



AMHA Chalk Talk

April 5, 2010

Spring Version

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Dates to remember

April 26th

AMHA Annual Meeting

Ames City Hall

6:30 p.m.

May 10th

Summer Hockey
Registration Due

May 30th

Fall Pre-registration Due

June 26th

2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Ames Golf & Country Club

9:00 a.m.

AMHA Annual Meeting April 26th

Ames Minor Hockey Association will be holding their annual meeting on April 26th, 6:30 pm at Ames City Hall Council Chambers. New Board Members will be elected. AMHA Board of Directors consists of 14 to 20 members. Each year AMHA elects new members to replace the members whose term is expiring and do not want to run for re-election. The term for a Board member is two years.

The following people have expressed interest in running for the Board:

Lori Oh
Deb Lister
Ken Brack
Wendy Ziebol
Eric Cowles
Brad Waline
Paul DeVries
Susan Fritzell

If you are interested in running for the board or participating on a committee please plan to attend.

AMHA News

I'd like to thank everyone involved in AMHA for a great 2009/10 hockey season. I would like to recognize the following people for their outstanding volunteer contributions this year:

- Outgoing Senior Skaters and Families - thank you for your years of dedication and service in AMHA.
- Team Coaches and Coordinators - in my opinion, the best group of coaches we have had and the organization level of team Coordinators made for a smooth season.
- Referee-In-Chief, Referee Scheduler, and Referees - thanks to Mike Owen, Jeff Iles, and all of the referees for a great year.
- AMHA Registrar - for doing things by the book and getting AMHA back on track with registrations, thank you Ron White. We are looking for someone to take over the Registrar position, if you are interested please let me know.
- AMHA Risk Manager - thank you, Matt Rensch.
- Committee Chairs/Members - it takes a lot of volunteer time to plan for and attend committee meetings. Thank you for all you do for AMHA.
- AMHA Board of Directors - thank you for your time and dedication to AMHA.
- Parents - thank you for always being willing to volunteer and support AMHA. Another thank you for allowing AMHA to work with your kids, allowing them to grow on and off the ice.

This is an exciting time for AMHA. Our Initiation program was perhaps the most well-run Initiation program I have been witness to. Our Recruiting Committee continues to work hard and AMHA continues to grow; in fact, for the first time in the history of AMHA we will have two teams at two different divisions next year (Squirts & Pee Wees). Coach Schmale and his staff have the High School program running smoothly and is looking forward to the upcoming season. See you on the ice!

Jason Berg
President, AMHA

Proposed By-Law changes

- When ratifying amended By-Laws at the annual meeting, voting shall be done by the entire membership of AMHA.
- Add "Hockey Unlimited" Committee to group of standing committees.

AMHA 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

AMHA will have its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, June 26th. Find three friends and get involved with this foursome fun at Ames Golf & Country Club. The cost is \$300 per foursome and includes 18 holes, carts, and a meal following the event. Look for a registration form at www.ameshockey.com soon. For more information contact Robin Mitchell at rmitchell686@hotmail.com.

Get Involved, join a committee

AMHA has many committees that allow members to get involved in the association and help share the duties required to keep the association running smoothly. Please review the list below and sign-up at the annual meeting to help in the association.

The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Ames Minor Hockey Association. Committees and their Chairperson shall be appointed by the incoming President at the first meeting of the Board each year. Members need not be a Director of the Ames Minor Hockey Association, but each standing committee shall have as part of its members at least one Board member.

AMHA Committees

Executive Committee The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Fund Raising Committee The purpose of this committee shall be to coordinate fund raising activities for all divisions. There are four subcommittees: Corporate Sponsorship, Sales Cart, Greens, and Small Programs.

Nominating Committee The purpose shall be to recommend to the Annual Meeting a slate of officers and Board members for the upcoming year. At least two Directors shall serve on this committee. Any member wishing to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors or officers of the Association other than those recommended by the Nominating Committee shall do so by nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Finance Committee The purpose shall be to assume all responsibility for finances including, but not limited to, the make-up of a current budget both for income anticipation and expenses and to recommend to the Board such fiscal policies as it deems necessary. The Treasurer shall serve on this committee. The Finance Committee shall conduct a financial examination annually and/or at the termination of the Treasurer's term of office.

Scheduling Committee The purpose shall be to oversee the scheduling of all calendar events for the association. There are 5 subcommittees: Ice Arena Scheduling, Outdoor Ice, AMHA Face-off, Pictures, and Referees. Members of the Ice Scheduling subcommittee should include a coordinator from each division.

Coaching & Coordinator Committee The purpose shall be to recruit qualified coaches and coordinators, to advise of USA Hockey rules and regulations, improvement clinics, and any other literature available. The Coaching and Coordinator Committee will recommend the best-qualified coach at each division. All individuals interested in coaching will submit a written application to the Coaching and Coordinator Committee.

Conduct Review Committee The Committee purpose shall be to:

- a. Uphold and interpret the Ames Minor Hockey Association Code of Conduct as outlined in the AMHA Handbook, to make modifications and/or additions to the Code of Conduct, and to act as the governing body in all violations of the Code of Conduct.
- b. Investigate any incident that occurs in connection with any AMHA game and assess additional suspensions when appropriate for any offense committed before, during the course of a game

or any aftermath thereof by a player or Team Official, whether or not such offense has been penalized by the Referee, as stated in the USA Hockey Playing Rules.

