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# GSAHA Newsletter

Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena

[www.gsaha.net](http://www.gsaha.net)

## Welcome to the GSAHA!

### Hockey Season

The hockey season runs from September to mid-March, with all house teams receiving 50 hours of scheduled practices and games. (Travel teams receive 55 hours) **The House "B" championship games will be scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2017.**

**Please make a note of this date when planning spring vacation times.**

### Redeposit & NSF Checks

There will be a service fee applied to all checks that are required to be deposited a second time (\$5.00) or that are marked as NSF— [Non sufficient funds \$30.00]

### AGE /DIVISION

Up to 6	Atom– ADM
7-8	Mite-No Checking
9-10	Squirt-No Checking
11-12	PeeWee-No Checking
13-14	Bantam-Checking
15-18	Midget-Checking

The GSAHA will be following (Please see chart below to determine the exact division your child will be in.

### NEW!! ATTENTION!!

**New GSAHA players must furnish a copy of their birth certificate upon registration, to the GSAHA arena office.**

All requests for GSAHA youth players asking to move to a higher division MUST be made in writing to the GSAHA Board for consideration. Travel players must have their request submitted to the arena office 48 hours before the first tryout. House "B" players must present their request by Sept. 7, 2016.



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### Special points of interest:

- *New age classification chart*
- *Don't forget about Buddy Discounts (see page 2)*
- *Annual Golf Tournament date set (see page 4)*
- *Board of Directors elected (see page 5)*
- *Public Skate Times scheduled (see back page)*

### Age Classification Chart for 2016-2017 Season

(as approved by USA Hockey)

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2010 & Up	6 & Under	Atom
2009-2008	7 & 8	Mite
2007-2006	9 & 10	Squirt
2005-2004	11 & 12	Pee Wee
2003-2002	13 & 14	Bantam
2001-2000	15 & 16	Midget B, BB or A
1999-1998	17 & 18	Midget BB or AA

## Cost and Payment Plan [Did you remember the Birth Certificate?]

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Pymt #1</u> <u>Registration</u>	<u>Pymt #2</u> <u>Oct. 15</u>	<u>Pymt #3</u> <u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Pymt #4</u> <u>Jan. 15</u>
Atom	\$358	\$100	\$86	\$86	\$86
Mite	\$400	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Squirt	\$565	\$100	\$155	\$155	\$155
Pee Wee	\$610	\$100	\$170	\$170	\$170
Bantam	\$610	\$100	\$170	\$170	\$170
Midget	Split Season-	Sept/Oct: \$175.00		Nov/Mar: \$400.00 (approx.)	
Squirt Travel	\$710	\$200	\$170	\$170	\$170
Pee Wee Travel	\$740	\$200	\$180	\$180	\$180
Bantam Travel	\$740	\$200	\$180	\$180	\$180
Midget Travel	\$785	\$200	\$195	\$195	\$195



*We accept Cash, Check,  
VISA, and Master-  
Card!!*

### FAMILY PLAN

Those families with more than one skater, in the youth hockey program ONLY, will have their payments adjusted as follows: Oldest skater pays full price, second oldest receives a 15% discount, third oldest receives a 25% discount. This program enables our families with multiple skaters participation in the hockey program. The discounted fees will be factored into payments #2, #3 & #4. [The initial registration fee or payment #1, of \$100.00 is still required for these players.] If you need a breakdown of the actual fee for the discounted players, please call the arena.



### **\*\* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE\*\***

Scholarship Fund(s) have been established, in memory of former supporters of the GSAHA, for our hockey program. These funds are available to help offset the costs of the skating fees of the youth hockey program.

Applicants must apply in writing to management (David Westner) by August 15, 2016. Proof of financial hardship will be necessary (and will be held in strict confidence) in order to be eligible for consideration of financial assistance.

Scholarship funds are usually awarded as a percentage of the total fee, with the \$100 registration fee required by the applicant.

### **\*\*\*\*\*BUDDY DISCOUNTS\*\*\*\*\***

Want to receive **\$25.00** off of your hockey fee? Any registered player in the GSAHA youth hockey league that brings in a NEW buddy (that has never before registered with USA Hockey) will receive a **\$25.00** discount on his/her player fee! Bring in your buddy to register and we will credit your registration card. The **\$25.00** will be deducted from your LAST PAYMENT in January. The Buddy Discount helps bring new players into our program while rewarding the "veterans" for their continued support. Make sure you ask your friends to play!! DO IT!

