

## CGHA Player Fees

Cottage Grove Hockey moved to an up-front player fee starting with the 2011-12 hockey season. There were many reasons for this, but the most important factor is being able to know what hockey is going to cost for the season. Past practice left the fee amount for each player up to the number of team participants coupled with the icetime and tournaments chosen by the coach. This left teams within the same playing level paying much more for hockey within the same association.

The player fee is established for each level from Squirts and 10U through Bantams and 14U. With the exception of C Squirts and A Bantams, each team within the same age-level group will pay the same amount. This player fee amount pays for 3 components of a travelling team's costs. They are all home icetime (between 70-90 hours depending on level), 4 tournaments (3 invitational and post-season), and District 8 league fees. All the remaining costs to run the hockey association are paid for through all other revenue sources besides the player fee.

The player fee established for the 2011-12 season requires a set amount to be paid up-front during registration. The remaining player fee balance can be paid in full at time of registration, or broken out into the set payment plan of 4 payments on 9/15, 10/15, 11/15, and 1/31/12.

**NOTE: Initially, the payment plan option was going to pass on the bank and transaction fees to the payer of the plan. However, the system would not allow only these fees to be passed on. The board voted to NOT pass on the fees after this was discovered. Payment plans WILL NOT have any bank fees added to the payments.**

Finally, starting this season, families will no longer be asked to pay \$100 as a deposit for volunteering. CGHA has passed a new rule for volunteering. By November 1<sup>st</sup>, the CGHA board will notify all members of their required hours which will be between 4-8. If during registration a family would like to opt out of their volunteer requirement, they will pay a \$250 buyout fee. They will then not be required to volunteer. If the season ends and the family has not fulfilled their volunteer requirement, they will be assessed a penalty of \$350.

2 informational sessions were held at the ice arena in July and the following questions were asked.

Q: Are all payments required to be paid online?

A: Yes. The CGHA Board has moved to online fund management to help streamline payment collection. If any exception is to be made for an offline payment, a formal agreement must be made between the requestor and the CGHA Board.

Q: What are we doing about sponsors?

A: We are currently working on updating the sponsor packages. We hope to have these rolled out prior to team formation. Sponsors will be association wide.

Q: How do the equipment/referee fees figure in?

A: Equipment is paid for out of the operating budget. Referee fees for D8 games are part of the D8 fee. Scrimmage referee fees will need to be collected and paid for by the team as they are incurred.

Q: Will there still be a need for Team Managers?

A: Yes, Team Managers will still do all functions as in the past with the exception of any management of funds.

Q: Will Team Managers get credit for volunteer hours?

A: No, everyone is required to volunteer to help the organization, not a particular team. We do have a volunteer buyout option.

Q: What if a player is injured during the season and will not finish?

A: This is a case-by-case situation to be handled by the CGHA board.

Q: Who is choosing the tournaments for the upcoming season?

A: Using historical data and utilizing the knowledge of past coaches the CGHA is signing up for tournaments now.

Q: How will the new player fee system affect the A Bantams VFW league?

A: The extra \$100 for A Bantams covers that cost.

Q: What if the credit card is expired or funds are not available when payment is due?

A: Payment will need to be made immediately or the player will be unable to continue participating in team activities.

Q: Will the ice time be different for levels?

A: Within levels, team will receive approximately the same amount of ice hours. Older levels receive more hours than younger levels.

Q: How will the tournament fees figure for the different levels?

A: Fees are similar and were taken into consideration when player fees were created.

Q: What happens if payments are not made?

A: The player will not be able to participate in Cottage Grove Hockey until account is in good standing or worked out with the CGHA Board.

Q: Why will multi-player families not be able to fundraise?

A: The amount of money that CGHA brought in last season was minimal. Without a fundraising committee, CGHA cannot allow teams to do any type of fundraising at this time. Volunteers are needed.

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