



## PARENT HANDBOOK

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

To provide instruction and recreation through organized team play in the sport of ice hockey, and help all participants grow socially, physically, and emotionally to their utmost potential both as hockey players and as citizens of our community.

### **HISTORY**

The Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation (MJHC) was organized in 1958 with Harold Alholm elected as its first President. Working in conjunction with the Marquette Department of Parks and Recreation, parents and hockey fans organized to promote and expand junior hockey. By 1961, 225 youths were playing on 19 teams, while only five years prior there were but 4 teams in all of Marquette. Alholm was the principal organizer of the first ever-Bantam National Championship Tournament in the United States.

Expansion in 1966 allowed younger children to learn the sport with the development of Mite and Squirt divisions. By the 1969-1970 season, a total of 400 players were participating on 25 teams and three years later enrollment exceeded 600 youths playing on 36 squads.

With tremendous growth in the program and other ice activities at the Palestra, there was a community wide effort to obtain a new ice facility. After 46 years of fond memories, the Palestra was replaced with the Lakeview Arena. The dual surface Arena saw its first use in January of 1974 as a puck was dropped for the first junior hockey game in the new facility.

In all, 59 MJHC teams have played in MAHA state championship title games since our programs inception in 1958. Marquette is the proud home of 25 state championships and 34 state runners-up.

On the National level, a total of 19 MJHC teams have participated in National Championship Tournaments. Four squads have brought home national titles and five teams have finished as runners-up. In addition to hosting various local tournaments, the MJHC has played host to teams from Canada, Denmark, Finland, Sweden and Russia.

The MJHC fields teams at the "B", "A", and "AA" levels of play as well as the Electricians Midget "AAA" squad. Over 30 players have gone on to play at the collegiate level and many more have competed at the high school and junior levels. Most importantly, thousands of youngsters have learned to love the game of hockey and many of them have remained in the local community and volunteer their time to coach, referee, or take on administrative duties in our junior hockey program. Because of them, hockey continues to be the major recreational sport in the area.

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Marquette Junior Hockey is a non-profit Corporation under Article 501 (c) 3, of the United States Internal Revenue Code, and is governed by an elected Board of Directors. The Board of Directors normally meets in regular session the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Lakeview Arena. Special Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time to consider special situations.

Three members of the nine member Board of Directors are elected to three-year terms each year at the conclusion of the February Regular Meeting. Any voting member is eligible to run for the Board of Directors. A voting member is any member who has attended and signed the attendance sheet at a minimum of four Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors. The Officers (President, First and Second Vice-President, Secre-



tary and Treasurer) are elected by the Board of Directors prior to the first meeting of the new fiscal year (June).

The President shall appoint with the consent of the Board of Directors, the Marquette Junior Hockey Director. The Marquette Junior Hockey Director is a full time employee of the Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation and is the active authority of the Corporation at the Lakeview Arena. The Marquette Junior Hockey Director is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Corporation. The Marquette Junior Hockey Director reports to the Board of Directors, and is immediately supervised by the President.

### **VOLUNTEERS:**

As with all non-profit corporations, MJHC cannot exist without volunteer assistance. Coaches are the obvious volunteers, but there are many other ways that you can help the MJHC during the season. There are MJHC bulletin boards in the Russell Arena near the MJHC office. There is a list of committees and you may contact the committee chairman if you are willing to serve on a committee in any capacity.

### **PLAYING DIVISIONS:**

Players are placed in playing divisions according to their age and gender. Girls may play on boy's teams; boys may not play on girl's teams.

### **DESCRIPTION OF DIVISIONS:**

Skills Development Program – A USA sanctioned hockey program with structured lesson plans designed to be a low intensity, fun oriented program that teaches the youngster the fundamentals of skating: forward, backward, stopping and turning. It is presented in a non-competitive setting with very little emphasis on the actual game of hockey. The age range for this level is up to eight years old, although we will accept a non-skater of any age. With players age two to five years old, there is a possibility that the child may not be physically or emotionally ready for this type of activity. If they do not like it, it is better to stop and try again the next year, rather than forcing them to continue and making it a negative experience. The Skills Development Program is designed as a two-year program with the players moving to the Mite level at the completion of the Skills Development Program.

