

Raffle Tickets

This year Presque Isle Youth Hockey (PIYH) has decided to replace most of the in-season fundraising that we have done in the past with raffle tickets. Why raffle tickets? We have talked with several families and many of them have said “can I just pay extra money instead of fundraising?” By issuing raffle tickets to every player this gives families the **choice** to either keep the tickets themselves and have a chance at winning some prize money or sell/fundraise your 5 tickets to get your \$50 back. These raffle tickets also evenly distributes fundraising to all players. Because we have gone in this direction, we will be limiting ourselves to the following in-season fundraisers “Carb Night” spaghetti dinner auction and some have wanted to continue to sell concessions on select weekends.

Presque Isle Youth Hockey works very hard to keep registration fees down for families. The largest expense to our association is the cost of ice which accounts for \$32,000 of our \$42,000 budget or 76%. Last year the City of Presque Isle increased our ice cost per hour by \$25/hr or 21%. This ice cost increase had a major impact on our budget and the PIYH Board did everything in their power to minimize the increase from the city.

The revenue to operate Presque Isle Youth hockey comes from 3 different sources. Registration fees paid by the players which covers 50% of PIYH expenses. \$10,000 from fundraising, 25% of expenses and \$10,000 from donations, 25% of our expenses. Many youth hockey leagues in the State of Maine incorporate most or all their costs into the registration fees, which we know is not an option for PIYH. I have done some research on what other Maine associations are charging players to play rec hockey.

Average Annual Registration Fees

Skating Association of Maine (Augusta) \$575

SAMHA (Houlton) \$310

Brewer \$575

Maranacook (Next to Augusta) \$675

Casco Bay (Portland) \$825

Maine Coast (Rockland) \$450

I hope after you have read this letter that you have a better understanding of how Presque Isle Youth Hockey operates financially and how important it is to keep costs down to continue to make this sport affordable for all. Please consider the \$50 in raffle tickets as a replacement of several fundraising events and not as an increase to the registration fees. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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