

SHAHA Parent Information for the 2005-06 Season

I. How to Register to play SHAHA Hockey

A. Obtain a registration form

1. On the web at www.usahockey.com/shaha - for downloadable registration form.
2. Check at the front of BP Bladerunners beside the SHAHA board for forms.
3. Or Contact Registrar Lisa Mueser
 - a) Email - rlmueser@adelphia.net
 - b) Phone – 412-831-8469

B. Complete the registration form and *two checks*.

1. \$75.00 check made payable to SHAHA.
 - a) This check is for the Registration fee.
 - b) It is non-refundable!
2. \$255.00 check made payable to SHAHA for our commitment fee.
 - a) This check will be held (uncashed) until player accepts or declines a position.
 - b) Players accepting a position will have their check cashed and credited towards their 2005-06 Season Fee.
 - c) Players declining a position will have their uncashed, commitment fee check returned.

C. Mail two checks and the registration form to

1. Lisa Mueser / SHAHA Registrar
2. 1122 Greenbriar Road
3. Bethel Park, PA 15102

II. Tryout Information

A. When are tryouts?

1. Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for the beginning of May.
2. Schedule will be posted on the web at www.usahockey.com/shaha
3. Schedule will be on the SHAHA board at the front of BP Blade Runners.

B. Check our website for upcoming pre-tryout clinics and stick-times.

C. What you must bring with you to tryout.

1. If you have not pre-registered you must bring the two checks and registration form listed in I.
2. Copy of player's birth certificate. (2004-05 members –SHAHA has yours already.)
3. \$30.00 check made payable to SHAHA.
 - a) This will pay the annual fee used to join USA Hockey.
 - b) All players and coaches must belong to USA Hockey to play at SHAHA.
4. Full hockey equipment including neck guards and mouth guards.
5. A white and a dark practice jersey.

D. Tryout Procedures

1. SHAHA has an "Open Tryout Policy" with no pre-selected teams.
2. Players will have an opportunity to participate in 1-3 ice slots before being selected for a team.
3. Peewees, Bantams, and Midgets will tryout by position.
4. Goalies will not be selected until the last week. An exception may be made if a goalie has played at the highest level in his/her division or if there are a large number of goalies present and it will help the selection process.
5. Evaluating of Players
 - a) Qualified members of SHAHA including Coaches and Director of Coaches will do evaluations.
 - b) No coach is permitted to evaluate his/her own child.
 - c) No parent is permitted to discuss any specifics of any player with an evaluator.
 - d) No evaluator is permitted to discuss any specifics of any player with any parent.
 - e) All recommendations by the evaluators will remain confidential.
 - f) Director of Coaches and evaluators will work together to complete the final rosters.
6. Selection of coaches
 - a) Coaches should complete & submit the Coach's Application form to be considered for a position.
 - b) Coaches will not be selected in advance, but placed on a team based on his or her child's evaluation.
 - c) Director of Coaches will choose the head coach.

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E. Player placement on a team.

1. The designated coach will notify the player or parents by phone of their placement within 24 hours of the conclusion of tryouts.
 - a) Players have 24 hours to accept placement to the team.
 - b) Players declining a position cannot be reconsidered for placement at a later date without special approval from the Coach and the Director of Coaches.
 - c) Players will be given instructions on how to obtain jerseys & socks.
 - (1) Home & Away Jerseys for 2005-06 will cost \$65.00 per jersey.
 - (2) Home & away socks for 2005-06 will cost \$15.00 per pair.
2. A SHAHA representative will telephone the parent of players not placed on a team.
3. If necessary, call-ups (for example A- up to A+) may occur at the beginning of the season.
 - a) This will only occur after the first week of September practice.
 - b) Parents, player, coaches, Director of Coaches must agree to the call-up.

III. Parent's Commitment when having a child play SHAHA Hockey

A. 2005-06 Season Fees (Does not include Registration Fee or USA Hockey Fee. See I.B. & II.C.)

1. The 2005-06 Season Fees which includes regular season games and practices are as follows.
 - a) Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam non-goalties 2005-06 Season Fee is \$975.00.
 - b) Mites 2005-06 Season Fee is \$505.00.
 - c) Goalie 2005-06 Season Fee is 505.00
 - d) Midget A & AA 2005-06 Season Fee is \$1025.00.
 - e) Midget AAA 2005-06 Season Fee is to be determined at a later date.
2. SHAHA has a mail in coupon installment payment plan that you can sign at tryouts.

