



# MIDDLETON YOUTH HOCKEY

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## The President's Corner

by Joel Dohmeier, Middleton Youth Hockey President  
Summer and Wings Hockey -  
Both are heating up!

It's been difficult to believe how quickly the summer has gone this year! Summer is always a lot of fun as it generally means family activities - camping, barbecues, vacations, day trips to the Dells, etc. As summer moves through though, it also means we are getting closer to another Wings hockey season!

As we move closer to the 07-08 season, you'll notice some subtle and not so subtle changes have occurred within Middleton Youth Hockey since last April. The Board of Directors has changed. We have 3 new Board members who have pledged their time and efforts for the 07-08 season.

The upcoming season is shaping up to be potentially our best season yet in a number of respects. We will continue to build on our new and much-improved Web site and make it even more user friendly; maintain our fee structure for registration; further enhance our fundraising activities allowing us to effectively control our rising costs; continue with our pre-identification of tournaments for competitive teams; and host, potentially, 4 tournaments.

With regard to the Web site, MYH continues to work with Puck Systems, a Web site development company out of Minneapolis which specializes in working with hockey organizations to create a membership friendly site that is more flexible, professional and offers us opportunities to partner with corporate sponsors that will be win-win for MYH and area businesses.

In addition, our fee structure will not change for the sixth consecutive year. By keeping our overall fees stable, it's imperative that we, as an organization, continue to emphasize the important role our membership plays with regard to volunteerism and fundraising, as these are critical to the organization's continued financial health.

Continuing on with the volunteer discussion, I'm sure you are aware that MYH is entirely run by volunteers and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Opportunities to volunteer abound between the Good Neighbor Festival, which occurs August

24-26, registration, which occurs September 23rd and 24th, board committees (fundraising, tournaments, communications) as well as 4 tournaments we will host in February and March 2008. Please contact anyone on the board if you are interested in volunteering for any of these events to meet your volunteer hour requirements!

The board has decided that MYH will continue with the concept of pre-identifying tournaments for our competitive travel teams to participate in. We found this worked well for the vast majority of the teams and we also learned some lessons along the way. Pre identifying tournaments is important for three reasons: (1) scheduling tournaments after Dane County league games are set and then having to reschedule those league games is difficult at best; (2) it means ice trading and sometimes unused ice (which is costly); and (3) it can lead to games that just cannot be rescheduled. Many of our members have been through the tournament circuit several years and the board felt that with continued input from our team reps of years past, our teams can be relieved of the scheduling headaches and participate in tournaments that historically are well run and competitive.

Early projections on team numbers appear promising. For our travel teams, it appears that there will be two Mite, potentially four Squirt, two PeeWee, two Bantam teams, and new to the plate this year is a Co-op Midget team (see related article) which will provide skaters with both a U-18 and U-16 option this season, depending on their age. Girls hockey continues to show both growth and change simultaneously. At the most recent WAHA annual meeting, a decision was made to have the girls decide whether they want to play all-girls hockey or play mixed hockey (such as within MYH), but they cannot play both in the same season. The rationale for doing this was taking a lead from the explosion of girl's hockey that occurred in other states that have implemented this, such as Minnesota and Massachusetts.

A decision was also made by the Middleton Wings Board to remain a Division 2 club for the 07-08 season as we just did not see any inherent advantages to moving up to Division 1 at this time. This is something that certainly will get revisited from year to year.

The board is interested in your thoughts and ideas throughout the season and asks that you openly share those with us as this is your organization. While we have many opportunities ahead, I'm excited about the upcoming season and confident that we have the board, parents, coaches and kids in place to make the 07-08 season our best yet. Go Wings!

## MYH Tournament Information 2007-2008 Season

Middleton Youth Hockey will be hosting several tournaments during the 2007-2008 season.

Our Mite and Squirt level tournaments will be held February 22-23 and March 1-2. Middleton Youth Hockey is also investigating hosting a third weekend tournament in late fall for our older skaters. All tournaments will be held at Capitol Ice Arena.

We are looking forward to another year of successful tournaments and great experiences for our skaters. Watch for the opportunity to sign up for volunteer shifts for the tournaments!