**Mites** - The Mite program is divided into two Tiers. Tier I is primarily six and seven year olds. The players are taught the various positions. They are introduced to competitive hockey and the basic rules of the game. Tier II Mites is the logical progression from Tier I. It is made up primarily of seven and eight year olds. Tier II Mites are placed on teams at the beginning of the year and compete in regular league games beginning around the 1st of November. Team standings are kept in Tier II.

**Squirts (players 10 and under)** – The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. Squirt is the first level that a Travel Team program is offered. MJHC currently fields teams in the Squirt "A" (players who are not in their final year of eligibility), and Squirt "AA". These are competitive teams. There are tryouts and player cuts, and there are additional costs. (Travel teams will be explained in detail in another section.)

**Girls 10 and under** - The season starts in September for girls who have not reached their 11<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

**Pee Wee (Players 12 and under)** - The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. Pee Wee is the first classification where the



"AA" Travel Team is eligible for National Competition. This is the youngest division that body checking is allowed.

**Girls 12 and under** - The season starts in September for girls who have not reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year. This is the first Girls Division that is eligible for National Competition.

**Girls 14 and under** - The season starts in September for girls who have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

**Bantam (players 14 and under)** - The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

**Girls 16 and under** - The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

**Midget (players 18 and under)** - The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

**Girls 19 and under** - The season starts in September for players who have not reached their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current calendar year.

## **DIVISION DIRECTORS**

The President shall appoint individuals to be Division Directors for the Skills Development Program, Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget and Girls Divisions. These are one-year appointments and are non-voting positions. The Division Directors are responsible for coordinating, in conjunction with the Marquette Junior Hockey Director, the pre-season evaluations and player drafts, monitoring league play for compliance with league rules, assisting with player discipline problems when requested by a coach or parent and being the liaison person between the players, coaches and parents in their division and the Board of Directors. Division Directors may also be asked to help with tournaments involving their Division.

## **HOUSE TEAMS:**

All house teams in MJHC are drafted in accordance with guidelines set up by the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA). The players will skate in "pre-season" evaluation sessions. In these sessions, the players will participate in various hockey drills and scrimmages so that the coaches can become familiar with the players. Teams are drafted to insure the most equal distribution of talent. Players should expect a 14-18 game regular season. The regular season Champions receive individual Championship awards at the year-end Awards Program. There will also be mid-season playoffs (Squirt Division and higher) starting the first weekend in January. These playoffs determine who will represent Marquette Junior Hockey in the Region I Playoffs, which lead to the District 8 Playoffs and ultimately to the State Championship. No awards are presented to mid-season playoff winners. The house league also participates in year-end playoffs to determine the Association Playoff Championship. The winners of the Association Playoff Championship receive individual awards at the year-end Awards Program.

House league teams may also enter Invitational Tournaments. House league teams owe first allegiance to their house league schedule and should make prior arrangements with league teams before accepting any other games. Permission must first be received from the Division Director, and any League games that would be missed must be rescheduled. All costs for Invitational Tournaments must be paid by the team participating. MJHC, will however, provide entry fees for all Regional, District and State Playoffs.



### **TRAVEL TEAMS:**

Travel Teams are competitive programs. Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam and Midget Division tryouts are held in late summer or early fall and the coach selects his/her team from the players that try out. Players must be registered with MJHC for the current season and have no outstanding financial obligations to MJHC or any other MJHC Team in order to try out for a Travel Team. There is a try out fee charged to any player trying out for these teams. Not all players that try out are selected for Travel Teams.

