



YOUR TEAM SCENE

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If your team has a story of interest involving a player, volunteer, team event (such as a charitable fundraiser or a community event involving the team), the MHL would love to hear about it and possibly showcase it in the YOUR TEAM SCENE. As well, if your team wins a tournament, please let us know.

Simply provide the team name, number, and tournament won. Photos are good!

Please send to info@hockey.on.ca.

Minor Novice Orientation Day

On the opening day of the season, Saturday, September 26th, all the minor novice house league teams participated in Minor Novice Orientation Day at Meadowvale Four Rinks. Along with games and practices, they were treated to post-game snacks and a loot bag. MHL Directors were on



hand to direct new parents and players to the right dressing room and rink, and to

answer any questions about the hockey league. The



Mississauga Sports Council set up a display of vintage Mississauga hockey association jerseys. Thanks to all the association volunteers, convenors, coaches and parents for getting another batch of 7 year olds on the ice to enjoy our favourite national pastime!

CONVENING

*The purpose of the MHL convening period is to review all players and teams in each House League division and age category with a view to **ensuring the best possible scenarios for fair playing levels between teams.***

Convening will finish November 8 for the 2015/16 hockey season and will involve all House League players.

Each age division is handled by a separate committee comprised of an MHL Director as Committee Chair and a representative from each Area Association. The committee will determine movement of teams or players up or down within their respective skill categories. The goal is to provide a fair and balanced schedule for each division.

Convening is a function of the Association convenors!

Should you have any questions during convening about the process, you should **contact your Area Association division representative or Area Association Head Convenor.** Contact information should be available on your Association website.

MHL Equipment Exchange Making Hockey More Affordable!

The MHL ran its first equipment exchange on August 28 and Sept 13. The exchange was well attended with almost 200 players coming from over 150 families. Although many came in to exchange one or two items, there were also a lot that came in to get a complete set of equipment. The cost for a full set of equipment including skates was \$75. Most items were priced at \$10 each, but if you had an item to exchange there was no cost, just swap it!

This program was considered so successful the MHL is looking at incorporating an exchange program as part of the office so it is open year round. That would allow mid season swap for better fitting equipment as players go through a growth spurt. Of course to control traffic specific dates would be set up before the season starts just to manage the crowds.

Stay tuned to learn more.

**Working to make Hockey Fun, Safe
and Affordable to all.**



First Shift

Launched in 2012, Grow the Game is a global initiative to add 1 million new players the game of hockey by 2022, with Canada serving as the starting point of those efforts. Hockey in Canada has experienced historically low participation growth rates over the last few years, and today approximately 90% of Canadian families and their children choose not to play hockey. The goal is to change the way hockey is offered. Because we believe in all that hockey has to offer kids, their

families and our community, First Shift, and its follow-along, Second Shift, have been designed to break down barriers to entry by offering a program that is accessible, affordable, and most importantly, FUN.

The Mississauga Hockey League partnered with Bauer and Hockey Canada and offered this program in 2014-2015. We're pleased to be partnering with them again on this program for 2015-2016.

For 2015-16, owing to the popularity of the program, we will be running two First Shift sessions, both for 6 successive Saturdays, starting in November. Our sessions are full for this year but keep us in mind for next. Further details re the First Shift program can be found at <http://www.thefirstshift.ca/>.



Champs!



ER90 Erindale Bantam "A" Spitfires win Chicago Cup Fall Classic

Congratulations to the Erindale Bantam A Team for their outstanding play and championship win. The team went 5-0 with 4 shut outs. It was an all Canadian final with Erindale beating the Richmond Hill Stars 3-0. Congratulations on a terrific tournament!



CO30 Cooksville Novice Gold Phantoms win John MacDonald Memorial Tournament

Congratulations to the Cooksville Novice Gold team for winning the tournament hosted by St. Catharines Minor Hockey this past weekend. The Phantoms went 5-0 with two shut-outs and won the finals playing at the Meridian Centre.



AP100 Applewood Minor Midget "A" Coyotes win West Mall And Richmond Hill Early Bird

The Applewood Coyotes beat the Brampton 45's in finals to win the Westmall pool.

By winning their pool, the Coyotes advanced in this very deep tournament, and by beating the Orillia Terriers in the finals won th Richmond Hill segment.

Congratulations to the Applewood Coyotes Minor Midget A on a solid pre-season.



CO91 Cooksville Bantam Red Phantoms win at Duffield

Cooksville Bantam Red wins Duffield Select Tournament.

