

July 2017

# 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.

**The House "B" championship games will be scheduled for Sunday, March 11, 2018.**

**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. 6, 2017.



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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 2017-2018 Season**

(as approved by USA Hockey)

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2011 & Up	6 & Under	Atom
2010-2009	7 & 8	Mite
2008-2007	9 & 10	Squirt
2006-2005	11 & 12	Pee Wee
2004-2003	13 & 14	Bantam
2002-2001	15 & 16	Midget B, BB or A
2000-1999	17 & 18	Midget BB or AA

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

Division	Fee	Pymt #1	Pymt #2	Pymt #3	Pymt #4
		Registration	Oct. 15	Nov. 15	Jan. 15
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	\$725	\$200	\$175	\$175	\$175
Pee Wee Travel	\$755	\$200	\$185	\$185	\$185
Bantam Travel	\$755	\$200	\$185	\$185	\$185
Midget Travel	\$800	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200



*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, 2017. 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 final team drafts. Full equipment is necessary for all clinics, evaluations 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 13th. Please refer to the enclosed rink schedule—please note that the FINAL draft for the Midget division will be on Wed., Sept. 6 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

## USA Hockey/MAHA Rule Change

\* At the Bantam [14U] and below age categories, a short-handed team is no longer permitted to ice the puck. The consequence is that such a situation will now result in an icing call and the resulting faceoff will occur in the offending team's defensive zone, similar to when both teams are at equal on-ice strength.

\* All faceoffs will occur at one of the nine dots on the ice.

- Rule 601 now includes language for racial/ethnic slur to include any language that is "offensive, hateful or discriminatory in nature".
- Coaches cannot be placed on a roster until they have completed the SafeSport Training and the Age-Specific Module for that teams age classification.
- The Consent to Treat and the Participant Code of Conduct forms are no longer required documents.

## Coaches Meeting

There will be a preliminary coaches meeting, held Wednesday, August 23rd at 6:00pm, 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 2017-2018 season will also be presented at this time. \*\*\*\*Head coaches will have their USA Hockey Fee reimbursed by the GSAHA.



## 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 23, 2017
Session 2	October 30, 2017
Session 3	January 6, 2018
Session 4	February TBD, 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.

## Saginaw Jr. Spirit Travel

Division		Coach
2008 Squirt 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Nick Horn
2007 Squirt 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Brandon Bordeaux
2006 Pee Wee 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Ben Welch
2005 Pee Wee 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Ken Benson
2004 Bantam 'A'	Jr. Spirit	Steve Witt
2003 Bantam 'AA'	Jr. Spirit	Rocco Cammarata

Saginaw Jr. Spirit Program Director: JJ Bamberger

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**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.**

### 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.

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

2016-17	Troy Newberry
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 2017. 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 2016-17, then you are good for the 2017-2018 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).

### LOOK!!!!

Please note these dates:

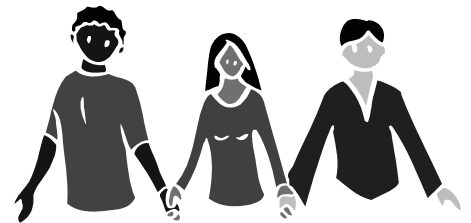
Adult League Meeting: 8/15/17 @ 6pm

More details on page 4 of attached arena schedule.

Ladies Meeting : 8/16/17 @ 6pm

Coaches Meeting: 8/23/17 @ 6pm

**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, Vicki Norris
- Dave Saltmarsh, Mona Lamping.

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

Golfers are needed for the GSAHA Support Amateur Hockey Pat Bourdow Memorial Golf Tournament slated for September 15, 2017. 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

Special thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work, time and effort!

**\*\*\*Adult Hockey League Information SEE PAGE 4 of the Arena Schedule\*\*\***

2017-18 GSAHA Board of Directors  
 Monthly Meetings @ SBIA 6:00pm  
 2nd Wednesday of the Month

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Dan Drapp       | Art Felton      |
| Vicki Norris    | Joe Bourdow     |
| Matt Lockwood   | Dave Romanowski |
| Cletis Wellnitz | Michelle Frost  |
| Jason Rappuhn   |                 |

## Referee SVHOA Information

The Saginaw Valley Hockey Officials Association (SVHOA) is a separate association and is not part of the GSAHA. The SVHOA is contracted on a yearly basis by the GSAHA and is responsible for their own referee assignments, policies, clinics, and any referee disciplinary actions as necessary. Please direct any communication to the SVHOA to the following: Terry Emery—temery24@charter.net or temery@thinkthelen.com—989-798-0679

The SVHOA is in need of officials for the upcoming season so please contact Terry for more details.

