

# Hockey Happenings

## Sioux Falls Flyers



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## Fall Parent Meeting Dates – 2023

The Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Fall League Meetings will be hosted at Sanford Pentagon – Heritage Court. Information about teams will be provided at these meetings. In addition, expectations of both skaters and parents will be explained. Because of the importance of the topics discussed, we ask that a parent/guardian from *every* SFYHA family attend the Parent Meeting. The Board views attendance as a requirement for participation in the Association. Attendance by one parent is appreciated.

### **LOCATION/DATES:** **Sanford Pentagon on the Sanford Sports Complex**

- ⇒ Monday – **September 25** 5:45-6:45pm  
*Focus groups for this session are all Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam Travel Families*
- ⇒ Monday – **September 25** 7:00-8:00pm  
*Focus groups will be Lady Flyers and High School Travel Families*
- ⇒ Monday – **October 16** 5:45-6:45pm  
*Focus groups for this session are all Atom Families*
- ⇒ Monday – **October 16** 7:00-8:00pm  
*Focus groups for this session are all Mite, ICL and ACL Families*  
*Note to ACL needing jerseys: Please bring elbow pads and shoulder pads for jersey fitting*

**\*Mini-Atom Note:** We will host a parent meeting following their first time on the ice November 12<sup>th</sup>.  
**You do not need to attend a Fall Parent meeting. More details to come.**



Please mark your calendars! The program will be similar at all sessions. The meetings will be hosted in the large gym – Heritage Court. Scrip, Big Soo books, Raffle Tickets and fundraising info will be available.

We would like a parent to attend to secure important season information and submit required forms. Families with multiple players only need to attend one session. Spirtwear will not be available for sale at the Fall Meetings.

**YOUR LEAGUE MANAGERS HAVE MANY DUTIES TO ACCOMPLISH AND APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENDANCE. INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE OPENING SESSIONS WILL BENEFIT ALL MEMBERS.**

## Tryout Game Jersey Distribution for Travel Squirts, Travel PeeWees, Travel Bantams & Lady Flyer 14U

If your player has not yet picked up a set of game jerseys for tryouts, you need to contact our Game Jersey Coordinator, Brianna Long at [traveljerseys@sfflyers.com](mailto:traveljerseys@sfflyers.com). Squirt Travel, PeeWee Travel and Bantam Travel are required to have stock/tryout jerseys when tryouts begin the first of October.



## New Game Jersey sets for Travel Squirts, Travel PeeWees and Travel Bantams - October 10 and October 16 – Mark Your Calendars!

- ✓ Travel players will need to return their tryout jersey set - washed and hung to dry
- ✓ Pick up their new set of game jerseys
- ✓ Pay \$100 travel jersey fee if not paid at registration time
- ✓ IcePlex Lobby
- ✓ October 10 from 5:30-6:30pm
- ✓ October 16 from 6:30-7:30pm

## Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam Travel Player Group assignments for Tryouts will be posted and emailed next week.

### SFYHA 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION!! HOCKEY SEASON KICK-OFF!!

Thank you to everyone for attending the Kick-Off on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>! Lots of happy hockey chatter and we all learned a little about SFYHA History. As we continue to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Year, don't forget to check out the trivia questions posted on FB every Sunday evening during the season. The celebration committee, Tonya Anderson, Tiffany Anderson, Regina Boeve and Amy Kimber will be coordinating our efforts to celebrate all season long!!

## KEEP INFORMED!!



With the season close at hand, families have many questions and we want to provide as much information to you as possible. Please keep in mind:

- Hockey Happenings, such as this publication, is full of information and details about SFYHA. Please read it carefully and mark your calendars. This is not our main source of communication, but Hockey Happenings attempts to put the information in one place.

- The SFYHA website is a best place to check for updated Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Information. We hope you are "checking" often!! Don't be afraid to check out every menu option and link. Ad Council members and others are working to update for 2023-2024 season. Information Abundant!

[www.siouxfallsflyers.com](http://www.siouxfallsflyers.com)

- Eblasts – Updates and information for all of our members – These are not lengthy documents, but as always, information that may answer some of your questions. The eblasts go to the first email listed on your players registration. Remember to forward to your spouse 😊
- **FaceBook** – is the media we utilize for quick current and future information. We encourage everyone to sign up for Sioux Falls Flyers FaceBook page at Sioux Falls Flyers Hockey.
- **Emails** – For information pertinent to a certain league or age group, communication will come to you via email.

