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SOUTH WINDSOR YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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BREAKING NEWS!

SWYHA is excited to announce that we will be the ONLY Youth Hockey Association at South Windsor Arena this season! What does that mean for our Association? Well, that means we have better practice times, better game times, and more ice! Be on the lookout for specialty clinics that SWYHA will offer to all Youth Hockey players (special discounts will be provided to only current SWYHA players). If you have any ideas on clinics you would like to see, please send an email to Jess McCormick (president@swhockey.com).

We're Going Digital!



We are happy to report that you will be able to complete your Player's (and Coach's) Consent to Treat form, as well as their Code of Conduct, through Crossbar! it is mandatory for these forms to be completed before stepping on the ice, and by having them digital, Team Managers and Head Coaches can have access to these important documents without having to collect and always have the team binder's present. We plan to push these documents out on August 1st. If you have any questions, please direct them to our Team Manager Coordinator, Dianna Roy (dianna.roy@swhockey.com).



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President's Corner

We only have one more month left before the season gets underway! I am so thankful for all of the volunteers who haven't taken a break yet and have been focused on making this next season another great one! There is still a lot more to do and we encourage every parent to get involved in whatever way they like!

This upcoming season is about growth. We always want to grow the game of hockey but this year, how can we as an association grow? Our players will grow by focusing on development with our new clinics and enhanced focus on coaches and player development. Our community will grow as we look to host association wide events in our newly created Community Events Committee. Our sense of inclusivity will grow through our new Girls In Hockey initiative. Most importantly, everyone's positive experience will grow as we continue to focus on our player, parent and coaches code of conduct and how we instill those qualities of teamwork, integrity and respect into everything we do.

I look forward to seeing everyone at a few of our Pre-Season Gatherings! They are a great way to get to know the people you'll be spending so much time with for the next few months.

-Jess McCormick
president@swhockey.com

LAST CALL!!

REGISTERING FOR USA HOCKEY

Please make sure your player(s) is registered with USA Hockey and that you upload their number into their Crossbar profile. You can find an easy "How-To" document on our website under 'Resources' - 'For Parents' - 'Obtaining USA Hockey Number'. Every coach, player and volunteer needs to have this done at this time! We need to build our rosters in USA Hockey and leave enough time to be approved (1 person approves over a thousand teams). Please reach out to our Co-Registrar, Moira Lanz (moira.lanz@swhockey.com) with any questions.



Our 29th Annual Golf Outing



Join us on Friday, October 3rd at East Hartford Golf Course! This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and is always great fun. Event starts at 10am. Be on the lookout for registration to open. Contact Kyle Quigley (kquig99@hotmail.com) with any questions or to volunteer to help!

FAMILY BUSINESS FEATURE



This month we would like to feature Evans, Pires & Leonard Total Insurance Concepts! Founded in 1967 by their father, Tim & Kevin Evans have taken on ownership with their siblings. Evans, Pires & Leonard is a one stop shop for all your personal insurance needs – from Auto, Homeowners, and Flood Insurance to Life insurance and more. They also provide a portfolio of coverages and services for private clients, including high-value Homeowners and Umbrella coverages, Yacht insurance, Special Events coverage and more. Give them a call or visit their website (www.evans-insurance.com) for more information.

*If you would like your family business featured, send an email to moira.lanz@swhockey.com.



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Calendar

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- **2ND:** SWYHA HOCKEY NIGHT @ THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS
- **6TH:** YOUTH HOCKEY NIGHT @ ELICIT BREWING, MANCHESTER
- **14TH:** WELCOME BACK BASH @ NEVERS PARK PAVILION
- **25TH:** PRESEASON PRACTICES BEGIN!

OCTOBER

- **3RD:** 29TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING @ EAST HARTFORD GOLF COURSE
- **TBD:** TRUNK OR TREAT AT SW ARENA

DECEMBER

- **TBD:** SKATE WITH SANTA

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KNIGHTS MISSION STATEMENT

WE ARE THE KNIGHTS!

KNOWLEDGE - UNDERSTANDING THE GAME OF HOCKEY IS CRITICAL TO A PLAYER'S DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS

NEEDS - EVERY PLAYER IS DIFFERENT, SO WE MAKE SURE TO TAILOR OUR PROGRAM TO YOUR PLAYER

INCLUSIVE - AN ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS PLAYERS TO GROW REGARDLESS OF SKILL LEVEL

GOALS - STRUCTURED DEVELOPMENT PLANS SO YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR PLAYER'S OBJECTIVES FOR THE SEASON

HARD WORK - ENCOURAGING OUR PLAYERS TO MAXIMIZE THEIR POTENTIAL AS WE BELIEVE THAT "HARD WORK BEATS TALENT WHEN TALENT DOES NOT WORK HARD"

TEAMWORK - HOCKEY IS A TEAM SPORT THAT REQUIRES EVERYONE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH A COMMON GOAL

SPORTSMANSHIP - TREATING YOUR TEAMMATES AND OPPONENTS WITH RESPECT IS AS IMPORTANT AS WINS AND LOSSES

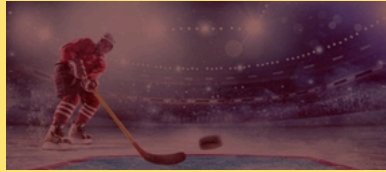


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*Players
Wanted!*



WE STILL HAVE SOME SPOTS IN OUR MITES AND BANTAM LEVELS. IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE HAVE THEM REACH OUT TO OUR PRESIDENT, JESSICA MCCORMICK, AT [PRESIDENT@SWHOCKEY.COM](mailto:president@sw Hockey.com).

VOLUNTEER *needed*

The Board is looking for a Volunteer to take on a new role:

Youth Refing Coordinator

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate having some of our Bantam or Pee wee players ref the Mite games (i.e. creating a Signup Genius and communicating with these levels). Coaches will help train those players interested in reffing. If this sounds like a role you are interested in, please contact Jess McCormick (president@sw Hockey.com).

BECOMING A

Volunteer

Not a "hockey person" but want to help in another way? There are lots of ways you can be a volunteer and help your player's team:

- Locker Room Monitor: Are present in the locker room during practices and games to make sure all players and adults are being respectable and safe.
- Time Clock/Game Sheet/Music: Work the clock, write down goals/penalties on the score sheet, or play age appropriate music during games. Major perk: the booth is heated!
- Marketing: Help us spread the word for our upcoming clinics by using your skills to promote our special sessions.

If you are interested in helping in one of these areas, or if you know of another area you can be of help, please contact our Secretary, Moira Lanz, at moira.lanz@sw Hockey.com.



HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT SOMETHING? BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WWW.SWHOCKEY.COM. THERE YOU WILL FIND THE TAB 'RESOURCES' AND LOTS OF HELPFUL DOCUMENTS TO MOST LIKELY ANSWER YOUR QUESTION. IF NOT, PLEASE REFER TO OUR DIRECTORY ON PAGE 3.