

March 19, 2024 Ball Hockey Committee Minutes

- Attendance: Scott Nelson, Shaun Lord, Christina Ebbett, Shelley Michaud, Kate Craik
- Absent: Darren Fowler, Shane MacDonald
- RNS arena has been secured for the season and is being paid based on a percentage of profits. They may have a dividing net that we can use. Scott and Brent will discuss.
- Scott will schedule the refs for the season. We will ask Kenny Donovan to provide refs with a ball hockey refresher.
- Casey Craik will run the clock, tidy the stands and update standings. Coaches will be responsible to ensure the change rooms are kept clean.
- Insurance will go through NB Ball hockey association and Shaun and Christina will secure it.
- We received 2 quotes on t-shirts, will go with the lesser priced (High Flyer Apparel). Kate will secure the order.
- U9/U11 will be half surface, 2 games running at once. 2, 25-minute periods, Straight time 4 on 4. Monday & Wednesday, 5:30, 6:30 & 7:30 start times.
- U13/U16 will be full surface, 2, 17-minute periods, stop time, 5 on 5, Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 start times. Depending on the number of U16 teams, we may need to add a game in on Monday or Wednesday.
- Schedule will be created by Shelley, teamsnap will be used, and a page on the website will show the master schedule and scores.
- Scott will check the equipment room for appropriate goalie gear for the younger levels, and order what is needed to supplement this.
- Shaun will secure the balls.
- Motion to have coaches receive a 50% discount for one child to be presented to the board for approval.
- Motion to have ball hockey committee members receive one complimentary registration to be presented to the board for approval.
- Committee agreed that KVMHA board members will not receive either the coach or committee discount.
- First night is expected to be balancing and drafting of teams.

April 4th Meeting

- In Attendance by Call, Shane MacDonald, Shelley Michaud, Christina Ebbett, Scott Nelson & Kate Craik. Absent Shaun Lord
- Darren Fowler has stepped down from the committee due to time commitments. Shane MacDonald will resume chair of the committee.
- Coaches applications were reviewed and appointed.
 - U9: Brad Doiron, Trevor Bennett, Jason James, Trevor Baker, Shaun Lord & Shane MacDonald
 - U11: Paul Mullett (Asst. Will MacEachern), Gary Marr, Alex Leduc, Kent Murray (Asst. Shawn Verner), Brett MacDonald & Josh Guimond.
 - U13: Matthew Dickie, Shaun Lord, Kamil Forgie & Jacinda Wilband (Asst Shane MacDonald)
 - U16: Glenn Piercy & John Brittain. One more TBD.
 - Christina to reach out to Mark Walker as possible third coach
- Referee rates: U9/U11 \$20/game, U13/U16 TBD. Scott will organize our referees and make them aware of an upcoming training clinic next week.
- Discussed increasing the team size for U9, but settled on leaving it as is with 84 registrants.
- Insurance still needs to be confirmed. Christina is to send Shaun a complete list of players so he can secure the insurance
- Scott to confirm that RNS has the net to separate the surface, and that we will have access to the referee room.
- Goalie equipment: Scott to purchase 6 sets of goalie gear from Canadian Tire at \$170/set for team use. Monkey suits will be sourced from our existing equipment. We are still short 1xU13 goalie and 1xU16 goalie. If we are unable to fill these positions, we will purchase gear for teams to rotate.
- 50 balls have been purchased at \$150 and a rule book to be kept onsite. Flipbook Score cards are to be purchased.
- Christina will add all players to teamsnap by division for easy communication moving forward.
- RNS communication: Doors will be open from 4:30-10pm and we will have a key to turn lights on and off daily. Consider purchasing a lockbox to store the lights key. There will be no change rooms available for use.

April 24th Meeting

- In Attendance: Shane MacDonald, Christina Ebbett, Shaun Lord, Scott Nelson & Kate Craik. Absent Shelley Michaud
- Tentative schedule was presented and reviewed with balancing beginning May 13th week. Coaches to do evaluations, then make adjustments as necessary for a balancing game the second game of the week.
- Shaun will borrow pinnies from SJ ball hockey, provide the eval sheets, and enter/review the results.
- Players were put into tentative balancing groups, Christina to make some adjustments to ensure coaches players are evenly distributed.
- Decided to purchase a GC for Kenny Donovan for the referee clinic (amount not determined)
- Kate to order red/blue tape.
- Scott to submit receipts for reimbursement (pads, balls, score cards etc.)
- Insurance forms have been received and are to be completed by team once they are formed. Expected cost of \$13/player
- Kate to order black referee t-shirts, Scott to provide sizes.
- We are short 2, U13 goalies. Shaun is going to talk to the SJ goalies.
- Referee rates set for U9-U13 \$20 (half ice) and U16 \$25 (with a \$5 bonus if called in for only 1 game a night)
- U9 coach change, Jason James and Brad Doiron will take a team together and Christian Belliveau will head coach the 6th team.
- U16 coaches added Geoff Cochrane and Doug Costello to take the 3rd team.
- We will have a coach meeting via Zoom May 7, 8:00pm to review the balancing details and game rules.

