

July 2009

GSAHA Newsletter

Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena

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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 14, 2010.**

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-No Checking
7-8	Mite-No Checking
9-10	Squirt-No Checking
11-12	Pee Wee-Checking
13-14	Bantam-Checking
15-18	Midget-Checking

The GSAHA will be following all of the above rulings, as notified by MAHA & USA Hockey. (Please see chart below to determine the exact division your child will be in. They MUST play in the division listed unless they move-up. Moving down is not allowed.

Move-up Requests

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.



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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 2009-2010 Season

(as approved by USA Hockey)

<u>Year of Birth</u>	<u>Age Category</u>	<u>Age Division</u>
2003 & Up	6 & Under	Atom
2002-2001	7 & 8	Mite
2000-1999	9 & 10	Squirt
1998-1997	11 & 12	Pee Wee
1996-1995	13 & 14	Bantam
1994-1993	15 & 16	Midget
1992-1991	17 & 18	Midget

Cost and Payment Plan

<u>Division</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Pymnt #1</u> <u>Registration</u>	<u>Pymnt #2</u> <u>Sept. 30</u>	<u>Pymnt #3</u> <u>Nov. 15</u>	<u>Pymnt #4</u> <u>Jan. 15</u>
Atom	\$346	\$100	\$82	\$82	\$82
Mite	\$346	\$100	\$82	\$82	\$82
Squirt	\$475	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$125
Pee Wee	\$475	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$125
Bantam	\$475	\$100	\$125	\$125	\$125
Midget	Split Season-	Sept/Oct: \$150.00		Nov/Mar: \$340.00 (approx.)	
Mite Travel	\$575	\$200	\$125	\$125	\$125
Squirt Travel	\$575	\$200	\$125	\$125	\$125
Pee Wee Travel	\$590	\$200	\$130	\$130	\$130
Bantam Travel	\$599	\$200	\$133	\$133	\$133



*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. (Especially with the fact that they will contribute double, triple, or even quadruple the fundraising and volunteer effort!) 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, 2009. 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 registration! 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 one 1 1/4 hour skating clinic and two 1 hour drafts. Full equipment is necessary for all clinics and drafts. For the Mite through Midget divisions, the first draft is divided into two groups according to your last name: A-L and M-Z. The last draft is to be attended by all registered players. Registered players are asked to participate in both drafts allowing coaches ample time to assess and familiarize themselves with all skaters. The registration payment

MUST be made prior to any players participating in either the clinic or the drafts. This is done to insure all players are properly registered with USA hockey and are on the coaches draft list. Final team drafts for the Atom-Bantam divisions will be from September 11th-September 12th. Please refer to the enclosed rink schedule. *****The Midget division will have a split season**, so that high school eligible players may participate

in September and October, and then return to their respective school in November. Please note that the final draft for this group will be on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 6 & 7 pm. Those players wishing to remain with the GSAHA for the remainder of the season will then be drafted again in November. Information will be available in October regarding this portion of the season.

Midget—Sept-Oct fee \$150.00
Midget—Nov-March \$340.00

You're Invited

Travel Try-Outs

Those players wishing to tryout for a GSAHA travel team, please see the following schedule. There are 3-4 scheduled tryouts for each division starting August 3 thru August 10.

Please be advised that these tryouts are not part of the registration fee and there is an \$10.00 charge per tryout. This ice time fee is payable before each tryout and players must sign in and pay it at the arena office. (It is not necessary to be registered with the GSAHA in order to tryout for a travel team.)

Division	Tryout #	Day	Date	Time
(Coach: Eric Nowosatka 989-239-1527)				
00 Squirt 'A'	1	Tue	Aug. 4	5:00pm
00 Squirt 'A'	2	Fri	Aug. 7	5:00pm
00 Squirt 'A'	3	Sun	Aug. 9	5:15pm
00 Squirt 'A'	4	Mon	Aug. 10	6:45pm
(Coach: Tim Cornford 989-791-4960)				
99 Squirt 'AA'	1	Mon	Aug. 3	6:15pm
99 Squirt 'AA'	2	Wed	Aug. 5	5:00pm
99 Squirt 'AA'	3	Thur	Aug. 6	6:15pm
(Coach: Brett Federspiel 989-860-)				
98 PeeWee 'A'	1	Mon	Aug. 3	5:00pm
98 PeeWee 'A'	2	Wed	Aug. 5	6:15pm
98 PeeWee 'A'	3	Sun	Aug. 9	6:30pm
98 PeeWee 'A'	4	Mon	Aug. 10	5:30pm
(Coach: Ken Bayne 989-793-0102)				
97 PeeWee 'AA'	1	Mon	Aug. 3	7:30pm
97 PeeWee 'AA'	2	Tue	Aug. 4	6:15pm
97 PeeWee 'AA'	3	Thur	Aug. 6	7:30pm
(Coach: Joe Medina 989-695-6164)				
96 Bantam 'A'	1	Mon	Aug. 3	8:45pm
96 Bantam 'A'	2	Tue	Aug. 4	7:30pm
96 Bantam 'A'	3	Wed	Aug. 5	7:30pm

Coaches Meeting

There will be a preliminary coaches meeting, held Tuesday, August 18th 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 2009-2010 season will also be presented at this time.