After going two wins and a tie in the round robin, the Phantoms defeated the host team Duffield 3-2 to take the championship.

Congratulations to the team. A great start to the season!





Referee's Corner MHL Tryout Skate

On Tuesday, September 22 at Mississauga Valleys Community Centre, the MHL Referee Supervisor Committee (RSC) held a Tryout Skate session for all new officials aspiring to make the MHL Officiating Staff. Officials were put through extensive skating drills monitored by Referee Supervisors on-ice and in the stands in charge of evaluating their performance. The new officials were rated on



their skating ability, on ice presence, signals, positioning, procedures etc... After completion of the skate, the sub-committee held a meeting to compare notes and comments. Lists of

potential candidates were selected. Those officials still must successfully pass the requirements under the Hockey Canada Officiating Program to be accepted to MHL Referee Staff.



For the 2015-2016 season the Tryout Skate had 30 participants and the MHL RSC hired 15 NEW Officials from this Tryout Skate.

CONGRATULATIONS to all those NEW Officials who joined the MHL. Best of luck to all officials, players and coaches this season.

Important Dates for 2015-2016

2015

- November 8, End of Divisional Convening
- November 15 Final date for acceptance of player releases
- November 20 Sports Jersey Day
- November 21 RBC Sports Day in Canada
- December 1 Deadline for return of MHL Championship Cups
- December 24 Christmas Break... No MHL Games scheduled
- To January 1

2016

- January 2 Schedule resumes.
- January 10 After this date, a player may only be used a maximum of 5 times as an affiliated player (i.e. "call-up")
- January 15, Final date for player registration
- January 31 Final date for Tournament Exemptions
- February 1 Approximate start date for "A" Playoffs
- Deadline for entry of "A" teams for the 2016-17 season
- February 6 Scotiabank Hockey Day in Canada
- February 15 Family Day... No MHL games scheduled
- March 12-20 March Break... No MHL games
- March 21 Playoffs resume
- March 25-27 Easter Weekend... No MHL games
- March 28 Playoffs resume
- April 1-3 House League Championship Weekend
- March 31 Deadline for recommendations to the Rules Committee for amendments to the MHL Rules & Regulations
- March 28-31 GTHL "A" Championships – Major Divisions
- April 6-10 GTHL "A" Championships – Minor Divisions
- April 7-10 MHL Challenge Tournament
- April 8-10 OHF "A" Championships
- April 20 Deadline for submission of nominations for the MHL Board of Directors
- April 21-25 "A" team tryout period
- May 4 MHL Annual General Meeting
- May 5 MHL Awards Banquet
- May 10 MHL Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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More Champs!



PC 20 Port Credit Minor Novice Gold Storm win at Duffield

Congratulations to the Port Credit Minor Novice Gold team for winning the Duffield Early Bird Select tournament this past weekend. The Storm went 5-0 this weekend and won a thrilling overtime game against George Bell, scoring with seconds remaining.



PC 112 Port Credit Midget Red Storm win at Duffield

Congratulations to the Port Credit Midget Red team on winning the Duffield Early Bird Select tournament this past weekend.



CL20 Clarkson Minor Novice Gold Hurricanes win at Essex

The Hurricanes Minor Novice Gold team won the early bird Essex Tournament in Windsor this past weekend. They beat Belle River 4-1 in the Champions game who'd previously beaten them 2-1 in the round robin match. Games were played in the Bowl at the WFCU Center, home of the Windsor Spitfires.



ME100 Meadowvale Minor Midget "A" Mohawks win at Humberview

The Meadowvale Mohawks Minor Midget A team won the Humberview Huskies Earlybird Tournament this past weekend. The Mohawks went undefeated with one shut out and advanced to win their final game against the Barrie Colts 5-1. Great start to the season.



ASSOCIATION NIGHTS AT THE MISSISSAUGA STEELHEADS



Be sure to support your local association and our local OHL team, the Steelheads, by attending your association's special game. Information will be available through your association. Let's fill the arena with our minor hockey players sporting their association uniforms!

APPLEWOOD HOCKEY	November 22nd
COOKSVILLE HOCKEY	January 29th
CREDIT VALLEY HOCKEY	February 5th
ERINDALE HOCKEY	November 15th
LORNE PARK HOCKEY	November 20th
MEADOWVALE HOCKEY	January 22nd
PORT CREDIT HOCKEY	November 27th

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