



All Parents of Pee wee Players (A, B1, B2):

There will be a meeting regarding the 2017 Pee wee International Friendship Tournament. If you are interested in having your pee wee player participate it's important you attend this meeting. We would like each pee wee player to be represented.

Date: Monday, October 24, 2016

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Phalen Arena

The meeting will cover:

1. Introductions

2. Tournament History

The Pee wee International Friendship Tournament was started in 1989 in Hachinohe, Japan and is held every two years alternating venues North and South. This is a tournament that we have participated in and hosted twice since its inception (once in 1991 and then again in 2003). This will be our third opportunity to host this wonderful event and we are excited to have this opportunity. Families welcome players into their homes for the duration of the tournament. The team that wins the hockey tournament is not necessarily the team that wins the most games, penalties have a big impact on total points and help determine the tournament champion. If the score of a game gets out of hand by the middle of the second period players change some jerseys and jamboree which makes even the lopsided games a good experience for everyone. The venue is hockey but the message is friendship, fair play and respect for each other and the countries represented. Besides the hockey games there are many activities that the teams participate in such as skit night where each team does a 5-minute skit about their country, state or community and auction night when items supplied by all countries are auctioned off with proceeds going to pay for the tournament. Teams from all over the world are coming to St. Paul including the United States, Japan, Korea, Australia, Canada, and New Zealand. There will be 11 teams from six countries playing hockey in St Paul and getting acquainted with Minnesota.

3. Tournament Headquarters

Vadnais Heights Holiday Inn Express will be the site of tournament headquarters housing team staff, coaches and parents that travel with the team. Our goal is to provide a quality tournament and events with memories that will last a lifetime for players and staff that will be joining us in Minnesota.

4. Tournament Dates

The tournament will begin with opening ceremonies beginning March 12, 2017. Closing ceremonies will take place March 21, 2017.

5. Forming 2 Teams – Selecting team names, colors and designing jerseys

6. Family Expectations/Player Opt In/Opt Out

Tournament Co-Directors: Greg and Lynn Pogreba,

Tournament Committee: Steve Younghans, Rich and Geraldine Rowen, Greg Jr and Mary Pogreba, Ted Wilebski, Taylor Pogreba, Brian Sanchez