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ANNOUNCING NEWLY REDUCED REGISTRATION FEES FOR 2006-2007 SEASON:

- o **\$100 REDUCTION FOR TRAVEL PLAYERS**
- o **\$100 REDUCTION FOR HOUSE PLAYERS AT THE SQUIRT, PEE WEE, BANTAM, and MIDGET LEVELS**
- o **NO INCREASE IN REGISTRATION FEES FOR MITE B, MINI-MITES, and LEARN TO SKATE for THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR**
- o **10% REDUCTION FOR FULL PAYMENT PRE-SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 FOR MINI-MITE AND OLDER**
- o **PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR MINI-MITE AND OLDER, \$150 DEPOSIT REQUIRED**

ALSO ANNOUNCING A NEWLY ENHANCED HOUSE PROGRAM:

- o **NEW PRE-SEASON "TRAINING CAMP" IN AUGUST DESIGNED FOR HOUSE PLAYERS AVAILABLE FOR \$90**
- o **NEW "OPENING WEEKEND" EVENT. FAMILY FUN AND ALL PLAYERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE EACH GAME AND ENTER THE ICE UNDER SPOTLIGHT, FOG, AND LASER LIGHTS**
- o **RE-ESTABLISHED OPTIONAL HOUSE LEVEL HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT AT MCMORRAN ARENA**
- o **MULTIPLE SPECIAL SKILLS SESSIONS FOR HOUSE PLAYERS, INCLUDING SPECIAL GOALIE CAMPS WITH MULTIPLE TRAVEL LEVEL GOALIE COACHES**

Letter from the President

I have some exciting news for the members of Port Huron Hockey Association!

At our Board meeting last week, the Board of Directors approved two significant changes for the 2006-2007 Fall Hockey Program at PHMHA. First, the Board implemented significant Registration Fee reductions for the Fall program. Second, the Board approved a House League Enhancement Program proposed by several new Board Members who are affiliated with the House Program, and supported by several Travel coaches.

Registration Fee Reductions

The members of the Board of Directors recognize that the economy in our area has made it more difficult for parents to keep up with rising costs. We are committed to doing everything feasible to reduce the cost of playing hockey for the youth of our area.

All travel team association fees, and all House level players from the level of Squirt through Midgets have been reduced by \$100 per player from our previously published rates. For House level players at all Mite levels, as well as the Learn to Skate program, the registration fees will be returned to 2005-2006 levels, which leaves the registration fees at the same level for a third straight year. We do not apply overhead costs to the lower level players and these changes will allow us to offer these programs below the direct costs of providing the Mite, Mini-Mite, and Learn to Skate programs.

House Players at the levels of Mini-Mite through Midget-BB who pay the full amount of their registration fees prior to September 1, 2006 will receive an additional 10% off their registration fees. This year, the Association reinstated an optional payment plan for those parents who would prefer such a plan, which allows parents to pay registration fees in installments over the course of five (5) months. The \$100 reduction was accomplished by reducing the deposit requirement under the payment plan from \$250 to \$150.



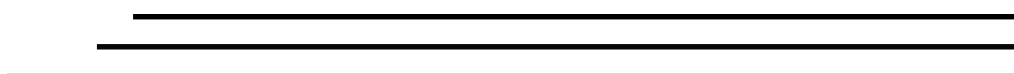
For those parents who elect to pay the entire registration fee prior to September 1, 2006, the cost of playing in the Squirt through Midget House programs will be \$52 to \$128 less than the currently published rates for areas associations. For the Mite House program, the cost will be \$172 less than the currently published area registration fees.

We were able to significantly reduce fees due primarily to two factors. First, the Board approved the transfer of 2006 Silver Stick net cash gains to apply to the direct costs of our program. 2006 was another successful year for our Silver Stick Tournament and we are happy to use those proceeds to reduce your hockey costs. Second, the Board approved numerous cost reductions designed to significantly reduce our overhead costs. The Board felt that our expenditures should be focused on paying for essential items such as ice rental, jerseys, and referees fees. We appreciate your assistance and understanding in helping us make a transition to an increasingly volunteer focused program.

Here are our new rates:

Port Huron Minor Hockey Association Revised 2006/2007 Player Fee & Payment Schedule						
House Divisions	If Paid in Full Before 9/1/2006	Date Payment Due				
		BY 9/1/2006	10/1/2006	11/1/2006	12/1/2006	1/1/2007
		\$150.00 non-refundable deposit guarantees a spot for Fall 2006				
Mini Mites	\$225.00	\$150.00	\$100.00			
Mighty Mites	\$270.00	\$150.00	\$150.00			
Mites	\$427.50	\$150.00	\$85.00	\$80.00	\$80.00	\$80.00
Squirts	\$697.50	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$145.00
PeeWee	\$697.50	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$145.00
Bantam	\$783.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
Midget	\$855.00	\$150.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Learn to Skate						
1 Session 9-10 weeks		\$75.00				
2 sessions 19-20 weeks		\$125.00				
Travel Divisions						
Mite=Midget		\$150.00	Travel to pay only administration cost to P.H.M.H.A.			

