

# ELK RIVER YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### WELCOME TO THE 2009-2010 HOCKEY SEASON!

#### Registration Dates

August 18<sup>th</sup> or August 26<sup>th</sup> 6-9pm

September 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

Tentatively September 21<sup>st</sup>

#### Location ER High School Commons

(existing families and new families)

(new families and late registration\*)

for Learn to Skate participants/new mites

\*Current ERYHA families registering on this date will be charged a \$100 per player late fee. All current ERYHA registration forms need to be submitted prior to September 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid paying the late registration fee.

### NEW THIS YEAR

- **BEFORE REGISTERING WITH ERYHA, YOU NEED TO REGISTER AND PAY YOUR USA HOCKEY/DISTRICT 10 FEES THROUGH THE USA HOCKEY WEBSITE. SEE GUIDELINES ON HOW TO DO THIS ON THE ERYHA WEBSITE. YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR CONFIRMATION PAGE TO REGISTRATION.**
- **TEAM PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE IN 4 INSTALLMENTS**
- **YOU CAN CHECK YOUR BALANCE ON THE WEBSITE USING YOUR FAMILY CODE. THIS FEATURE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVELING TEAMS APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS AFTER TRYOUTS ARE COMPLETE.**
- **The Waiver of Liability form is no longer required.** The waiver is signed electronically when you register your child through the USA Hockey website.

You must attend one of the walk-in registration sessions to turn in all of your forms and pick up your fundraising information and calendars.

If you know that you are absolutely unable to attend one of these registration sessions, please contact Karin Hendrickson at [jkhendrickson10@izoom.net](mailto:jkhendrickson10@izoom.net).

**ALL FORMS NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BEFORE A SKATER WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE ICE.**

### WHAT TO BRING TO REGISTRATION:

ERYHA, District 10 and Minnesota Hockey require the following forms to be completed each year. Please be sure that all the forms are filled out completely (Note you must complete one packet per skater). *Note that a copy of the government issued birth certificate is needed at the time of registration.* All forms can be found in the FORMS section of the website.

- ✓ **Completed ERYHA registration form** for each skater (note: this form must be initialed at the bottom by the volunteering, fundraising and the level director's stations)
- ✓ **USA Hockey Registration Confirmation Form** (one per skater)
- ✓ **Completed consent to treat/medical history form** (one per skater)
- ✓ **Photo copy of the skater's government-issued birth certificate.** Hospital records etc will not work.
- ✓ **If you live outside of the ERASD (school district) but your child(ren) attend Elk River schools, you need to bring a copy of your child's most recent report card or class schedule.** Your registration will be incomplete without this information.

- ✓ **If you live in the ERASD but your kids attend school at a non-Elk River/Zimmerman school**, you need to complete a 2009-10 Participation Rule-One Time Choice Agreement form for each skater (found in FORMS section).

**Please bring your checkbook. You will need to write the following checks (payable to ERYHA):**

- 1. Deposit check of \$50 for calendars or buyout check**
- 2. Deposit check of \$250 for volunteer hours**
- 3. Check for registration fees and tryout fees (if applicable)**

**No CASH/CREDIT CARD FOR DEPOSIT CHECKS ALLOWED. You can pay your registration fees and tryout fees with cash or credit card.**

**Below is a list of all the stations that must be visited prior to checking out.**

- 1) *Volunteering***
- 2) *Fundraising***
- 3) *Appropriate Level Director for information on upcoming clinics and tryouts***
- 4) *Registration***

All forms will be initialed by each station and **must be complete** before you are able to check out. After you have visited the above stations you may proceed to check out and pay at the registration station.

## **REGISTRATION GENERAL INFORMATION**

The ERYHA youth program is for both boys and girls. See below for a summary of the programs offered.

### **Mite Program**

Our Mite program is a practical and educational hockey program designed to teach young/new skaters basic hockey skills.

The Mite program has four different levels (A, B, C, D). Skaters are evaluated and then grouped according to their skill level. The “C” and “D” levels travel and play other District 10 teams. Additional team fees apply for “C” and “D” level skaters and goalies.

Our Mite program focuses on the basic hockey skills of skating, shooting, passing, and stick handling. Players will also build self-confidence, work on team play and most importantly have fun through their experiences on the rink.

The season starts after tryouts for the old teams are completed (usually beginning/mid October and runs through mid March).

### **Squirts – Jr. Gold**

The Squirts-Bantams programs offer opportunities to skate at several levels (typically A, B1, B2 and C).

