 10U, 15U○ Mon November 25 – Junior Gold, 19U○ Friday November 29 – Mites○ Friday December 27 – Last Day for Roster Changes○ High School Tryouts:○ Girls 10/28-11/2; Boys 11/11-16○ League Start Dates:○ Saturday, October 26: Except SQ, 10U, 15U & 19U○ Monday, December 2: Squirts, 10U, 15U, Jr. Gold/19U



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<p>EPHA Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <p>Peewee Goalies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After countless hours and a great deal of effort in our search for a permanent goalie, we have unfortunately been unable to secure full-time waiver-in goalies for Peewee B1 and Peewee B2 Black. Our best option moving forward is to rely on substitute goalies (EBUGS= Emergency Back Up Goalies). This has been activated for Peewee B1 and we've found consistent subs for over 75% of games and tournaments. We are now working on a similar process for Peewee B2 Black. <p>15U</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tryouts start next week <p>Save the Date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPHA Night at the Wild<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 3/11/25@7pm vs. Colorado Avalanche
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Home Tournaments: Heggstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates
Ice Scheduler: Barry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practice ice has been assigned through 11/5. Developmental Ice for the season has been assigned. Growth ice for the 2025 half of the season has been confirmed. Ice Draw Preview on 10/10 was poorly attended. Next Ice Draw Preview is 10/23. Ice Draw is 10/30 @ Cambria Room, EPCC
Vice President: Richards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel Tryouts completed All inquiries completed 15U planning and execution upcoming Jr. Gold planning started Tryout post-mortem to follow
Treasurer: Hedlund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jersey costs for names came in at \$6,827 per Sponsorship Director. Budget was \$5,005 (\$8 per jersey on 626 jerseys) Junior Gold Jerseys was budgeted at \$5,393.20 total (\$207 per player with 28 players). Costs came in at \$9,200 (\$230 per player assuming 40 players) Do we have the Travel Jersey costs overall yet? To note, budget was \$65 per jersey plus \$10 for socks the \$8 for nameplates referenced above Clinic and tryout costs came in slightly under budget We will need to do team cost true-ups. I have a note to Chad Erickson to ask how this was done in the past. <p>See Appendix A below</p>
Past President: Hendrickson	<p>* 15U Tryouts start 10.21. Co-Op with Bloomington still on track, and we are having a 15A and 15B team</p> <p>* Junior Gold - planning for a Jr Gold B and Junior Gold 16U team. Season will get started ~11/17 after boys HS tryouts. More information being sent out to families here in the next week or so.</p>
Registrar: Heller	<p>Numbers are down by grade.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biggest grades where we need numbers are Kindergarten Boys and 1st Grade Girls. In the past few years we have had between 27-40 Kindergarten boys. This year we only have 18 In the past few years we have had between 12-17 1st Grade Girls. This we have only 7.
Coaches: Sarazine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosted a travel coaches kickoff meeting on 10/13.
Sponsorship: Huestis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates.
Growth: Engelstad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working to fill upcoming growth events.
Player Development: Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% of the power skating sessions with Mak Langei are complete for travel teams. Remaining half of the sessions to be scheduled prior to the EP Ice Draw.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Goalie sessions for the travel goalies are in progress. 10 sessions to be offered throughout the season. Remaining schedule was just finalized and will be posted to the goalie signup form shortly. • Intro to Goalie sessions for interested mite players are in progress. We have completed 2 of the 3 planned sessions so far. These sessions preceded the travel goalie group sessions, and we have had older goalies join to provide mentorship. • Mite power skating sessions have started. Laura Mitchell is leading dedicated development practices to educate and provide guidance on proper balance, edge work and skating techniques. • Checking & Body Contact development sessions are in progress. Wes Bolin (MN Hockey, Woodbury Boys HS) and his staff are leading a development training on proper technique and approach to body contact and checking for the PeeWee and Bantam teams.
<p>Communications: Gerszewski</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates.
<p>Commissioners & Volunteers: Pike</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates.
<p>Mites: Tucker</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mite / 8U evals will kick off this weekend. Evaluation groups have been posted, volunteers and evaluators are all signed up. • This will begin the process of the planned delayed tryout process for the Mite 3/4 teams plus starting a 6wk 3v3 in-house league. This is the 1st year of this process and I'm planning on sending out communication to all Mite 3/4 parents about this. (for the boards information, here is the link that I plan on sending out: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Qi75Yl8hy0o4tbc29yfG026Npg_BDbA4wqlx9TxN_iY/edit?usp=sharing) • We have 178 players in the Mite / 8U program so far this year; which is 35 fewer players than last year. This is noticeable in the Mite 1 / 2 and 8U1 & 2 groups. The Mite 1's are still very much "growing" and, despite their small counts, I am currently planning for 3 teams. I may condense this down to 2 teams of 14 if we do not pick up anymore players. But, I don't want to be short "resources" (jerseys, ice time, etc...) and plan for 2 teams but end up needing 3. • Also, because of numbers - and the ages of the girls signed up - I have decided to merge the 8U1 & 8U2 girls together to have an 8U1 / 8U2 team. <p>See Appendix B below</p>
<p>Girls Director: Waltman</p>	<p><u>MITES/ 8U Numbers:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/9/24- Total numbers were at 135 • 10/9/24- Updated total numbers are at 178 • GROWTH: Increase of 43 skaters (this is up 31% in the last 4 weeks)! • <p><u>GSS (Girls Summer Series Events):</u></p>