DID YOU KNOW???

To view the most current daily ice schedule, please go to our website: www.saginawbayicearena.com and click on the 'online calendar' 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, meeting twice weekly. Registration for the first session of the year will begin on August 1st, and the \$50.00 registration fee must be paid at the time of registration. It is recommended to register as soon as possible as this is a very popular program and there is limited space available. (You will be called with the confirmation date approximately the week before the class begins.)

Tentative start dates:

Session 1	September 21, 2009
Session 2	October 31, 2009
Session 3	January 4, 2010
Session 4	February 20, 2010

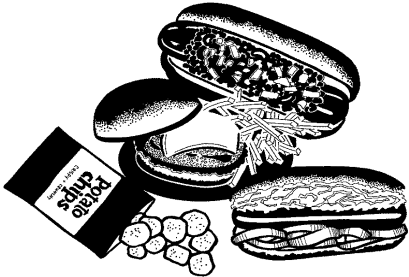
Equipment necessary for Learn-to-Skate is a helmet, hockey skates, elbow pads, kneepads, and hockey gloves. We rent this equipment if needed. Hockey skates are \$1.00 per class or \$10.00 per session. Helmet, kneepads,

and hockey gloves are rented as a package and are also \$1.00 per class or

\$10.00 per session. These are rented as an entire unit and cannot be split into individual pieces. Both may be paid in advance with the registration fee. Equipment and skates may be picked up 1/2 an hour prior to the start of the class and returned immediately after. Rental equipment and skates MAY NOT be taken out of the building and are available for class sessions only for youths registered in the hockey league programs.

Concession

There will be a team fee assessed for the operation of the concession stand during the playing season, to be divided equally among the families. The amount will be determined by the arena office at a later date.



CEP Coaching Info

The schedule for the CEP classes will not be released until the end of July 2009. Please look for the CEP schedule on your return to the arena in August or on the MAHA website. (www.MAHA.com)

****Required Coaching Education****

ALL COACHES (Head & Assistant):

Atom/Mite	Level 1	Initiation
Squirt-B,A,AA	Level 2	Associate
PeeWee-B,A,AA	Level 3	Intermed.
Bantam-B,A,AA	Level 3	Intermed.
Midget BB	Level 3	Intermed.
Midget A, AA	Level 4	Advanced

Public Skate Sessions

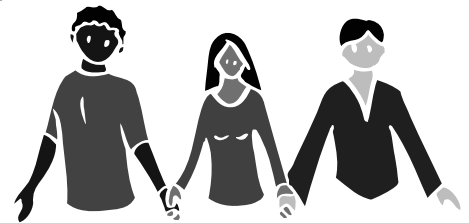
Our Public Skate sessions are usually every Sunday from 2:15 pm-3:40 pm and on Wednesday afternoon from Noon-1:45 pm. It is also on various days through the week when the schedule permits. The fee is \$3.00 per session, per person. Skate rental is available for \$1.00 per session, per person. Group rates 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 Amy Schrank (to insure proper permits are issued from the State).

GSAHA CHARITY GAMES: Don't forget the weekly Charity Bingo Game sponsored by the GSAHA. It's held every Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall on Kochville Rd., one block off Bay Rd., by the arena. The charity game is one of our largest money making fundraisers and it needs your support. **PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS!!** A great way to help pay for your child's registration is to help with our charity game on Wednesday evenings. You will receive \$15.00 a night. For information call Sue Kaminski at 799-3904. **WORKERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

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!!!

- All the helpers for their hard work with the Little Caesar's Pizza Sales. Net Total: \$10,000+!!
- Dave Saltmarsh & Wendy Smith for putt-putt golf and boat cruise.

GSAHA GOLF TOURNAMENT:

Golfers are needed for the GSAHA Support Amateur Hockey Pat Bourdow Memorial Golf Tournament slated for September 18, 2009. 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 Eric Nowosatka 989-249-0982 or Dave, 799-8950 for more information. A special thank you to the following businesses for their corporate sponsorship:

- * TBF Graphics—Greg Turner
- * Hillier Studio, Licht—Stephanie and Robert Licht
- * Pat Curtis Chevrolet-Oldsmobile Cadillac—Pat Curtis
- * Bourdow Trucking—Dan Bourdow
- * Covenant Healthcare—Ed Bruff
- * Valley OB-Gyn Clinic P.C.— Drs. Duane Heilbronn & John Llewelyn

Special thanks to Dave Saltmarsh for all of his hard work and effort!