**LIMIT 4 NEW BUDDIES PER SKATER**

## GSAHA Drafts

Included in your registration fee will be a skating clinic, evaluations and team drafts. Full equipment is necessary for all clinics and drafts. The FINAL draft is to be attended by all registered players. Registered players are asked to participate in both the evaluations and drafts allowing coaches ample time to assess and familiarize themselves with all skaters. The registration payment MUST be made prior to any player participating in either of the drafts. This is done to insure all players are

properly registered with the GSAHA and USA hockey, and are on the coaches draft list.

FINAL team drafts for the Atom through Bantam divisions will be from September 11th through September 14th. Please refer to the enclosed rink schedule—please note that the FINAL draft for the Midget division will be on Wed., Sept. 7 at 7:00pm.

**\*\*\*The Midget division** will have a split season so that high school players may participate in September and October, and then return to their respective schools in November. Those players wishing to remain with the GSAHA for the remainder of the season will then be drafted again in November. Information & registration will be available in October regarding this portion of the season.

Midget—Sept-Oct fee \$175.00  
Midget—Nov-March \$400.00

# You're Invited

## Saginaw Jr. Spirit Travel

Division		Coach	Date	Time
2007 Squirt 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Brandon Bordeaux		
2006 Squirt 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Ben Welch		
2005 Pee Wee 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Ken Benson		
2004 Pee Wee 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Steve Witt		
2003 Bantam 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Mike Leibinger		
2002 Bantam 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Mike Leibinger		

Saginaw Jr. Spirit Program Director: JJ Bamberger

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## Coaches Meeting

There will be a preliminary coaches meeting, held Wednesday, August 24th at 5:30pm, at the Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena. All applications for the Head Coaching positions are due as of this meeting. General information and procedures, relevant to the 2016-2017 season will also be presented at this time. \*\*\*\*Head coaches will have their USA Hockey Fee reimbursed by the GSAHA.



**A huge thank you to the Delta Foundation at the direction of the Stephen F. Walch family, for their continued, generous monetary support of the GSAHA. This support has been earmarked for numerous building upgrades over the past, several years.**

**Thank you to the Dow Foundation for their purchase and sponsor of the new NEVCO scoreboard.**

### DID YOU KNOW???

To view the most current daily ice schedule, please go to our website: [www.gsaha.net](http://www.gsaha.net) and click on the 'Rink Schedules' app. anytime during the season.

## Learn-to-Skate (Instructional)

The classes will be held on Monday evenings at 6:00 pm and Saturday mornings at 10:00 am. The registration fee is \$50.00 per session and includes 10 hours of on-ice instruction. Learning to skate at the SBIA is achieved through a welcoming and relaxed environment, with an emphasis on fun and personal relationships. We strive to prepare our students for a future in ice skating sports by providing a solid foundation to build on. We embrace the individual needs of learning on such a slippery surface—and work to ensure that each participant will leave with a smile.

### Tentative start dates:

Session 1	September 26, 2016
Session 2	November 5, 2016
Session 3	January 2, 2017
Session 4	February 20, 2017

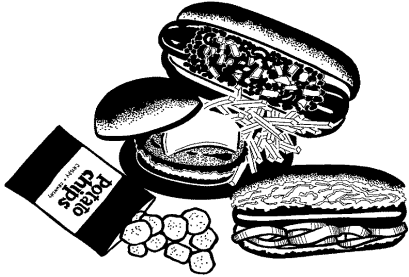
Equipment necessary for Learn-to-Skate is a helmet, hockey skates, elbow pads, kneepads, and hockey gloves. We rent this equipment if needed. Hockey skates are \$1.00 per class or \$10.00 per session. Helmet, kneepads, and hockey gloves are also rented—package \$1.00 per class or \$10.00 per session.

### **The Fred Bowden GSAHA Person of the Year Award:**

2015-16	Dave Saltmarsh
2014-15	Tom & Paula Wolfe
2013-14	Jeff Martin
2012-13	Rick Simerson
2011-12	Dave Saltmarsh
2010-11	Bob Frank, Rich Reuter & John Macnowski
2009-10	Al Premo
2008-09	Robert Bowden

## Concession

\*\*\*There will be NO team fee assessed this year for the operation of the concession stand. Player fees have been adjusted accordingly to offset this annual fee.