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*Please feel free to contact members of the board with any questions, concerns or comments.*

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## Registration Dates and Information

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:** 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Registration location:** Capitol Ice Arena Mezzanine

Registration for the 07-08 year for all age groups is scheduled for Sunday, September 23 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, September 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Middleton Optimists Club will be sponsoring a SKILLS COMPETITION from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday the 23rd. Competition for Mites and Squirts (10 & under) is from 3 to 4 p.m., PeeWees and Bantams (14 & Under) from 4 to 5 p.m. Join the fun - bring a friend! (minimum of a bike helmet is required, hockey helmet, knee and elbow pads recommended)

Volunteers are needed to support club registration - don't miss this chance to get your hours in early! At least 12-15 volunteers are needed to work the Sunday and/or Monday sessions. Please contact Greg Berthiaume at GBERTHIAUME@TDS.NET if you are able to help out.

## Optimists Skills Competition



Got skills? Show off your hockey skills at the 3rd Annual Optimist Skills Competition.

**Date:** Sunday, September 23, 2007

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for Mites and Squirts

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. for PeeWees and Bantams

**Who:** Anyone interested in the sport of hockey (minimum of a bike helmet is required; hockey helmet, knee and elbow pads recommended).

All participants will receive a T-shirt.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Aug. 24-26** - Middleton Good NeighborFest

**Aug. 26** - Good NeighborFest Parade - 12:30 p.m.

**Sept. 23** - Registration - 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Sept. 23** - Optimists Skills Competition

**Sept. 24** - Registration - 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Sept. 24 - Sept. 29** - Pre-Season Conditioning

**Oct. 1 - Oct. 6** - Player Evaluations

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### MYH Registration:

Contact Greg Berthiaume - gberthiaume@tds.net

#### Tournaments:

Contact Mike Bakken - mmbakken@charter.net

## USA HOCKEY ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS HERE! REGISTER NOW!

**Each year, you are responsible for paying a USA Hockey fee, as well as a Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association fee, for each of your skaters.** This year, USA Hockey will now allow you to take care of both on-line! All members (including coaches) are required to utilize the on-line registration process prior to coming to the Middleton Wings registration dates on September 23rd & 24th where you pay your MYH skater registration fees.

**WHY?** On-line registration will simplify the overall registration process for the families signing up, as well as those supporting the administrative process. On-line registration will ensure accurate records (eliminating misspelling of names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses), as well as provide efficient, direct communication with USA Hockey. Completing the initial registration process will also ensure that the appropriate (and mandatory) USA Hockey Waiver is completed and obtained by the club.

**HOW?** To register on-line, go to [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) (follow the prompts). You will be required to pay a USA Hockey fee of \$30 and a \$10 WAHA (Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association) fee utilizing either a Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card (credit or debit). Coaches will be reimbursed the applicable fees.

**WHAT?** Upon successful registration, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. You will also be required to print the receipt while on-line. This receipt includes the USA Hockey Waiver. Bring this confirmation sheet to registration to complete the registration process!

**If you have any concerns or questions, please contact Dawn or Larry Kurbel at 827-7850 or 444-9942.** Thanks!

NOTE: This process only completes the registration requirement for USA Hockey. You must still register with Middleton Youth Hockey on September 23 or 24.

## Hockey Equipment

Is your new hockey player in need of equipment? If so, Middleton Sports and Fitness has put together a youth equipment kit that includes shin guards, breezers, elbow pads, gloves, Middleton socks and a bag for a great price.

If you purchase a helmet and skates with the package, Middleton Sports will take 15% off the price. Please keep in mind these are set packages and substitutions are not allowed.

## Programs, Fees, Discounts and Volunteer Requirements

Skater fees will remain the same for the 6th consecutive year! See table below for applicable fees and available programs. The volunteer deposit continues to be \$200 per skater with a \$400 maximum deposit per family.

Volunteer hours also remain the same as past years - 6 hours per skater with a 10 hour max per family. You may buy out of the volunteer requirement for the same fees (\$200 per skater, \$400 per family max). Volunteer deposits will not be collected from families that have completed their volunteer hours prior to registration. Volunteer deposits will be refunded upon completion of your volunteer hours.

100% of the volunteer deposit is required at registration, while only 50% of the skater fees are required at time of registration (balance due December 1 - if the balance due is not received by December 1, your skater(s) will not be allowed to participate until the balance is paid in full). Volunteer hours and applicable deposits apply to all skaters Atom level through Bantam (excludes Initiation skaters).

A 10% Multi-Skater discount is available for all Mite level through Bantam level skaters - oldest skater pays full registration fee.

PeeWee and Bantam level goalies are also eligible for a 20% discount provided they have their own gear.

All programs are co-ed.