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

2009-10 GSAHA Board of Directors
 Monthly Meetings @ SBIA - 6:00pm
 2nd Wednesday of the Month

Scott Turner Joe Bourdow
 Jim Wood Eric Nowosatka
 Tim Cornford Amy Schrank
 Corey King Josh Windy
 Tim Langschwager

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: Mike Sobczak, 684-3201 and Matt Dana, 274-8520. Anyone interested in joining the SVHOA for the upcoming season should contact Mike or Matt.

2009 Referee Seminar Schedule

Level 1/2 TBD
 Level 3 TBD

For more information contact Matt Dana at 989-274-8520 or mattd@danaweb.net.

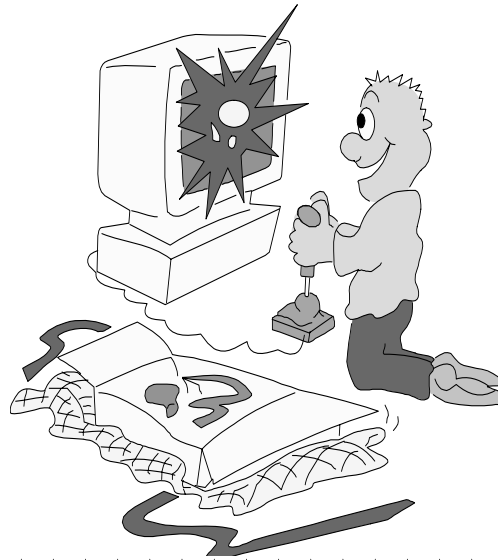
Youth Shiny

Don't forget about Youth Shiny! Shiny limits—30 skaters and 4 goalies so arrive early! All divisions are only \$5.00 for an hour and a half! Full equipment is necessary and goalies are FREE!

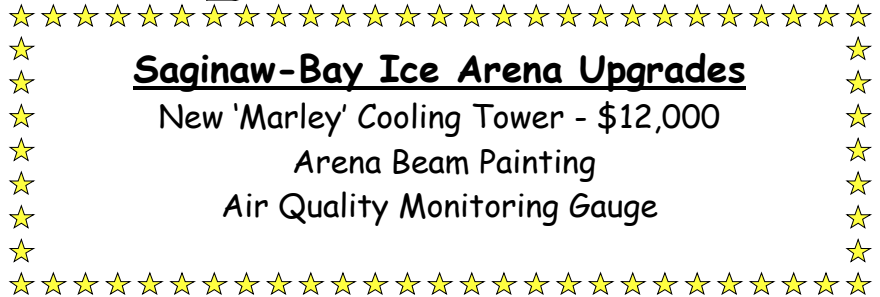
Important Reminders

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. This includes the outer lobby. 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!**



Saginaw-Bay Ice Arena Upgrades

New 'Marley' Cooling Tower - \$12,000
 Arena Beam Painting
 Air Quality Monitoring Gauge

The Ken Schueler Coach of the Year Award

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 & PeeWee B, AHHS
2003-2004	Gene Ayotte	Heritage High School
2002-2003	Al Premo	Pee Wee House
2001-2002	Dave Clements	Bantam & Pee Wee House
2000-2001	Dan Bourdow	Midget B
1999-2000	Gene Ayotte	Heritage High
1998-1999	Rob Bordeaux	Bantam Travel
1997-1998	Dave Hewitt	Squirt Travel
1996-1997	Dan Bourdow	Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam B
1995-1996	Dan Lapan	Bantam Travel
1994-1995	Chris Lacy	Midget AA

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Just North of Fashion Square Mall

**Registration Dates:
July 15-September 8, 2009**

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 2009— Best Value in the State

Public Skating Schedule (\$3 Admission, \$1 Skate Rental)

Mon	Aug 3	3:15-4:40p	Fri	Aug 21	6:15-7:40p
Tues	Aug 4	3:15-4:40p	Sun	Aug 23	2:15-3:40p
Wed	Aug 5	12:15-2:00p	Mon	Aug 24	6:15-7:40p
Thurs	Aug 6	4:15-5:40p	Wed	Aug 26	12:00-1:45p
Fri	Aug 7	6:15-7:40p	Sun	Aug 30	2:15-3:40p
Sat	Aug 8	2:15-3:40p	Mon	Aug 31	6:15-7:45p
Sun	Aug 9	2:15-3:40p	Wed	Sept 2	12:00-1:45p
Tues	Aug 11	2:15-3:40p	Thurs	Sept 3	4:15-5:40p
Wed	Aug 12	12:00-1:45p	Wed	Sept 9	12:00-1:45p
Fri	Aug 14	6:15-7:40p	Sun	Sept 13	2:15-3:40p
Sun	Aug 16	2:15-3:40p			
Mon	Aug 17	6:15-7:40p			
Tues	Aug 18	2:15-3:40p			
Wed	Aug 19	12:00-1:45p			

