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CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND HAS ARRIVED!

This year's exciting change of format has house league teams participating in Championship Weekend. All teams who have finished in the top four of their Round Robins will compete on Friday night or Saturday in the semi-finals. Gold, silver and bronze games will take place on Sunday, March 29th to cap off another season.

Good luck to all our teams as they compete this weekend. Have fun, play hard, and remember ... it's just a game.

The format has changed!

From: a Round Robin , Semi then Final 4 point Series.
To: a Round Robin, Semi Final Game, then Final Game.

The main reason that forced the MHL to look more closely at the house league playoff format is the change to the City of Mississauga's Ice Allocation Policy. Our goal has been to try to equalize the number of games played by all teams and this format provides far more predictability than the old system. Under the new ice policy the MHL is now faced with having to hold and utilize a full 26-weeks' worth of ice, some of which you've likely seen us trying to sell via our website which is not always successful. Then the MHL has to buy blocks of ice for the playoffs. But the City will not let us hold ice we "might" need. Once purchased we cannot return it. Under the old policy the MHL had the flexibility of returning ice that we did not need owing to teams being eliminated from the playoffs. Under the new policy a great deal of "wasted" ice would be created significantly threatening an increase in registration fees.

Our goal for 2014-15 has been to minimize the amount of "wasted" ice, keeping a handle on registration cost increases associated with this. *We're of a mind that this new "tournament format" will be very exciting for everyone involved while achieving this goal.*

Agreed, with any change there are concerns. Looking ahead to planning for next season, we will be sitting down with our 8 Area Association partners to see how well this works, what everyone thinks, and especially what we can improve to make it better.

MHL Challenge Tournament

The MHL is hosting a 48 team tournament that you won't want to miss!

Guarantee of three games. No gate fee.

Divisions include:

- Minor Atom- House League (all levels) & Select/Red
- Atom - House League (all levels) & Select/Red
- Minor Peewee Select/Red
- Peewee Select/Red

Where: Hershey Centre

When: April 10-12, 2015.

Great way to end your season!
Details at the MHL website

CHAMPS!



PC091, Bantam White
winners of the
Burlington
Spring Break Tournament



CO112, Midget Red
winners of the
Ange Giajnorio Memorial
Midget Select Tournament



ME73, Peewee White
winners of the
Newmarket March Break
House League Tournament

With only 10 exhausted skaters and their goalie, the Meadowvale Hawks 073 went into the 49th Annual March Break House League Hockey Tournament in Newmarket, Ontario and persevered to become the Peewee "A" Division Champions. The team went through the tournament undefeated and won their final game in OT with Hudson Hooks scoring the winning goal defeating the Thornton Tigers 2-1. Congratulations 073!!!

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More CHAMPS!



PC072, Peewee White winners of the Canadian Tire Cup Tournament

PC072 (Peewee White) continues to roll! After winning the Walter Gretzky Tournament in January and wrapping up 1st place in the regular season, PC072 had the opportunity to defend last year's win at the Canadian Tire Cup Tournament. They did not disappoint. After going 3-0 in the round robin, they were once again tested in the semi-final needing overtime to win after tying up the score 1-1 late in the 3rd period. The final game was back and forth, but the difference was PC072 played as a team and brought home the Cup!



CV61, Minor Peewee Blue winners of the Canadian Tire Cup Tournament

The Credit Valley Minor Peewee Blue won their division in the Canadian Tire Cup this past weekend at the Scotia Bank Pond in Downsview. The Wolves beat the Clarkson Hurricanes in the final with the winning goal coming in overtime with less than a minute left to play. Shayne Corson, ex-NHLer with Montreal and Toronto, presented the team with medals and the championship cup. The Coaches wish to congratulate all the players who worked so hard to get the finals and win it all.