For more information contact Terry Emery  
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 temery24@charter.net.

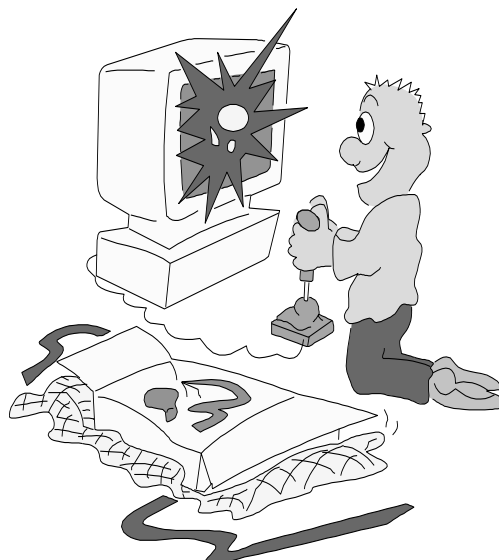
## Stick & Puck

New Stick & Puck sessions in August—limits—30 skaters and 4 goalies so arrive early! All divisions are only \$5.00 for an hour and a half! Helmet, gloves required—elbow pads recommended.

## Important Reminders

Please remember that AIR HORNS and LASER POINTERS are not allowed in the arena. PETS/ANIMALS are also not allowed in the arena per Health Dept. The Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena is also a NO SMOKING facility, which also includes e-cigarettes. Everyone's cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

## Vending Machines & Video Games



Once again we have to remind you that anyone caught tampering with the pinball, video, and vending machines will be dealt with by the Board of Directors. The vending company will press charges against anyone destroying their property. Please remind your children not to put any foreign objects into the money slots. **THE CONCESSION OR OFFICE DOES NOT REFUND ANY MONEY LOST IN THE MACHINES!**

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**B&B HOCKEY SHOP**  
 Open for the 2017-2018 season  
**BEST Skate Sharpening in Mid-Michigan**  
 Ask & give B&B a chance to meet your hockey needs!!  
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## The Ken Schueler Coach of the Year Award

<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>Brandon Bordeaux</b>	<b>2007 Jr. Spirit</b>
2015-2016	Brian Merrill	Bantam B
2014-2015	Mike Leibinger	Tri-V Titans & Jr. Spirit
2013-2014	Troy Newberry	Atom & Bantam B
2012-2013	Art Felton	Pee Wee AA Badgers
2011-2012	Eric Nowosatka	Pee Wee A Badgers
2010-2011	Brian Verzinski	Mite B & Pee Wee B
2009-2010	Brian Bujouves	Squirt B
2008-2009	JJ Bamberger	Heritage High School
2007-2008	Brian Verzinski	Mite B
2006-2007	Rob Frank	Pee Wee B
2005-2006	Jim Bujouves	Bantam B
2004-2005	Tim Cornford	Atom, Pee Wee B, AHHS
2003-2004	Gene Ayotte	Heritage High School
2002-2003	Al Premo	Pee Wee B

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Saginaw, MI 48604  
Just North of Fashion Square Mall

**Registration Dates:  
July 30-September 6, 2017**

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 2017— Best Value in the State

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

Sun	Aug 13	2:15-3:40p			
Tues	Aug 15	3:00-4:40p			
Wed	Aug 16	12:00-1:45p			
Fri	Aug 18	6:00-7:45p			Labor Day Weekend
Sun	Aug 20	2:15-3:40p			
Tues	Aug 22	3:00-4:40p	Wed	Sept 6	12:00-1:45p
Wed	Aug 23	12:00-1:45p	Sat	Sept 9	6:00-7:45p
Fri	Aug 25	6:00-7:45p	Sun	Sept 10	2:15-3:40p
Sun	Aug 27	2:15-3:40p	Wed	Sept 13	12:00-1:45p
Tues	Aug 29	2:15-3:40p	Sun	Sept 17	2:15-3:40p
Wed	Aug 30	12:00-1:45p			
Thurs	Aug 31	2:15-3:40pm	Wed	Sept 20	12:00-1:45p
			Sun	Sept 24	2:15-3:40p
			Wed	Sept 27	12:00-1:45p
			Sun	Oct 1	2:15-3:40p



