



SYDNEY BEARS ICE HOCKEY CLUB

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2009 SEASON

We are looking forward to welcoming all members, new and old, to our 2009 training venue at Macquarie Ice Rink, Macquarie Shopping Centre, Cnr Herring & Waterloo Road, North Ryde.

The Bears are planning on fielding teams to compete in the Ice Hockey New South Wales (IHNSW) winter competition in the following age categories:

- Atoms** - 11 years & under
- Pee Wees** - 13 years & under
- Bantams** - 15 years & under
- Midgets** - 18 years & under
- Womens** – all ages
- Senior Recreational** – 18 years and over

Note: With the exception of the Womens competition, all other leagues are mixed gender.

SKILLS ASSESSMENT

Skills Assessments will be held at Macquarie Ice Rink on Tuesdays 3, 10 & 17 February 2009 at the times listed below. Players are expected to attend at least one session to be eligible for team selection. All players must attend the skills assessment for the team in their age division. The cost is \$60.00 per player (payable by cash or by cheque). The fee must be paid in full to be considered for Team selection. Please wear full kit at each session.

Skills Assessments will be conducted at the following times:-

- 5.30 – 6.30pm - Atoms & Pee Wees
- 6.30 – 7.30pm - Bantams & Womens
- 9.30 – 10.30pm - Midgets

IN ORDER TO ALLOW US TO PROPERLY PREPARE, WE ASK ALL PLAYERS WHO ARE INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TUESDAY SKILLS ASSESSMENTS TO EMAIL YOUR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO secretary@sydneybears.com.au.

Once the skills assessment process is completed all participants will be advised of the outcome on team selections prior to registration and commencement of training on 24 February. Teams will consist of a maximum of 15 players and 2 goalies.

REGISTRATION – TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009 5.30-9.30PM

Registration will be conducted at Macquarie Ice Rink on Tuesday 17 February 2009 from 5.30 to 9.30pm. Registration Kits will be available on Tuesday 10 & 17 February at the Rink.

The 2009 Bears registration fees will be set once IHNSW have confirmed registration fees for 2009. This should be confirmed by approximately 04/02/2009.

Bears fees are made up of the registration fee to Ice Hockey New South Wales plus the game fees (payment of referees and linesman) plus \$8 admin/credit card fee. Sydney Bears will not add anything on top of those fees this year with a view to keeping costs as low as possible for our members.

TRAINING TIMES

Training will commence on Tuesday 24 February 2009 at the following times:-

5.30 - 6.30 pm Atoms & Pee Wees

6.30 - 7.30 pm Bantams & Midgets

9.30 - 10.30 pm Womens and Senior Recreational

We request that you show your respect to the Rink Management by ensuring the Rink is always left clean and tidy and that no damage is done to any Rink property while the Bears are present.

TRAINING FEES & OTHER COSTS

Training fees for 2009 are \$380 per player payable on 17 February 2009 at Macquarie Ice Rink at the same time as registration. Sydney Bears accepts credit card, cash and cheque. We will continue to offer the option of credit card payment in three instalments as in the past. Game fees vary from rink to rink and we will give you more information on these fees in the coming weeks. Last year the per game fee was \$15 per player.

COMPETITION

The Winter Season competition is scheduled to commence on Saturday 21 March 2009 and finish in September. Games will be played on either a Saturday or Sunday and may be conducted early morning, afternoon or evening. The draw is usually set for the whole season in advance and will be made available when we receive it from Ice Hockey New South Wales.

THE SYDNEY BEARS COMMITTEE 2009

President / Coaching Director John Harvey (0418 675 454)

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Secretary Andrew Dark (0410 632 239)

Registrar & Player/Parent Representative Bronwyn McFadden (0407 071 665)

Please contact any of the above Committee members if you have any concerns or queries regarding any of the information provided herein. We look forward to welcoming new members and catching up with 'old' members during February. A request to existing members – please forward this information to anyone you know who is interested in joining the Bears in 2009.