B. Practice and Games

1. Your child will be on the ice 3 times most weeks.
 - a) Games are played on Saturday and/or Sunday.
 - b) There will be one weekday evening practice.
 - c) On weekend days without a game there will be a practice.
 - d) There are at least four weekends per season with no practice ice.
 - (1) These 3-4 day periods of no ice availability are called blackouts.
 - (2) Blackouts are for Blade Runners to hold various tournaments.
2. Your child will play a regular season of 14-22 games depending upon his/her level.
 - a) These games are sanctioned games by our governing body, Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League or PAHL.
 - b) Our home games will be played at BP Blade Runners.
 - c) Away rinks are all over the Western PA area, including State College, Johnstown, Cumberland, MD.
3. Scrimmage Games
 - a) These are exhibitions your coach would schedule at his discretion.
 - b) Scrimmage games may cost additional money for ice time and/or refs, EMT's.
4. Year End Playoffs
 - a) PAHL playoff formats vary from year to year.
 - (1) In some divisions all teams qualify.
 - (2) In some divisions only the top teams qualify.
 - b) Participation is mandatory if your team qualifies.
 - c) These 1-4 games cost additional money.
 - (1) 2005 cost was \$200.00-\$220.00 per team per game.
 - (2) This money is not covered in your yearly SHAHA fee.
5. Tournaments
 - a) Tournaments cost money.
 - (1) Entry fees are typically \$750.00 per team or more for a 3-4 game tournament.
 - (2) This money is not covered in your yearly SHAHA fee.
 - b) Tournament participation should be put to a team vote.
 - c) All teams participate in at least one tournament and some will play in as many as 6.

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C. Two Mandatory Fundraisers

1. The choice of a 2005-06 mandatory fundraiser will be determined by the board at a later date.
 - a) In the past this has been a Monte Carlo Night or a Night at the Races.
 - b) You will be required to buy tickets & contribute to a Chinese auction.
 - c) You will probably be required to volunteer to work a booth or tables.
2. SHAHA Presidents' Day Tournament.
 - a) All SHAHA teams must play in this tournament.
 - b) You must pay your child's portion of the tournament fee.
 - c) You must volunteer for up to 4 hrs. of work. (Taking tickets, Registration, Off-ice officiating, etc.)
 - d) You must contribute up to \$15.00 to a Chinese Auction.

D. Voluntary fundraisers to help defray your costs

1. SHAHA offers many fundraiser opportunities for you.
 - a) Sarris Candy, Candles, Entertainment books, etc.
 - b) We are always taking suggestions for future fundraisers.
 - c) Some of our parents raise the entire season cost through fundraising.
2. Where does the fundraiser money go?
 - a) Each fundraiser has a dollar amount that will be credited to your child's account.
 - b) At year's end any balance may be used for next season. There will be no cash refunds of this balance.
 - c) A portion of each fundraiser goes to SHAHA to pay for ice time and other expenses.

E. Volunteerism is essential to keeping SHAHA vital and growing

1. Volunteer within your child's team
 - a) Volunteer to be Business Manager or a Coach.
 - b) Volunteer to handle fundraising for your team.
 - c) Volunteer to bring the water bottles for a few weeks.
 - d) Volunteer to be in charge of tournaments for your team.
 - e) Volunteer to be an off ice official (scorekeeping, clock, penalty box)
2. Volunteer to help all of SHAHA
 - a) We always need help for our mandatory fundraisers and sales.
 - b) Run for one of the positions on our board.
3. Inform President Debbie Shipley - email - dmskip5@verizon.net of your interest.

IV. Problems, Complaints or Suggestions

A. Problems or complaints with a team, team member, parent, referee, opposing player /coach / team, PAHL or SHAHA.

1. See your business manager
2. He/she will find out the correct way to try to solve the problem.

B. Suggestions to improve SHAHA

1. See your business manager & he/she will see that the proper person is notified.
2. Place a note or letter in the SHAHA Suggestion Box in the front of BP Blade Runners.

V. Team Level Placement (AA, A major, A minor, B)

A. SHAHA's role

1. Director of Coaches and your coach will decide a level appropriate to your team's skill level.
2. This recommendation will be submitted to our governing body, PAHL.

B. PAHL's role (*Pittsburgh Amateur Hockey League is on the web at pahockey.com*)

1. Based on experience, age, and prior year's skill level each team is given a team score.
2. Similarly scored teams are grouped to form levels. (AA, B, etc.)
3. In September, PAHL gives SHAHA a preliminary level assignment for each team.
 - a) If PAHL and SHAHA agree, the level assignment is final.
 - b) If PAHL and SHAHA disagree, we may have to play scrimmage games to persuade PAHL to accept SHAHA's level recommendation.

C. PAHL HAS THE FINAL SAY IN TEAM PLACEMENT