



UMHA Year End Newsletter

April 3rd , 2011

End of the 2010-2011 Hockey Season!

We hope that you and your children enjoyed their hockey season. The UMHA Board of Directors begins each year with a basic set of goals. They are:

1. To provide a safe, fun and memorable season for your children.
2. To schedule extra skills development training to enhance your children's hockey and skating abilities, resulting in an increased enjoyment of our great game, for both your players and you – all this at no extra charge.
3. To provide an environment in which your children learn that fair play and respect for their team mates, their opponents, all the coaches and the referees is the only way to play!

Did we succeed? We think so.

Registration for 2011-2012 — Registration System Up & Running

No fee increase!!

Fees for the upcoming 2011-2012 season:

- Early Bird Discount for registration until June 30th: **\$475**
- Regular Registration until August 31st: **\$500**
- Late Registration after September 1st: **\$525**

Please register early! When you register before June 30, not only do you get a significant discount in your league fees, but you allow us to better acquire and allocate our ice. We cannot commit game and practice times to you until we know how many kids will be playing hockey in Unionville.

This past season, we had waitlists. We were able to accommodate an all time high

registration of 817 (up from 725 players last year). To avoid disappointment, register early.

The registration system is up at:

www.umhahockey.org.

Remember, the UMHA accepts credit card payment only.

If you had trouble accessing or using the online system last year, then it is even more important that you register early. Please email us at info@umhahockey.org if you have any questions.

The UMHA has a new website!

When you register for the 2011-2012 season, take a moment to look at the new UMHA website. Many, many hours have been spent putting it together. There is a tremendous amount of information there and we hope answers to all of your questions. Please make the UMHA website your first stop when you have a question or need information about the UMHA. And we think it looks fabulous too!

UMHA is an OMHA Certified Initiation Program Centre!

In the spring of 2010, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association certified the UMHA as an Initiation Program centre. What does this mean? This means that the OMHA believes that the UMHA knows how to teach hockey to young children. Our programs for Mini Mite, Mite and Tyke are based on the Hockey Canada Initiation Program which was adopted by the OMHA in 2002. As a result, we were able to move to ten teams at Mite and add 2 Mini Mite teams of players new to hockey for an all time high of 12 teams of 4 to 6 year olds. At Tyke we increased the number of teams to 6 as we continue to experience tremendous growth at these divisions. We are especially proud of the Mini Mite program we

began this season. By setting up this two team division, we were able to tailor our program specifically to our new skaters.

For more information on the Initiation Program, please go to www.omha.net.

Unionville Jets – Our Select Program

The Unionville Jets Select Teams have been an integral part of our House League Program for many years. Select is a development program for players who want to improve their skills in a more competitive environment.

In 2010-2011, the UMHA ran a very successful Select program consisting of 10 teams. Our Mite and Tyke teams competed in the York Simcoe Hockey League and the Tyke Jets won the Tyke B Championship! As of press time, the Major Peewee, Minor Bantam and Bantam Jets are all in semi-final play in the North York Hockey League playoffs.

Team Staff (all positions, not just head coach) applications for the 2011-12 season are due by April 30th and tryouts will be held in September. Check www.umhahockey.org for more details.

Annual General Meeting – Please Join Us

The UMHA AGM is on Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 p.m. at the Unionville Train Station (Station Lane and Main Street, Unionville).

The AGM is a forum for you to hear what your hockey association has accomplished (you will be amazed!), ask questions and participate in planning for the 2011-2012 hockey season. We need your support and attendance.

UMHA Skills Sessions More Value! No Charge!

The 2010-2012 skills sessions were amazing! Ask around. We believe that the UMHA is unique in offering these extra skills sessions which support player, goalie and coach development.

There are weekly hockey skills and skating instruction in Mini Mite, Mite, and Tyke and bi-weekly sessions for Novices.

