

RYHA 2010-2011 Season Registration

September 8th & 9th

At Graham 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Registration Instructions for 2010-2011 season

Registration day at Graham 3 September 8th & 9th 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Late registration at Graham 3 September 15th 2010, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE DONE ONLINE *RYHA will no longer be using paper registration forms* Online registration will open Friday, August 20th

If your player falls in one of the following groups:

- Junior Gold (ages 15 -18)
- Bantams (ages 13,14)
- Peewee (ages 11,12)
- Squirt (ages 9,10)
- Girls (10U, 12U, 14U) (ages 9-14)
- Girls City league (ages 7-14) (NOT Mites)

Register for USA Hockey (<u>www.usahockey.com</u>) **first** and then RYHA (<u>www.ryha.net</u>) **second**.

On Registration day bring the following to Graham 3:

- Printed copy of USA Hockey barcode.
- Printed copy of order form (receipt).
- Printed copy of entry form, for each player

If your player falls in one of the following groups:

- Rookies (ages 3,4)
- Termites (ages 5,6)
- Supermites (ages 7,8)
- Supermites trying out for Squirts (age 8)
- Supermites girls trying out for Girls 10U or above Register for RYHA (www.ryha.net) only

NOTE: If your **supermite**, boy or girl, tries out for and makes a **squirt** or **girls** team you will need to register your player with USA Hockey, before he or she can be placed on a team roster.

On Registration day bring the following to Graham 3:

- Printed copy of order form (receipt).
- Printed copy of entry form, for each player.

To register with RYHA, click on the registration link of the RYHA website. If you were required to register with USA Hockey, you will need your USA member number. After entering all the required information on the registration form, you will have the option to use your credit card and pay registration fees online.

You must come to Registration day at Graham 3 even if you paid online. Signs will direct you to the appropriate payment tables.

You must have a "PAID" stamp on each entry form before visiting the coaches' tables for tryout information or they will not accept your entry forms.

A convenience fee will be assessed for using a credit card for payment. This fee is to cover the costs RYHA is charged when you use your credit card. See *fees* page on website.

If you do not have access to the internet, we will have a computer available at Graham 3 to register your child online and print your registration forms.



Fundraising Families Help RYHA

A big THANK YOU goes out to Scott and Layke Moger, and Elaine and Dustin Sorenson for raising money for RYHA! Elaine facilitated a 50/50 drawing at Deer Creek Speedway this past summer and raised \$600.00 for Rochester Youth Hockey. The winning pot was actually \$500 but the lucky number drawn "paid it forward" and donated \$100 back to us!

THANK YOU for the generous donation that will help fund our Scholarship Program in RYHA and help keep our kids on the ice!

Rochester Hockey Foundation College Scholarship Recipients

The Rochester Hockey Foundation (RHF) has announced the recipients of the 2010 RHF College Scholarships. These student athletes were acknowledged for their contribution to the community, recommendations from coaches and teachers, personal profiles, and their potential to succeed academically in college.

The following high school seniors have been awarded a college scholarship:

Century -

Logan Knapp, Brandon Sauter, Cory Kautz and Jens Boyum

Mayo -

Mary Grace Flesher and Emma Leof

Lourdes -

Matt Roth, Alex Kurth, Mark Greve and Michelle Bonapace-Potvin

For over forty years the Rochester Hockey Foundation has awarded college scholarships and showcase grants that directly support high school hockey players as well as providing capital outlay contributions to the local arenas. Congratulations to all the senior hockey players!!!

Novelty Sales

Once again there will be hockey novelties for sale during the two days of registration. There will be several new items available so bring in those booster bucks and pick up some great hockey novelties. There's something for just about everyone.

Novelty sales will also be available Saturdays (from 9am – 3pm) at each Rochester tournament, in addition to a couple of Saturdays just before the holidays!! Notices of dates and times will be posted on the RYHA web site and in each location.

If anyone is interested in helping out with novelty sales, please contact Tami Paulson @ 289-0666 or Mary St. Marie @ 280-9827.

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Interested in Coaching Boys Hockey??

This season there will be 3 "A" level teams at Bantams, Pee-Wees, and Squirts. Anyone interested in coaching any of these "A" level boys hockey teams needs to contact Scott Schneider at Rookies@chartermi.net

Season Plans for RYHA Girl's hockey

For this coming season RYHA will be a member of the new District 9 that is composed of the southern teams from the old District 8 and the Eastern teams from the old District 4. It is anticipated that District 9 will have a 12UB league and all of the rest of RYHA's girls teams would be attached to leagues such as District 8. More information will be known at a later date.

Depending upon registration numbers, we anticipate fielding teams at the 14UA, 14UB, 12UA, 12UB, 10UA, 10UB and also the Girls City League (GCL). The 10UB and possibly a second 12UB team will be made up of players that are also rostered in the GCL. More information will be available during registration. The GCL will be broken into two tiers again this season. Tier 1 will be made up of the older players and possible some of the younger more experienced players. Tier 2 is intended for the younger players. The breakdown of these teams will be based upon registration numbers.

How Do We Grow Girls Hockey?

The number of girls playing in RYHA has grown significantly but it is in all of our best interest to keep growing the numbers. More players mean that our teams will be better and will give us the most stability from one season to the next. Rochester currently has three girl's high school hockey teams so a significant number of the players will have the opportunity to participate at the high school level. The coaches for all three programs are hard working dedicated individuals and they are all interested in seeing the number of participants expand.

The best people to recruit new players are the families and players that we currently have in our system. Talk to your friends and encourage them to get involved. If they need help acquiring hockey gear, have them contact Mike McCormack at 202-5019. RYHA families have generously donated their surplus gear and I have a supply stored in bins in my garage.

Should My Daughter Play GCL or Supermites? By Mike McCormack

Both programs are good options but I would like to encourage the girls to play with girls. The GCL averages three ice times per week while the supermites get slightly more than two per week. The GCL option does cost more due to the extra ice times.

Girls tend to stay with the sport more when they participate with other girls. This has been noted by USA Hockey and I can see evidence of that within RYHA. When girl's high school hockey started in 1995 there were a number of girls that came out of peewees but most started playing hockey for the first time when they joined their high school team. Of the current group of girls playing high school hockey in Rochester, there is only one player that played with the boys in squirts and one year of peewees. The rest of them grew up playing 10U, 12U and 14U.

The other reason that we encourage girls to skate with girls is that, in general, the roles that they tend to play on youth (mostly boys) teams tend to be mostly defensive in nature. They tend to pass the puck quickly or else they don't seem to aggressively go after loose pucks. On a girls team they have the ability to develop the offensive skills more and have a more, well rounded role on their teams. I coach a summer AAA team of some of the better players from SE Minnesota and the surrounding states and all of the players except one play on girls' teams.

2010 - 2011 Rochester Tournament Schedule

Bantam C	December 3-5, 2010	Girls U10A	December 17-19, 2010
Squirt A	December 3-5, 2010	Girls U10B	December 17-19, 2010
PeeWee B	December 10-12, 2010	Girls U14B	December 17-19, 2010
Squirt B2	December 10-12, 2010	Girls U12A	January 7-9, 2011
PeeWee A	January 14-16, 2011	Girls U12B	January 7-9, 2011
Bantam A	January 21-23, 2011	Girls U14A	January 21-23, 2011
Bantam B	January 28-30, 2011	Squirt C	February 11-13, 2011



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