### 2007-2008 Program Fees

Level/Program	Birth Year	Typical Skill Level	Cost
Initiation	1999 & Under	1st & 2nd year players	\$155
Atom & U8 Rink Rats	1999 & Under	1st year 7-8 year olds; 2nd year 6-8 yr olds	\$260
U10 Rink Rats	1997 & Under	1st or 2nd year 9 & 10 year olds	\$260
Mites	1999 & 2000	2nd & 3rd year players	\$565
Squirts	1997 & 1998	2 or more playing years	\$600
PeeWee	1995 & 1996	2 or more playing years	\$780
Bantam	1993 & 1994	2 or more playing years	\$780
Midget	1991 & 1992	2 or more playing years	TBD

## Girls Only Hockey!

Middleton Youth Hockey, Southwest Eagles, Madison Polar Caps and the Ice Spirit have joined forces to create additional opportunities and increase exposure for girl's hockey - which happens to be the fastest growing segment of our great sport!

Combining administrative resources, ice scheduling and coaching knowledge, the west side area clubs are working together to form teams, develop player skills and attract new members. Girls-only teams formed by the area clubs will skate as Ice Spirit players, though they can still register with their applicable school district-based club.

For those girls interested in learning more about the Ice Spirit program, they can attend any or all of four ice sessions for \$10 each (all ages and skill levels welcome).

- Sept. 18 from 6:30- 7:30 at Eagles Nest Ice Arena
- Sept. 20 from 6:30- 7:30 at Eagles Nest Ice Arena
- Sept. 26 from 6:20- 7:20 at Madison Ice Arena
- Sept. 29 from 6:20- 7:20 at Madison Ice Arena

For more information on the Ice Spirit, please visit their Web site at [www.icespirithockey.com](http://www.icespirithockey.com) or contact Ice Spirit President Karl Madsen at 608-238-9088.

Girls in the state of Wisconsin no longer enjoy the ability to play on both a girls-only and co-ed team. WAHA made this decision at their annual meeting as data shows that states that have eliminated that benefit have experienced an explosion in girl's participation - much like soccer and softball.

## Opportunities Abound For Those Wanting To Continue Hockey Post Bantam!

One of the exciting developments that is occurring through the growth and development of Middleton Youth Hockey is that the number of skaters that are Midget eligible (have no Bantam eligibility and are age 16 and under) is growing to the point where we, as an association, need to ensure those skaters have a home whereby they can further their development as a hockey player so that one day they can play hockey for Middleton High School or maybe they just enjoy the club experience.

The west side hockey association presidents from the Middleton Wings, Waunakee, West Madison Polar Caps and Southwest Eagles have been meeting throughout the summer to arrange a co-op Midget team. It has been decided, due to numbers and ice availability, to house a west side Midget team based out of the West Madison Polar Caps organization, and whose home ice would be Madison Ice Arena (MIA).

Ice is also to be provided by the other clubs involved. The group is currently gathering coaches for the Midget team, as well as determining registration fees based on costs. Each skater will be allowed to register within their home organization. In other words, any Middleton skater who desires to play Midgets will register with Middleton Youth Hockey in September along with the other age levels in our organization.

For those skaters over the age of 16 looking to further their hockey experience, the Southwest Eagles will again offer a team that will primarily be made up of area 17 and 18 year-olds. Registration will occur at Southwest for this team if interested. Please check their Web site for more details on the High School C team (which may be called High School Division II this year).

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## Used Equipment Donations - Help the Club Grow

Middleton Youth Hockey is seeking used equipment donations, a program initiated last season. We are requesting donations of used hockey equipment from MYH members that is in good condition. As a nonprofit organization, the donation of used hockey equipment to MYH is a tax-deductible contribution. A receipt will be given to individuals for the donated items.

The purpose of this program is to attract new members to the club by reducing their initial costs. We will accept equipment in good condition including helmets, breezers, shin guards, elbow pads, gloves, socks, skates, shoulder pads and sticks.

Members interested in using donated equipment will sign out the items they need at the beginning of the season and return them at the end of the season, at no cost to the individual. The equipment will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for new skaters prior to and up to 1-2 weeks past registration, at which point returning members can sign gear out. We will be accepting donations of used equipment at registration. We ask all members that have used equipment that is not being used to support this new program.

We greatly appreciate your support of this program.

## The Coaches' Corner

By David Boyd

Association Coaching & Education Director (ACE)

As we begin to gear up for the season, we are always in need of volunteer coaches at all age levels. If you are interested in coaching at the Mite level or above, please contact David Boyd, ACE Director at dsboyd@tds.net. If you are interested in helping with the Initiation, Rink Rat, or Cross Ice level, you may also contact Mike McKersie (mike.mckersie@cliftonfinancial.com) or Amanda Reese (Amanda.Reese@uwmf.wisc.edu).