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- These events brought in 86 new families interested in skating and hockey. Continuous communications are sent to this group specifically with weekly follow-ups/invites, etc.
- Thus far, these have brought in **11 new girl skaters at the 8U level**, and **5 new skaters at 10U level** (from participating in GSS, GHD and from the growth on-boarding process).
- **GROWTH:** *16 new girl skaters thus far (as of 10/10/24) and growing.*

GHD (Girls Hockey Day Event 10/5/24):

- Another fun girls event (picture collage below)! Thanks for those of you who were able to come out, support, help on-site, etc.! This was well-received by all and families of girls continue to show appreciation for these opportunities and it's one step in the right direction for on-boarding girl hockey players (which doesn't happen overnight!).
- **Total Participants:** 73 (45 new skaters, 28 current skaters/helpers)- all were welcome and joined in the fun!
- **BIPOC:** of the 73 participants, 14 were from our BIPOC community (19%)- which is an excellent achievement in reaching our BIPOC community!
- **GROWTH:** *5+ new skaters already reaching out to find out more about signing up for hockey and other skating opportunities!*

HOCKEY DEMOS at Prairie View Elementary (9/27/24)

- **Classrooms Visited: 12 classes** (2 hours, visited K, 1st and 2nd grade rooms with 3 EPHA players doing stick-handling with tunes, having fun, getting students to participate, etc. and leaving flyers for Mites/8U and GHD program details with all students).
- **# of Kids in Total: 250+**
- **GROWTH:** *3 girls from Prairie View (specific to the hockey demos in classrooms), came out to the Girls Hockey Day event- YAY! This was 1 school visit with 3 new girls that came out (hopefully some new boys registered and/or are starting to show interest as well, and/or may come out to next THFF event)! Potential for all EP elementary school visits if enough support, could be a good avenue to pursue.*

ENCOURAGEMENT CLINIC (10/6/24):

- **Participants:** 14 kids ages 4-10 (5 were from our BIPOC community)- I ran a little beginner skating session for some of my girl families who were on the fence about skating, hockey equipment, etc. and Jess E. sent out to mite families as well.
- **GROWTH:** *two new families with 8U and 10U skaters came forward, along with additional mite/level skaters (interested in learning more, and looking for other skating opportunities)- handed out flyers/emailing and texting/calling to support.*



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<p>Diversity and Inclusion: Rink</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Equipment & Apparel: Hilden</p>	<p>We were able to purchase the new helmets for Barbi and Alli and they were very thankful for the money towards equipment. I'm going to find some time to get together with Patty and Jeff Hall to look at goalie equipment and see what we need to purchase there.</p> <p>Jerseys...I'm not going to lie, it has been an interesting few weeks. Sarah has been a life saver and together we have done the best we could with what we had. This was my first year in this position and Sarah said that they have never had such a challenging year before. It was an incredibly eye opening experience and some of the stuff I was told from managers and some of the stuff that was said to me was mind blowing. For these reasons, I am starting to explore some different ways of doing jersey ordering in the future. Guessing sizes and what teams need is not time efficient nor is it an easy task.</p> <p>Katie White Designs was at the shopping event last week with a custom earring bar which was a huge hit. I got the ok, she will be at the tournaments 1/30-2/2 and 2/13-2/16. She'll have an earring bar in the cambria room and will have all of the colors of teams that are playing those weekends. She will donate a percentage of the sales back to EPHA. Should be successful and an easy way to bring some more money to the association!</p>
<p>Travel Tournaments: Langaard</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have all tournaments registered, still trying to get refunds on a few. Working with a few teams who want different hotels to help them switch.
<p>Secretary: Walters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tryout support complete. • Collecting Code of Conduct from teams • Supporting EC responses and EPHA-wide comms and presos.



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Appendix A

Treasurer Travel registration numbers:

	Budgeted Players	Actual Players	Difference
Junior Gold B	14		
Junior Gold U16	14		
Bantam AA	17	18	1
Bantam B1	17	16	-1
Bantam B2	17	16	-1
Bantam C	16	16	3
PeeWee AA	14	14	0
PeeWee B1	14	13	-1
PeeWee B2	14	12	-2
Pewee B2 Red	14	13	-1
PeeWee C	14	16	5
Squirt A	14	15	1
Squirt B1	12	14	2
Squirt B2 Black	12	14	2
Squirt B2	12	0	-12
Squirt C	11	13	5
Squirt C	11	12	4
15A	14		
15B	12		
12A	14	14	0
12B	14	15	4
10A	15	14	-1
10B2	15	17	5



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Appendix B

Here is the forecasted Mite/8U team count and team sizes for this year:

<i>Level</i>	<i>TEAM</i>	COUNTA of Level
Girls 8U1 / 8U2	8U1 / 8U2 Black	12
	8U1 / 8U2 Red	12
Girls 8U1 / 8U2 Total		24
Girls 8U3	8U3 Black	14
	8U3 Red	14
Girls 8U3 Total		28
Mite 1	Mite 1 Black	10
	Mite 1 Red	9
	Mite 1 White	9
Mite 1 Total		28
Mite 2	Mite 2 Black	10
	Mite 2 Red	10
	Mite 2 White	10
Mite 2 Total		30
Mite 3	Mite 3 Black	11
	Mite 3 Grey	11
	Mite 3 Red	11
	Mite 3 White	11
Mite 3 Total		44
Mite 4	Mite 4 Black	12
	Mite 4 Red	12
Mite 4 Total		24
Grand Total		178

Next Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 11, 6pm - Eagles Nest.