

BHA

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Brattleboro Hockey Association (BHA)

2006-2007 Season

Member Handbook



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ICE SCHEDULE at
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DAY	TIME	TEAMS
Monday (beginning 10/23)	4:30-5:30	Girls/Pewees
	5:45-6:45	Bantams/Midgets
Tuesday	4:45-5:45	Mites/Squirts
Wednesday		
Thursday	3:45-4:45	Girls/Pewees
Friday	4:15-5:30	Mites/Squirts
	5:45-6:45	Bantams/Midgets
Saturday (beginning 10/21)	8:30-9:30	GAME
	9:45-19:45	GAME
Sunday	9:15-10:15	GAME
	10:30-11:30	GAME
	11:45-12:45	BLADES / Learn-to-Skate (beginning 10/ 22)
	4:15-5:15	Hockey Skills Development

NOTE: Rink Opens Sat. Oct. 21 and is closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. New Years Eve, the rink is not available after 6:00pm. Rink closes March 4th, 2007.

GSL

(Greater Springfield (MA) League)

The GSL is a league made up of teams around New England, most all within a one hour drive from Brattleboro. Brattleboro will be assigned a code number and each GSL team a number. Visit www.gslhockey.com for more information and you can access the schedule information once it is posted. There is an approximately 5 week long evaluation game schedule beginning Sept 23, then the regular schedule which goes approximately until mid March, then the playoff schedule which culminates in April.

Fundraising

This season individual teams will not be fundraising independently, instead all members will be expected to support the general BHA fund raising, and it is a substantial effort. Teams will raise individual funds for any tournaments that they choose to attend. Due to ice prices increasing everywhere we skate and only a minimal increase in registration fees, we will be very proactive in our fund raising efforts. If you have ideas, please communicate them. The following events are on the fundraising schedule and we need your help. So please sign up to volunteer.

DATE	EVENT
Wed, Sept 27	VT Welcome Center 'Coffee Break'
Sat, Sept 30	Benefit Golf Tournament, Bellows Falls Country Club
Tues, Oct 10	VT Welcome Center 'Coffee Break'
Nov/Dec	Selling Hillside Organic Pizzas
Jan 6-7, 2007	Green Mountain Tournament Hosts: Girls/Squirts Nelson-Withington Skating Facility, Brattleboro
March 2007	Benefit pancake breakfast
On-going	Recyclables to Putney Road Redemption Center 693 Putney Road, Brattleboro 257-4195 Just tell them its for the BHA

BHA Programs

Blades / Learn-to-Skate:

For ages 3-7, boys and girls; Sundays 11:45-12:45 while the Brattleboro rink is open. Introduction to hockey fun and skills; learn to skate; learn to handle a stick and the basic concept of hockey.

Introduction Package:

In an effort to recognize that making the commitment to the whole hockey season is daunting for some skaters and their families, this option allows the skater to pay the \$150. (includes \$30. USA Hockey registration), which covers skating on a team for one month. After the end of that month, the skater will have to decide if they continue and if so will then be assessed the balance of the registration fee. The option for the introduction package is effective Sept, Oct, or Nov. after which time the official team rosters are due to USA Hockey and VT State. Some equipment will be available for loan (deposit required)

Hockey Skills Development:

Sundays, beginning Oct 22, 4:15-5:15; For 12 and under. Must be registered through USA Hockey in advance (\$30. fee) and then \$5.00 each time you skate. Coach will be on the ice. Full equipment is required. Some equipment will be available for loan (deposit required).

Teams: Determined by age brackets set by USA Hockey, the governing body for youth hockey. The age of the skater on December 31, is the determining age for what level team players are assigned to play.

Girls: U14, girls 14 years old and younger. Practices, Monday and Thursday on the ice with the PeeWee team. Most often away games are played on Saturdays and home games on Sunday. Non-GSL team.

Mites: ages 6 to 8, boys and girls. Mites level hockey is to have fun, learn skating and early hockey skills. While we do play games, the emphasis is on fun, learning basic skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. GSL team, 1- 2 games a weekend.

Squirts: ages 9 and 10, boys and girls Practices, Tues and Friday with Mites. GSL team, 1- 2 games a weekend.

PeeWees: ages 11-12, boys and girls; Practices, Mondays and Thursdays will take place with the Girls. Non-GSL this season.

Bantams: ages 13-14 boys and girls; Practices Mondays and Fridays on the ice with the Midgets. Most likely non-GSL this season.

Midgets: ages 15-18; Begin season after the high school team is identified. Look for them on the ice in November.

'Playing Up' procedures: Decisions regarding a player 'playing up' are made by the coaches from both teams involved and the Coaching Director.

"Double Rostering": A player will need to make a decision regarding a primary team, but on occasion may play on another BHA team, based on rostering needs determined by coaches.

Team Photos

**Friday, Nov 10 starting at 4:15
At the Brattleboro Rink**

Sports Section has been scheduled to be at the rink for team pictures. Order forms will be distributed to teams in advance. They would only commit to one day, so those with practices other than Friday will have to make a trip to the rink. More details to follow.

**Green Mountain Invitational Tournament
Hosted by the BHA
January 6-7, 2007**

Girls / Squirts

Plans are already underway for the annual Green Mountain Tournament. This year Girls and Squirts teams will be invited however we need the support of the whole BHA. Many hours in October/November go into planning for this major fundraising event for the BHA, so please sign-up to volunteer.

Typically there are upwards of 12 teams that partake in the weekend, so hundreds of people are around the rink throughout the weekend.

Stay tuned for more details.

**Vermont State Tournament
Feb 10-11 and Feb 17-18, 2007**

The annual Vermont State Tournament takes place over 2 weekends; and will require a registration fee from each team that participates. More information will be forthcoming from your coaches. Also contact www.vthockey.org for more information.

A note from the Board of Directors:

Welcome to the 2006-2007 season

Happy Birthday BHA! This season marks the 30th year of the BHA, which was incorporated in 1976, back when the rink was open air and there were no dressing rooms! Since then close to 500 players have played under the BHA banner and many have gone on to play high school and college hockey. Countless volunteers and their time have made this possible and continue to keep the BHA a viable and vivacious organization.

Your current BHA board has been working diligently all summer to prepare for the upcoming season. We have taken your suggestions from last season and implemented many of them. One such example of changes based on your recommendations is the payment plan option with statements being mailed depending on the plan you choose. We request that you send the payments by mail to P.O. Box 1, Brattleboro, VT 05302. We are also looking into having a suggestion box installed at the rink in case you have an idea to pass along to us.

On another note, there have been changes in the USA Hockey rules for coaches and regulation play which you will hear about in more detail with your respective teams. Coaches will be conducting meetings soon and will be asking each team to identify a parent coordinator whose duties will include communicating with the board liaisons, Damon Kindopp : website and Debbie G-Hayward: phone/e-mail.

Thanks to all of you for being part of the BHA. Here's to a rewarding and fun season.

Warm regards,
your Board of Directors