**Many people spend a lot of time communicating to our membership. Please do your part and read the communication. If you have questions, please contact a board member, the hockey office or call 605-361-9836.**

South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association has a web site at [www.sdaha.org](http://www.sdaha.org)  
Lots of Hockey Info for Everyone

**HyVee - Get-N-Go  
Big Soo Books & Candy Bars  
& Raffle Tickets**

**Just for You!!**

Cherry has several times set up for you to secure scrip & fundraising information. The calendar of dates & times is posted monthly under "For Information" on our home page. Dates & times are also on the SFYHA website calendar.

**Special Thanks!!**

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey recently received \$1972 donation from the MIRC Endowment Fund. Thanks to our Minnehaha Ice and Recreation Center forefathers for all their hard work to establish hockey in Sioux Falls!!**



**This and That...**

- **SFYHA Board of Directors monthly meetings** are held the second Wednesday of each month. They will be held in the Sanford Conference Room at the SCHEELS IcePlex. If you have an agenda item, your proposal or request needs to be forwarded to Cherry Hunter no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Hockey equipment is available at SCHEELS and Hockey Headquarters.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Advanced City League, Intermediate City League, Mite and Atom Leagues: If you have not registered online with SFYHA – PLEASE do so as soon as possible. Planning for the upcoming season is much easier when the Board knows how many will be participating in the program.**

**Our website is [siouxfallsflyers.com](http://siouxfallsflyers.com)**

**Registration Deadline  
for these leagues is  
September 21<sup>st</sup>**



➤ **ABOUT GAME ADMISSIONS**

Admissions to SFYHA Home Games is an important part of revenue for your association. Efficient collection of admissions is a must for the SFYHA program. Home game admission will be charged for all league games – including Sioux Falls vs Sioux Falls games. SFYHA Family Season Passes are \$40 with Adult Season Passes for \$25. You may purchase a Family Season Pass at the Fall Kick-Off or preseason events for \$35 (\$5 discount). Individual adult admission for home games is \$6.00. The SFYHA policy for admissions collection is similar to the rest of South Dakota local associations.



➤ **Rental Gear Check-Out**

**For Atoms and Mites who plan to rent gear for the 2023-2024 season, upcoming dates at the IcePlex:**

- **September 25 – 6:00-7:30pm**
- **October 5 – 6:00-7:30pm**

**Rental gear fee is \$45 for the season**

**NEW TO THE FLYERS???** There is a lot of information as you begin your journey with SFYHA.



We want to help you understand our program – the schedule, the website, DIBS, fundraising – and any other questions or concerns you may have. We are hosting **“EDUCATE ME” sessions on Saturday, October 28** at the SCHEELS IcePlex in the front Conference Room. We will host 2 sessions – 10:00-10:45am and 10:45-11:30am. We will provide an overview and some tips to help keep informed. We will follow up with questions and answers from our new families. Mark your calendar to join us!



## REFEREE SEMINARS

Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association is hosting Referee Seminars on September 23 and November 18 plus last chance on December 28 at the IcePlex for Level 1 certification. If you would like to serve as an official during the 2023-2024 season, please go to [usahockey.com](https://www.usahockey.com) to register for one of the following seminars.

- ✚ **September 23 – Sioux Falls – Level 1 – 10:00am**
- ✚ **November 18 – Sioux Falls – Level 1 – 10:00am**
- ✚ **December 28 – Sioux Falls – Level 1 – 10:00am**
- ✚ October 17 – Virtual – Level 3 – 7:00-10:00pm
- ✚ October 18 – Virtual – Level 2 – 6:00-10:00pm
- ✚ October 22 – Watertown – Level 1 - Noon
- ✚ October 29 – Rapid City – Level 1 – 8:00am
- ✚ November 4 – Brookings – Level 1 – 9:00am
- ✚ November 4 – Aberdeen – Level 1 – 10:30am
- ✚ November 8 – Virtual – Level 3 – 7:00-10:00pm
- ✚ November 15 – Virtual – Level 2 – 6:00-10:00pm