As always, we strive to put together a "coaching team" that will work effectively and collaboratively throughout the season in order to provide our players with a positive hockey experience. For our "travel teams" (Mites and above) we are looking for volunteers to serve in the capacities of head coach and two assistant coaches for each team. One of the assistant coaches must agree to serve as a "goalie coach" who will work with the team goalie(s) during practices and will need to commit to attending special goalie clinics sponsored by the club. Final coaching assignments are recommended by the ACE director and are approved by the board of directors. Volunteer hour and ice credits may be provided to designated coaching staff.

According to USA Hockey, all coaches must meet age-specific certification requirements (see below). This includes any parent who wishes to help with on-ice practices or enter the bench area at any time during a practice or game situation. Due to insurance requirements, parents of all age levels are reminded to stay out of the bench areas at all times during practice or play. Coaching certifications are good for 3 years and must be obtained or re-certified prior to December 31st. Note that Level 1 and Level 2 coaches may not re-certify, but must move up to the next level. Level 3 coaches may re-certify (including an on-line option) or may progress to Level 4 (which is permanent and requires no further certification/re-certification). MYH will reimburse coaches for approved training courses. Coaches interested in pursuing Level 4 certification must receive Board approval prior to seeking reimbursement.

### USA Hockey Coaching Certification Requirements

**8-and-Under (Mite)** - Level 1 certification

**10-and-Under (Squirt)** - Level 2 (Prerequisite Level 1)

**12-and-Under (PeeWee)** - Level 3 (Prerequisite Levels 1 and 2)

**14-and-Under (Bantam)** - Level 3 (Prerequisite Levels 1 and 2)

**ACE Director** - Level 4

If you want more information about coaching under USA Hockey requirements, including on-line clinic registration, visit [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com) (and select the "Coaches" tab in the navigation bar).

Also, as a matter of policy, Middleton Youth Hockey will conduct thorough background checks on all of our coaches and team representatives. Persons wishing to hold these volunteer positions must obtain and complete the necessary application/authorization forms and be approved by the ACE director/board prior to having any contact with MYH players. Please contact David Boyd to receive the application materials.

In terms of major rule changes for the coming season, the USA Hockey Congress approved very few changes this year. The following may be of interest:

1. Goalkeeper equipment will be subject to new dimensional requirements in 2009-2010 (although there is an emphasis on implementing these standards this year).
2. Mouth guards for boys and girls in U-10 and below are not required (however, MYH and its coaching staff strongly recommend mouth guards for all players and coaches may elect to impose this requirement at the individual team level).
3. The off-sides "tag-up" rule was not approved for youth (however, you will see it at the high school level).
4. There will be a new set of "ice marking" standards put in place this year to help implement more consistent rink markings across all levels of hockey.

Also, please don't forget the standards of play that were implemented last year:

1. The use of the stick will be limited to only playing the puck.
2. The stick will not be allowed to in any way impede a player's progress.
3. The use of a free hand/arm will not be allowed to grab or impede a player's progress.
4. Players who use their physical skills and/or anticipation to gain a positional advantage shall not lose that advantage as a result of illegal acts by the opponent.
5. Players will be held accountable for acts of an intimidating or dangerous nature.

Also, please don't forget that all ice hockey coaches and instructors of registered USA Hockey youth/high school, disabled, girls'/women's 19 & under and below programs must properly wear an ice hockey helmet during all on-ice sessions, including practices, controlled scrimmages and coach and referee clinics (seminars).

## Evaluations & Pre-Season Conditioning

We know that for many of you the evaluation process appears to be a "black box" process through which somebody makes the critical decisions about which teams players are assigned to. And as with all youth hockey organizations, each year brings comments and complaints that the process is "political", or that coaches "hand-pick their teams", or worse yet - the criticism that "those evaluators and coaches don't know what they're doing." A couple of words of early explanation might help people to better understand how our club approaches the evaluation process.

We have worked hard each season to improve our annual evaluation process (which only affects Mites and above). The ACE director, coaching faculty, and board of directors discuss what we can do to improve the process prior to each season. We also recognize that this is usually one of the most stressful times of the season for our players (and parents!). The top priority of the coaching faculty is to do our best to ensure that each and every player gets placed on a team that best reflects their individual skill level. We accomplish this through the combination of formal evaluations and informal observations over the course of several early practice sessions. This approach reflects our experience that, for many reasons, some players simply do not do their best during the formal evaluation process (e.g., they may experience stress, illness/injury, or just may not arrive physically prepared for hockey). It also reflects our desire to involve our evaluators and the designated age-level coaches.