"A" Travel Teams are restricted to residents of Marquette County or players who were members of MJHC the previous season. Players in their last year of eligibility may not play on an "A" team.

"AA" Travel Teams have no age restrictions. These teams are restricted to two new players from out of Marquette County

Players competing on Travel Teams are required to pay team fees in addition to the MJHC registration fees to cover additional practice time, coach's expenses and tournament fees. Travel Team players are also required to pay for their own travel expenses, including transportation, lodging and meals. Travel Teams are on the road an average of twice a month.

### **MARQUETTE ELECTRICIANS LOCAL 1070 "AAA" MIDGETS:**

The Marquette Electricians Local 1070 "AAA" Midgets is a program offered by MJHC to provide competition at a higher level for our players whose goal it is to move on to play hockey at the Junior "A" and Collegiate levels. The Electricians operate under the auspices of MJHC with their own Board of Directors. Electricians' tryouts are held in the summer. Due to the extremely competitive nature of this program, players from outside of the Marquette area are invited to try out to play on this team. Non-resident players are housed (at their own expense) within the community and attend local high schools.

### **.COACH SELECTIONS:**

All coaches in the MJHC must be approved by a vote of the Board of Directors and must submit to a background check of his/her criminal record by the Michigan State Police. This is to provide as many safeguards as possible when selecting the people that will be interacting with our children. Parents also have an opportunity to complete a written evaluation of their child's coach(es) at the end of each season. These evaluations are used in the coaching selection process for the next season.

The Board of Directors will solicit coach applications, consider the applications, review the applicants, provide a public meeting where the public can interview the applicants and vote to either fill the position or declare that there are no qualified applicants and re-post the position.

Each Division Director recommends House league coaches to the Board of Directors. Volunteers may sign-up to be house league coaches at the Awards Banquet or by contacting a Division Director or the MJHC Director.

The coach or division director must present assistant coaches for approval to the Board of Directors. Coaches are approved pending submission of proper application and background check.

### **REFEREES:**

Together with players and coaches, referees are the third element that is necessary to play the game of hockey. All referees must attend an annual USA Hockey Officiating Seminar, must complete a test corre-



sponding to their certification level, and must be registered and insured through USA Hockey. Referees are independently contracted and paid by MJHC. MJHC also employs timekeepers to keep score and run the penalty box during MJHC scheduled games. In order to be contracted by MJHC, an individual should be at least 14 years of age, must have attended the USA Hockey Officiating Seminar, and must be registered and insured through USA Hockey. It is also recommended that anyone that is employed as a timekeeper also attend the Officiating Seminar, but it is not required that timekeepers register with USA Hockey. Officials working MJHC games utilize both the 2 man and 3 man systems.

### **POLICIES:**

The MJHC ascribes to and supports the following policies set out by USA Hockey and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association

### **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:**

In an effort to make hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the USA Hockey Youth, Junior and Adult Councils have instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey-sanctioned games.

Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On-Ice Referees and Linesmen:

### **PLAYERS:**

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

- 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
- 3) Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision.

Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a Misconduct Penalty. A Game Misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

### **COACHES:**

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

- 1) Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
- 2) Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
- 3) Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.

Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a Game Misconduct penalty.

### **OFFICIALS:**

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On-ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.



### **PARENTS/SPECTATORS:**

The game will be stopped by on-ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on-ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectators viewing and game area.

Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.

Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.

Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players bench, penalty box or ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

### **SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY:**

It is the policy of USA Hockey that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its Training Camps, Hockey Clinics, Coaches Clinics, Referee Clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other USA Hockey events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when an employee, volunteer or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor. Sexual abuse of a minor participant also occurs when a minor player touches an employee, volunteer or independent contractor for the sexual arousal or sexual gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor, if the touching occurs at the request or with the consent of the employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Neither the consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistake as to the participants age, nor the fact that the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.

Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended from USA Hockey sanctioned programs and/or the programs of its Affiliate Associations.

