



August 28, 2008 - Pioneers Ice Hockey News and Information

Action Needed:

- Thank you to everyone for getting in the 2nd deposits. Third and Final payment of \$350 is due by September 15th.
- USA Hockey Registration – Before any player can take the ice, they must be registered with USA Hockey (www.usahockey.com click on players/register online.) Note Parents/Guardians must complete the on-line registration on behalf of any players under 18 years of age). A copy of the confirmation must be provide to the club via email or send a hard copy to the club mailing address listed below. If you have already registered with USA Hockey as part of another team for the 2008/2009 Season, you do not need to register again, simply provide a copy of the confirmation to the club.
- Save the Date – Parent Meeting - Monday, September 15th 8:30 pm at Aspen Ice in Flemington.

Sponsors Needed:

- Robyn Burke has graciously offered to coordinate our sponsorship activities. While she will do her best to bring in sponsorships, we could always use more help in approaching local businesses in Somerville and Branchburg. In many cases all you have to do is ask and local business, employers, friends and family are more than willing to help out. Simply email or bring a printed copy of the attached form with you and ask for support!
- As previously communicated, the \$900 registration fee is based on 15 players per team and raising a minimum of \$2,000 (\$1,000 per team) from sponsors. Our rosters are currently light on both teams making exceeding our sponsorship and coordinating Fundraising activities even more important to maintain our current registration fee.

Fundraiser:

- Check your mailboxes the week of Sept 1st – we are mailing each player/family a seller sheet and supporting materials for a Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser. We graciously request each player to sell a minimum of \$100. Each player to sell over \$250 will receive a Pioneers Ice Hockey T-Shirt and the top seller will receive a \$25 gift card. Seller sheets should be returned at the Club Parent meeting on Monday, September 15th at 8:30 pm at Aspen Ice.



- We are also looking to coordinate a Car Wash; however we need to secure a location (Branchburg Municipal Bldg is not available). If you can lend a hand in coordinating this, please contact Christine Bliss at blissfulcl@comcast.net.

Treasurer Needed:

- The club is **in need of** a Treasurer. If you have an accounting/financial background and can lend an hour or two a month to supporting the club, send email to info@bbsvicehockey.com.

Coaches:

- A Coaches meeting is scheduled for Monday 9/8/08 7:00 pm at 603 1st Ave, Raritan, 08869, 1 block south of Somerville circle on rt 202, behind Shell Station Diagonally across from Randazzos Bakery. Anyone interested in attending is welcome. We need on ice practice coaches and game bench coaches! A separate email has been sent out to all that have expressed an interest in coaching by checking it off on the reg form. Please RSVP to Tim Jones at landman500@aol.com if you will be attending or interested in assisting.
- Due to conflicting schedules, Coach Dyer will not be available to support the HS team. We greatly appreciate his support and hope to have him back in the future.
- Bob Mitchell will be the new head coach of the HS team. Coach Mitchell is a Level 5 Master USA Hockey Certified Coach, and is currently the Coaching Director and ACE Coordinator at the Bridgewater Bears Youth Hockey Organization. Coach Mitchell has been coaching youth hockey for the past 15 years with various organizations at the Tier I and Tier II levels, instructing at camps and power skating instructing. He is instrumental in his teaching Hockey to the youth in New Jersey. Fun atmosphere and hard work is his motto in working with any level from Mites to Midgets Learn to play up into the AAA Levels.
- Tim Jones will be the head coach of the MS team. Tim launched his coaching career when his boys started playing Roller Hockey in 2000. He helped create the RVR roller league where he served as league director. Since 2004 Tim has coached Travel Ice Hockey with the Bridgewater Bears and the Flemington Hawks. Tim has a level 4 Ice Hockey Coaching Certificate from USA Hockey. His philosophy of "compliment then instruct" and "always make it fun" has gone a long way to making kids love hockey!
- Check out Bob & Tim's credentials on the club website.



Practices (Both Teams)

- Monday evenings from 8:45 pm to 9:45 pm at Aspen Ice, Flemington
 - October 20, 27
 - November 3, 10, 17, 24
 - December 1, 8, 15, 22
 - Jan 5, 12, 26
 - February 2, 9, 16, 23
 - March 2, 9, 16
- Additional practices maybe added in late September/early October.