One of the results of this approach is that we no longer post team assignments immediately after tryouts. We understand that this may take some of the "excitement" away as everyone is eager to see which team they get placed on. But we think that using the formal tryouts as the first step in the evaluation process helps us to make better decisions about player placement. This year we anticipate posting preliminary teams around October 15th (the exception will be Bantams, where teams may not be formally announced until the Middleton High School team has been named in early November). Please note that final rosters are not due to USA Hockey until December 31st and that we reserve the right to make roster adjustments until this date (although, historically, we have not made many such moves).

If you watch the post-evaluation practices carefully you may notice that there is some movement of players even after preliminary teams (sometimes called "practice teams") are announced. Again, as we try to sort out those players that are on the dividing line (in hockey terminology we call these "bubble players"), our philosophy is that it is always better to move a player "up" than to tell a player

"sorry, we're sending you down". As you might imagine, the later scenario can be devastating to a young player. Therefore, we try very hard to make any post tryout player movements "promotions", not "demotions". You may also note that this year we have set our evaluation process back by an additional week in an effort to create fewer conflicts with other sports.



Finally, a note about our Pre-Season Conditioning clinics. Each year we have offered a "tune-up" clinic for our players just prior to tryouts. This optional activity (a separate fee applies) allows players to find their "ice legs" and to get a little exercise after a summer of baseball, swimming, and couch potato/video game activities. These are not mandatory sessions; however, they do offer an excellent opportunity for players to get re-acclimated to hockey.

Our process for Evaluation Check-In will be similar to previous years. Players will be issued two jerseys and will be told which color to wear for each session (and it may change based on the needs of the off-ice evaluators). Players (and their parents) will be responsible (financially) for these jerseys as they will be used as practice jerseys throughout the season (i.e., a failure to return them both in good condition will result in additional fees). Instructions for players AND parents will be provided at check-in, so please make sure you get this important information.

Lastly, there is no perfect schedule. We have to work with the ice that is assigned to us by the arena (please see attached schedule). While we try to avoid the multitude of conflicts, it's simply not always possible. We ask that you: (a) communicate directly with the ACE Director or the check-in staff if you know you can't make a specific evaluation session, and that you (b) make a reasonable effort to re-arrange your other activities to make the important on-ice evaluation sessions. We will do our best to help you deal with schedule conflicts; however, be advised that the tryouts are a vitally important element in our evaluation process and that missing any sessions can have a potential negative effect on player evaluation and placement.

If you have questions, please contact the ACE Director, David Boyd at [dsboyd@tds.net](mailto:dsboyd@tds.net) or by phone at 824-9199.

## Middleton Youth Hockey Evaluation Process

Each age group (Mite and above) will be evaluated by a group of tenured coaches who have coached at a variety of levels both within and outside of Middleton Youth Hockey. Each group Initial evaluations occur over two sessions - the initial session is focused on a variety of hockey skills (see below) and the follow-up session will be a scrimmage situation. Large groups of players will be divided to aid Evaluators. For the scrimmage session, players will be divided approximately by skill level so that players are evaluated against comparable players. Included in the skills evaluation session will be drills designed to allow each skater to show their skill level in the following categories:

1. Skating ability including, but not limited to, forward/backward skating, crossovers forward/backward in both directions, starts and stops, etc.
2. Puck handling ability including stickhandling, passing, shooting, etc.
3. Team play fundamentals including forechecking/backchecking ability, especially at the PW/Bantam levels, general hockey knowledge at the younger age levels.
4. Goaltenders will be evaluated throughout the entire process and in a separate goalie evaluation clinic. Goalies will be evaluated based on fundamentals and an overall ability to stop the puck, as well as goaltender specific trials. (Note that a separate policy regarding Goalie evaluations was adopted by the MYH Board in 2006. Please consult this policy for further information.)

Following the initial two hours of basic skill evaluation/scrimmage, each age group will practice together for a minimum of one week. During this time, the ACE Director will work with Evaluators and Coaches to determine the preliminary team assignments. When the ACE Director and Coaches believe that each and every player will be placed on a team of appropriate and comparable skill, then the Preliminary Teams will be formally posted. MYH reserves the right to make changes to team rosters at any time during the period up to the Dec. 31, 2006 USA Hockey roster deadline. However, our experience has generally been that teams are settled before Nov. 1 with most teams often designated by Oct. 15.