### **PHYSICAL ABUSE POLICY:**

It is the Policy of USA Hockey that there shall be no physical abuse of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its Training Camps, Hockey Clinics, Coaches Clinics, Referees Clinics, Regional and National Tournaments or other USA Hockey events by any employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical conduct may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking and other hockey skills, and communicating with or directing participants, during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.



## **SCREENING POLICY**

It is the policy of M.A.H.A. that it will not allow participation in its programs any volunteer or employee who has routine access to children (anyone under the age of majority) who refuses to consent to be screened by M.A.H.A. before he/she is allowed to have routine access to children in M.A.H.A.'s programs. This policy includes coaches, referees, M.A.H.A. personnel, Association personnel, League personnel; any age of majority participant that comes in contact with minors within M.A.H.A.'s programs and those persons who billet on a continuing basis.

A person may be disqualified and prohibited from serving as a volunteer or employee of M.A.H.A. if the person has:

1. Been convicted (including crimes the record of which has been expunged and pleas of "no contest") of a crime of child abuse, sexual abuse of a minor, physical abuse, causing a child's death, neglect of a child, murder, manslaughter, felony assault, any assault against a minor, kidnapping, arson, criminal sexual conduct, prostitution related crimes, controlled substance crimes or misappropriation of funds;
  - a. For purposes of this policy, controlled substances shall include "mood altering substances" as shown below:
    - (1) Intoxicating beverages, including, but not limited to, alcohol.
    - (2) Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
    - (3) **Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctor's orders, or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant.**
2. Been adjudged liable for civil penalties or damages involving sexual or physical abuse of children;
3. Been subject to any court order involving any sexual abuse or physical abuse of a minor, including but not limited to domestic order for protection;
4. Had their parental rights terminated;
5. A history with another organization (volunteer, employment, etc.) of complaints of sexual or physical abuse of minors;
6. Resigned, been terminated or been asked to resign from a position, whether paid or unpaid, due to complaint(s) of sexual or physical abuse of minors; or
7. Has a history of other behavior that indicates they may be a danger to children in M.A.H.A.

## **CONSUMPTION/USE/ABUSE OF MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES:**

It is the considered judgment of the board of directors of USA Hockey that the consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances is detrimental to a healthy state of mind, body and spirit in an athletic participant. This is especially true for those participants aspiring to develop their talents in the furtherance of their playing, coaching or officiating careers in the sport of ice hockey. Therefore, with the best interests of its participants in mind, USA Hockey prohibits use by any participant of mood altering substances during active participation in its programs, and, upon discovery of any violation, shall take action to remove the participant from participation in its programs for a reasonable period of time. Further, USA Hockey recommends that each and all of its teams, associations, programs, and affiliates adopt reasonable regulations concerning the prohibition of consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances, and a reasonable enforcement procedure thereafter, in order to maintain the health of our athlete participants, the integrity of our programs, and the eligibility of all of our competitors for national, international and collegiate competition.



For the purposes of this policy, the words “mood altering substances” shall include the following:

1. Intoxicating beverages, including, but not limited to, alcohol.
2. Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
3. Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to excess in violation of doctors orders, or to produce a state of intoxication in the participant.

Further, a participant shall include players, coaches, referees, and all persons involved in the conduct of an ice hockey contest.

### **REGISTRATION:**

All players, who were registered with MJHC in the previous season, will receive registration materials in the mail at the end of July or the beginning of August. Parents may fill out the registration materials and return them by mail.

New player registration will be advertised in the local media as to time, date and location.

A minimum payment amount will be specified for each age group, with the balance due as scheduled on the registration form. **Each participant is required to have paid at least the minimum amount by the league start dates in order to participate. Registration/Fees must be paid by the end of the season in order for the player to skate in any future MJHC programs.**

### **REFUNDS:**

The Board of Directors may approve refunds subject to current policy.

