



FROM THE RINK Ripley Minor Hockey

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PICTURES

It won't be long till we are enjoying our year end banquet please take pictures of our teams so we can have a slide show available for all to see!!



From the Desk of Dan:

I hope everyone has enjoyed the season so far. As the most competitive part of the season approaches, I think it is important now more than ever, that coaches and parents keep the game in perspective. As I "googled" ideas for this topic, I found the following "Parent's Code of Conduct" that I felt was appropriate. Although this is directed for a parent's perspective, coaches and team officials might also benefit from these thoughts.

Parents Code of Conduct

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will enforce and support the Code of Conduct for coaches, parents, and players.
- I will refrain from publicly ridiculing or verbally abusing my child, other players, coaches or officials.
- I will not embarrass my child by yelling negative comments at my child, other players, coaches, or officials.
- I will set a positive example and encourage good sportsmanship at all games; loud, positive cheering, clapping, and noise making is encouraged.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child and the team ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will help my child be on time for team events.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sports environment for my child and agree by refraining from their use at all sports events.
- I will do my very best to make hockey fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, and officials with respect.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless
- I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will require that my child's coaches be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach.
- I will attend all parent meetings be a supportive of the organization.

Although Ripley Minor Hockey cannot stake claim to this Parent's Code of Conduct, it can apply to any organization.

First-aid Kits

It is that time of year to check your trainers kit and ensure you have enough supplies. REMEMBER TO SHRED HEALTH FORMS AT END OF SEASON !

Check out our ice schedule and Ripley Minor Hockey website for updates by visiting :

www.huronkinloss.com

- **One click away at top right of the home page**
- **Please email Heather for any website updates**

THANK YOU!!!

Jersey Sponsors

A big thank you to the following for generous donations towards new jerseys for our teams!

Ripley Lion's Club

Oil Guard

Egg Marketing Board

Parent's Auxiliary

Simpson Insurance

Each player in the Ripley Minor Hockey was provided with a water bottle, players can keep these at the end of the season, Donated by anonymous sponsor .

Thank you Mary Rose Walden for volunteering her time with data collection and inputting on the website.

Ripley Winter Carnival

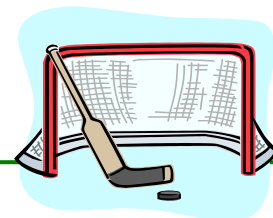
Remember to come and join the fun on February 11 & 12. Hope to see you at the Minor Hockey Skills Competition on Saturday!

Its not to late to get RMH clothing, Contact Creative Casuals at (519) 396-5200 and they will be happy to help!!

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EQUIPMENT REMINDER

Please ensure jerseys are washed and hung in the equipment room at the end of the season. GOALIES Please contact Brent Chatham if you require equipment for next year and before purchasing.



From the Desk of Dan Continued

To close out this edition of the newsletter I will leave you with the following quotes. See if you can figure out what famous hockey player said the following:

"My father was a great hockey fan. Saturday night when Foster Hewitt came on the radio, hockey night in Canada, woe betide anybody that said anything in our house. I mean it was hockey night in Canada. My brother and I grew up in that atmosphere and my father certainly encouraged me to do it."

"I can remember when I was in grade 5 I decided that I wanted to be a professional hockey player. I can distinctly remember starting to work on my autograph in grade 5 because if I ever made it, I wanted people to know who I was. Isn't that ridiculous? But I had a dream. A dream as a young kid to go and play in the NHL. "I played my last year of junior and set a scoring record in Hamilton and I made the Detroit Red Wings the next year, 1963. I came to Toronto in 1968. Some of you Toronto Maple Leaf fans may be a little upset at me. I hear this all the time."

Please forward your answers to your Ripley Minor Hockey Team Liaison posted in the arena. There is a cool prize for the first correct answer received. Thanks everyone, and enjoy the rest of the season!

Parent Auxiliary

Parents Auxiliary is proud to report that the Food Booth seems to be running smoothly this year. Most parents have their "volunteer turns" almost completed. For those parents who do not have their turns completed, we still have many games or special events to sign up for. Winter Carnival is Feb 11 - 13 / 11. (1 -2 hour shift is 1 turn). In the case of split families, we request that each parent works half (2 turns or 4 home games or 2 - 2hour shift for a special event) Each Family is required to work 4 turns - each home game = 1/2 turn or you can let me know and we will cash your "Volunteer " deposit cheque. Most of the teams have already used their \$300.00 team tournament money allocated to them. The money that is given to each team, can vary from year to year. Money made in the food booth goes back directly to the teams for tournament money. This year Auxiliary had enough money to purchase Atom L.L. "Home" set of jerseys. Money also purchases items for other sports including t-ball, baseball, and soccer. **Coaches:** If you haven't requested your money, you may contact Sarah Lotten-Farrell directly.

WANTED: Looking for 3 food booth callers which consists of 2 meetings per year (spring & fall) and a few minutes each week to send out reminders to each team. Please contact Parent's Auxiliary President if you'd like to join our great group of Volunteers!! On behalf of our Parents Auxiliary, Maryellen P, Mary N, Melissa C, Kathy H and myself "Thanks the parents and players for their time and effort this year". Any comments or questions, please contact the President or Food Booth Convener, Sarah Farrell-Lotton, (519) 395-4649 farlot@hurontel.on.ca

REMINDER

Please contact the arena for ice changes which include cancellations. If your team has cancelled a game it is very important to contact Sarah Lotton-Farrell to ensure booth volunteers are contacted and contact Mark McBride to ensure referees are notified.

Thanks in advance

PLAY OFFS

Rep Teams, Atom through to Juvenile are now competing for OMHA Play downs, and may also be starting WOAA Championship rounds at the same time. This means lots of rink time for everyone!

*Novices do not compete for OMHA Championships, and will start their WOAA Playoff rounds after Feb. 14. Local League teams will be finishing their schedules shortly. Local League coaches are reminded of the Local League Playoff Scheduling Meeting **Mon. Feb. 7 at 7:30 pm at the Wingham Legion.***