- c. Deal with violations of Association coaches with the USA Hockey Coaching Ethics Code Appeals that result from the application of the AMHA Code of Conduct may be made to the Board of Directors. The person making the appeal or the Board may request a closed hearing of the appeal. USA Hockey established procedures will be followed (including the Ethics Code Violation Reporting Form) on matters relating to the Coaching Ethics Code.

Coordinator of Player Development Will attend coaches and coordinators meetings at the beginning of each new season. The Coordinator of Player Development will have access to an updated list of all coach's names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Coach's or team coordinators will contact the Coordinator of Player Development (not parents) if there is a player who they feel needs to make a move to another team. All correspondence will go through the Coordinator of Player Development and he\she will then make the contacts necessary for a transfer. The Coordinator of Player Development will gather the information from the sending coach and they will make a decision together as to whether or not the player should be considered for a transfer. The receiving coach will then be contacted and arrangements will be made to evaluate the player if necessary. The sending coach or team coordinator will supply the name, phone number and e-mail address of the players' parents to the Coordinator of Player Development. The team coordinator and the player's parents will then be notified of the transfer. If the player transfers parents will be informed that there will be a transition period for the player on his/her new team and that there will be a fee adjustment.

The following committees are not mentioned in AMHA By-Laws but play active roles in the association activities:

Chalk Talk Purpose of this committee is to help compile, create and send our newsletter to the AMHA membership twice a year.

Equipment Committee Purpose of committee is to inventory, issue, maintain and purchase AMHA equipment.

AMHA Handbook Purpose of this committee is to produce annual AMHA Handbook.

Web Site Committee Develop and maintain AMHA website. We especially would like members that have expertise in this area.

PLEASE HELP AND SIGN UP FOR A COMMITTEE

You can do this at the Annual Meeting

USA Hockey Registration Now Available

USA Hockey Registration is now available for the 2010/11 season. Due to the changes last year, your IMR is good from April 30, 2010 until May 1, 2010. Register now at www.usahockeyregistration.com

DATE OF BIRTH	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
1992	18 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1993	17 Years	Midget 18 & Under
1994	16 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1995	15 Years	Midget 16 & Under
1996	14 Years	<u>Bantam 14 or Under</u>
1997	13 Years	<u>Bantam 14 or Under</u>
1998	12 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
1999	11 Years	Pee Wee 12 or Under
2000	10 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2001	9 Years	Squirt 10 or Under
2002	8 Years	Mite 8 or Under

Pre Register for 2009/10 Fall Hockey!

All returning players need to pre-register by **MAY 30th, 2010** for the 2009/2010 season. Registration allows the ice committee to plan for ice for each level and the equipment committee to purchase needed jerseys for each level. This is VERY important for us. Failure to pre-register skaters includes **\$100 late registration fee**. (Does not apply to first year mites and initiation or tykes)

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR AMHA FALL HOCKEY 2010/11

Cost \$50 per player

All participants must have a current IMR

Skaters Name _____ Birth Date _____
Skaters Name _____ Birth Date _____
Skaters Name _____ Birth Date _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Parents/Guardian _____ Home Phone# _____
Email Address _____ Cell Phone

Level

Initiation _____ Tykes _____ Mites _____ Squirt _____

Pee Wee _____ Bantam _____ High School _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Mail to: AMHA, P.O. Box 1492, Ames, IA 50014 by **May 30th, 2010**

***REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT

WWW.AMESHOCKEY.COM

Summer Hockey Registration

Check www.ameshockey.com for times and dates!

Return payment and this Summer Registration form (below) by **May 10th, 2009** to

AMHA

P.O. Box 1492,

Ames, IA 50014

*****REGISTRATION ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
WWW.AMESHOCKEY.COM**

Summer Hockey 2010

Skaters
Name _____ Parents/Guardian _____

Birth Date: _____ Phone #
(____) _____

Email
Address: _____

Level

Initiation/Tyke(\$60) _____ Mite (\$100) _____
Squirt(\$100) _____

Pee Wee(\$100) _____ Bantam(\$100) _____ High
School(\$100) _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Note: Your skater should skate with the division he/she will skate with in the Fall.

Mail to: AMHA

P.O. Box 1492

Ames, IA 50014

2010 AMHA Summer Hockey Schedule

Initiation/Tyke (\$60 Fee)

Mondays (7:15-8:15)	7 Jun	14 Jun	28 Jun	5 Jul	12 Jul
	19 Jul	26 Jul	2 Aug		

Mites & Squirts (\$100 Fee)

Tuesdays (7:15-8:15)	8 Jun	15 Jun	29 Jun	6 Jul	13 Jul
	20 Jul	27 Jul	3 Aug		
Thursdays (7:15-8:15)	10 Jun	17 Jun	1 Jul	8 Jul	15 Jul
	22 Jul	29 Jul	5 Aug		

Pee Wees & Bantams (\$100 Fee)

Tuesdays (8:15-9:15)	8 Jun	15 Jun	29 Jun	6 Jul	13 Jul
	20 Jul	27 Jul	3 Aug		
Thursdays (8:15-9:15)	10 Jun	17 Jun	1 Jul	8 Jul	15 Jul
	22 Jul	29 Jul	5 Aug		

High School (\$100 Fee)

Wednesdays (9:15-10:15)	9 Jun	16 Jun	30 Jun	7 Jul	14 Jul
	21 Jul	28 Jul	4 Aug		