

Rockets Families,

July 28, 2021

Welcome back! We hope you are having a safe and relaxing Summer. It is hard to believe we are just a few weeks away from the start of Regular Season Evaluations. Rockets Staff & Board of Directors are working hard to finalize plans for the 2021-2022 Season!

We have received a tremendous amount of interest in the upcoming season. To date, over sixty percent of our anticipated members have registered. While we are still navigating the pandemic, we are hopeful the Fall/Winter season will be closer to the normalcy we enjoyed during pre-pandemic times. A few items we want to highlight in preparation for the upcoming season:

COVID

Our top priority is to provide our players with safe training/game play opportunities. To do this, we must stay healthy! In an effort to avoid close contact scenarios, we are requesting players dress out (as much as possible) prior to their arrival at the rink. In addition, we are requesting players exit the rink after skates and helmets are removed.

As we are currently experiencing shifting guidelines and an uptick in cases, it is with an abundance of caution that we are requiring parents to stay outside of the building during evaluations. If needed, one parent/guardian may assist players in getting ready/getting undressed. Please plan to follow the "15 minute" before and after practice policy. The more we minimize close contact scenarios (locker rooms/lobbies) the more likely we are to stay healthy and preserve our season.

We will work alongside our rinks and in accordance with local/CDC guidelines and update our members with any procedural changes. [Click here](#) to learn more about Covid protocols.

Registration

Registration for the Fall season is open now! There is an early bird discount rate available through July 31! [Click here](#) to register today.

Off-Ice

We are excited to bring a goaltending station to the Rockets Off-Ice training center this year! Rockets goalies and players that have an interest in goaltending will be able to develop goalie specific skills at Off Ice while with their team.

Evaluations and Pre-evaluation skates

Evaluations for 10U-14U players are scheduled to begin Monday, August 16th.

8U Evaluations will begin after Labor Day. Schedule will be announced as soon as possible.

[Click here](#) for the Evaluation & Preskate Schedule.

Registration for Preskates will open around 8/1; link will be shared and posted online.

Rockets Launch Party

Mark your calendar! Please join us for The *First Annual Rockets Launch Party* at the Rockets Off-Ice Facility at **6pm on Saturday, August 14th**. This event is an **Adult Only Open House**. We will be providing complementary drinks (beer, wine, and soft drinks) and will have food trucks onsite available for food

purchases. We will also induct our first 3 Rockets coaches to the Coaches Hall of Fame. It will be a fun night with auction items, raffle for tuition, and opportunities to learn about sponsorship opportunities.

Looking Forward

[The Rockets Board](#) and leadership are committed to continuous improvement, and we will continue to track survey results annually at the end of each season, along with short-form 'pulse surveys' as needed throughout the season. Please watch for those SurveyMonkey invitations, and know that your input is valued and essential.

Despite unprecedented challenges faced over the past year, the 2020-2021 end of season family/player survey indicated that the St. Louis Rockets Hockey Club managed to shine bright even during difficult times. Over 83% of respondents were satisfied with their Rockets experience. Survey results also pointed to the following areas of interest:

- Expansion of Off-Ice training opportunities at the Rockets Training Facility
- Consolidation of Rockets apparel; the opening of an Off-Ice shop for Rockets merchandise item
- Board of Directors quarterly update

"We'd like to thank all families, players and coaches for taking the time to complete our annual survey," said Rockets President, Drew Acree. "As always, we remain committed to taking the feedback and looking for ways to continue to improve an already strong program. This was a season unlike any other, and we are proud that we were able to offer players the opportunity to play hockey while prioritizing safety for all. We are very optimistic about the 2021-2022 season ahead. We look forward to serving our members."

Questions? Please contact your [General Managers](#), [Board Members](#) or [Rockets Staff](#).

Sincerely,

Rockets Staff & Board of Directors