Traveling hockey is for players who want to learn and compete at the most advanced level possible. A traveling player is offered the chance to compete at a level of play comparable to his/her own skill level. Because of the large number of skilled players in our program, there is a tryout process beginning in late September to determine which skaters will be selected to play on the traveling teams.

Play starts mid October and runs through early February. District tournaments begin in mid February and many levels have an option to continue play until the final championship for that level.

Keep in mind that traveling programs require a larger financial commitment because of extra costs, more ice time for games and practices, longer sessions, out of town tournaments, etc.

## **INTERESTED IN COACHING, ASSISTANT COACHING OR MANAGING?**

Prospective coaches and managers should visit the Athletic Director and Coach-in-Chief, Joel Wesloh, to complete a coach's application, screening form and waiver of liability. A copy of the front and back of your coach certification card is also required.

Certificate requirements for Coaching:

|              |           |                         |             |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Mites/U8/U10 | Level 1   | Peewees/U14/U16/U19     | Level 1,2&3 |
| Squirts/U12  | Level 1&2 | Bantams through JR Gold | Level 1,2&3 |

Level 4 coaches are exempt from further requirements. All other levels need to recertify after 3 years or move up a level. Visit USA Hockey at [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) or [www.district10hockey.org](http://www.district10hockey.org) for a list of certification clinics. All certification MUST BE up to date by December 31, 2009.

## **TRYOUT PROCESS**

Parents will have the option to decline tryouts for the "A" Team and only have their skater tryout for the "B/C" Teams.

Please note that if you decline tryouts for the "A" Team, then your skater will be evaluated starting at the "B-1" phase of tryouts along with the skaters that were cut from the "A" phase of tryouts. A tryout fee will apply.

The tryout fee is:

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| \$50 for Squirts through Bantams (starting at A level)          |
| \$30 for Squirts through Bantams (starting at B level)          |
| \$25 for all Girl's teams with more than one team at that level |

If you decide not to have your child try out, then your child will be placed on the lowest available team and no tryout fee will apply.

For further details please see our tryout policy on our website [www.elkriverhockey.org](http://www.elkriverhockey.org) or contact your skater's level director:

|                  |             |          |                 |
|------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|
| Bantam/Jr Gold – | Earl Bunker | Squirt – | Terry Bizal     |
| Peewee –         | Paul Schwab | Mite –   | Brian Ballenger |
| Girls–           | Bob Conrad  |          |                 |

## **FUNDRAISING**

You will have several fundraising opportunities to help support ERYHA. There is a mandatory fundraiser-selling calendars/raffle tickets. Each skater is responsible for selling 5 calendars/raffle tickets, with a maximum of 10 calendars per family. Each calendar costs \$25.00. You also have the option of buying out of selling calendars. The buyout fee is \$115.00 (1 child), \$230.00 (2 children), or \$345 (3+ children). There is also a \$50 deposit fee required. This check will be cashed in the event that calendars are not turned in on time. See the Fundraising table at registration for more information and to pick up your calendars.

There are also a few voluntary fundraisers you can participate in to reduce your hockey fees for the next year. Previous fundraisers included Chip Shoppe frozen foods and gifts, and Schwans frozen foods. Some families pay for their entire hockey bill this way! Check the fundraising table for more information.

NOTE: If your child is waiving in from another association, you do not need to participate in the mandatory fundraiser. Fundraising should be done through your other association.

## **VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**

This season's requirement is to volunteer a total of **15 hours per family**. **Five (5)** of these allotted hours are to be completed at an ERYHA tournament and/or District 10 Playoff Tournament. **One (1) hour** is given upon completion of **mandatory coaches' evaluation**. A deposit check postdated to April 1 is required upon registration. If volunteer hours are not completed within the requirements, the check will be cashed; if hours are complete, your check will be shredded.

Volunteer hours will be posted and tracked via the ERYHA website on the Volunteer page. Families will be required to create a family account which will be used to sign up for and track their volunteer hour requirement. It is the duty of each family to validate the accuracy of your family account information, hours pending and hours performed.

If your family signed up for hours you need to cancel, a three (3) day advanced notice must be given to the Volunteer Coordinator. The Volunteer Coordinator will remove the shift from your family account. Without a three (3) day advance notice, you will be responsible to find a replacement and notify the Volunteer Coordinator of the change. If you are a "no-show" for your shift, you will be charged a \$25 fee (per shift as a no-show).

