



Sydney Bears Ice Hockey

INFORMATION BOOKLET SEASON 2012

Welcome to all members

Sydney Bears Ice Hockey Club would like to extend a warm welcome to all members – both existing and new. We are proud of our great Club, and we have good reason to be, as every season sees the Club going from strength to strength. We hope you will become involved and enjoy the benefits that it brings. The Club offers children and adults the opportunity to learn, excel and have fun whilst playing Ice Hockey.

Ryan Herbert
Club President

Need More Information?

New members if you need more information not already covered by this information booklet please come and see one of our friendly committee members at the rink any Tuesday evening from 31st January. Alternatively, send an email to secretary@sydneybears.com.au.

2012 Training Dates (D-League)

Training will recommence on Tuesday 31st January. We will run the 2-hour Ice Hockey Development School (d-league) from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. From 7th February d-league will revert to 5-30pm to 7-00pm. Cost is \$15. Sydney Bears Ice Hockey Development School caters for beginner and intermediate players of all ages. Participants are graded in to groups based on age and ability.

Registration Days

Sydney Bears Ice Hockey Club will be holding registration for 2012 membership from Tuesday 14th February 5:30pm to 10:00pm. Registration will be held in conjunction with team tryouts (refer below).



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Team Tryouts/Selection

Team selection/tryouts will be held on Tuesday 7th /14th/21st February at Macquarie Ice Rink at the following times:

- Atom and Pee Wee – 5:30pm to 7:00pm
- Bantam and Midget – 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Women and Senior1 – 8:45pm to 10:00pm
- Senior2 and Senior3- 10:00pm to 11:30pm

Tryouts cost \$60 – covers all 3 weeks.

All players must wear full protective gear during tryouts and training.

Training

Training/times from the 28th Feb to 6th March will be as follows:

- Atom and Pee Wee – 5:30pm to 7:00pm
 - Bantam and Midget – 7:00pm to 8:30pm
 - Women and Senior1 – 8:45pm to 10:00pm
 - Senior2 and Senior3- 10:00pm to 11:30pm
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PLAYER INFORMATION

Age Grades

The age groups set down by Ice Hockey Australia and Ice Hockey NSW (the governing bodies for our sport) are listed below.

Grade Age Group for season 2012 Playing Rules

Atom 11 & under mixed – players born 2001 or later No deliberate checking.
No slapshot.

Pee Wee 13 & under mixed – players born 1999/2000 No deliberate checking.
No slapshot.

Bantam 15 & under mixed – players born 1997/1998 Full contact. Slapshot.



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Midget 18 & under mixed – players born 1994/1995/1996 Full contact.
Slapshot.

Women First year Bantam age and up – female only No deliberate checking.
Slapshot.

Senior Open age mixed (over 18 only) No deliberate checking. Slapshot.

It is mandatory for all Bantam and Midget-aged players to attend a linesman's course to be eligible to play in the finals series or be eligible for State team selection. Refer to the section 'Becoming a Linesman' below for more information.

Becoming a Referee/Linesman

Ice Hockey NSW holds Referee and Linesman courses just prior to the start of each season.

IIHF rulebooks are current for a 4-year period (e.g., 2006-2010, 2010-2014). Active Referees and Linesman are required to re-sit their course every change of rulebook. If you are interested in becoming an on-ice official then please check out the dates for the upcoming courses. You will start as a beginner Linesman and work your way through to referee from there. At the time of writing this document Ice Hockey NSW had published the following dates for Linesman and Referee courses. These dates may change over the coming weeks so please check the IHNSW website (www.nswicehockey.com.au) for current dates.

February

18th - Saturday Officials Course Sports House Homebush

19th - Sunday Officials Course Sports House Homebush

26th - Sunday Lines Course Sports House Homebush

March

3rd - Saturday Newcastle Lines and Referee Course Club Macquarie/HISS - Newcastle

4th - Sunday Newcastle Lines and Referee Course Club Macquarie/HISS - Newcastle

3rd - Saturday Lines Course Sports House Homebush

10th - Saturday Level 1 Lines and Referee Course Sports House Homebush



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11th - Sunday Level 1 Lines and Referee Course Sports House Homebush

17th - Saturday Level 1 Coaching Course Sports House Homebush

18th - Sunday Level 1 Coaching Course Sports House Homebush

17th - Saturday Senior B Division Lines and Referee Course Liverpool Catholic Club

18th - Sunday Senior B Division Lines and Referee Course Liverpool Catholic Club

Sydney Bears Australian Ice Hockey League (AIHL)

In 2012, the Bears AIHL team will be back training at MIR. This news is very exciting, as players will be offered extra support and training from experienced skillful AIHL members. We are hoping to get all teams playing back at MIR for the 2013 season and will continue working towards this to make it happen.

From the 13th March to the 28th August the new training schedule for all teams will be as follows:

5-30pm to 6-30pm (Pewees, Atoms and D-league)

6-30pm to 7-45pm (Bantams and Midgets)

7-45pm to 8-00 pm (ice cut)

8-00pm to 9-00 pm (AIHL)

9-00pm to 10-15pm (Woman and Senior 1)

10-15 pm to 11-30pm (Senior 2 and Senior 3)

