



F.Y.H.A September Newsletter

Hello everyone!

Summer is officially over. School is back in session. I hope everyone is getting back into the groove of things. I must apologize as I did say last month that there was going to be a 2nd newsletter for August. It didn't happen as things kept happening and changing so rapidly that it just didn't work out. Get ready to be amazed!!

The **mandatory** parent/player meeting is officially set. There will be 2 days to choose from: Sunday Sept 25th or Monday Sept 26th. Both nights are to begin at 6:30pm. We will be using this time to hand out hockey gear to anyone that needs it. We will also be going over new policies, Safe Sport background checks, registration help if needed and training for concessions, clock, scoring, and penalty box/music. Lisa Carlson will also be having a table for the Bauer warmup coats and pants. **This will be the only time that they will be available at a discounted price. Lisa will be submitting only ONE order.**

Greg Sokoloski and Greg Ingvaldstad have agreed to take over the duties of hockey equipment and goalie gear. They will be in charge of the inventory, hand out and return of gear. **If you need equipment come to the meeting. This is the only time to receive your equipment.** They want to stress that they will not be available at all times to swap equipment. If you need to exchange equipment it will be by appointment only. Thank you Gregs!!! *A separate date/time will be set for CER learn to skate and Intro to Hockey.*

Paul Carlson was nice enough to set up the fall skate times in Albert Lea again this year. Four clinics, all on Sundays, and all in Albert Lea. The clinic will start Sunday Sept 18th and end Sunday October 9th. The skate times are from 1pm-3pm at the Albert Lea area. There has been one change due to a scheduling conflict in Albert Lea: **Oct 9th will now be from 10:30am-12:30pm. This change is for Oct 9th only!!!**

September 18th 1-3

September 25th 1-3

October 2nd 1-3

October 9th 10:30-12:30

As I said in the last letter we have made our website mobile friendly. Feel free to look around and get use to how it works and looks. And when you are there and you haven't done so please use the registration link to get the skaters registered. It doesn't take long at all. Jaime Maday has made it a very simple step by step process. **Registration needs to be done prior to the parent/player meetings** so that Jaime can have everything processed and ready to go before your kids hit the ice. **Skaters will not be allowed on the ice until all registration has been completed.**

As many of you know head injuries and concussions are an unfortunate part of sports. Concussions can happen in the blink of an eye. No one thinks they will happen to their kids, but they can. Be prepared with a baseline test. I strongly recommend having a baseline test done. If you are interested in scheduling a test simply call The Center for Specialty Care at 507-238-4949. There is a \$10 charge and the test results are kept on file for you in case your child possibly has a concussion. My wife and I know firsthand as 2 years ago our

son sustained a severe concussion. Because he hadn't had a baseline test done before the season the doctors did not have anything to compare any of his concussion test results with. This made it hard to verify him fully recovered and clear to go back on the ice. He was out of hockey for almost a month until his results came back to national test averages not his own personal results. I encourage you to think about it. For more info check out <http://www.concussiontreatment.com/baseline-testing.html>

We are still currently looking for a Head Coordinator. If you are interested in doing this or have any questions please email me and I will be more than happy to talk about it.

Last but definitely not least, we have a HUGE announcement. This summer the FYHA Board has made some big changes. All of these changes are to make the Fairmont hockey experience more enjoyable and easier for everyone. In order to do that we have expanded the duties of what once the arena manager position. As you saw this summer we had a position open called the Director of Operations. During the off-season the Director does things like fundraising, promotion and marketing FYHA just to name a few. This is a model many associations of our size use. So it is official, I am happy to announce that Cory Strauss has been hired as our Director of Operations. He is from Anchorage Alaska. He has many years of hockey experience at different positions. He is in the process of packing and getting ready to move to Fairmont. I have been in contact with him and he is very excited to get here and get the season started. This is very exciting! Things will evolve in time with this new position.

As of now I have nothing else. Unless it is an emergency I will try to not send out anything else until the parent/player meeting. But honestly take a look and the baseline testing options. And please take a little time and PLEASE get the kids registered. We will not be offering the old fashion paper style option this year. Also feel free to look at our new and improved website. The registration link will pop out when you go to the website.

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