



Fundraisers Due in!

All Fundraisers should be returned to your team manager prior to 12/20/08.

Team managers are required to turn in the raffle ticket stubs for their teams at one of three different dates in December. The first date is 12/20/08.

You can help your team manager and fundraising volunteers if you follow some simple directions.

* **Turn them in on time.** If just one person from each team doesn't, it really causes a headache for our volunteers.

* Turn them in to your manager in the original manila envelope.

* Don't mix levels. Return to each team manager the tickets given to that particular skater.

* Make sure that each ticket is legible and includes a phone number. If you don't fill out

each individual ticket, somebody will have to do that for you . . . use return address labels if you're keeping them rather than selling them.



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Ignite Invitational U10/U12 Tournament a Success

The first-ever Lakeville Ignite Invitational tournament was held the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 21-23rd. The hosting teams did very well in the tournament. Lakeville's U12As took first place and the U10As earned the runner-up spot. Congratulations Lakeville girls – way to go!

There were six U10 teams and four U12 teams competing in the tournament. Games ran from Friday evening to Sunday.

CJ Anderson-Johnson, tournament director, spent countless hours planning, marketing, coordinating and running the event. Kent Johnson and Brad Moore were at the rink for the majority of the weekend as well.

In an effort to differentiate the Ignite Tournament from other tournaments, there were several skills competitions that each team entered. The goal was to give each girl on the various teams an opportunity to either take part in a team relay race or to enter an individual race or shooting contest. Awards were given to individuals for the best shot, best goalie, and fastest skater while a team award went to the fastest team skate.

Another popular “perk” from the tournament was the photo shoot for the girls and the CD that was sent out to each team after the race. The CD had fun pictures of the girls goofing off as well as pictures taken during the games.

Local hotels, restaurants and sporting stores also benefited from the tournament. It is the hope of LHA that more tournaments can be hosted by Lakeville to support and bolster our local economy and businesses.

As expected, there were several lessons learned during this tournament that will make future tournaments offered by LHA an even better experience for players for years to come.

A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers who helped make the tournament a success.



Lakeville U10s celebrating 2nd place!



Lakeville Hockey Association



Top 10 list What not to say to the Referee!

Joe Bystedt, LHA Referee in Chief, has submitted a list of things **NOT** to say to the ref during a game. The top no-no's are as follows:

1. There are two teams on the ice you know!
2. What gaYme have you been watching?
3. I'm a ref too, I'd have called.....
4. How many fingers am I holding up?
5. Here, use my glasses....
6. He got all stick (hooking)
7. She was holding the stick (hooking again!)
8. He's just protecting his goalie...
9. Anything that starts with, "your mother"....
10. Hey ref, you look great in stripes, ever served time?

Please remember that the refs can't see every single thing that happens on the ice and mistakes do happen. Most associations have a shortage of young refs because they're subject to some pretty harsh criticism. Young refs start with a mentor (at this point, experienced refs are donating their time for this). Treat them well!

December Ice Hours: Late and Scarce!

The December ice hours were released to teams on November 21st. As teams looked at their calendars, there was a collective groan from the parents, coaches and kids. The typical complaints are:

- * not enough hours during the week
- * the weekends are packed
- * the hours are a mixture of too early (weekends) and too late (weekdays).

If you're thinking that the hours given to your child's team are worse than last year, you have a keen sense of observation and you are correct. The high schools have taken more ice hours because another JV girl's team was added to the mix.

In the last newsletter, there was an article detailing the two documents that dictate how much ice LHA gets from the City of Lakeville. The Facility Use Policy and the Joint Powers Agreement are the documents that the City of Lakeville uses to divvy out the ice to our kids' teams.

To better understand the situation, let's look at a "typical week" of ice and see who has what. The week I'm picking is the week I'm writing this article (12/8-14). Ice times that are available to LHA are as follows:

Monday 12/8

Rink 1 (3) hrs, Start 6:15, Stop 9:45, **Rink 2** (3.5) hrs Start 6:00, Stop 10:00, **Rink 3** (1) hrs Start 9:15 Stop 10:15

Tuesday 12/9

Rink 1 (1) hrs, Start 9:45, Stop 10:45, **Rink 2** (3.5) hrs Start 6:15, Stop 10:00, **Rink 3** (3) hrs Start 6:15, Stop 9:45

Wednesday 12/10

Rink 1 (3.25) hrs, Start 6:15, Stop 10:00, **Rink 2** (3.5) hrs Start 6:00, Stop 10:00, **Rink 3** (1) hrs Start 9:15, Stop 10:15

Thursday 12/11

Rink 1 (4) hrs, Start 5:15, Stop 10:00, **Rink 2** (4) hrs Start 5:30, Stop 10:15, **Rink 3** (2) hrs Start 6:15, Stop 8:30

Friday 12/12

Rink 1 (3.25) hrs, Start 6:15, Stop 10:00, **Rink 2** (3.5) hrs Start 6:00, Stop 10:00, **Rink 3** (1) hrs Start 9:15, Stop 10:15

Total Weekday Hours : 40.5
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Sponsorship

Remember, it is not too late to entice a business or an individual to support your team. Any sponsorship questions should be directed to Jim Lunnenborg.

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Late and Scarce Continued.....

