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**Lots of info!**

### **Online Registration**

There were some technical issues with our registration link and IT at Pointstreak has been able to address those. We apologize for the delay and are happy to share that our registration link is now live! Our amazing website lady Delma will be posting it later today and you can access that link on the Player/Registration page at [www.casperhockey.com](http://www.casperhockey.com).

Please note you will be unable to register your player(s) if you have an outstanding balance. Invoices have been sent out electronically several times, as well as hard copies mailed in May. For those with outstanding balances, please address those promptly to avoid being sent to Collections.

### **Fees**

The Board voted to increase registration fees for the 2018-2019 season. The Board was recently informed by the Casper Ice Arena Manager that the ice rental charge for CAHC is going up by 10% for next season. This is in addition to the previous 5% increase for the 2017-2018 season. The fees for the 2018-2019 season will be as follows:

First time skater \$200

6U \$300

8U \$300

10U \$400

12U \$450

Girls 19U \$375

14U \$475

High School/18U \$500

### **Fundraising Commitment**

Fundraisers such as Football Frenzy and wreaths have been providing our membership with fundraising opportunities that benefit their player's account and the Club. However the past participation in fundraising has been not as much as we would have liked. The Club uses the revenue raised from fundraising to offset the expenses not covered by registration fees. For the 2017-2018 season, out of 127 families 20 families participated in the Football Frenzy fundraiser (ended with a loss to the Club) and 57 families participate in the wreath fundraiser (ended with a small revenue). It takes a lot of time and effort to organize and process the

fundraisers and the Club can no longer take losses to provide fundraising opportunities that are not successful. The Board has deliberated for the past several years about implementing mandatory fundraisers as the majority of youth organizations utilize those annually.

Recently the Board decided the following:

- There will be a mandatory fundraiser in the fall and each family will be required to sell 20 tickets for that fundraiser (all proceeds to the Club), with the opportunity to sell additional tickets and receive a \$10 credit towards their family account per ticket sold. This fundraiser is still in the works, but is proposed to be an Outdoor Adventure raffle with daily draws for the month of January. More details regarding this fundraiser will be forthcoming.
- The Club will not participate in the Football Frenzy fundraiser this year due to low participation.
- The wreath fundraiser will proceed.
- Other optional participation fundraisers are being researched to continue to provide families with opportunities to fundraise and positively impact their family account.

### **Fees & Financial Responsibility**

[L]By CAHC policy, 80% of each player's registration fees must be paid by October 1st or the player will be ineligible to participate until the account is brought current. Yep. No pay, no play. Please make sure your account is paid up. [L][L]Please check your accounts online and make sure your account is current. [L][L]To be in good standing with CAHC, it means that you are complying with all Club policies and your account is current.

From the policy manual which can always be found on our website under Club Stuff/Documents...

*“For any check written to CAHC, fees of \$30.00 will be charged for each returned check. After two checks have been returned, the Club may request cash or money orders.”*

*“All accounts 90 days or more past due shall be assessed a finance charge of \$35.00 per month until the account is made current.”*

*“Individual Fees: All League team members will pay a league fee calculated and assessed by the Club’s Treasurer in an amount to cover all the current season expenses associated once rostered on that team. All Travel Tournament team members will pay a travel fee calculated and assessed by the Club’s bookkeeper in an amount to cover all the current season expenses associated once rostered on that team.”*

### **Fees and sponsorships**

There has been some misinformation circulated in the past about non-profits and fees/sponsorships, and so hopefully this will clarify a couple of things.

First, if you register your player with CAHC you are registering your player to receive a service. Even though CAHC is a non-profit, you cannot legally claim those registration fees on your income tax as a donation to CAHC, as in that instance it is not a donation. You are paying for a service. So, registration fees or any other fees paid to CAHC are not tax deductible.

Second, player sponsorships are not allowed. The IRS considers this funneling money through a non-profit to benefit one individual (basically, a form of money laundering). The Club cannot accept funds solicited by families as player sponsorships for their player. Please do not go and solicit funds this way. This is one of the fastest ways for the Club to lose its non-profit status. :(

#### **Intent letter and Casper First**

Please note that your player will not be added to a Casper team (10U and older) roster unless an intent letter has been received and the intent of participation indicated on the letter is reflective of the opportunity(ies) being offered at that divisional level. So, if you need to resubmit an intent letter please get it in the CAHC box at the rink. The deadline for the intent letters will be posted following season start. Once the team rosters are received from the divisional head coaches, the rosters will be sent for approval and set for the season.

For all registered players, the commitment level expected to the Club and to your player's team(s) is for the entire season. We do not offer a partial season commitment option.[SEP] [SEP]

From the policy manual...