We were also able to offer approximately **57** hours of hockey skills sessions to players in the Atom, Peewee and Bantam divisions. These power skating, hockey skills and goalie training sessions were run by professional instructors during regular team practices and additional sessions were offered on Saturday evenings at no cost to parents or players! Let us repeat: **NO CHARGE!**

Skill Development for Coaches, Conveners & Trainers & Referees too!

We also support Coach and Convener development by subsidizing 100% of the cost of Coach and Trainer certifications. We are proud of our level of “compliance” with OMHA and Hockey Canada Insurance Regulations. Remember to thank your coaches and conveners because they have gone the extra mile to learn coaching and safety techniques which benefit your children.

Finally, we support our game officials too! We ran a power skating session to support our referees and we try to develop young referees each year from among the youth living and playing hockey in our community.

Child Fitness Tax Credit

The UMHA online registration system will provide you with your Fitness Tax Credit receipt when you complete registration and payment. The receipt is emailed to you along with a confirmation of registration. Please make sure when registering your child for the 2011-2012 hockey season that you print a copy of the confirmation for your records. Duplicate receipts cannot be printed after the electronic registration system has been closed down for the year. For more information on the Fitness Tax Credit, please go to www.cra-arc.gc.ca/fitness.

UMHA NEEDS YOU!

For a number of years, registration numbers were about 650. In 2009-2010, our numbers rose to 725. This past year we registered 817 players. As the UMHA continues to grow, we require the assistance of approximately 150 people to run our program, including coaches, trainers, and conveners. Without your help, we cannot run a successful program for your children.

YOU NEED TO GET INVOLVED!

Some of you are “at the rink people”. We understand. But we also need “directors” – people to organize the “at the rink” volunteers. The Board needs you! Are you willing to learn something new, give your time and help us to run this great league? Phone 905-477-9707 and come to meeting. Start by coming to the AGM.

Many Thanks to our Season Sponsors

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for their support this season! Sponsors are our partners in providing minor hockey to our children. Local businesses recognize the need to keep children busy and want to be part of our community.

Please support the following businesses that have been kind and generous to your children and to the UMHA:

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Commercial Bakeries – 2 teams
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Rosy's Raffle is Back Again

Rosy's Raffle, which is held at the UMHA Banquet, is named after our former Sponsorship Director who moved away for a few years BUT SHE IS BACK!

Once again this year, the Raffle will raise funds for the Let's Learn Hockey Program of the Minor Hockey Foundation of Ontario, which provides a full set of new hockey equipment, a day of hockey skills and assistance with hockey registration fees to underprivileged children (many are foster kids). If you wish to learn more, you can go to:

www.hockeyfoundation.ca/letslearnhockey.asp

We are running a “Gift Bag” Raffle – you buy the tickets and then you choose which packages you will drop your ticket into – you “bid” on only those items that you are interested in! Spread your tickets out or put them all into one Gift Bag, then wait for the announcement of the winning ticket for each prize.

Tickets are \$2 for one, \$5 for three and \$10 for eight tickets and will be available for purchase throughout the day of the Banquet.

Gift certificates from Restaurants, Stores & Bike Shops, Apparel, Mouth Guards, Spa Services, Rounds of Golf, Movies, Pizza, Plants, Bowling, Skiing, Toys, One of a Kind Jerseys and Other Gifts from the following donors:

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UMHA
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Many Thanks to the Many Sponsors who have donated Food, Balloons & Flowers for our Banquet and Fabulous Prizes for our Raffle. Please support them!

Get your UMHA T-Shirts!

UMHA Arthur T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the Banquet. At \$10.00, they are a fabulous deal and a great opportunity to get a jump on summer clothes for the growing children in your family.

Thanks for a great Season!

We hope you enjoy the 57th Anniversary Banquet which is a celebration of the 2010 – 2011 hockey season. Thanks go to the many parents and players that volunteered their time to make this a successful season and an exciting final event!

Have a safe and happy summer!