Ball Hockey Coaches Briefing May 7, 2024

Attendees: Shane MacDonald, Josh Guimond, Brad Doiron, Shelley Michaud, Kamil Forgie, Gary Marr, Shaun Lord, John Brittain, Kent Murray, Paul Mullett, Geoff Cochrane, Jacinda Wilband, Trevor Bennett, Glenn Piercy, Christian Belliveau, Doug Costello

U9 and U11 will have 6 teams, 4 teams in U13 and 3 teams in U16

First week is balancing there will be evaluators on hand and we will balance as best as we can. Try to keep the teams as fair as possible, do our best to keep the teams even.

Evaluations will happen quickly. The point is to be fun and fair.

Coaches that want to be part of evaluations, see Shaun upon arrival.

This is a one division league so Rec to AAA players will all be on the same teams

No line stacking or special units.

U9/U11 is half floor 4 on 4. Foam barriers to separate the floor.

U13 and U16 are 5 on 5

These are ball hockey NB standards.

U13/U15 - 2, 17 min periods

U9/U11 - 3, 15 minute periods, run time. No buzzer for line changes.

U9/U11 will use the clock for time and scorecards to keep track of each games score.

For U9/U11 half floor games, there will be a center line.

U13/U16 is a floating blue line, once you gain the zone the blue line then becomes the red line. Once the ball goes past half you then reset to zone entry at the blue line.

U9/U11 penalties are a penalty shot.

Penalties are similar to ice hockey. Stick infractions are 4 minute penalties.

No touch icing

No icing in U9/11, stick infractions are a penalty shot

Referees are ball hockey ref certified.

U9/U11 – May 20, and May 22. Monday and Wednesdays

U13 Tues/ Thursday

U16 varies from Monday to Thursday.

Ends the week of June 28

May 16, 2024

Attendance: Shane MacDonald, Christina Ebbett, Shaun Lord, Shelley Michaud, Scott Nelson and Kate Craik.

- Kate to purchase some additional red tape, look into hats (and sponsor), send coaches and players a note. U9/11, coaches will track the score for their games. Score cards will be on the table.
- Coaches note: U13/U16 – goalies start game at opposite ends. U9/U11 – coaches need to place the bumpers and table before the 5:30 game and remove them after the 7:30 game. Coaches need to turn the lights on and off and unlock/lock the ref room. (key in AED box in lobby). Scott to send Kate the rules so I can clearly circulate to the coaches.
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- Parents note: Water bottles are kept on the bench (none on the floor), teams can still change slightly a couple weeks in, looking for some large industrial fans, U9/11, exit through hallway. Parents keep the stands clean of garbage, empty bottles, tape etc.
- Amendment to April 24 minutes, U13 refs were to be paid \$25/game. (full ice)
- We will not have ball hockey on May 22 due to the AGM, it will be rescheduled and not cancelled. Reschedule times will be decided on prior to the schedule being posted.
- Note to all: No slapshots in U9, U9/U11 will have penalty shots and a face off after.

- Last game will start at 8:30 and not 8:45
- Teams will be sent to committee on May 17 for a quick review, then sent to coaches for a quick review, then posted to teamsnap with the schedule ideally on May 18.
- Time keeper is only needed for full surface games, \$5 bonus for single game nights.

June 10, 2024

Attendance: Shane MacDonald, Christina Ebbett, Shaun Lord, Shelley Michaud, Scott Nelson and Kate Craik.

- Amendments to clarify previous minutes (edited above).
- Year-end playoff structure decided upon, Kate to circulate to players and coaches, Scott to inform refs.
- U9/11/13 top 2 teams to receive hats (Scott ordering from Rinkside), possibly a McDonalds party for the (3) U16 teams. We will look into sponsorship for these.
- U9/11 will stick to a 10-goal differential, Kate to notify coaches
- Insurance has been completed, and is to be sent in today by Shaun.
- Discussion around budget. RNS is looking for payment, but this isn't possible until we have our actual numbers at the end of the season.