While we understand that this extended evaluation period may take some of the "excitement" away as everyone is eager to see which team they get placed on. However, our philosophy and top priority is to "put the players first" - we will work to make the best decision we are capable of making so that players are placed at the level of play that will most positively affect their development as hockey players.

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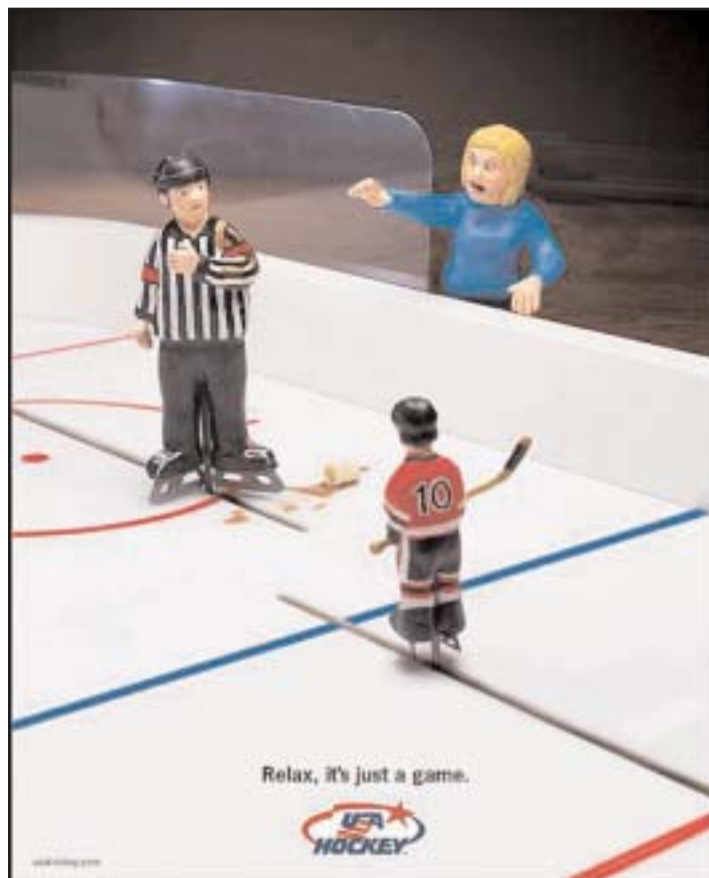
## Buying New Equipment?

In the market to replace or buy new equipment? If so, please keep in mind that Middleton Youth Hockey's team colors for helmets, breezers (pants) and gloves is red! It is certainly OK to use other colors, but we would greatly appreciate as your skater outgrows or upgrades their equipment to keep in mind our recommended colors.

Goalies: Last year, the NHL and NCAA reduced the size of goalie equipment to increase the potential for scoring. Those same rules will apply to youth hockey! USA Hockey strongly recommends use of the new dimensions in the 2007-08 and 2008-09 seasons, though it will not be strictly enforced until the 2009-10 season. This will apply to blockers, gloves and leg pads. Equipment manufactured prior to 2007 may not meet the new guidelines. In the meantime, use this knowledge to negotiate a great deal on used gear that you can use for the next two years! If you are buying new gear, make sure to ask, "Does it meet NHL guidelines?"

Please consider purchasing your new equipment at Middleton Sports and Fitness. All non-logoed equipment is 10% off for all members of Middleton Youth Hockey. Be sure to tell the staff at the time of purchase that you are a member of Middleton Youth Hockey to receive your discount.

In the market for a new hockey bag? Middleton Sports and Fitness has Wings wheeled hockey bags available at a reasonable price. Check them out today!



# Middleton Youth Hockey Goalie Policy

Adopted August, 2006

The evaluation process for goalies will consist of three sessions, one skill session and two scrimmage sessions. The skill session will make up 50% of the goalie's evaluation score, while the two scrimmage sessions will account for the remaining 50% of the goalies evaluation score with the two sessions being equally weighted.

The skills session will be a series of stations that will test all facets of the goalie: skating, puck handling/control (rebounds), movement within the crease (lateral/vertical), angles, and the full repertoire of saves (glove, blocker, leg, stick).

For the scrimmage sessions, the goalie will be evaluated on overall performance within the confines of the scrimmage game (game management, ability to stop the puck, positioning, reactions).

Goalie evaluators will be asked to score all sessions for a particular age level group (i.e. Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget) to ensure consistency in how the goalies are being evaluated.

In cases where goalie evaluation scores are tied, the first tie breaker or preference will be provided to the second year goalie in that age level. The second tie-breaker will be determined by the coach of the age level.

