



Huskies Headlines

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President Hello

First and foremost I want to let the membership know that the newsletter is back. We feel it is very important to keep an open dialogue with our entire organization and hope that everyone finds this a useful tool in receiving information about the club and the everyday occurrences that are happening with the hockey directors, coaches, teams and board members associated within the Huskies Hockey Club. Going forward this will be posted on the Huskies website with a few hard copies left at IIC. We would love your feedback on this new communication tool.

We have also added two additional board members to help increase communication out to the membership and also to encourage more feedback from our membership. They also help to spread out board responsibilities more to lighten the load on everyone. We have also added a new Events Committee to help throughout the year too.

We have a new Mite Director in **Chris Imes** and a new Goalie Director in **Will Lite**. I would like to welcome them to the Huskies and look forward to seeing them both in action. They will each make a tremendous impact on your children in a very positive way on and off the ice.

I hope everyone is enjoying the new spring program that has been incorporated and had a fun time participating in the Chicago Spring Classic tournament and any additional tournaments your teams decide to partake in.

Bob Graham

Club Calendar:

HHC Board Mtg	May 12
NIHL Rep Mtg	May 17

Congratulations to the Bantam Majors on their 3rd place finish at Nationals in April this past month.
WAY TO GO!!

IIC Notes

A big WELCOME ABOARD to the new management crew of IIC.

Eddie Nickey, Director of Hockey Development Programs and **Beth Wassell**, Director of Hockey Skating Development.

Eddie can be contacted at eddie@iicskate.com and Beth can be contacted at beth@iicskate.com

Spring Has Sprung!!

Welcome to the new 2010 Spring season of Huskies Hockey! The weather might not feel like Spring, but as hockey families, we don't notice the outside weather much until Spring season is over anyway!

The Huskies have fielded 10 teams this season and 8 of them competed in the Advanced Arenas Chicago Spring Classic over the April 23-25 weekend. We had 3 teams make it all the way to the final Championship round with our Mite team winning their division by defeating the Glacier Avalanche team 4-0. Both Squirt teams finished as runner-ups!! GREAT JOB!!

Fall 2009-2010

The Huskies would like to congratulate ALL of our 2009/10 Fall teams in another outstanding season! The post-season was very exciting and provided some great hockey games to watch.

All of the players should be very proud of their efforts and accomplishments during the season. Remember it is not just about flags and trophies, it is about personal development as well. Talk to your player about their contributions to the team this season and how they grew as a hockey player. Kids often do not even realize how they have improved and it can mean much more to them to see that than to have a trophy to put on their shelf!

With another Fall season behind us we would like to extend our thanks to all of you that make the Huskies Hockey Club such a great organization!

Players – For working hard in practices as well as

games. For balancing your time between hockey and school. Also for the smiles that are priceless!

Parents – For supporting your kids & their team mates through, driving to games, washing equipment and cheering them on! We all know hockey is a community and each of us has been a temporary parent to one or more players on our kids team at some point this season!

Coaches – For your time, dedication and commitment to our club and the players. Thank you for your contributions on and off the ice!

Team Managers – For your hours of planning and organizing, for keeping parents informed all season, for keeping the coaches in line (for some this was a harder job than others, LOL) and for doing your best to make each families season the best ever!

Thank you all for a great fall season!
GO HUSKIES!!

Huskies Fall Finishers...



Presented by

Hinckley
Springs

Mite 2 – 2nd Place

Squirt 3 – 4th Place

Pee Wee 1 – 4th Place

Bantam 1 – State Champions

Bantam 2 – 3rd Place

Bantam 3 – 2nd Place

Midget Major – 4th Place

Congratulations to all of you!!

What's New??? AHAI

ARTICLE VIII TIER II

SECTION 1. CHOICES:

Every hockey player in the State of Illinois may choose between two (2) Tier II Member Associations as to where to play amateur Tier II travel hockey. Each player playing Tier II travel hockey is restricted to two (2) Tier II Member Associations through the player's U14 year in youth hockey (e.g.,bantam). Players playing in the U16 and U18 level will be allowed One (1) additional choice in addition to their current choice Associations. A player does not receive three new choices at the U16/ U18 level. If a player has had a 3rd choice approval from the AHAI Tier II Committee before the player reaches their U16/ U18 level, the player will not receive an additional choice and must choose one of the players current 2 choices and the players substitute choice.

