

CENTRAL FLORIDA HOCKEY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT TEAMS

The Central Florida Hockey League Board of Directors voted unanimously at the March board meeting to create and oversee two Tournament Teams, one Bantam and one Midget U-16 for the 2008/2009 playing season.

Any player at these age levels that is on the roster of a CFHL A team or a SAHL AA team playing out of a CFHL arena for the 2008/2009 season will be eligible to tryout for these teams.

Tryouts for the Bantam team will be held at TBSA on Saturday, July 26 from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m., and the Midget U-16 tryout will be on Sunday, July 27 at Brandon from 12:00-2:00 p.m. cost for the tryouts will be \$30 per player. The teams will have a limited number of practices (between 2 and 4) and will attend two AAA tournaments, hopefully one within driving distance and the other to the Michigan/ Chicago area to participate against the best competition available.

All practices and games will be scheduled on a weekend that will not interfere with the players registered teams league play.

The arenas have agreed to donate tryout and practice ice for these teams as they will be representing all of us during the tournaments.

All funds collected at tryouts will be donated to the teams to help defray the cost of travel, so in reality the money collected for tryouts is being donated by the arena owners in the form of free ice time.

The CFHL has also planned a fund raiser to help defray travel and room expenses for the players representing your leagues at these tournaments.

The CFHL Board of Directors made the decision to ask for donated ice time from the arena owners and running a fund raiser so the costs for these teams would be as low as possible so that hopefully every player in our participating arenas would be able to afford this opportunity not just the higher income level family.

This is an experimental year to see if our highest ability level player is capable of competing against the best nationwide, it could be expanded or dropped completely in future years based on the results of this seasons teams.

Please realize that this is a combined effort of 6 ice arenas and many hockey organizations working in co-operation with each other, rather than competing against each other that will make this a very worthwhile experience for the players involved, that in itself should be applauded.

Coach selections will be posted as soon as possible and hopefully we will see large numbers of players at the tryouts to vie for a spot to help the CFHL showcase our top players nationwide.

If any CFHL parent has any corporate connections that may want to help defray any portion of the costs of this venture, large or small, please contact you arena hockey director or Allan Hunter at TBSA (813) 854-4010 on Mondays or Tuesdays from noon to 7:00 p.m.

Thanks for your anticipated participation, CFHL Board of Directors.