We are always in need of more officials & the pay is NICE! Register Today! <https://www.usahockey.com/officialseminars>

## FALL COACHES MEETING

## CEP CLINICS – FALL 2023

THIS FALL A MAJORITY OF CEP CLINICS WILL BE OFFERED VIRTUALLY FOR LEVEL 1-4 COACHING CERTIFICATION. REMEMBER COACHES CAN TAKE A CLINIC FROM ANY DISTRICT/AFFILIATE. PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE TIME ZONE BEFORE REGISTERING. YOU WILL NEED TO COMPLETE YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR A LEVEL 1-4 CLINIC BY DECEMBER 31, 2023. THE VIRTUAL CEP CLINIC OFFERINGS DO FILL QUICKLY – SO DON'T WAIT TO GET REGISTERED.

**COACHES – PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOUR CEP STATUS IS UP TO DATE!**

CEP CLINIC INFORMATION & REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.USAHOCKEY.COM/COACHINGCLINICS](https://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinics)



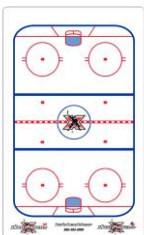
**SFYHA COACHES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL COACHES MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17.**

**5:30-6:30PM – COACH ICE TIME – ATOMS/MITES/SQUIRTS/ICL**

**6:45-7:45PM – COACHES MEETING -ALL LEVELS – SANFORD PENTAGON ROOM 2508**

**8:15-9:15PM – COACH ICE TIME – PW/BT/LADY FLYERS/JV & VARSITY/ACL**

**MORE DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO REGISTERED COACHES!**



## **Hockey Coaches Needed!**

Are you interested in helping coach for Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association? The first step is to complete the coaching application for SFYHA. The link can be found on our website Home Page <https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/beacoach>

# 2023-2024 Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Season

<u>League</u>	<u>Season Beginning</u>	<u>Season Ends</u>	
Mini-Atoms	November 12	February 25	4 yr
Atoms	October 23	February 25	5-6 yr
City Leagues	October 23	March 3	9-18 yr
Mites	October 23	March 3	7-8 yr
Squirt/Girls 10U Travel	October 23	February 25	9-10 yr
PeeWee Travel	October 23	February 25	11-12 yr
Bantam Travel	October 23	February 25	13-14 yr
Girls 14U	October 23	February 25	10-14 yr
Girls Var & Boys JV	October 23	March 3	
Varsity Boys	October 23	March 11**	

Tryouts will begin August 27 for Boys JV/Varsity  
 Tryouts will be Oct 1-5 for Squirts, PeeWees, Bantams, Lady Flyers  
 Jr Varsity & Varsity boys will start with limited ice times on Sept 18.

## Games & Other Info

- **SFYHA will be hosting the SDAHA PeeWee C Tournament February 16-18**
- No tourneys or games scheduled prior to November 3 due to team registration process & coach placement for any league or team without prior board approval.
- Full season practices begin the week of October 23.
- State games begin November 17. No SDAHA activities will be scheduled for December 22-25. SDAHA League games will be scheduled for December 31 and January 1
- City League practices will not extend beyond their respective End of Season Jamborees.
- ***Weekend practice ice times may be canceled or rescheduled due to SFYHA Invitational Tournaments or Jamborees***
  - Nov 11 SDAHA Girls Weekend & Senior Showcase
  - Dec 1-3 Squirt A and Squirt B Tournament
  - Jan 5-7 Bantam A and Bantam B Tournament
  - Jan 26-28 PeeWee A and PeeWee B Tournament
  - Feb 10-11 Falls Freeze Mite Fest
- Goalie sessions will be hosted on Wednesdays beginning October 25.
- The season end will not extend beyond the dates as noted above unless requested and approved by the board of directors no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. \*\*Varsity Boys attendance at National High School Tournament will be considered part of the season.
- Mini-Atoms, Atom Short Session & Mite City will not have sessions on Sunday - December 24 and February 11 (Super Bowl Sunday).

