

AVENUE ROAD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

REGISTRATION 2009 – 2010

Dear Parents and Players:

For our 2009 – 2010 season, we will be offering a complete hockey program every week from October to March, excluding the December school break. Our goal is to provide hockey for as many boys and girls as possible, given our limited ice time, with an emphasis on camaraderie, sportsmanship, team play and skills development. The following chart shows the Division ages and tentative ice times for 2009 – 2010:

DIVISION	YEAR OF BIRTH	DAYS	TENTATIVE ICE TIMES
Mite	2005 – 2004	Sunday	11:30 am to 2:30 pm
Tyke	2003 – 2002	Sunday	4:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Minor Novice	2001	Monday	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Novice	2000	Thursday	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Atom	1999 – 1998	Tues/Wed*	6:30 pm to 10:00 pm
PeeWee	1997 – 1996	Mon/Wed*	8:15 pm to 10:15 pm
Bantam	1995 – 1994	Sunday	7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Midget	1993 – 1992	Thursday	8:30 pm to 10:30 pm

These times are only tentative and may be changed to accommodate unforeseen demands. **The age divisions and game times are subject to change on a yearly basis.** Some divisions may be split between minor and major ages depending on the level of registration and time slots available.

*Players in the Atom and PeeWee Divisions will play only one night per week. (i.e. the Wednesday game is for Select and Select-like players; all others will play on the other night). The split is based on skill – NOT preference or request!

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS

We are pleased to be introducing our online registration. Registration will begin for returning players on April 20th; and for new players on April 29th. You will receive an acceptance email once you have been officially registered. **Do not call or send emails to the League to determine if your registration has been successful.** Until you have received an email from the Registrar, you have NOT been registered!

ACCEPTANCE PRIORITIES

Returning Players: your **spot is being held for you until APRIL 28TH**. Returning player applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis in Divisions where it is oversubscribed.

Siblings of returning players: after returning players are registered, your applications will be processed based on availability.

New Applicants: **registration begins on APRIL 29th**. Your applications will be processed based on availability.

NOTE: Due to eligibility restrictions, new players from Thornhill and returning players with new Thornhill addresses will not be accepted into our League until after September 15th, 2009, based on availability. Returning Thornhill players and their siblings will still be accepted.

WAITING LIST

In the event of surplus applications, waiting lists are maintained for each Division. When a spot becomes available, you will be contacted prior to the processing of your application.

FEES

Our fees are used to defray the cost of ice time, uniforms, insurance, referees and timekeepers. ARHA is a non-profit organization; fees are set accordingly. This year the total fees are:

Mite	\$285	Tyke – PeeWee	\$355	Bantam & Midget	\$350
		(includes Banquet)			

If you cannot pay the fee, special arrangements can be made. Please feel free to contact the League in full confidence (registrar@avenueroadhockey.on.ca)

REFUND POLICY

Registered players who withdraw before **August 1, 2009**, will receive a full refund (less a \$100 processing fee). Refunds will be given after August 1st (less a \$100 processing fee) **ONLY** if a replacement player is found. There will be NO REFUNDS after August 15th.

Refund requests must be made in writing or by email.

SAFETY & UNIFORMS

Safety concerns are paramount in hockey. It is **MANDATORY** that protective equipment be worn at all times. No player will be allowed on the ice without full C.S.A. approved equipment, including a BNQ neck guard, shin guards, shoulder pads, hockey gloves and a full-face mask. All players receive a team sweater and socks. The CMHA guidelines state that all players must wear a mandatory mouth guard as part of their equipment.

SUNDAY HOCKEY SKILLS

The League will offer a skills program to registered players **ONLY** in Tyke, Minor Novice & Novice during the season. A detailed email will be sent out in August.

MITE DIVISION

For 2005 – 2004 players. This “Learn to Play” Division plays on Sundays, and consists of instructional skating and hockey with professional instructors. Players registered will be divided into 2 or 3 groups, based on experience. The Mite Convenor will contact families directly prior to season’s start.

SPONSORS

Anyone wishing to sponsor a team (cost \$850) should indicate an interest on the Registration form. Last year’s sponsors will be contacted automatically.

REFEREES

Any player who wishes to referee in the League is to contact the office 416-398-3825; or by email to david.rezmovitz@avenueroadhockey.on.ca. Players must be at least 13 years old as of October 1st and a proficient skater in order to qualify for the program. A limited number of players will be contacted and informed about the requirements needed to participate, as a referee, in the League.

SELECT DIVISION

Select Division offers an opportunity for House League players to play hockey in a more challenging and competitive setting. Tryout for the Select Teams will take place in September 2009. Further information concerning out Select program, including a full schedule of tryouts will be emailed in August. You may email any questions you have to Stuart.Suckonic@avenueroadhockey.on.ca.

VOLUNTEERS

We are ALWAYS looking for volunteers – convenors, coaches and general help. Please consider volunteering your time and indicate it on your application.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

Parents are advised that at each game, in case of emergency, there MUST BE someone responsible for your child, other than the coach. Failure to adhere to this policy jeopardizes your child's continued participation in our League.

HEALTH CONDITIONS

ARHA should be made aware of any health conditions of your child that may affect his/her ability to play.

EQUALIZATION TRADES

In order to promote good sportsmanship and fun, we try to ensure that the House League teams are as balanced as possible. Accordingly, we reserve the right to trade players between teams, in a manner designed to achieve a competitive balance.

ATTENDANCE

Players who miss more than 3 games owing to conflicting commitments (e.g. other sports or activities) may risk suspension without refund. Said players may also be denied re-registration for the following season so that more dedicated players will get the opportunity to play.

HOLIDAY POLICY

The policy of the League continues to be that no games or practices will be scheduled between Friday and Saturday night, and on recognized holidays. The League does reserve the right to schedule optional practices on certain holidays that fall within its regular hockey schedule.

EMAIL ADDRESS

You may contact the Registrar at registrar@avenueroadhockey.on.ca if you have any questions.

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