There will not be tryouts for goalies at the Mite level and below. At these young age levels, goalies should be rotated by the coach during the season at a frequency of their discretion.

**Squirts** - After evaluations, the goalie with the highest score will be placed on the A team, second highest score on the B team, and so on. If there are more goalies than teams, they will be paired together, starting from the lowest scores on up (see "examples" below)\*.

All Squirt players trying out for goalie must also try out as a skater during the initial Squirt skater skills session. If the player doesn't have all of the needed skater equipment, the family should let the club know in advance and the club will help find equipment suitable for the player to use during the session.

If a goalie wishes to skate out but has made a higher level team due solely to their goalie evaluation, it must be approved by their coaches after consultation with the ACE Director.

If there are more than one goalie assigned to a team, those goalies will split playing time equally and be allowed to skate out when not playing goalie, if desired (this is recommended).



**Pee Wees, Bantams & Midgets** - After evaluations, the goalie with the highest score will be placed on the A team, the goalie with the next highest score on the B team, and so on. If there are more goalies than teams, they will be paired together, starting from the lowest scores on up (see "examples" below)\*.

There will be no more than 2 goalies assigned per team. If there are unplaced goalies remaining after all positions are filled, they will not be given the opportunity to play goal unless a situation dictates that another goalie is needed (no goalies available for a particular game(s) due to any number of reasons).

Goalies are expected to commit to play in goal approximately 50% of the time when paired with another goalie, however the coach will have some discretion on altering the percent of play time (playing the higher rated goalie more frequently) based upon circumstance (examples would be tournament final, state playoffs, state tournament).

If goalies wish to skate out when paired with another goalie at these older levels (Pee Wee and older), it is contingent upon the player's skating ability matching up with the level of play. Any goalie desiring to skate out must tryout as a skater in the initial skater skill session for their age level. If a goalie wishes to skate out but has made a higher level team due solely to their goalie evaluation, it must be approved by their coaches after consultation with the ACE Director.

Examples of goalie placement: If 2 teams and 4 goalies, the goalies with the two highest evaluation scores are on team A, and the other two assigned to the B team. If 5 goalies and 3 teams, highest scoring goalie assigned to the A team, next two highest scoring to the B team and the remaining two would be placed on the C team.

\*Or at coaches discretion. (Example, 2 goalies can be put on the A team if the top 2 goalies scores are close and the head coach feels it would be beneficial for the team to have both).

## E-mail Update

Has your e-mail address changed since last hockey season? We want to know. To ensure you do not miss out on important information from MYH, please send any changes to [diedrickasdorf@charter.net](mailto:diedrickasdorf@charter.net).

Know a new family interested in MYH, please send us their e-mail address as well. If your e-mail address changes during the season, please let us know as well. Future versions of the newsletter will be electronic only.

Note: All information will be updated following registration; however, we don't want you to miss out on important information prior to registration.



## Reduce your ice fees! Sign up a friend!

Sign up a friend to skate with MYH (any age level), and you will receive a \$30 rebate from your ice fees! The new skater must not be a returning member or sibling of an existing member. Also, if you're a new skater with the club and sign on with a friend, you also will receive a \$30 rebate!

Know someone who's been thinking about signing up their son/daughter - help get them off the fence! No other sport builds or has the level of camaraderie between players (and parents) than youth hockey.

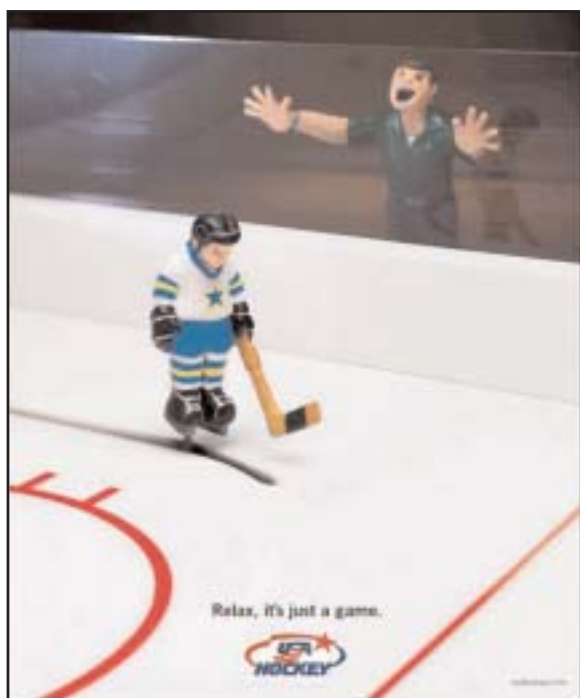
Equipment discounts are also available at Middleton Sports & Fitness that will help reduce entry (or equipment replacement) costs. Contact a board member for further information and thanks for helping grow our club and sport!

