

Dear South Wood County Youth Hockey Association Members,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 hockey season!

How quickly the time has come for us to begin the registration and planning processes for this year's season. Board members have spent a considerable amount of time already determining the needs of the association for the coming season.

The association financially lost \$1,051 in the 2008-2009 Season. The Board has looked into where we can make changes to improve revenue and will enact different means of generating income to help drive our association to successful financial status.

Registration will be held:

Tuesday, 18 August from 5-8pm

Thursday, 27 August from 5-8pm

We have kept registration rates the same as last year for each age group:

High School = \$560

High School Club = \$495

Bantam = \$495

Peewee = \$465

Girls-U14 = \$400

Squirt = \$440

Girls-U12 = \$375

Mite = \$200

Mini-Mite = \$130

Payment policies for this year will be the same as last year to make things more consistent, easier for registration tracking and allow distributed payments that will, hopefully, lighten the burden on families. At registration we will require three checks that will be cashed by the association on:

1 September 2008 = Approximately 30% Registration Cost

1 October 2008 = Approximately 30% Registration Cost

1 November 2008 = Approximately 40% Registration Cost

We will also require a \$150 try-out fee for WIAA High School Team, which will be applied toward registration fee.

Each family will be required to register online with USA Hockey prior to registration with the South Wood County Youth Hockey Association (SWCYHA). The process for registration is explained in the attached document and is required to be completely registered with the SWCYHA. If you do not have access to a computer to complete this registration process, please contact me and I will make arrangements for you to register in an alternative way.

Considering the success of last year's raffle, we will again utilize this financial aid to support the association. We will require each family to purchase \$150 in raffle tickets. A separate check for the raffle tickets will be requested and will be cashed by the Association on 1 December 2009.

Depending on the total registrations the association has this year, we may need to have additional fund-raising activities in January and February of 2010. We will determine that need by December 2009 and will ask for your support throughout this process.

Volunteer hours have been held at 40 hours per family. Details for volunteering are highlighted in the Player/Parent Handbook on our website ([www.swcyha.org](http://www.swcyha.org)) and can be explained more at registration. Sign-up for WIAA hockey, football and track games/meets will be administered during the registration process. If a family does not sign up for these games, their names will be filled into the schedule and they will be notified of their obligated dates. If they have a conflict with these dates, they can trade with other families or potentially 'hire' others to cover their game(s). It is the obligation of the families to coordinate the trades. Any short-coming in hours will be charged at \$20/hour.

We would like to increase the income generated from concessions to cover at least one ice payment for the year (6 payments of approximately \$15,206 for 2009-2010 season), so your help in supporting the concession stand and work requirements in this area are appreciated.

The Annual Fundraising Golf Outing this year will again be a joint effort with the WIAA Boosters and South Wood County Youth Hockey Association. The Golf Outing will be at the Bull's Eye Country Club on Saturday, September 12. We encourage all members to join in the fun and socializing. Forms and information about the golf outing are on association website ([www.swcyha.org](http://www.swcyha.org)).

If any association member knows of businesses, or would personally like to sponsor skaters that would not have the financial resources to participate within our association, I would strongly recommend they communicate to the Board these sources. If we can increase the number of skaters within our association, this will help reduce overall skater costs and make hockey more affordable for all.

We will need the support and volunteerism of the association members to make this year a success. There are still plenty of opportunities to help with association tournaments, fund-raising and committee work. Please help our association and our children by showing your support through volunteering!

If you have questions, concerns or comments about the upcoming season, please contact me at [capelle\\_jay1@charter.net](mailto:capelle_jay1@charter.net)

Best Regards,

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