Saturday 12/13

Rink 1 (9.75) hrs, Start 6:30, Stop 12:30, Start 5:15, Stop 10:00, **Rink 2** (13.75) hrs Start 6:15, Stop 10:15, **Rink 3** (2) hrs Start 7:30, Stop 9:45

Sunday 12/14

Rink 1 (13.75) hrs, Start 6:00, Stop 10:00, **Rink 2** (13.5) hrs Start 6:15, Stop 10:15, **Rink 3** (11.75) hrs Start 6:00, Stop 9:15

Total weekend hours: 64.5

Within the LHA we have 34 traveling teams, 16 mite teams, 4 U8 teams and 6 mite prep teams. That means we have 60 teams clamoring for their fair share of ice. The Ice Director has the thankless job of scheduling the teams into the available slots.

Roughly 4 hours of weekday ice are given to the younger, non-traveling, kids. The remaining 36.5 hours need to be distributed to the 34 traveling teams.

Since LHA rarely ends up with an hour of weekday ice before 6PM, more than 50% of the

weekday ice starts at 8PM or later. It isn't your imagination that your child often has late ice. The important thing to realize is that every team is feeling the same pain.

The weekends, on the other hand, have an abundance of ice. Most of the Mite, Mite Prep, U8 ice is scheduled for weekends. Nearly all of our traveling teams skate both Saturday and Sunday. Some traveling teams are unavailable to skate on weekends due to tournaments or scheduled District 8 games. In those cases, longer hours are generally assigned to the teams that are "home."

In summary, the LHA is working diligently to assign the scarce weekday ice and abundant weekend ice as fairly as possible. The late ice hours assigned during the week are the price that must be paid (per Section 3B, e, IV of the Facility Use Policy) before the City of Lakeville will grant the LHA *any* ice at Hasse. In other words, if the LHA

LHA Ice Director Kevin Wetzel asks that members be patient and understand that "bad" times are kept track of on a spreadsheet and it is his intent to distribute these "gems" as fairly as possible over the course of the hockey year.

doesn't use the late hours at Ames, all the weekend hours at Hasse would be sacrificed. The only other alternative is to not assign the late hours and to evenly distribute that cost to our association families.

As you can see, there are no easy answers. We'll likely see more teams buying outside ice. If the LHA grows along with the population of the City of Lakeville, a fourth sheet of ice may need to be in our future.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How come the scorekeeper doesn't put penalties on the board when both kids get one at the same time?

A: This situation is called "coincidental penalties." When each team gets a penalty at the same time (often for a little extracurricular activity by two players on opposing teams), the ref will put both skaters in the sin bin at the same time. Technically, these penalties are not supposed to be put on the clock. Both teams will skate at full strength. Neither player will get released if the other team scores. One reason for this is that this leaves the two penalty time slots open for additional penalties. With coincidental



penalties, the skaters are also not released until their penalty time has expired AND there is a stoppage in play. The reason for this is that both teams are skating at full strength.

Q: Why can't hockey teams sell their "bad hours" to other associations?

A: The JPA and Facilities Use Agreements prohibit LHA or LHA teams from selling ice to other associations or to other groups. Liability is a big issue. This is done to protect both the City of Lakeville and the Lakeville Hockey Association.

Outdoor Ice Times Now Assigned

Outdoor rinks are now open, and outdoor ice has been assigned to most LHA teams. See the [Outdoor Rinks](#) page on the LHA website for rink locations, schedule and details on requesting additional ice times. To check on rink conditions during the winter months, please call the Lakeville Parks & Rec Hotline at 952-985-4690, option 1.

Gambling Update

New Gambling Manager announced

Todd Perry has been chosen by the LHA to take over the Gambling Manager position that has been held by Andrea Boeker for many years. Andrea "retired" and the LHA would like to thank her for her years of dedication. The proceeds from gambling directly reduce the cost of hockey for all of us.

There were several applicants for this paid position. Interviews with prospective candidates took place over the last 6-8 weeks.

New Sponsor for LHA

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South U10A's Good Deed

The South U10 A girls hosted a food drive at local rinks and Lakeville Athletics during the month of November. The girls would like to thank those in the community who brought in items to collection sites throughout the month. In order to raise more food items, a couple of the girls went door to door and solicited donations from relatives. The girls' combined efforts netted (pardon the pun!) twelve – 55 gallon containers full of food for the Community Action Council.

Each week the girls took turns emptying the bins and bringing items to the food shelf. They followed up by putting away donated goods onto the shelves as well as sorting additional items donated by Cub Foods. The girls enjoyed helping out local families in need. A special "Thanks" to Lakeville Athletics, HDC, LHA, Ames, and Hasse arenas for allowing us to coordinate this effort!

The Community Action Council is located in downtown Lakeville in the post office building. They are always in need of more donations and would welcome additional donations.

Women's Hockey at Hasse

The Western Women's Hockey League held a game at our own Hasse Arena on December 5th, 2008. The Minnesota Whitecaps took on the Calgary Oval X-Treme. The dominant Oval X-Treme team set the tone for the 9-2 win over the Whitecaps by scoring first and dominating the game. The Whitecaps are the only team in history that has defeated the Calgary Oval X-Treme.

The Lakeville South Varsity Girl's team held a "skate with the girls" prior to the event with the Lakeville U10 and U12s. In addition to the skating tips, the U10 and 12 girls were treated to a pizza party. After skating and pizza, the younger girls were able to watch the game with the varsity girls.

If you missed the event or are curious about it, you can click on the link below to watch the game. If you listen closely, you'll hear some of the Lakeville girls singing the national anthem!

December 5th Video: <http://www.broadcastmonsters.com/USCHO-Video/uscho120508.asx>

Changes to the LHA website were rolled out this week. The changes include consolidating menus, content, and visual enhancements. Please check www.lakevillehockey.org for updates!