



## TEAM SLUSH FUND POLICY

All Chicago Blues Hockey Club travel teams require the team manager to establish a slush fund at the beginning of each season. The slush fund is a monetary fund designed to cover team expenses not covered by a player's registration fees. No player will be allowed to participate in team registered tournaments if their slush fund payment is not paid by Sept 25 of the current season.

The initial mandatory slush fund payment due at the beginning of the season is (please make checks payable to the team manager):

- CSDHL teams - \$350/player
- NIHL teams - \$300/player

Please be advised that teams may need to ask for amounts above these minimums to cover team expenses.

The team manager is authorized and has approval for the following team expenses:

- Additional tournament entry fees (see Note 1 below)
- Referee fees for practice games
- Additional ice costs (beyond the Chicago Blues Hockey Club season allocation)
- Coach travel expenses (see Note 2 below)
- Team parties
- Team practice uniforms (i.e., practice jerseys, workout clothes, practice socks)
- Team equipment / supplies (i.e., off-ice training equipment, water bottles, scoresheet labels, etc.)

Depending primarily on the number and location of additional tournaments a team enters, a team manager may require additional slush funds should they become depleted before the end of the season.

The team manager will track all expenses on the slush fund reporting form, and any unspent funds will be refunded to the team members after the season.

Note 1:

The Chicago Blues Hockey Club will pay for participation in the Blackhawk Cup state tournament for Squirts through Midgets and an equivalent cost tournament for Mite teams. Participation in additional tournaments will be paid for through the individual team's slush fund. If applicable, the Chicago Blues Hockey Club will retain any benefit from the receipt of multiple team discounts that result in the team's tournament cost to be below the advertised amount.

The Chicago Blues Hockey Club will give a stipend per team for tournament reimbursement dependent on play level. Stipend amounts will vary each year. The Manager Coordinator will provide current year stipend amounts.

Note 2:

Teams will pay for the following Director expenses (see \*exception below):

- Overnight stays: Hotel room using same rate as team members unless a "coach's" room is provided by the hotel; reimbursed gas purchase with receipt (rental car is not reimbursable); food allowance of \$25 per diem.
- Day trips greater than 45 miles: Reimbursed gas purchases with receipt (rental car is not reimbursable).
- Trips greater than 600 miles: Airfare reimbursement will be based on lowest cost two-week advance purchase fare in the market (rental car is not reimbursable), or if travel by car, reimbursed gas purchases with receipts (rental car is not reimbursable). Director or Head Coach should use the same method of transportation as team. If not, alternative transportation should be of equivalent price.

\*Except if the Director has a player rostered on the team, then no reimbursement is given besides the team comped room, gas with receipt and food stipend. Head Coaches are only eligible for the team comped room, and only if, the Director is not attending the tournament.

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