## No practices scheduled for:

November 23 for all leagues (Thanksgiving)  
 November 24-25 for Atoms & Mites (Friday/Saturday)  
**December 23-24-25-26-27 for all leagues (Saturday/Sunday/Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday)**  
 December 31 – January 1\* (Sunday/Monday) Coach may request by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

\*Mite City League will have games on Sunday, December 31

No Mite Travel practice & Saturday am ice slots will be adjusted for Atoms & Mite City – Nov 11, Dec 2, Jan 6, Jan 27, Feb 10  
 Director of Hockey Camp starts at IcePlex – September 5  
 Power Skating Clinics begin at the IcePlex – September 10  
 Bantam Body Contact Clinic – September 18  
 City League Fall Camp Sessions – October 8 and October 15  
 Knock Off the Rust Sessions for Atoms – October 8 and October 15

SFYHA Mite City League Jamboree, Atom Jamboree and End of the year Intermediate City League and Advanced City League play off dates will need to be determined.





## **Custom Flyers Equipment Bag!!**

*Orders are due by September 30 for canvas Flyers Hockey Equipment Bags! They were a hit last year and everybody is asking for them this season. Equipment Hockey Bag is \$120. Flyers Goalie Custom Equipment bags are \$140. Order form is available under For Information on our website home page.*

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## **Let's Try Hockey For Free**

In an effort to encourage registration and participation with Sioux Falls Youth Hockey, we are hosting upcoming "Try Hockey for Free" sessions. Please spread the word and provide information to any family or friends that you think might want to try hockey!!

Want to Try Hockey?? But not sure if you are ready for a full season? Our Let's Try Hockey events are a great introduction to hockey! *All Let's Try Hockey sessions are at no cost*

- Let's Try Hockey events are hosted at the Scheels IcePlex on the Sanford Sports Complex - 4300 Bobhalla Drive. Skates and necessary gear are provided for all events.
- **Saturday, October 7 from 1:30-3:30pm** – We will host ages 4-6 year olds from 1:30-2:30pm with age 7 and older from 2:30-3:30pm. Preregistration recommended at <https://siouxfallsflyers.sportngin.com/register/form/675022520>
- **Saturday, October 21 from 2:30-4:30pm** – We will host ages 4-6 year olds from 2:30-3:30pm with age 7 and older from 3:30-4:30pm. Preregistration recommended at <https://siouxfallsflyers.sportngin.com/register/form/675022520>

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## **Special Fall Clinics & Camps for our Players!!**

Atoms and City League participants – There are still openings for the Atom Knock Off the Rust Clinics and the City League Clinics for ICL and ACL. Detailed information is available on our website - <https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/page/show/1998146-director-of-hockey-clinics>

### **Knock Off the Rust Sessions – October 8 and October 15**

These special ice times are for our Atom age players. Two hours of ice time for just \$40! Registration is available online <https://siouxfallsflyers.sportngin.com/register/form/975005413>

### **Fall 2023 City League Clinics- October 8 and October 15**

These special ice times are for our ICL & ACL City League players. Two hours of ice time for just \$40! Registration is <https://siouxfallsflyers.sportngin.com/register/form/733478175>

# **FUNDRAISER CREDIT OPTIONS**

As indicated on your registration, Mid-Season Fundraiser Fees are due January 10, 2024. Sioux Falls Youth Hockey will provide to SFYHA families "options" with which to earn FUNDRAISER CREDIT. Each player may participate in one, several, all, or none of the fundraisers listed. We will keep a record of each player's sales and calculate those credit totals to be posted on the website as of December 31 for each family. ***We encourage each family to keep a log of their fundraisers and credit earned.***