*"CAHC offers two levels of competitive play for age groups above the 8U division: League team play and Travel Tournament team play. At the discretion of the coaches of an age group, the registration numbers within that age group will determine the viability of separate and distinct League and Travel Tournament teams. Separate and distinct League and Travel Tournament teams will occur when registration numbers at an age group allows for more than one League team. If registration numbers at an age group do not allow for more than one League team, try-outs will determine the roster for the League/Travel Tournament team."*

The Casper First policy is clear on how CAHC manages these conflicts. A player who is also playing on another team may ask permission to be excused from a Casper Travel Tournament team commitment. If permission is granted, all that excuses the player from is any sort of team consequence for missing that particular commitment (i.e. the player cannot be benched or short shifted or disciplined in any way due to lack of attendance). However, the family is still financially responsible for the associated Casper Travel Tournament team expenses for

that team commitment whether they attend the commitment or not (the only exception for not being financially responsible for a commitment is if a player is injured and cannot play and a waiver of fees request is received and approved by the board).

From the policy manual...

Casper Amateur Hockey Club does not wish to prohibit or even discourage players from seeking additional opportunities to participate in youth hockey. However, given the potential disruptive effect of players playing in other programs, some guidelines for such participation must be set forth. It shall be the policy of CAHC that all of its players must give Casper Amateur Hockey Club games and practices priority over the games or practices of other programs, leagues, or tournaments. This policy does not preclude players from participating in additional programs, leagues, or tournaments, but does require that CAHC players will play with their CAHC team if there is a conflict with another program, league or tournament. Player's may petition the Casper First Policy. This petition must be submitted to the Club in writing at least a month prior to the conflict. There must be unanimous consent by the Coaching coordinators and the Chairman of the Coaching committee, after the coaching staff has been consulted. This will only be considered if it is deemed the player will be playing at a higher competitive level with the opportunity presented in the petition than the Casper team is playing at the time of conflict. Players and parents will be required to sign letters of commitment prior to the beginning of the season agreeing to abide by this policy.

From the Casper Amateur Hockey Club Code of Conduct Release and Waiver, Participation Release, & Media Release document...

*"Casper Amateur Hockey Club PARTICIPATION RELEASE/TRAVEL POLICY AGREEMENT:*

*I/We, the undersigned, state the online registration information provided is correct and am voluntarily participating in, or giving my/our approval for the skater above to participate in any and all of the activities of the Casper Amateur Hockey Club (a non-profit organization), and its member teams and clubs, during the current season. I/We do further hereby release, absolve, and hold harmless, the Casper Amateur Hockey Club, its Directors, Officers, Coaches, member teams and clubs, organizers, and the Arena Supervisors, any or all of them against any claims. In case of injury, I/We waive all claims against the above named organization and representatives. I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to comply with all CAHC bylaws and policies, including the CAHC SafeSport Travel policy, which can be found at [www.casperhockey.com](http://www.casperhockey.com)."*

**Injuries & Return to Sport**

If a player is injured while playing hockey during a CAHC event (practice, game, dryland, etc.), the family needs to inform the Club President and request an insurance form. This form needs to be completed by the family, signed by the Club President and submitted to

USAH as soon as possible. More information regarding the USA Hockey insurance can be found at <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/837177-claims-reporting>.

Once the player is able to return from an injury hockey related or not...

If a player has been off the ice due to injury, the family is required to submit a medical release received from the player's physician indicating that the player is able to return to hockey activities to the Club President prior to taking the ice again. Once the medical release has been received, that release has to be sent to the WAHA President, Risk Manager, and respective Age Director prior to the skater returning to our program. This takes time. Do not expect your player to be able to return to the ice on the day the medical release is obtained.

From the policy manual...

*"Players who are injured, or have an illness, that keeps them from participating may petition the CAHC Board for an adjustment of Travel Tournament team fees. The petition must be presented to the CAHC Board within 30 days of the injury or illness. A letter and/or order from a physician must accompany the petition and a medical release must be submitted to the Board prior to the player actively returning and participating in the program. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the CAHC Board will be final."*

### **Withdrawal from the program**

If you are planning to withdraw your player from the program, please note there is a policy to deal with that.

From the policy manual...

CAHC registration refund for a first time skater shall be given under the following schedule if fees have been paid in full and CAHC Treasurer is notified in writing by handwritten letter or email that a player is withdrawing from the program by his/her parent:

- a. Skater withdraws prior to October 1: 100% refund
- b. Skater withdraws after October 1 but prior to October 15: 66% refund
- c. Skater withdraws after October 15 but prior to November 1: 33% refund
- d. Skater withdraws after November 15: No refund
- e. Refunds and Suspensions: Fees shall not be reduced to players under suspension. No refunds are given for League team fees. The CAHC Board shall determine refunds to players who leave a Travel Tournament team for any reason. No refunds/adjustments given for players who are unable to participate due to school ineligibility requirements.
- f. Players who are injured, or have an illness, that keeps them from participating may petition the CAHC Board for an adjustment of Travel Tournament team fees. The petition must be presented to the CAHC Board within 30 days of the injury or illness. A letter and/or order from a physician must accompany the petition and a medical release must be submitted to the Board prior to the player actively returning and participating in the program.

Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the CAHC Board will be final.

### **Student Coaching Clinics to be scheduled soon**

[L] Student Coach clinics will be held for those players aged 13-17 years who are interested in volunteering on the ice as a Student coach. Players who are interested need to attend one of the sessions to become certified to be a Student coach. There is no test... ☺

Here is some information directly from USAH regarding Student Coach Regulations [L]...

*"A player between the ages of 13 and 17 who is currently properly registered with USA Hockey may serve as a student coach under the following conditions:* [L] Must attend a training session conducted by the local hockey association. [L] Must always be under the supervision of a carded, screened adult coach during all practices, clinics, try-outs, and in the locker room. [L] May help out at practices, clinics, try-outs only. (May not play during scrimmages or games). [L] Must wear a helmet with full-face shield, gloves, and skates while on the ice. Must wear helmet during games while on the bench. [L] May only work with players at least one full playing age level down. [L] The organization that is using the student coach must provide a form indicating on what team he/she is participating as a student coach, and, if applicable, what team he/she is properly registered/rostered as a player. [L] Upon reaching the age of 18, the student coach must comply with all USA Hockey coaching and screening rules and regulations. [L] May not act as the head coach or assistant coach during practices or games. [L][L]"

So, watch for details forthcoming! We'd love to have more players participate as student coaches. ☺ [L]

### **Coaching Clinics to be scheduled soon**

CAHC will be hosting a coaching clinic(s) and the details regarding those will be coming soon.

### **Referee Clinic**

A referee clinic will be scheduled for sometime in November.

The USA Hockey rule book and 'change document' summary is posted on the USA Hockey Officials web site. It can be reached at: <http://www.usahockey.com/page/show/902338-rule-book-and-resources>. If this link becomes disconnected, navigate to [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com), to officials tab, to officials materials, and down to Rule Book and Resources. This is the hosting site for Standards of Play and Checking guidelines videos. Across the mid part of the page, there are various tabs which contain other useful officiating information - like the various manuals, weekly officiating videos, and other administrative information.

## **Schwan's fundraiser**

We are currently running a fundraiser with Schwan's. All proceeds will go to the Club to help purchase some items for next season on our Coaches Wish List.

Here is the link... <https://www.schwans-cares.com/c/27869>

## **AmazonSmile**

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Casper Amateur Hockey Club Inc. Support us... SMILE.AMAZON.COM

Here is the link... <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/83-0211124>

## **NCSD Attendance Policy**

Next season please remember that for those with players who will be missing school due to hockey, please ensure you are calling your player's school in advance and communicating with the attendance person that your player will be absent due to hockey. More information can be found here <http://natronaschools.org/parentsstudents/attendance/>.

Students in High School also need to meet the Activities Eligibility Requirements, which can be found here

[http://www.ncsdathletics.com/uploads/3/8/2/8/38288109/high\\_school\\_handbook\\_-09-09-16.pdf](http://www.ncsdathletics.com/uploads/3/8/2/8/38288109/high_school_handbook_-09-09-16.pdf)

## **High School Nationals Eligibility**

For those families in our High School program who will have players rostered on the Varsity team, please remember to ensure that your player is eligible.

From USAH Tournament Guidebook...

*"Participation is restricted to amateurs who are full-time students (grades 9-12), and 19 years old or under as of December 31 of the playing season. Eligibility is not to exceed eight (8) consecutive semesters starting with a player's freshman year.*

*Clarification: Those high school students graduating midyear are no longer full-time students and therefore, are not eligible to play on a varsity high school hockey team, effective on their last day of attending classes full-time. ... Also, for High School Varsity and/or Prep School divisions, evidence of current school enrollment eligibility to participate on the team is required."*

## **Practice schedule & Tournaments**

Our practice and tournament schedule will be posted once we know which weekends are going to be allocated to CAHC. Board members are still in negotiations with the Casper Ice Arena manager regarding this.

## Communication<sup>[L]</sup>

Club emails like this one from Pointstreak will be about the Club stuff (registration, payment deadlines, events, fundraisers, etc) the majority of the time.<sup>[L]</sup> Team Locker Room emails are going to be about divisional and team information and you can expect those to come closer to season start (practice reminders or cancellations, game information, etc). And, don't forget to like our Facebook page as there is lots of information posted there as well about events, etc.<sup>[L][L][L]</sup>

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