



Portland Jr. Hawks Youth Hockey

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Wow! The 2007-2008 Portland Jr. Hawks Hockey Season began this past weekend with tryouts for our Bantam AA Travel Team. For your convenience, the Registration form has been posted to the PJH website and copies will be made available at all the ice arenas.

Once again, this upcoming season, we are excited to offer a full line up of youth hockey for boys and girls under the PJH flag. The successful Mini- Hawks program will continue for our youngest players. To promote continued skill development, our house program will offer approximately 54 ice times for each player. Those seeking travel hockey, will again, have an opportunity to play Squirt thru Midget U18A rep hockey.

With a successful year behind them, the U19 girl's team will return and is looking for new players. Girl's hockey is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States and PJH is eager to keep-up with this national trend. For the 2007/2008 season, it is our goal to create the first rostered U12 Team wearing the PJH red and black!

Over the years, the Rep. program has assumed an inequitable amount of the costs associated with the operation of the Portland Jr. Hawk Association. To rectify the disparity the board is adopting the following pay structure.

For both House and Rep hockey the registration fee is \$750:

House program:

Includes 3 ice times per week, jersey/socks, refs and USA Hockey/OSHA dues.

Rep. Program:

We raised the Rep player reserve to \$400 this year. (This is essentially a "deposit" that assures that all players end the season in good standing.) There is a \$25 decrease in administrative costs to the rep player. The residual \$350 goes to jerseys, socks, USAH/OSHA and fees associated with coaching. In addition, the Rep. players pay monthly dues that cover the expense of ice, refs, and tournaments.

Unfortunately, ice hockey is an expensive sport and, once again, ice and referee costs have risen for the 07/08 season. Regrettably, we are forced to raise player fees. The PJH Board asks all of you to recognize that as costs go up we, as an association, have several options.

1. Raise member prices
2. Create a fundraising campaign for entire association
3. Solicit Private Donations and Sponsorships for association.

The Board of Director's has vision and a personal commitment to the association. We appreciate your input and will be contacting you in the coming months for guidance in creating a long-term strategy.

We appreciate all your positive support and ideas as we start our 19th season of the Portland Jr. Hawks Youth Hockey Association

The Board of Directors