SECTION 2. - COUNSELING - Every player and the family of that player first entering into an amateur Tier II travel hockey program offered by a Tier II Member Association shall be counseled as to their opportunities, special considerations and choices of amateur Tier II travel hockey, but it remains the responsibility of the player and his/her guardian(s) to obtain information and be fully informed as to all regulations and obligations that may apply. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate rules, regulations and guidelines for Tier II Member Associations to assure that all players and families are fully apprised of these opportunities, special considerations and choices.

SECTION 3. - PLAYER EXEMPTIONS

A. A player playing at the Tier II level may not substitute a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, except in cases where there are practical difficulties or particular hardships in carrying out the strict application of

Section 1 above. These exceptions shall apply only at each age appropriate level. An "age appropriate level" is the age level of the youngest age level that the player is permitted to play.

B. The Board of Directors is empowered to grant a player a substitution of a choice of a Tier II Member Association with another Tier II Member Association, and may delegate that responsibility to the Tier II Committee with a limited right of appeal to the Board of Directors under such terms as set out in advance by the Board. Each player requesting the granting of a substitution shall clearly present the facts supporting the following:

1. That the predicament of the player is due to unique circumstances that were not created by the player.
2. That the purpose in requesting the substitution is not based exclusively upon a desire to be rostered on a team that is perceived to be better.
3. That the granting of the substitution furthers the goals, objectives and policies of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc.
4. That the granting of the substitution is not detrimental to amateur Tier II travel hockey.
5. if a player requests a substitution the player must give up a past choice.

C. The Board of Directors of AHAI shall promulgate procedures establishing the means and methods that a player shall use in requesting a substitution and such rules and regulations as it deems necessary to further define and clarify circumstances that may qualify for a substitution of choice.

D. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the substitute choice granted by the Board of Directors may be permanent or for a specific playing season.

E. No substitutions will be given to any player in the U8 or U10 playing level

Section 4. - Coaches

- Coaches who move to a new Association cannot coach any of the same players from the past seasons AHAI / USA roster of the past Association.
- Coach is any rostered Head or Assistant Coach for an Association during the USA Hockey playing season.
- Players would be any player who was rostered on the same Association roster as the Coach
- The only exception would be a family member or relative.

Manager Shift

Thank you all for stepping up to volunteer this Spring season!! Spring is short and sweet and a GREAT way to try out being a team manager and see if the job is right for you.

Spring is easy!

- Get USA Hockey rosters signed by players & back to Michele Payne. This should already been done at this point in time.
- Update your team page with practice/skills info.
- Notify parents of any tournament or scrimmage games for the season.
- Enjoy the season.

See, that's not so bad is it? No meetings in spring either!

Spring is also a good time to teach new parents how to run the score clock. Find one or two willing teachers on your team and pair them up with "newbies" during a practice. If coach is scrimmaging run the clock for practice.

Zero Tolerance rules still apply for Spring so be sure to remind parents, coaches & players of the rules.

Thanks again for your dedication & time!

Welcome aBOARD...

The Huskies Hockey Club would like to announce four new board members that began their terms this April 2010.

Jennifer Hagstrom was announced as the Secretary, replacing Beth Hippman in that role. In addition to board secretary Jennifer will also be the Chair of the Manager Liaison group, member of the Contract Committee, Fundraising/Rebate/Awards Committee and Picture Committee.

Jennifer is married, has one son that is a '99 Pee Wee and one daughter.

John Paku was announced as the Treasurer, replacing Jane Devine in that role. In addition to board treasurer, John will also be the Chair of the Finance Committee, member of the Contract Committee, will be the CSDHL representative and member of Sponsors/Sponsorship book Committee.

John is married and has one son who is a '93 Midget Major and a second son that is a '95 Midget Minor.

Nick Horbenko is a new board member that is taking on one of two new board positions that have been added this year. Nick will be a member of the Coaching Committee, Rules and Ethics Committee, Referee Liaison, Ace Program and NIHL representative.

