

## Travel/Selects Open House Minutes – 6/16

1. Reminder all players, coaches, and managers need to renew their USA Hockey registration for the 2017-18 season. Please visit [www.usahockeyregistration.com](http://www.usahockeyregistration.com). You will need your updated number to fill out the online contracts.
2. Anyone interested in being a coach/assistant coach or manager, please email Tom - [therman@elpasohockey.org](mailto:therman@elpasohockey.org). A reminder the coaches/managers requirements can be found online at <http://www.elpasohockey.org>
  - a. This season communication with the teams, coaches, parents will be done a lot more through the Sport Engine app supplied by the website. This should help streamline communication, keep updated schedules, etc.
3. NEW THIS SEASON
  - a. As the hockey association has grown, there has been a need for more staffing. We are proud to announce that we have hired a Coaching Director/Assistant Youth Hockey Director. They will help with several aspects of the Travel/Select teams, player development, recreational/house leagues, as well as other duties throughout the hockey season. Official announcement will be made prior to the rink opening.
  - b. Rapid Shot Hockey Training System – the state of the art shooting machine will be added to the rink this coming season. Players will be able to sign up to use the new machine once it is installed and built. To learn more about the Rapid Shot machine, please visit [www.rapidshot.com](http://www.rapidshot.com).
4. Practices and Game Schedules
  - a. Travel Team practices will remain Mondays and Wednesday nights
    - i. No tournaments have been scheduled at this time nor JV/Varsity home or away weekends.
    - ii. Once available, they will be made public
  - b. Selects practices will have a slight change this coming season. Once the master schedule is completed, official times will be released, however more than likely will be on the weekends.
    - i. No league games have been scheduled at this time
    - ii. AZYHL scheduling meeting isn't scheduled until mid-September
  - c. Lady Rhinos tournaments will be scheduled as season progresses and tournaments become available.
5. Contracts
  - a. Contracts will be available online no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>. Once they are available, all parents and players will be notified.
  - b. New this season for the contracts
    - i. One contract for all teams/programs
      1. This will allow families to sign up multiple players at a time and combine payments
      2. Should streamline process
      3. Payments can be done online, offline, with Powerpay (online option). Also allows those who fundraised the same options of

offline and Powerpay. Full payments, 3 month and 6 month options available. All past due balances must be paid prior to the 2017-18 season.

- ii. When signing up your player, if you plan on them –
  - 1. Trying out for Selects as well as playing on the travel team (and possibly Lady Rhinos), fill out a Selects contract
  - 2. If your player plans on playing travel as well as Lady Rhinos, fill out the correct Travel Team contract
  - 3. If your player is Bantam and eligible for JV/Varsity or Lady Rhinos, fill out a Bantam contract
  - 4. If your player is playing just Lady Rhinos, fill out the Lady Rhinos. If your player is only playing JV/Varsity, fill out the JV/Varsity contract
- iii. There will be a Player Handbook this season for the Travel/Selects programs. USAH does not require a Player Code of Conduct for the 2017-18 season, however the EPHA will have a Player Code of Conduct in the player handbook that players and parents will need to adhere to.
- iv. A mandatory Player/Parent training course will be held prior to the season (will have multiple classes). This will cover a lot of new rules/laws that parents/coaches/players may not know or understand.
- v. Any player in need of jerseys (travel or select), please have your contract filled out prior to August 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure the jersey order can be placed on time for jerseys to arrive on time prior to the first games of the season
- vi. There will be a fee increase for most teams. Ice cost, referees, etc. have been going up each season, however the last fee change for the EPHA was actually a decrease.
  - 1. 6U/8U/Lady Rhinos – increase of \$100
  - 2. 10U/12U – increase of \$150
  - 3. 10U/12U Selects – increase of \$250
  - 4. 14U – no increase
  - 5. JV/Varsity – increase of \$475
- vii. Billets/Housing Families – The El Paso Rhinos are looking for housing families for the 2017-18 season. We are asking families to open their homes for the incoming hockey team to be part of their family. A monthly stipend is provided. For more information, please contact Kelly – [ephockeymom@yahoo.com](mailto:ephockeymom@yahoo.com).
- viii. Chihuahuas Fundraising – The EPHA has once again teamed up with the El Paso Chihuahuas to help raise money for the 2017-18 season. All funds raised throughout the summer will be put toward your player's 2017-18 account. In past seasons, parents, friends, and other family members have helped raise between \$50-75 per game. For more information and to work one of the remaining games, please contact Blanca – [blanca.ortega73@gmail.com](mailto:blanca.ortega73@gmail.com).