Note: If your child is waiving in from another association, you DO NEED to complete the volunteer hour requirement.

### **The following positions will fulfill ALL required hours:**

- ERYHA Board Members
- Team Sponsor (\$500 level or above)
- Rostered Head Coaches
- Rostered Assistant Coaches (max 3 per team)
- Team Manager (one per team)
- Goalie Development Coordinator (4)

### **Volunteer opportunities that apply toward 15 hour requirement:**

- SKATE Program Volunteer
- Tryout Volunteer
- Registration Session Volunteer
- Clothing/equipment sales
- Tournament volunteer (ERYHA sponsored & District 10 Playoffs)
- ERYHA Golf Tournament
- ERYHA Calendar volunteer

*\*Clock, Scorekeeper and Penalty Box (minor team official duties) are team responsibilities and do not apply towards volunteer hours. No parents are exempt from these duties (except that team's coaches)—team managers will assign duties by family and hand out a schedule. If you are unable to perform duties, you are responsible for swapping dates/duties with other team families and notifying the team manager of the change.*

## PLAYER FEES FOR 2009-10

| Player Level       | Born Between             | USA Hockey Fee | Registration Fee** | Team Fee due Oct. 15 | Team Fee due Nov. 15 | Team Fee due Dec. 15 | Team Fee due Jan. 15 |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Mites A/B          | 7-1-2000 thru 12/31/2005 | \$40***        | \$240**            | NA                   | NA                   | NA                   | NA                   |
| Mites C/D          | 7-1-2000 thru 12/31/2005 | \$40           | \$240**            | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             |
| Squirts C          | 7-1-1998 thru 6-30-2000  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$85.00*             | \$85.00*             | \$85.00*             | \$85.00*             |
| Squirt A/B         | 7-1-1998 thru 6-30-2000  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            |
| Peewee C           | 7-1-1996 thru 6-30-1998  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$97.50*             | \$97.50*             | \$97.50*             | \$97.50*             |
| Peewee A/B         | 7-1-1996 thru 6-30-1998  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            |
| Bantam B2/C        | 7-1-1994 thru 6-30-1996  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            |
| Bantam B1          | 7-1-1994 thru 6-30-1996  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            |
| Bantam A           | 7-1-1994 thru 6-30-1996  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$248.50*            | \$248.50*            | \$248.50*            | \$248.50*            |
| Jr. Gold           | 7-1-1990 thru 6-30-1994  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$162.50*            | \$162.50*            | \$162.50*            | \$162.50*            |
| <b>GIRLS TEAMS</b> |                          |                |                    |                      |                      |                      |                      |
| Girls 8U           | 7-1-2000 thru 12/31/2005 | \$40           | \$240**            | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             | \$79.50*             |
| Girls 10U          | 7-1-1998 thru 6-30-2000  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            | \$147.50*            |
| Girls 12U          | 7-1-1996 thru 6-30-1998  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            | \$175.00*            |
| Girls 14U          | 7-1-1994 thru 6-30-1996  | \$40           | \$395**            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            | \$203.00*            |

\*These fees are estimates.

\*\*There is a multiple skater discount. The 3<sup>rd</sup> skater and up will receive ½ off of the registration fee. You will be responsible for the entire team fee based on the amount billed to you.

\*\*\* The USA Hockey fee is waived for players under the age of 7. See USA Hockey website for more information.

### SEE TRYOUT PROCESS SECTION FOR ADDITIONAL TRYOUT FEES, IF APPLICABLE.

#### Dates to Remember

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| Registration                          | August 18 <sup>th</sup> , August 26 <sup>th</sup> , September 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mandatory Coaches Meeting             | TBD (November)   |
| Learn to Skate Program begins         | TBD  |
| Pre-tryout clinics/Mite clinics begin | September 12 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Traveling Tryouts Begin               | September 24 <sup>th</sup> (tentative)   |
| Mite program begins                   | TBD  |
| Traveling Games begins                | November 15 <sup>th</sup>  |
| District 10 Tournament begins         | February 20 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Mite Jamboree                         | Mid-March  |

Good luck this season and have fun!

Karin Hendrickson  
Registration Director  
ERYHA

#### *ERYHA Mission Statement*

*Our association seeks to provide a community and volunteer-driven program to promote the growth and development of our players. Our association works to promote a fun, fair and safe environment that maximizes participation and improves players' skills while developing sportsmanship, teamwork and self-confidence.*