



Parents and Players,

July 20, 2008

Welcome to the 2008-2009 NBHL House League season. It gives us great pleasure to welcome back Rich Blakey as the Director of our House League and Developmental programs. It is his intention to be available to answer all of your questions and address any concerns you may have in a timely manner prior to and throughout the season.

At least one parent should plan on attending our **House League Parents meetings.** These meetings are scheduled for **Wednesday 9/10** in the evening at the rink. They will be very informative and help us to give all our old and new families important schedules and guidelines. We will also discuss our objectives and goals for the coming season.

Evaluations will begin on Saturday 9/13.

**** A complete schedule is provided on the back of this sheet. Please try to attend all the pre-season evaluation sessions, which you are scheduled for.**

Squirt, Peewee and Bantam team rosters will be posted on our Web site (northbrookhockey.org), as well as on the trophy case at the rink by the evening of **Wednesday October 1st**. A call from your child's coach will follow with your first weekends scheduled ice time. We will attempt to distribute a schedule for the first half of the season at your first practice. Squirts, Peewees, and Bantam House players will be playing in the North Shore House League, which effectively balances players of all abilities at each level and provides competitive weekly games at various rinks throughout the North Shore. A complete 16 game season in addition to a Pre-Holiday Tournament and League playoffs are scheduled. Practices for all levels will generally be on Saturdays, and games on Sundays.

Mite House players will participate in three weekends of evaluations and then will be split up into groups based on the number of registered players. **The groups will be posted at the rink and also on our website (northbrookhockey.org) by Wednesday October 1st.** These groups will skate separately each weekend through October. Both groups will work on similar skills and challenging drills to increase their basic techniques and improve the skills they learned from last season. Players will be placed on actual teams and those **teams will be posted Wednesday October 29th**. At that point teams will continue to practice skills and also team concepts on Saturdays, and then play actual games on Sundays.

Power skating – since it was so well received last season, Mites, Squirts and Peewees are encouraged to participate in six sessions of **House League Power skating** on Wednesday nights. This is a great opportunity to work on many skills, including balance, power, edges, stops, and more. All sessions will be run by our professional coaching staff. No additional charge. **Please see the schedule on the back of this sheet.**

All parents and players in our program are required to sign the NBHL Code of Conduct, and fill out a Medical form, which must be returned to your team managers as soon as possible. Any parent interested in Coaching or managing one of our House League Teams should contact Rich Blakey ASAP. We also offer Team Sponsorships. Please contact Bruce for information.

Please see the insert which describes our Pre-season clinics that are open to all levels

Thank you for your continued support of our programs and see you very soon !!

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2008 BLUEHAWKS HOUSE LEAGUE EVALUATION SCHEDULE

MITES

<u>Parent Meeting</u>	Wednesday 9/10 @ 6:45 pmat the rink		
SATURDAY	9/13	11:05 - 12:05 pm	A - L (last intial)
		12:15 - 1:15 pm	M - Z
SUNDAY	9/14	12:10 - 1:10 pm	A - L
		1:20 - 2:20 pm	M - Z
SATURDAY	9/20	11:05 - 12:05 pm	A - L (last intial)
		12:15 - 1:15 pm	M - Z
SUNDAY	9/21	12:10 - 1:10 pm	A - L
		1:20 - 2:20 pm	M - Z
SATURDAY	9/27	11:05 - 12:05 pm	A - L (last intial)
		12:15 - 1:15 pm	M - Z
SUNDAY	9/28	12:10 - 1:10 pm	A - L
		1:20 - 2:20 pm	M - Z

Wednesday October 1st - New Groups posted at rink & on website

SQUIRTS , PEE WEES & BANTAMS

<u>Parent Meeting</u>	Wednesday 9/10 @ 7:30 pm... at the rink		
SATURDAY	9/13	1:25 pm	All Squirts , Peewees & Bantams.
SUNDAY	9/14	4:40 pm	" "
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SUNDAY	9/21	4:25 pm	" "
SATURDAY	9/27	1:25 pm	" "
SUNDAY	9/28	4:25 pm	" "

Wednesday 10/1 - Teams posted on website and at the rink.

GOALIE clinics for Squirt, Peewees, Bantams begin in September / Please see the website for times and details

POWER SKATING - OPEN TO ALL LEVELS OF HOUSE LEAGUE

**WEDNESDAYS - 10/1 , 10/8 , 10/15 , 10/22 , 10/26 , 11/5
(6:40 - 7:20 pm)**