### **REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE:**

Funds have been made available through a grant from the Kaufman Foundation for players who would otherwise be unable to participate. These funds are available for registration fees and equipment only. This grant is requested annually by MJHC. The custodian of Kaufman Foundation funding is the President of MJHC, who may designate that authority to another member of the Board of Directors.

### **BUDGET:**

MJHC posts budget information on the MJHC bulletin board located in the Russell Arena near the MJHC office. The MJHC operates on an annual budget in excess of \$300,000. Some of the major expenses for the MJHC are ice time, referees, and registration expenses. The largest sources of income for the MJHC are through registration fees, sponsorship income and tournament income.

### **TEAM FUND RAISING APPROVAL PROCESS**

Teams may have up to two fund-raisers. **The MJHC board of directors must approve all fund-raisers in advance.** Money from fund-raising and parent fees will be placed in the team account for expenses. Fund raising money is not to be credited to individual players, coaches or managers.

The team manager should contact the Fund Raising Committee Chairperson with the request for a fundraiser. Requests will be considered at the monthly board meetings.

Types of fund-raisers approved in the past include: bottle drives, candy sales, pancake breakfasts, bake sales, chuck-a-puck, pick-a-puck, clothing sales, etc.



## **SPONSORSHIP**

MJHC has several opportunities for those wishing to support youth hockey through financial contributions. Area businesses and individuals sponsor teams and tournaments and lower the cost of hockey throughout the program. Look for our sponsors names on our jerseys, banners and tournament programs and be sure to thank them for their support.

## **EQUIPMENT:**

All MJHC players with the exception of Skills Development Players must wear full equipment at all times. That equipment includes: a HECC certified helmet with a HECC certified facemask, an attached mouthguard (bantam and above), shoulder pads, an athletic supporter with cup (or corresponding female protection), hockey pants, shin guards and hockey skates. Players in the Skills Development Program should have a good fitting pair of skates, a helmet with a facemask, optional knee pads and elbow pads, a heavy pair of mittens, and a hockey stick that is cut to the player's size. All of this equipment is available from local sporting goods stores. MJHC provides a game jersey for Tier I Mites and above, and game socks for Squirt and above. **Game jerseys are to be worn for games only. They shall not be used for practices, spring hockey, street hockey, post season "3 on 3's" etc.**

MJHC also provides goalie equipment for all goaltenders that do not have their own. Players and parents are responsible for the return of all equipment and jerseys belonging to MJHC or you will be held financially responsible for its replacement.

## **THE PLAYING SEASON:**

The playing season begins in late summer/early fall with Travel Team tryouts. Travel Team games can begin as early as the middle of September. The house league teams begin in October. Schedules will be available at coupon book pick-up and on the MJHC Web Site ([www.mqthockey.org](http://www.mqthockey.org)).

Squirts through Midgets participate in House League Mid-season Playoffs beginning the first Saturday in January. These playoffs determine which team will represent MJHC in Region I Playoffs, which lead to District and State play.

MJHC House and Travel Teams that qualify, play for the District 8 Championship on the first or second weekend of February, with the District winners advancing to the State Championships.

State Championships are usually held the first or second weekend in March.

House League year-end Playoffs usually begin on the first weekend in March and conclude by the third weekend in March. The Mite program runs through the first weekend in March, and the Skills Development Program usually concludes on the second Saturday in March.

At the Pee Wee "AA", Bantam "AA", Midget "AA" and Midget "AAA" Divisions, the winner of the State Tournament advances to the USA Hockey National Championships. MJHC will provide the entry fee for any MJHC team that qualifies for National play. Teams entering National play may request additional funds from the Board of Directors. These funds, if granted, may only be used for transportation, housing and meals for players and coaches.

## **MJHC TOURNAMENTS:**

The MJHC sponsors several Tournaments at various levels throughout the season. The annual "Marquette



Electricians Fall Classic" is an "AAA" Midget Tournament and is run by the Electricians Hockey Team as a fundraiser to offset costs for operating the team through the season. For all other tournaments, the proceeds go into the General Fund of MJHC.

