

Dear Stars and Jr. Stars Families:

Welcome to a new hockey season, a new rink and congratulations to your players on making their respective teams. We wish we knew for certain how this season will play out and that we could answer all your questions. For now, we wanted to communicate to the club so everyone understands where things currently stand for the Jr. Stars and Stars related to playing games, season fees and the recent news related to the pledge that the Stars made to the Glenview Park District for the Glenview Community Ice Center. We are committed to provide timely updates about our season.

#### Games:

- At this point in time we are required to follow the guidance for youth sports that the State of Illinois released at the end of July that categorizes hockey as a high-risk sport and currently prevents competitive play.
- AHAI (the state governing body under USA Hockey) and many hockey families, have been trying to work with the state to get hockey reclassified
- We are in the process of reviewing new information from AHAI concerning out-of-state tournament play and updates will be communicated by our organization or through individual teams.
- The leagues (CSDHL, NIHL and CUHL) are all making contingent plans to start the season later and end later than usual, if necessary.

#### Fees & Expenses:

- We have had a number of inquiries related to season fees and possibly not playing any games or the season being cut short. To answer those questions here are some key items to note:
  - 96% of our budget goes to fixed fees for ice, coaches and dryland training with referee and league fees making up about 3% of season fees. The remaining budget goes to administrative expenses (insurance, technology, etc.) for running the hockey club. Board and committee members are volunteers and do not receive compensation or club discounts.
  - Players will get the same amount of ice (~100 hours) over the course of the season whether we play games or not.
  - If for some reason, the state forces us to go backwards and we cannot skate at all, then partial refunds may be considered by the board
  - As is our usual club policy, fees can be paid in four installments (first payment due immediately upon signing and then remaining payments due 10/15, 11/15 & 12/15).

#### Stars/Glenview Park District Pledge:

- Our organization, which is a not-for-profit, made the pledge to demonstrate support for the park district's endeavor to build an amazing community ice facility. Our organization was excited for the prospect of the new rink and we wanted to show our commitment to the community.
- As has been recently reported in the press (<https://www.journal-topics.com/articles/game-on-at-new-improved-glenview-ice-center-sept-12/> and <https://www.journal-topics.com/articles/glenview-park-commissioners-approve-donation-lease-agreement-with-stars/>), the Stars did reach a mutual agreement with the Park District to adjust the original pledge.
- The overall pledge was reduced by roughly \$125,000 due to lost revenue and additional ice expenses the club incurred (which was greater than the total reduction of the pledge) when the Park District was unable to open the NHL rink for the 2019-20 season as previously planned. This reduction is partially offset by the Stars agreeing to pay a per player fee on an annual basis which the Park District also charges to other affiliated sports programs (GYB, AYSO, etc.). Over the term of the agreement this makes the pledge reduction less than the \$125,000 reported in the press.
- The Stars are still paying the \$102,000 for the Zamboni as originally agreed.
- The payment term of the agreement was extended from 10 years to 13 years to allow the club time to recover from the increased expenses/lost revenue from 2019-20

Sincerely,

The Glenview Stars Board of Directors