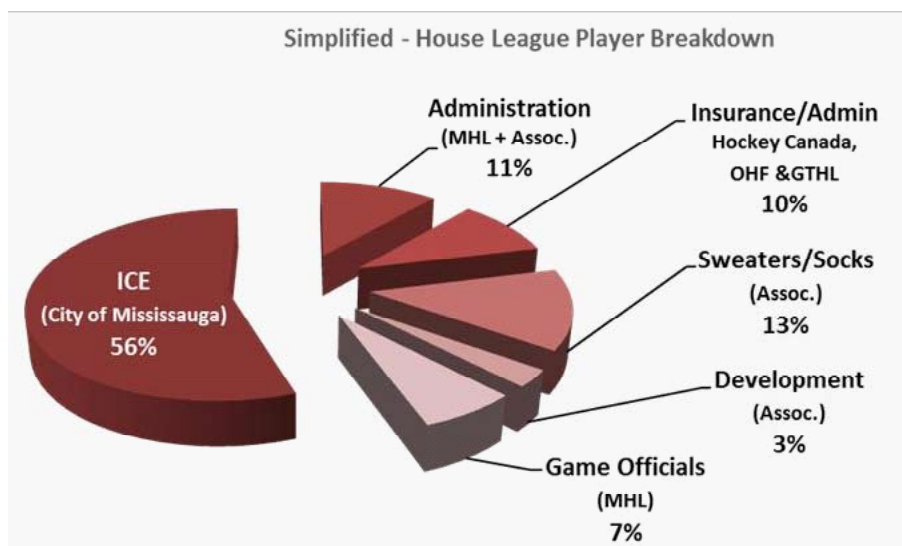
How is your money spent within the League & Associations?

The League and the Associations are run on as low a cost as possible!

The MHL and it's partner Associations are not for profit, run primarily by volunteers.

**Our biggest single cost is ice!
(Practice and game ice)**

*Over 56% of our total cost,
which is purchased*





Meadowvale to host Bantam A Provincials

The Provincials are an exciting way to end hockey season!

For the first time, the Meadowvale Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) will host the Bantam A Provincials

Streetsville Arena - Vic Johnston Community Centre
335 Church Street, Mississauga

**Community
Hours!**

Event Volunteers, please email:
programmingdirector@meadowvalehockey.com

Sponsorship Enquiries, please email: 2015bantamaohf@gmail.com

Opening Ceremony followed by a game - Friday, April 10th at 6.45 pm
Final Game followed by the Closing Ceremony - Sunday, April 12th at 3 pm
Day Pass \$10, Weekend Pass \$25

***Free admission to the Opening Ceremony & game
for anyone wearing a Meadowvale jersey.***

Get the latest tournament details <http://mmhaohf.wordpress.com/>

The semis and final game will be broadcast live on Rogers TV in Ontario

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MHL Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted from MHL registered players going on to post secondary education in Sept. 2015. Created in memory of Ed Armstrong, Life Member of the MHL, who devoted over 40 years of service to the MHL, the scholarships provide up to \$1000 dependent on fulfillment of the criteria.

Click on the following link for more information and the application form: <http://hockey.on.ca/financial-assistance/>. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2015.

Congratulations to this season's scholarship award winners, who will be recognized at this year's MHL Awards Banquet taking place on Thursday, April 30th. We wish them every success in their continued studies!

Christopher Bon - Erindale

Alexander Gracie - Erindale

Christian Gutierrez - Port Credit

Andre St. George - Port Credit

Calvin Chan - Erindale

Stephan DeSousa - Erindale

Brendan Long - Applewood

Carson Taylor - Lorne Park

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE COMING SOON!

The MHL will be planning two equipment exchanges in August, early September with the goal to help you reduce the cost of hockey and recycle and reuse all the outgrown equipment you might have taking up space in your homes! Stay tuned to our newsletter and the MHL website for details.

Dear MHL Participant,

On behalf of all of us at Canlan Ice Sports Oakville, we are honoured to be part of the Mississauga Hockey League as a supporting partner of the Play More Program.

We would like to invite you to check out our award winning Canlan Ice Sports Hockey Academy Programs. We make a conscientious effort to ensure that all participants are registered in a program that reflects their skill level, commitment and ability. We work with youngsters to progress their training goals and self-confidence – and all along the way – HAVING FUN!

We offer Spring Programs such as:

- Learn to Skate 3+ years of age
- Hockey Tips for Tots 4-7 years of age
- Power Skating Hockey Skills & Drills 7+ years of age.
- High Performance Hockey Skills & Drills 10+ years of age

Programs are conveniently run during the week April to June. Sessions last for one hour and classes run once a week usually for 11 weeks. To activate your participation in one of our award winning academies, please contact Canlan Ice Sports Oakville – at 905 845 698. We will be happy to discuss your options and place you in a program that best suits the needs of the participant's skill level and development.

For further information about our Programs and offerings, please visit www.icesports.com/oakville for all the information you need.

We are excited and look forward to seeing you at Canlan Ice Sports Oakville!

