

# MITCHELL SKATING & HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

## Programs Committee Meeting Minutes – September 2024

Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 - 7:00 pm – MAC Media Room



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Sabers     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Puetz  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kris Polreis  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawna Huls     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Zoss  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jennifer Zens |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blake Sabers    | <input type="checkbox"/> Janel Laufman          | <input type="checkbox"/> Kira Tronnes             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Rietzel | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Strand | <input type="checkbox"/> Kalli Mimmack            |

### REPORTS:

#### Registration (Janel)

- 133 players currently registered

Level	Count
8U	31
Squirt (B&C)	19
PeeWee (B&C)	21
14U Girls	9
Bantam	14
Girls Varsity	17
Boys Varsity	22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>133</b>

- State Registrar’s meeting being held on Sept 9<sup>th</sup>; then birth certs and updated information will be available after that.
- Currently updating registration information for the new season.

#### SafeSport (Eric)

- SafeSport recertification reminders should be coming in to previous volunteers.
- New volunteers will need to start completing registration, SafeSport, background checks.

#### Head Coordinator (Shawna/Nichole)

- Coordinator’s meeting was held before the Programs meeting tonight.
  - Working on volunteer registration and related requirements.
  - Covered multiple topics for the season including Forms Turn-in Night processes.
  - Each level will be providing information packets for families.
  - Raffle tickets will be ready for distribution.
- Question was brought up about promotion of season passes. Eric stated that last season, the majority of passes were sold at the gate the first few games of the season despite the online purchase option being advertised. Jen offered to add more visibility on the website and Eric mentioned we can get some promos on social media too.

### **Scheduling (Lisa)**

- SDAHA is currently verifying team schedule blocks from around the league.
- We are tentatively slated to host a Peewee state tourney this year, but not set in stone yet.
- Team scheduling meeting was held earlier tonight as well
  - Practice schedule is being finalized. 14U is requesting time for a separate practice on Wednesday. SQ & PW will get one night in Toshiba by swapping with Girls on Tuesdays.

### **Player Safety ( Kalli )**

- Eric will be working with Ellen @ Avera to get concussion baseline scheduled and loop in Kalli.

### **Tournament Director / Jerseys (Blake)**

- Tournament registrations have started to come in.
- New jerseys for top league teams have been delivered. One issue found was that they were stitched instead of sublimated as ordered, but actually turned out better.

### **Equipment (Randy)**

- Returns are done and preparing for check outs. Randy will use the registration reports to reach out and start scheduling checkouts.
- New equipment purchases are completed and delivered including 80 neck guards. Neck guards will be made available for purchase like socks.

### **Minor Officials ( OPEN )**

- Still waiting for Gamesheets app information from SDAHA. Eric will check for update during Northern Plains District conference this weekend.
- Will start promoting the open position at forms turn in and in newsletter.

### **Referee Coordinator (Matt)**

- Officials registration is now open for all PW and up players (<https://membership.usahockey.com>).
- SDAHA Level 1 seminar registrations (2 sessions) are also open (<https://www.usahockey.com/officialseminars>). There are 2 nights per session, and they have to be completed in the same session to qualify.
- Matt will be arranging the local on-ice seminar with the SDAHA RIC.

### **DIBS Coordinator (Crystal)**

- The board decided not to make changes to locker room monitoring DIBs. Eric will do more research of other associations at the Northern Plains District conference this weekend.
- Jen offered to bring back her SignUp Genius process from a few years ago which can track the scheduling.
- Question was raised about special events (Golf Tourney, First Fridays, Pink the Rink)
  - Culture needs to discuss the allocation of Dibs to players at First Fridays

### **Media Relations (Kira)**

- No Report

**Coaching Director (Kris)**

- Practice scheduling meeting was held (as discussed in the Scheduling section).
- Coaches are pretty much all set; will be holding an initial meeting on Thursday.
- Updated Code of Conduct is being finalized for forms turn in.

**Website (Jennifer)**

- Website reports are being updated as requested
- Jen will be going through each page to look for updates as needed and will reach out to respective coordinators.
- Will be adding more season pass promotions and visibility
- A new 8U legacy Sponsorship page will be added to the new sponsorship section as soon as major sponsors are confirmed and set.
- Eric will be working on a Blue Line Club section as they are starting their outreach and fundraising efforts.

**Discussion Items:**

- Move up request - Wesley Johnson from 8U to Squirts was discussed and approved.

**Board Action Required:**

- None

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 1st - 7:00 pm @ MAC Media Room