Nick is married and has a son that is a '00 Squirt and two daughters who enjoy soccer.

Nikki Ommen is a new board member that is taking on the second of the two new board positions that were added this year. Nikki will be Chair of the Fundraising/Rebate/Awards Committee, member of the Equipment Committee, Directory/Website/Newsletter Committee, Sponsors/Sponsorship book committee and Picture Committee.

Nikki is married, has one son that is a '99 Pee Wee, a daughter that is a '03 mite and one other daughter who is anxiously waiting to be a '04 mite.

Congratulations to the four new board members on their new positions. Check the Huskies website to contact any Huskies board member under the BOARD tab along the top red margin.

Summer Volunteer Programs

Sign up to volunteer at these events - Help pay for your hockey fees this upcoming fall season and be ahead of the game!!



The Huskies Hockey Club tries to provide as much assistance to our membership as possible to help offset the cost of this sport that we all have grown to love! To add to the list of opportunities, we are happy to announce once again as part of the Huskies Volunteer Program, the Jackhammers and Chicagoland Speedway Rebate Programs. The Jackhammers are a minor league baseball team that plays out of Silver Cross Stadium in Joliet. In addition to the Jackhammers Rebate, the Huskies are also proud to announce volunteer opportunities at Chicagoland Speedway beginning in April 2010.

These events offer fundraising programs for clubs such as ours where members sign up to work the concession stands. The Huskies then receive a percentage of the sales earned during the times when our members worked. Instead of keeping that money, the Huskies will apply it to the hockey fees for those members who participated in the program by working at the stands.

****NOTE:** Anyone who plans to participate must attend an alcohol awareness class (TIPS) class. TIPS class will be held at Silver Cross Stadium in Joliet on Thursday May 11th at 6:00 PM. Upon completion, you will receive a certification card that you must keep with you at all times while working at these events.

Additional information regarding these programs, as well as other possible volunteer opportunities will be outlined on our website and will have a means for signing up for specific dates. That is the DIBS program outlined on the next page.

Please keep checking the Huskies website for updated information and if you have any questions regarding volunteer opportunities, please contact Beth Hippman or Christina Trombley below.

Beth Hippman/Volunteer Program Director

Phone: 630-747-4068

Christina Trombley/Volunteer Program Associate

Phone: 815-483-4300

FAQ's

What would I be doing? Working the concession stands at the stadium.

Is training required? YES. All participants MUST attend a TIPS class which is an alcohol awareness class in order to qualify. **(This class is free and is good for 3 years).**

How do I sign up? Games will be listed on the Huskies web site under the DIBS section and you can sign up for the days that fit your schedule.

How much will I earn? Earnings depend on the total amount of money the club earns and how many hours you worked. Once the club receives that money, it will be divided by the total number of hours worked resulting in a per/hour amount.

How will I get the money? Rebate money will be available by the end of October. Since fall season contract signing is done in September, any money earned will be deducted from your final contract payment.

What if I sign up and don't show? The Huskies will be fined for no-shows and risk being removed from the program. If you sign up for a specific time/day and cannot make it, you must notify the program director at least 48 hours in advance.

Will I be reminded of my scheduled times? No reminder calls will be made. You will get a confirmation email once you sign up.

What do I wear? Jackhammers: Khaki pants/shorts and Jackhammers shirt (\$10). Chicagoland Speedway: Khaki pants only, white Huskies polo.

How to Use DIBS - Our Online Volunteering Signup

Use DIBS, our new online volunteer system. DIBS has many opportunities posted in which you can click on the event of your choice and then you have "DIBS" on it. It's easy to do, sign up today.

To use DIBS you must first login to the website using your account user name and password. The same account you use for online registration. Click on the "DIBS" button in the upper right side of the website (near the Huskies Banner). There will be two sessions, Joliet Jackhammers & Chicagoland Speedway volunteers. Click either or both and then enter a date range to choose from (you can accept the default but it will only show events scheduled for the next month). You can also click on calendar view which may be easier. There are multiple dates for the same events because there are spots for more than one volunteer. Click on the event and date you want to have "DIBS" on, once you confirm, that spot is yours. An email will be sent to you a day prior to the event as a reminder. Remember you can only cancel your DIB up until 7 days prior to the event.

