



NFGHA

Niagara Falls Girls Hockey Association

March 2010

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House League Championships will take place March 26-28 in conjunction with our St. Catharines opponents. Details should be available soon.

Banquets

This year the house league and travel banquets will be reunited. The banquet will take place on Tuesday April 13. Doors will open at 5:30 and dinner will begin at 6:00. Player tickets are free. Tickets for parents, siblings, and friends will be \$10. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR** this year, so please be sure to see your team manager or an executive member to get your tickets. The banquet will be held at Optimist Hall on Dorchester Rd.

Travel Tryouts

Travel tryouts for the 2010-2011 season will begin on April 14. The anticipated start times at NFM are:

5:30 atom

6:30 peewee

7:30 bantam

8:30 midget

As usual, our hours are tentative until the Canucks schedule is confirmed so the schedule will be posted on the website soon, as well as at the banquets. Cost for tryouts is a \$45 one-time payment per season (3 or more ice times), except for Atom players for which there is no charge.

Bursary Opportunity

NFGHA holds a competition for a bursary to players who pursue Post Secondary Education. Players must have been registered with NFGHA for the hockey season 09-10 in House League or Travel. Applications are due March 15, 2010. Please see

our website for further information/requirements and the Application Form.

Niagara Falls Travel News

Throughout February and March, our travel teams will be competing in the League playoffs and the Provincial Play downs. Our teams had very successful seasons this year and we hope that continues. Provincial championships run from April 9-11 this year. It is too early to say who will be there, but we expect several teams to make it.

Annual General Meeting

The NFGHA Annual General Meeting will be held at Niagara Falls Memorial Arena in the Blueline Room on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 at 7 PM. At this meeting, our executive members are selected. All are welcome. We desperately need new volunteers to join the executive. We are short in manpower and the girls' experience may suffer for it.

Coach Applications

Coach applications are available on the web site for next year's travel teams. Applications are due March 14th. Interviews will be completed by March 30th. Please contact Randy Copland at copland@look.ca if you require more information. House League Coaching applications are not officially due until September 1st, but we would love to know your intentions now.

OWHA is very intent on promoting female coaches and assistant coaches. I would encourage all mothers to consider coming on board to help coach their daughters. Our young ladies would benefit from having some female role models on this ice.

We want to have the best coaches possible for our players so please consider putting in your application.

Registration

Registration forms will be available shortly on the website. House League will again feature an early bird registration if received by April 13 or at the banquet. Early bird travel registrations will be due immediately at the conclusion of tryouts.

Unfortunately, ice costs continue to climb, and next season we will also be facing an additional 8% cost on ice because of the introduction of the HST. Currently we do not pay PST on ice costs and this will be changing. Our fees will have to be adjusted to reflect this change.

Please keep an eye on the website for further information. Once again, we will be offering a \$25 family discount for 3 or more players.

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In the spirit of hockey, we ask that all players, parents, coaches and other volunteers take the time to say thank you to those players, parents, coaches and other volunteers who made this season possible. The rewards of these many hours may not be realized for years.....but a hand shake and a thank you are a great start!

House League Tournaments

The NOTL Atom Wolves won the gold championship in West Durham in December. The NOTL Novice Slush Puppies won the silver in the same tournament. We have more teams entered into more tournaments to finish the season. Good luck to all.

Other House League News

It has been a very interesting season this year and hopefully everyone has been enjoying themselves. Our teams are well positioned to enjoy lots of success on the scoreboard at the final tournament this season, as well as on the funboard! Our coaches have done an excellent job of encouraging our players this year!!



Don't Forget

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

If you skate to where the puck is, it's not likely to still be there when you arrive.

Winning is only half of it; having fun is the other half.

Ice hockey players can walk on water.