

# MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Programs Committee Meeting Minutes – August 2024

Tuesday, August 6th, 2024 - 7:00 pm



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Puetz    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Polreis  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawna Huls     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Zoss    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Zens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blake Sabers               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janel Laufman | <input type="checkbox"/> Kira Tronnes             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Rietzel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Strand   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jai Mimmack   |

### REPORTS:

#### **Registration (Janel)**

- 121 players currently registered; 38 at this time last year (114 @ late fee deadline – 8/15)
  - 8U 26
  - Squirt 17
  - PeeWee 21
  - Bantam 13
  - 14U Girls 9
  - Girls Varsity 17
  - Boys Varsity 18
- A few corrections were needed w/ initial sets of registrations as bugs were worked out.
- Currently working on USA Hockey data in SportsEngine.

#### **SafeSport (Eric)**

- No report

#### **Head Coordinator (Shawna/Nichole)**

- Sept 8th - Forms turn in day format is being planned with 2 league parent meeting sessions at 4:00 & 6:30 pm. Final details to be emailed to association.
- Team Coordinators still being finalized at PW & Bantams; 8U will be Lexi Jennings, Emily Hohn, and Sarah Thuringer.

#### **Scheduling (Lisa)**

- An updated events schedule was provided with more team tournaments added; Girls teams are still looking for more tournaments.
- Pink the Rink is being proposed to move back a week from Jan 4<sup>th</sup> to Jan 11<sup>th</sup> with no objection from the committee.

#### **Player Safety ( OPEN )**

- Kali Mimmack has offered to become the Player Safety coordinator. She will contact Jackie for information.

#### **Tournament Director / Jerseys (Blake)**

- Hosted tournaments are published and advertised.

#### **Equipment (Randy)**

- Will be hosting another turn in session to complete equipment returns.
- Will start scheduling new equipment check out during forms turn in

### **Minor Officials ( OPEN )**

- Eric purchased a new iPad for Gamesheets scoring. Will be working on information and training materials as they are provided by SDAHA.

### **Referee Coordinator (Matt)**

- Significant changes coming to officiating process over next 2 years. Jenni Wirkus sent a letter to all current officials with details.
  - This year's deadline has been moved up so officials need to be registered at USA Hockey by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> in order to qualify for this season.
  - Neck guards are required for all youth officials.
  - All officiating classroom seminars will be virtual. Level 1 seminars will be 6 hours long over 2 sessions. Both sessions need to be attended to qualify. Northern Plains will be coordinating sessions and will post them sometime in Aug/Sept.
  - No open book exam or online modules are required this season as USAH works through technology issues. Playing rules exercises are now part of the virtual seminars.
  - USAH no longer requires on-ice sessions for Level 1 officials, but allows association Referees-In-Chief the opportunity to require them. SDAHA's RIC will be requiring on-ice sessions for Level 1 officials this season after they complete their virtual seminars. Matt will be working on scheduling one in Mitchell.
  - Zoom meeting will be held in November for new officials to learn how to sign up for game requests and provide local contacts for officiating questions.
  - 2025-26 will be all online/virtual; applications open earlier on April 1, 2025.
  - Full 2024-25 USAH Official Requirements:
    - Register by October 31
    - Attend a virtual seminar at your officiating level.
    - Complete SafeSport (if born in 2007 or earlier)
    - Complete a Background check (if 18 or older)
    - All requirements must be completed by December 31, 2024

### **DIBS Coordinator (Crystal)**

- Looking for a solution for locker room monitoring.
- Online DIBs scheduling will start after Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Media Relations (Kira)**

- No Report

### **Coaching Director (Kris)**

- Move-up request was submitted for Tate Strand from 8U to Squirts; Kris provided feedback and the request was approved by the committee.
- During the move-up discussion, further discussion was had regarding the handbook's Early Advancement Policy section that only allows move-ups for 2<sup>nd</sup> year Squirts and above (to prevent move-ups from 8U). The reference has been included for over 10 years, but the policy was questioned whether it is still relevant as we have moved up 8U players in the past. It was decided to remove the verbiage as each move-up request is considered on a case by case basis and the established criteria will be effective for decision making.
- Additional coaches are being finalized at various levels.