## CEP Coaching Info

The schedule for the CEP classes will not be released until the end of July 2016. Please look for the CEP schedule on your return to the arena in August or on the MAHA website. (www.MAHA.com)

Levels 1, 2, 3 & 4.

**\*\*Age specific module training also is necessary per division that the coach is participating!**

**ALL COACHES (Head & Assistant) are also required to submit a MAHA background screening form and complete the SafeSport program.**

The background form is good for 2 years so if you completed one in 2015-16, then you are good for the 2016-2017 season.

## Public Skate Sessions

Our Public Skate sessions are usually every Sunday from 2:15pm-3:40pm and on Wednesday afternoon from Noon-1:45pm. It is also on various days through the week when the schedule permits. The fee is \$5.00 per session, per person. Skate rental is available for \$1.00 per session, per person. Group rates are available for groups, parties, and organizations. We prefer an advance reservation for large groups. Contact the arena office.

## Fundraising

Fundraising is very important to the GSAHA! Funds are used for many improvements! If you have suggestions or want to conduct a fundraiser, please contact Vicki Norris (to insure proper permits are issued from the State).

### New USA HOCKEY/MAHA RULES:

The PW division has been classified as a non-checking division since the 2012-2013 season. Coaches will be informed as to proper playing guidelines under the required 'age specific module'.

As of this printing, per MAHA regarding Mite [8-u] procedures for the 2016-2017 season—the Mite division will do cross-ice for the season, which will also include several training sessions.

**TEAM SPONSORS:** Anyone knowing of a business, group, or individual that is interested in sponsoring a team, please contact David Westner at 799-8950. For \$300, sponsors receive recognition through news articles and their logo on the team jersey. The sponsorship fee is tax deductible as the GSAHA is a non-profit organization.



### **SPECIAL THANK YOU'S!!!**

- To all the helpers for their hard work with the Golf Outing, Nite at the Races
- Dan Bourdow, Michelle Frost, Dave Saltmarsh, Vicki Norris.

### GSAHA 'PAT BOURDOW MEMORIAL' GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Golfers are needed for the GSAHA Support Amateur Hockey Pat Bourdow Memorial Golf Tournament slated for September 16, 2016. Cost per player is \$100, which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, drinks, hot dog lunch, steak dinner catered by the Sawmill, door prizes, and lots of fun! We are also in need of golfers, hole sign sponsors and donations or prizes. Please contact Dan Bourdow 989-239-3881 or Dave, 799-8950 for more information. A special thank you to the following businesses for their corporate sponsorship:

- \* FP Horak—Scott Turner
- \* Hillier Studio—Stephanie and Robert Licht
- \* Bourdow Contracting LLC—Dan Bourdow, Joe Bourdow & Jason Bourdow
- \* Covenant Healthcare—Ed Bruff
- \* Valley OB-Gyn Clinic P.C.—Drs. Duane Heilbronn & John Llewelyn
- \* Billys' Contracting—Billy Bourdow

**\*\*\*Adult Hockey League Information SEE PAGE 3 of the Arena Schedule\*\*\***



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**Registration Dates:  
July 30-September 10, 2016**

Mailing Address Line 1  
Mailing Address Line 2  
Mailing Address Line 3  
Mailing Address Line 4  
Mailing Address Line 5

## Greater Saginaw Amateur Hockey Association

### Public Skating Schedule for August/Sept 2016— Best Value in the State

#### **Public Skating Schedule (\$5 Admission, \$1 Skate Rental)**

Fri	Aug 12	6:00-7:30p	Thurs	Sept 1	3:00-4:30p
Sun	Aug 14	2:15-3:40p			
Tues	Aug 16	3:00-4:30p			
Wed	Aug 17	12:00-1:45p		Labor Day Weekend	
Fri	Aug 19	6:00-7:30p			
Sun	Aug 21	2:15-3:40p	Wed	Sept 7	12:00-1:45p
Tues	Aug 23	3:00-4:30p	Sat	Sept 10	6:30-8:00p
Wed	Aug 24	12:00-1:45p	Sun	Sept 11	2:15-3:40p
Fri	Aug 26	6:00-7:30p	Wed	Sept 14	12:00-1:45p
Sun	Aug 28	2:15-3:40p	Sun	Sept 18	2:15-3:40p
Wed	Aug 31	12:00-1:45p	Wed	Sept 21	12:00-1:45p
			Sun	Sept 25	2:15-3:40p
			Wed	Sept 28	12:00-1:45p
			Sun	Oct 2	2:15-3:40p