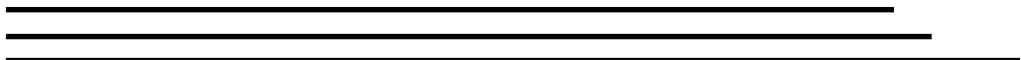
All players are required to register with USA Hockey online at WWW.USAHOCKEY.COM and bring the confirmation page with barcode to the hockey office. PHMHA registration is also required.



House Enhancement Program

The Board has also undertaken several measures to improve the hockey experience for House-level Players. At the Squirt through Midget House levels, our kids really play “House Travel” by playing in the Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League, and competing in a division with other area teams. To enhance that experience, as well make the Mite B program stronger, we have added several events:

1. We will offer a pre-season “Training Camp” designed for House players and available to all area players, including interested travel players. This program will offer:
 - a. Five (5) 1 ½ hour sessions emphasizing primarily skating and other hockey skills to provide players with an opportunity to obtain a “jump” on the season. The dates of the Program have been tentatively set for August 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 (Tuesday through Saturday).
 - b. The cost of the program will be \$90 per skater.
 - c. The program will take place at McMorran Place Arena.
 - d. The program will be limited to 26 skaters per level. Parents are encouraged to sign up early by calling 810-982-0242 to assure a spot in the program.
 - e. The instructors will include Ron and Rob Churchill, our new ACE Director Charlie Cronenworth and several additional travel and house level coaches as well as multiple goalie coaches, including newly elected Board Member Jamie Bellinger.
2. We will also be establishing an “Opening Weekend” Event, with each House and Travel team playing a game at the McMorran Main Arena on the same weekend in late September. All of the players will be announced before each game and enter the ice under spotlight, fog, and laser lights. There will also be a cook out and other fun events. It should be a special moment for the kids and their parents. We encourage parents to bring as many relatives and friends as possible to watch their kids play in that fun environment.



3. We will be re-establishing a House level Holiday Tournament at McMorrان Place Arena to provide an alternative to the Silver Stick Tournament for our House teams. Entry in the Tournament will be optional for our House teams, and the tournament will be designed for Mite B through Midget BB levels.
4. We will have multiple special skills sessions, including 2 hour sessions, focusing on fundamentals for House players. These sessions will be scheduled at various times throughout the year.
5. Finally, we will be offering special Goalie Camps throughout the year. We are fortunate to have four experienced goalie coaches in our Association, each with experience at coaching goalies at the High School and/or Travel levels, who have agreed to volunteer their time to make PHMHA the premier place for young goaltenders.

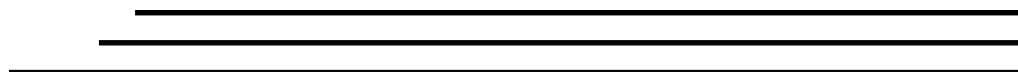
We are very excited about these changes and encourage you to sign up early for the Training Camp. As far as Registrations are concerned, we will have a registration drive in August and we will do our best to set our team numbers so that all who register will have a place to play, regardless of when they register.

Again, enjoy your summer, and we look forward to seeing you in the Fall!

Jim McPhee, President, Port Huron Minor Hockey Association

ATTENTION COACHES

We will be selecting our House head coaches earlier than in past years. If you are interested in coaching a House team, and you have not already been selected to coach a House team, you must contact Charlie Cronenworth no later than August 1, 2006, at 810-650-6872 or by email at flags94@hotmail.com.



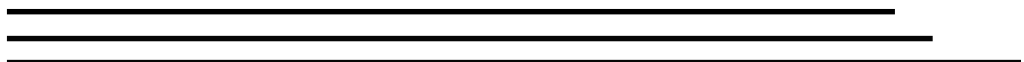
International Day Parade

Attention Parents:

The International Day Parade will take place on July 12, 2006, and PHMHA will have a float in the parade. All PHMHA players are invited to ride on the float, roller blade or walk along with the float in the parade.

Anyone who is interested, or would like more information, must contact Michelle VanBuskirk at 810-982-0242 or by email at mmvan@comcast.net no later than Friday, July 7, 2006.

All roller bladers must wear a helmet and proper safety equipment. All participants should wear their Flags jersey or a Flags tshirt or shirt, and arrive at the designated site by 4:45 p.m. on July 12.



2006-2007 Travel Team Head Coach

Mite "A"	Ron Churchill Jr.
Mite "AA"	Brian Carlson
Squirt "A"	Todd Lawson
Squirt "AA"	Todd Taylor
Pee Wee "A"	Rick Bingham
Pee Wee "AA"	Robert King
Bantam "A #1"	Les Smith
Bantam "A #2"	Mike Brown
Bantam "AA #1"	Paul Moretz
Bantam "AA #2"	Mark Pettee



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Monday - Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	FOR
Sunday	SUMMER

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If you would like to place an article in the newsletter, please have it in the hockey office no later than the 10th of each month.

Board meetings are held the
2nd
Monday of each month in the
Memorial Room at
McMorran at 7:30 p.m.

*If you would like to place something on the agenda, you **MUST** call 2 weeks prior to the Board Meeting.*





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