Also please read and sign the Volunteer Requirement Information Sheet found on the huskies website under the Volunteering tab and return to Beth Hippman.

Good luck, if you have any questions feel free to contact Beth or Christina.

Upcoming Events

The Huskies have lots of events coming up very soon and some just a few months away. Please keep on the look out for more information on the following items in future newsletters and on the Huskies website.

- ❖ Summer Skates/Clinics/Camps (release in mid May 2010)
- ❖ Used Equipment Resale (Aug 2010)
- ❖ Welcome Back BBQ (Sep 2010)
- ❖ Huskies Dinner/Dance (Oct 2010)
- ❖ Age level Open Houses for coach meet and greets (dates being arranged)
- ❖ Townhall meetings (dates being arranged)

Events Committee

In addition to our new Huskies board members a new Events Committee has also been formed to assist the board with various events throughout the year. Join us in congratulating them if you see them around the rink!

Events Committee Members

- Beth Hippman
- Michelle Chase
- Rebecca Schultz
- Ryan Doyle
- Scott Rutledge

Director's Spotlight

Chris Imes-Mite Director

Chris Imes, affectionately known as "Imsey," brings an extensive hockey background to the Huskies both professionally and personally. Chris has one son, soon to be a mite and a daughter that is currently a mite and in the learn to skate program here at IIC.

Boards and Committees:

- Jun 2002-present USA Hockey Executive Committee
- USA Hockey Junior Council
- USA Hockey Player Development Committee
- USA Hockey Safety & Protective Committee
- USA Hockey Athletic Director

Professional Experience:

- USA Hockey Coaching Level 5
- May 2005-Jan 2006 USHL Chicago Steel, Head Coach/GM
- Feb 2005-May 2005 USHL Sioux Falls Stampede, Assistant Coach

Professional and Amateur Playing Career: (just a glimpse)

- Aug 1996-Mar 2000 Hockey Club Olympia, Def, Alpine League, Slovenia
- Sep 1995-Apr 1996 IHL Minnesota Moose, Def
- Dec 1990-Nov 1998 was a member of 8 USA Hockey teams.
- 1995 USA Hockey College Player of the Year
- 1995 Hobey Baker Award runner-up
- 1995 Hockey East Player of the Year
- 1993-1995 First Team All-American
- 2003 University of Maine Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

See more detailed information about Chris on the huskies website soon. This is just a small list of what he has done thus far.

Will Lite-Goalie Director

Will Lite has been with the Huskies hockey club since 2005 as a coach, and even before that in his youth as a Huskies player, but has now expanded his responsibilities to include Goalie Director. Will grew up in the western suburb of Westmont and currently resides there now.

Youth Hockey Career:

- 1988-1998 Played with the Huskies
- 1995-1998 Played for Hinsdale Central High School

Junior/College Career:

- 2001-2005 Western Michigan University, Div I ACHA
- 2000-2001 New Mexico Icebreakers, Jr B
- 2000-2001 Chicago Rush, Jr B
- 1999-2000 Metro Jets, Jr B
- 1998-1999 Chicago Force, Jr A

Player accomplishments:

- 2005 Central States Collegiate Hockey League All-Star game starter.
- 2001 USA Hockey Jr B National Championship, 6th place finish.

Professional Career:

- 2008 Squirt A State Champions, Coach
- 2009 Jr Blackhawks, Illinois Brick Hockey Club, Asst Coach/Goalie Coach
- 2009 Chicago Blackhawks Youth Hockey Camp Goalie Instructor

Good Luck to the Midget Tournament team
attending the Big Dog Tournament in Detroit
May 7th-9th.
GO HUSKIES!!

Good luck to the Midget
Tournament team playing in
the Advanced Arenas
Tournament here in Chicago
May 21st-23rd.
GO HUSKIES!!

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Go Huskies

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huskieshockeyclub.com



Since 1969, the **Huskies Hockey Club** has been committed to growing and developing youth hockey in the Chicago area and bringing the wonderful game of hockey to as many children as possible. Our philosophy has been to offer a progression of youth programs that satisfies every level of hockey skill and interest.

To submit articles, pictures or suggested topics for this newsletter, please e-mail
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