Sincerely,

Adrian Hiscox

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Programs Manager - Canlan Ice Sports Oakville



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MHL “A” Tryout Information for the 2015-2016 Season

The 2015-16 tryout schedules for the MHL ‘A’ teams are now posted on the MHL website with specific times posted on the association websites. Tryouts for ‘A’ teams will take place from Thursday, April 23, 2015 to Sunday, April 26, 2015. Please be aware of the following important information regarding tryouts for an ‘A’ team within the Mississauga Hockey League:

- Players registered in the MHL during the 2014-2015 season do not require a ‘Permission to Skate’ form from their current Association to try out for any MHL ‘A’ team.
- Players registered in the MHL during the 2014-15 season wishing to sign with a team, do not require a ‘Release’ to sign with another Association in the MHL or GTHL.
- All players from the MHL and GTHL minus those individuals being held for financial obligations will be released from their current team/organization following the OHF Championship Weekend and will be free to register with any other organization of their choosing.
- Players registered in the MHL during the 2014-15 season wishing to tryout with another OHF member partner (ie. OMHA, Alliance, NOHA, etc.) will need to contact these member partners for their requirements for tryouts.

Please be aware that under GTHL regulations, NO FURTHER FORMAL TRYOUTS CAN BE HELD AFTER THE MHL ‘A’ TRY-OUT PERIOD—Thursday, April 23, 2015 to Sunday, April 26, 2015. Any team official that holds a formal tryout outside this period may be subject to disciplinary action.



Parent Corner You Asked us...

What are the criteria for awarding a penalty shot?

Penalty Shot – Hockey Canada Rule 4.9, Situation 2

In order to assess a Penalty Shot as a result of a foul against the puck carrier, the following conditions must be met:

1. The attacking player must have control of the puck.
2. The puck must be in the neutral or attacking zone when the infraction is committed.
3. The attacking player must have no defending player to pass other than the goaltender.
4. The attacking player must be fouled from behind.
5. The attacking player must have been denied a reasonable scoring opportunity.

Q: On a Penalty Shot, the puck hits the glass behind the goaltender, bounces back, hits the goaltender on the back and goes into the goal. Is the goal allowed?

No. As soon as the puck crosses the goal line the Penalty Shot shall be considered complete. (Situation 9, Rule 4.9a)

Q: On a Penalty Shot, while going in on the goal, the player loses control of the puck or over skates it, forcing her to go back and retrieve it and then make her play on the goal. Is this legal?

Yes. As long as the puck continues in motion towards the opponents goal line, the player may go back and pick up the puck. (Situation 6, Rule 4.9a)

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MEADOWVALE COACHES TAKE TO THE ICE IN SUPPORT OF MHL PLAYMORE PROGRAM



Meadowvale event organizer, Christi Scarrow sends out the following:

"Thank you to everyone who came out to support the Coaches Charity Game this past weekend. Fun was had by all as the coaches took to the ice for a mini sticks shoot out, a game of shark attack and an exciting game with the Seniors taking the trophy for the third year in a row.

As a result of your efforts, we raised \$9700 for the MHL Play More program. Great job coaches!"



MHL Golf Tournament

The 13th Annual MHL Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Georgetown, Ontario (a ClubLink course). The tournament is a shotgun start, scheduled to begin at 1:00pm, followed by a buffet dinner and prizes in the clubhouse. The tournament registration of \$150.00 per golfer includes your round of golf, with power cart, buffet dinner, and a chance to win some great prizes.

As in the past, all proceeds of the tournament will go towards the MHL Play-More Program, which helps reduce the cost of playing hockey for those children whose families are facing financial hardship. Support from these types of events means that the MHL will continue to be able to give youth a chance at hockey, life lessons and memories.

There will be limited space for golfers and spots fill up quickly, so please register as soon as possible. To do so, please visit our website and either register on-line, or download the PDF form and send it our way.

The MHL is also providing opportunities for hole sponsorship and prize donations. If you are interested in helping us out in this regard, we would greatly appreciate it.

To register or for any questions, please contact the MHL Office at 905-607-1118 or by email to:

- Jeff Leavens jleavens@hockey.on.ca
- Nick Mintsopoulos nick.mintsopoulos@hockey.on.ca

For information on Eagle Ridge Golf Club, please visit

<http://eagleridge.clublink.ca/>.



MHL Charity Golf Tournament

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**Tuesday, May 5th, 2015
Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Georgetown.**

**All proceeds from the tournament
will go towards the MHL's
Playmore Program.**

