

Good morning SAHA 2018-2019 registered members,

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to all new and returning players and families. The 2018-2019 officially begins Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please visit our website often, as a lot of information is shared there. [sahahockey.com](http://sahahockey.com) *Please remember, no player will be allowed on the ice until their registration balance is paid in full.*

## **SCHEDULES**

The schedule is completed through October 19<sup>th</sup> and can be found by clicking on the link under in the schedules tab of the website. The schedule has also been added to all team calendars. We do not anticipate having to change anything on the schedule prior to the season start, but please always double check just in case. Because it is anticipated the Mites will be such a large group this year, they will be split into 2 groups and practice at different times. The groups will be posted on the main page of our website.

## **1<sup>st</sup> YEAR PLAYERS/TERMITES**

1<sup>st</sup> year skaters with birthdates 1/1/10 and younger are Termites, and will practice whenever is says Termites on the schedule. Arrive before your scheduled ice time to allow time to help get your player ready! Sticks will not be needed until later in the season. In the beginning of the season, parents can go on the ice with their kids (helmets mandatory) but to be honest, there may come a point where your child will do better without you. We have fantastic coaches to teach you player how to skate ☺

SAHA is donating a free equipment package for new skaters (1st year players) ages 8 and under (over \$150.00 Value!). The starter equipment package includes elbow pads, shin pads, gloves, breezers and a bag from Play-It-Again Sports in Superior (no substitutions available). Starter packages can be picked up at Play-It-Again in Superior after your player is registered with SAHA. You will need a copy of your registration from SAHA (NOT YOUR USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION) in order to receive the equipment package.

## **JERSEYS**

SAHA provides jerseys to all teams once they are formed. Termites and Mini Mites get to keep their jerseys, all others use them just for the season.

SAHA is working on raising funds to replace outdated/worn out jerseys for Squirt level and above. It is anticipated we will have these new jerseys for this season. During the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the season, we hope to have players Squirt level and up try on jerseys so we can have record of what sizes are needed to make team jersey handout more efficient.

## **SAHA 2017-18 SURVEY SUMMARY**

Thank you to those who took the time to fill our survey at the end of last season. We received a lot of feedback and will use it to help guide future decisions. We had 93 responses, which was around 1/3 of membership, and all teams were represented in the survey responses.

### **Results:**

- 82% were satisfied or very satisfied with the season
- 65% felt the amount of practices and games was just right
- 87% said their child's hockey development met or exceeded their expectations
- 78.5% felt the coach's preparedness for practice and games was above or far above average
- 86% were satisfied or very satisfied with the coach's ability to teach their child
- 85% felt the coaches conducted themselves very or extremely professionally
- 73% were satisfied or very satisfied with the amount of travel and/or the amount of money spent on travel

## **FUNDRAISER**

Upper Lakes Foods is once again providing SAHA registered players with an optional fundraiser to participate in. All monies raised will go directly back to the player/family. Please see the fundraising tab of our website for more information on this.

## **HAVE A GREAT SEASON**

From all of us on the SAHA Board, we wish you a fantastic season watching your child grow, make lifelong friends, and learn life lessons all while playing the fastest game on ice.