## MYH Directories

Once again, Middleton Youth Hockey will furnish all families with a membership directory. We hope to have the directory out by November 1.

Please fill out the directory information form at registration to ensure all family contact information is included.

The directories are useful for carpooling purposes or calling team members' cell phones to find your way to out of town games if you make a wrong turn along the way.



## Good Neighbor Festival - Food, Fun and Fundraising

Middleton Youth Hockey will be participating in the Good Neighbor City's end of summer festival - Good Neighbor Festival (August 24 - August 26). MYH will once again run the Microbrew tent. MYH is working with Middleton's own Capital Brewery to provide beverages for our adult patrons, and will have non-alcoholic beverages for those that do not partake and/or have children with them.

The Good Neighbor Festival Parade, held on Sunday, August 26 at 12:30 p.m., is a great way to promote the sport of hockey in Middleton. MYH will once again be participating in the parade. All MYH skaters are strongly encouraged to strap on their skates (well, roller blades) or march in the parade, wear their jerseys or Wings colors and show their Wings spirit. Please check your e-mail for our parade starting destination and time.

Come support the Wings at GNF. Bring your friends, eat some Kettle Corn and wash it down with a beverage from the Middleton WingsMicrobrew tent

## Fundraising Update

Our fundraising efforts for the 2007-2008 season are underway with the start of our Corporate Fundraising Effort. This year the fundraising team will be doing a concentrated effort that will be completed by the end of September to ensure timely publication of our Directory.

New for this season, the Club has applied for a Class A Raffle License which will enable the Club to conduct at least one major raffle. In addition, the Club has applied for a Class B Raffle license which will enable us to conduct daily raffles at our tournaments.

Also planned for this the Spring of 2008, is the First Annual Wings Golf Tournament. While in the early planning stages, it is expected that this event will be a great fundraiser, as well as an enjoyable event for all who participate.

As always, the Club appreciates all the time and effort put into these fundraising activities. Your willingness to volunteer has a direct impact on the amount we raise, and ultimately on your annual ice fees. Thanks to all volunteers!

### ATTENTION ALL COACHES:

MYH is in the process of collecting trophies earned over the years by MYH teams.

If you are currently in possession of a team trophy, please bring it to registration so it can be placed in our trophy case currently under construction.



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<b>Pre-Season Conditioning Schedule</b>					
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Session</u>
Monday	9/24	A	5:10 PM	Mite	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/24	B	5:20 PM	Squirt	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/24	A	6:20 PM	PeeWee	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/24	A	7:30 PM	Bantam	Pre-Season Clinic
Wednesday	9/26	A	5:10 PM	Mite	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/26	B	5:20 PM	Squirt	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/26	A	6:20 PM	PeeWee	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/26	A	7:30 PM	Bantam	Pre-Season Clinic
Thursday	9/27	B	5:20 PM	Mite	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/27	B	6:30 PM	Squirt	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/27	B	7:40 PM	PeeWee	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/27	B	8:50 PM	Bantam	Pre-Season Clinic
Saturday	9/29	B	11:50 AM	Mite	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/29	B	1:00 PM	Squirt	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/29	B	2:10 PM	PeeWee	Pre-Season Clinic
	9/29	B	3:20 PM	Bantam	Pre-Season Clinic

<b>Evaluation Schedule</b>				
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Group</u>
Monday	10/1	B	5:10 PM	Mite (Last Name A-K)
	10/1	B	6:20 PM	Mite (Last Name L-Z)
	10/1	B	7:30 PM	PeeWee
	10/1	B	8:40 PM	Bantam
Wednesday	10/3	A	5:10 PM	Mite (Last Name A-K)
	10/3	A	6:20 PM	Squirt (Last Name A-K)
	10/3	A	7:30 PM	Squirt (Last Name L-Z)
	10/3	B	6:30 PM	Goalies (Squirts and above)
Friday	10/5	B	5:20 PM	Mite (Last Name L-Z)
	10/5	B	6:30-8:00 PM	PeeWees
	10/5	B	8:10-9:40 PM	Bantams
Saturday	10/6	A	2:30 PM	PeeWees
	10/6	A	3:40 PM	Bantams
	10/6	B	3:10 PM	Squirt (Last Name A-K)
	10/6	B	4:20 PM	Squirt (Last Name L-Z)