- Question was asked about when team splits would be held to help with preseason tournament planning (SQ/PW); Kris estimates splits would be around Oct 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Website** (Jennifer)

- Player registration has been ongoing and are working through various issues as they come up.
- Question was brought up about whether blended family registrations (Grandparents registering their children and grandchildren under a single family/account) should be allowed. The scenario can create 3+ skater discounts and reduces DIBs & raffle ticket requirements. Also, does legal liability play a factor?

**Discussion Items:**

- Season passes – A question was asked whether all coaches' spouses get a free season pass? It was suggested that only coaches that do not have children in the association qualify for the complimentary season pass. Coaching families with skaters in the association should still support the association just like other families that purchase passes.

**Board Action Required:**

- DIBs – locker room monitoring
- Registration – Blended family registrations
- Complimentary season passes for coaches' spouses – Only allow for coaches without kids in association?

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 3rd - 7:00 pm @ Blarney's

2024-2025 MSHA Event Schedule (tentative as of 8/5/24)

Date	Team	Event
Sept 8th	All Teams	Forms Turn-In- MAC
Sept 18th		Ice Available
Sept 21st-22nd	Event	Try Hockey Free- Toshiba
Sept 24th & 26th	Girls Event	Pucks & Ponytails- Toshiba
Sept 30th	All Teams	Practice Starts
Oct 4th-6th	All Teams	Power Play Clinic
~ Oct 18th		Team Splits
Oct 23rd	Senior Players	Senior Banner Pictures
Oct 26-27th	Boys JV/Varsity	Aberdeen Jamboree (Preseason)
Oct 28-29th	All Teams	League Pictures
Nov 1-3rd	Girls	Ninja Preseason- Sioux Falls
Nov 8-10th	Peewee B	Okoboji Tournament
Nov 15-17th	Squirts	Home Tournament- Toshiba
Nov 16-17th	Senior Players	Senior Showcase- Sioux Falls
Nov 22nd		League Level Games Start
Nov 22-24th	Peewee C	Brookings Tournament
Nov 22-24th	Girls 12U & 19U	Home Tournament- Toshiba
Nov 27th	Adult	Lucky Devils Alumni Night
Dec 6-8th	Bantam	Brookings Tournament
Dec 7th	Mites/8U	Home Jamboree- Toshiba
Dec 11-15th	Boys Varsity	Minnetonka Tourney
Dec 27-29th	Bantams	Baldwin, WI Tourney
Dec 27-29th	Boys Varsity	Moorhead, MN Tourney
Jan 4th	All Teams	Pink the Rink
Jan 16-19th	Boys JV	Buffalo, MN Tourney
Jan 17-19th	Figure Skating	Home Competition
Jan 25-26th	Mites/8U	Home Tournament- Toshiba
Jan 30-Feb 2nd	? Peewee B	Eden Prairie, MN Tournament
Feb 7-9th	Girls Varsity	Cedar Rapids Tourney
Feb 21-23rd	Peewee	State Tournament
Feb 28th-Mar 2nd	Bantam	State Tournament
Feb 28th-Mar 2nd	Girls 14U	State Tournament
Mar 6-8th	Boys JV	State Tournament
Mar 6-8th	Girls Varsity	State Tournament
Mar 13-15th	Boys Varsity	State Tournament

\*March 18th- End of Year Awards

\*Request a couple dates the Girls & Boys Varsity play at home together to have Senior Day/Night

\*Jan 4th- ALL TEAMS at home, including SQUIRTS-we will utilize both rinks

\*Jan 5th- Home Games if possible due to late night with Pink the Rink

\*Jan 17-19th- Not able to host league games