



Memorandum: 2017-9

Date: August 4, 2017

To: Registered Midget Aged Players in the AMHA

From: AMHA Board of Directors

Re: AMHA Midget Division Pre-Season Registration Issues

Dear AMHA Midget Registered Families,

As August 1st has now come and passed the AMHA has completed its audit of each division's Registration. For the upcoming season there are four issues in our Midget Division we wanted to notify all Midget Registered players and families. This memo stands as formal notification to our members of the issues, request to the membership to help solve the issues, and what will happen in the event the issues are not solved.

Issue 1 - Shortage of Coaches. Similar to last year to date we have not had enough volunteers step up to become coaches. Currently the Midget Division has three (3) coaches for six (6) Recreational teams.

- **Request - Call for Coaches.** We ask that anyone interested in coaching please contact Parm Kooner our Director, Midget or Mike Gerrits our Hockey Director as soon as possible. Please ask your friends, neighbors and any other people you may know who have a vested interest in the game of hockey.
- **In the Event of** - In the event we do not have enough coaches volunteer to take over teams, the number of teams the AMHA Midget Division will field will be proportionate to the number of coaches. Teams will be comprised of chronological registration (meaning those who registered first to those registered last). As a hypothetical, currently the AMHA would field three (3) teams, and cancel three (3) teams, meaning approximately 54 players would not have a place to play. Taking drastic measures such as this is not the desire of the AMHA, but sadly has become a reality in recent years. Again to reiterate our first priority is to try and recruit a few more coaches to properly field and give all our kids an opportunity to play this season.

Issue 2 - Midget Rep Tryout Numbers. Based upon the current Midget Rep Tryout numbers the AMHA is not in a position to offer a Midget A2 team as there are not enough players to field two Rep teams prior to doing any releases. To be clear, this statement has nothing to do with calibre of player, rather simply just numbers who have shown interest in trying out.

- **Request - Call for Recreational Players.** If there are any Recreational players who would like to reconsider and tryout for Rep hockey, please contact our Registrar Rhonda Bencze as soon as possible.
- **In the Event of** - In the event the AMHA does not have enough players to field a Midget A1 team Rep Tryouts will move forward as currently planned, but a Midget A2 team will not be considered or fielded by the AMHA and an additional Recreation team will be added. All players who are not



selected for Midget A1 will be placed in the Recreational Hockey pool and placed on a Recreational team for the upcoming season. The AMHA has until September 15th to declare with PCAHA which teams it will field for the upcoming season. The AMHA will continue to work diligently to fill the requirements of two Midget Rep teams as has traditionally been our standard operating procedure for team declaration.

Issues 3 - Midget Goalie Waitlist.. Currently the AMHA has three (3) goalies on the Midget waitlist. At this time these three goalies have not been admitted to the AMHA and currently have no place to play hockey in the upcoming season. The AMHA is currently working with neighboring Associations and internally on potential solutions.

- **Request - Call for Players.** As many may or may not be aware, Midget is traditionally the largest drop out of players in Minor Hockey due to players finding other activities, focus on high school, jobs and post high school pursuits. If any member is aware of players who have traditionally played hockey, have chosen not to this season and may wish to reconsider, please have them call Rhonda Bencze our Registrar as soon as possible.
- **In the Event of -** At this time the AMHA will continue to work on solutions for this registration challenge but it is completely possible these goalies may not have a place to play this upcoming season.

Issue 4 - Outstanding Registration Fees. Currently in excess of 15 families have not fulfilled their August 1st payment obligations. Given this, it skews our numbers regarding the above issues as this would be a full team of players that may potentially not be returning,. If your intention is to play this season, please submit payment to our Registrar, Rhonda Bencze as soon as possible.

- **Request - Playing Intentions -** If your intention to play in the upcoming season have changed over the summer, please notify Rhonda by Tuesday August 8th at 5:00 pm by phone or email.
- **In the Event of -** In the event of registration fees are not paid by some or all, team sizes will be determined by number of players who have fulfilled their registration fee obligations.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to reach out directly to Parm Kooner our Midget Director, Janine Rizzo our President or myself.

Regards,

AMHA Board of Directors