



## **Beyond the Registration Fees –Expectations of Hockey Families**

Welcome to hockey! We are very happy to welcome you and your child to our hockey family.

The following information will cover the expectations of families with children registered in minor hockey. There are other responsibilities beyond the initial registration fee that you pay for your child. It is of the upmost importance that you communicate with your team if you require assistance or are unsure of how things will proceed.

### **FINANCIAL**

Besides the initial registration fee the remaining registration fees will be due when placed on a team and families are also responsible for team fees.

Each team will have a pre-season meeting with its parents to confirm a team budget. This budget will cover possible items such as extra ice time for practice's, team photos, team clothing, tournament entry fees, thank you gifts for coaches, etc. Items such as photos and clothing are optional for each family but will still be factored into the team budget. The parent can choose to opt out of these items and save that expense.

Example:

- team fees budget is \$2,000.00 and there are 15 players on the team (2,000 divided by 15)
- each family would be responsible for \$133.00 in team fees payable to the team

Please be sure to let your team manager know ASAP if you require more time to make payments and wish to set up a longer payment schedule. The team will work with you as much as they can.

### **VOLUNTEERING**

Each family will usually pitch in during the season to make the year run smoothly. Being involved also makes it more fun!

Examples:

- team manager
- team treasurer
- assistant coach
- games at the Co-Operators Centre require a parent from the team to work the penalty box door
- U9 games require a timekeeper or scorekeeper.
- other volunteer areas might include fundraising co-ordinator, clothing co-ordinator, parent liason etc.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

Children playing minor hockey will need to get transported to and from their team practices, games and tournaments.

Hockey Regina will provide your Head Coach with a schedule of games and practices prior to the start of the season so you will have a good idea of when most of your child's ice times take place. Please note that there may be additional ice times added to this core schedule. A list of extra practices, exhibition games and tournaments will come from your team management.

Do not hesitate to contact your team's coach or manager if you have limitations in terms of transporting your child. It is imperative that you make your team aware in order to arrange for possible assistance from other parents.

The most important thing to remember is to be sure to enjoy the season.

Always be sure to communicate with your team management if you are unsure about anything or require assistance. Hockey parents are pretty great and will do their best to help out others however they cannot read minds. Please be sure to speak up if you require assistance or do not understand what is taking place.

Thank you for getting your child involved in minor hockey. Have fun!