



**North Branch Area Hockey Association
Viking Hockey News – 8/31/2010**



Remember to check www.northbranchhockey.com on a daily basis for any last minute announcements and up to date news!

Arena Update

The arena committee continues to meet on a weekly basis on the planning process. We are still waiting for the final letter of approval from the City of Stacy and are crossing our fingers that we will have that document in hand before the long weekend. If that happens, we are preparing to begin cleanup on the land over the weekend. As well, we have spent a considerable amount of time the past week working on insurance for the project. We have a quote in hand and are still waiting to hear if we will be approved to be covered under the same type of policy the city is covered under as that would cut the cost considerably.

Upcoming Meetings

Mite Committee Meeting for tonight – 8/31 - Cancelled

Volunteers Needed!

To volunteer, sign up on Dibs at www.northbranchhockey.com. The service requirement for all returning hockey families this year is 4 credits. The number of credits earned per event/shift are posted with each shift on Dibs. If you have any questions on Dibs, contact Lisa at publicity@northbranchhockey.com.

Volunteers are still needed for the following events:

Hay Days – September 11th and 12th - \$25 fundraising credit per family/per shift
North Branch Kids Carnival – September 18th
Fall Harvest Festival – September 25th - \$25 fundraising credit per family/per shift

Power Play Donation Request Follow-up Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to follow-up with businesses that have been sent donation request letters for Power Play. Volunteers will receive a list of 10 businesses to contact. For each 10 businesses contacted, the volunteer will receive 1 service credit.

Hockey Information

Check out Minnesota Hockey's HEP (Hockey Education Program) newsletter

This newsletter contains information on many areas of hockey volunteering, skill development, coaching, on checking recreational leagues, etc. It is well worth the time to check it out!

[Minnesota Hockey HEP Newsletter](#)

Coaches –

Coaching clinic dates have been posted at www.usahockey.com. These classes fill up quickly so please register ASAP if you need to be certified or need to renew your certification. Questions, contact Tom at 651-277-0160.

A couple new coaching clinic for Level one has been posted on USA Hockey...

Level One (1)

Saturday – October 9th, Eagan

8:00am registration – clinic will run until 2:00pm

Level One

Sunday, December 19th Isanti arena

Watch for more details – assume the time will be 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Interested in being an on ice official?

The 2010-2011 registration process is under way for USA Hockey on ice officials. This means that any of your youth players that wish to officiate in the house leagues for the upcoming season need to register on line with USA Hockey and register for and attend an **all day** USA Hockey seminar. Registration for officials is done at www.usahockey.com and is a self guided process.

Seminars that will be conducted in District 10;

Level 1 - Saturday October 2 - 9:00am Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Level 1 - Sunday October 10 - 9:00am Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Level 2 - Saturday October 9 - 9:00am Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Level 2 - Saturday October 16 - 9:00am Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Level 3 - Sunday September 19 - 9:00am Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Level 3 - Tuesday, October 5 - 6:00pm Fogerty Arena, Blaine MN

Additional seminars are held throughout the state of Minnesota. An official can attend any level

appropriate seminar in the state to become a registered official. Additional seminars can be found at

www.mhoa.us. From the main page click on the *Minnesota Seminars* link on the left side of the page.

Please remember that seminars are an **all day** activity. Officials should be on time and expected to stay until seminar completion, typically around 4:00pm. Officials should bring their own lunch. **All officials attending a level 1 and level 2 seminar should have skates and a helmet for the on ice portion of the seminar.**

For any questions please contact, Dave Weisjahn, Supervisor of Officials - District 10, d10supoff@gmail.com, (763) 767-0666.

On line registration

On line registration is available at northbranchhockey.com and is mandatory this year. You will first register your skater with USA Hockey (link provided through NBAHA website) you will then need that confirmation number to proceed with online registration for North Branch hockey.

- You will need a credit/debit card to pay for the USA/MN Hockey fees on line. The cost is \$40 for skaters with birth year 2004 or earlier. There is no cost for the younger skaters.

- You will have several options for paying for your NBAHA portion of the fees.
 - Pay in full on-line with credit/debit card or PayPal
 - Pay 3 equal installments on-line with your credit/debit card or Paypal. 1st installment due at checkout, 2nd installment will be automatically charged to your card on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - Pay in full by mail to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056.**
 - Pay 3 equal installments by mail. 1st installment due by Aug 30th, 2nd on Nov 30th, 3rd installment on Dec 30th. (*this option is only available for Bantam, Peewee, and Squirt levels.*)
 - **All Mites** will register under "Mites" if placed on an upper level Mite team after evaluations you will then need to pay the additional \$485 either in full by Nov 30th or 2 equal installment on Nov 30th and Dec 30th. You will have the option of paying on-line as well at that time.

We must have the Waiver of Liability and Consent to Treat forms turned in before your child will be allowed on the ice for Pre Skates, Tryouts or Evaluations. If you are new to the association you will also need to mail in a copy of your child's birth certificate. You may mail them to **NBAHA, Box 541, North Branch, MN 55056,**

If you have not yet picked up your fundraising materials, contact Janelle at fundraising@northbranchhockey.com. **All returning families** must turn in fundraising materials to Janelle on or before Sept 28th.

Fees for the 2010- 2011 Season

USA/MN Hockey Registration fee for Birth Year 2004 and older is \$40

NBAHA 2010-2011 season fee

- Mites/U8 \$40
- Upper Level Mites \$525
- Squirts \$960
- Peewees \$1060
- Bantams \$300 (registration fee only)

(This is the NBAHA portion of fees, does not include the USA Hockey fees.)

Registration deadline for Traveling skaters is Wednesday Sept. 22nd.

Registration deadline for returning Mites is Wednesday Oct 24th.

All outstanding balances must be paid before your registration will be accepted for the 2010-2011 season.

Fundraising Opportunity

To Members of North Branch Area Hockey Association:

Attached is information about a new program we are offering at Lake State Federal Credit Union called Lake State Gives Back. This program offers a cash reward for both the member and the charity of their choice.

Lake State Federal Credit Union strives to offer programs that are beneficial to both our credit union members and to our surrounding communities. With all the changes in the economy people are not able to give as much as they would like or as much as they are used to giving to the organizations close to their hearts. This has made raising funds a challenge for many local charities.

No door to door sales
No delivering products
Makes and saves money at the same time
Lake State does all the work

Contact Lake State Federal Credit Union at 651-674-0898 with any questions.

Hurry, this is a limited time offer.