The annual "Iron Sticks", is an "AAA", "AA" Tournament for the Pee Wee and Bantam Divisions. It is usually held in late October or early November. Marquette Junior Hockey Corporation sponsors a Pee Wee House League Tournament that is usually one or two weekends before Christmas. The annual Mite Tournament is usually held in the first weekend of March and has been called the best Mite Tournament in Northern Michigan. MJHC usually hosts at least one District 8 Playdown, the first or second weekend in February. MJHC may also host State Championships as assigned by the State Playoff Committee, usually the first or second weekend in March, and may also host National Championships as assigned by the Youth Council of USA Hockey.

### **SUMMER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:**

On the last weekend in March, the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association conducts the U.P. Bantam/Midget Festival for players having their 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, or 17<sup>th</sup> birthday during that year. Players selected from that Festival would advance to either the USA Hockey Regional Bantam Camp (15 year olds) or the Michigan Junior Olympic 16/17 Festival (16 and 17 year olds). From these programs are selected "Team Michigan-15, 16, and 17". These players advance to the National 15, 16 and 17 Festivals.

**The MJHC does not conduct any summer programs.** Private individuals operate all other post-season programs. Parents should check with the individual operators to determine as to whether or not you will be covered under the USA Hockey insurance programs.

### **LEAGUE AWARDS**

House league awards are presented at the annual year end program. Midget, Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt players on teams that have won the League or Playoff Championship receive individual awards. Mite players from the League Championship team receive awards (Mites do not have playoffs).

The League Top Playmaker (player with most assists) and the League Top Scorer in each division is recognized.

Other individual and team achievements are recognized in the annual yearbook.

### **AWARDS**

There are several other awards presented at the awards program. They recognize individuals or groups for certain accomplishments and are selected by committee. Included are:

**Peter Bartanen Memorial Award:** presented to a player for Outstanding Dedication and Leadership

**Joe Beerman Award:** presented to the Volunteer of the Year.

**Paul Berglund Memorial Award:** presented to the Coach of the Year

**Irwin Brassard Memorial Award:** presented to the Outstanding Goalie of the Year

**Tim Rice Memorial Award:** presented to an Outstanding Defenseman

**Frederick H. Dahl President's Cup Award:** presented in recognition of Outstanding Leadership, Advocacy or Service to Marquette Junior Hockey

**John "Bud" Vargo Memorial Award:** presented to a graduation high school senior exemplifying a True Love for the Game of Hockey



**Aaron Winslow Memorial Award:** presented to an Outstanding Peewee House League Goalie

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Kathi Sommers Scholarships are awarded annually at the MJHC awards night to house league players. This scholarship was created in memory of Kathi Sommers a supporter and volunteer in our hockey program. The funding of this scholarship is provided by the selling of MJHC programs at MJHC sponsored tournaments. The scholarships are provided for hockey camps in the Marquette area only. The scholarship applicants must fill out and mail the application by April 1<sup>st</sup> to the address provided. The application forms are available in the MJHC office and/or on the web site [mqthockey.org](http://mqthockey.org).

### **WEB SITE**

MJHC maintains a web site at the following address [www.mqthockey.org](http://www.mqthockey.org). Information is updated on a regular basis.

### **BULLETIN BOARDS**

There are MJHC bulletin boards located in the Russell Arena near the MJHC office. On the board you can find league standings, schedules, notices, etc.

You will also find locker room assignments on the bulletin boards before each practice and game. It is an excellent place to check for information and any late breaking schedule changes. Locker rooms at the Berry Events Center will not be assigned. Please keep your team confined to one locker room at the Berry Events Center.

### **THANK YOU**

The Board of Directors would like to thank all those who have participated in the past and for those who will participate in the future. Remember, a kid on ice is seldom in hot water!

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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