- **"SCRIP CENTER" FUNDRAISER** – The Scrip Center program is like "substitute money" with gift cards, escript or certificates purchased to be used at businesses for payment of goods and services. SFYHA players will receive various rates of credit for the scrip. Some of the over 550 businesses participating include Applebee's, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Wendy's, Best Buy, JC Penney, Sams & Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Red Lobster, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dave & Busters and many more with credit earned ranging from 2% to 16%. Order forms for physical gift cards/certificates are available any time from Cherry Hunter or our website [siouxfallsflyers.com](http://siouxfallsflyers.com). Orders for physical cards are placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This fundraiser can be utilized year-round with all paid orders placed by December 31 to be credited to this season's fundraiser fee. ***ALSO AVAILABLE – escript cards ordered through the Raise Right app! The escript is a great mobile online ordering tool and can be done via your Smart Phone as you shop!! If you are interested in the Raise Right app – please contact Cherry Hunter at [cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com](mailto:cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com) for SFYHA enrollment code and details!*** In addition to the "scrip" ordered from a national distribution center, Hy-Vee cards and Get-N-Go/BP cards are readily available from Cherry Hunter. Hy-Vee and Get-N-Go/BP are 4.5% credit. Starting January 1, all orders will be credited to next season's account for your player.
- **OPH – NEW FUNDRAISING OPTION~~** The Original Pancake House has made a great new fundraiser option available to the Flyers!! Sell Original Pancake House gift cards in \$20, \$50, \$75 or \$100 increments, turn in your order no later than October 1 and earn 40% credit on each card sold!! **Sales are only open from September 10- September 30** with pick up of OPH gift cards on October 21. What a Deal!! What a Meal!!
- **"BIG SOO" COUPON BOOK** – The "Big Soo Coupon Book" has literally over \$10,000 worth of savings in over 700 money savings coupons from over 125 merchants in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. The book sells for **\$42 and you earn \$10** for each book you sell! The books will be available at the Fall Kick-Off Event on September 10 or by calling 605-351-7042. Families will be asked to write a check for the coupon books received. The check will be held for 30 days and then cashed if no coupon books are returned. **START WITH YOUR SALES TODAY!**
- **CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES** – This has been a great success for the last 32 years. Take orders! Door size wreaths sell for \$21.00@ with \$8.50 credited to your FUNDRAISER CREDIT. The large wreaths sell for \$45 each with a credit of \$13.00 each. Wreath crosses sell for \$25.00@ with a \$8.50 credit and the Christmas Centerpiece has been a wonderful addition. Selling price is \$32 each with \$10.00 credit per centerpiece. The 25ft Garland Ropes sell for \$50 each with \$10 credit earned. Each door swag sells for \$18 with \$8.00 credit earned. Kick off for Wreath Sales will be at the September 10 Fall Kick-Off Event at the IcePlex. Order forms and information will be distributed at that time. Wreath Orders are due by October 28. Delivery of wreaths will be November 27 at the IcePlex.
- **CANDY BAR SALES** – Sell candy bars for \$1.00 each – profit is \$25 per box of 60 candy bars. We utilize World's Finest Chocolate candy bars. Candy bars will be available at the Fall Event at the IcePlex on September 10. Again this year, families will write a check for the candy bars received, the check will be held for 30 days and then cashed if no candy bars are returned. Each box contains 60 assorted chocolate candy bars. ***Caramel Only boxes are available this season!!!***
- **FRIEND of FLYERS!** – Secure donations or sponsorships for \$50-\$1000 and earn up to 50% of the contribution for fundraiser credit. Sponsorship forms and promotion details are available on our website and at the Fall Kick Off on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This is a great fundraiser option and so easy to earn credit!!
- **SKATE-A-THON!!** – The SKATE-A-THON will be held on Saturday – October 21 at the IcePlex. Players will secure pledges for skated laps. 80% of funds collected will be credited to the player's fundraiser fee, with the remaining 20% used to pay for ice rental time. Pizza will be available to players when they complete their laps! Detailed information and pledge sheets will be available at the Fall Kick-Off Event!
- **HOT STUFF PIZZA** – The popular 14" Hot Stuff Pizza, available in 5 varieties sells for \$13 each. Players earn \$1.75 per pizza sold. Orders due Nov 13. Detailed information and order forms will be available at the Fall Event on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of product will be December 12.
- **RAFFLE TICKET SALES!** – Derek Berg has secured a great line up of raffle items! Players sell tickets for \$10 each and earn \$5 fundraiser credit per ticket sold. Drawings will be January 9, 2024. Raffle tickets will be available in books of 10 at the Fall Kick-Off. Families will write a check for the raffle tickets received, the check will be held for 30 days and then cashed. Sold ticket stubs will be turned into the "Red Box", Derek Berg or Cherry Hunter no later than December 31.

Each fundraiser will be credited individually to those participating.

For more information on any of the FUNDRAISER OPTIONS – Call Cherry Hunter at 605-351-7042.

**Please save this information for future reference**

**Detailed information for each fundraiser option is posted at**

**<https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/page/show/45735-family-fundraising-information>**