



## IYHA Bulletin

Hello Hockey Families. Our IYHA Board President Beau Saul asked me to pass along this update on the registration / budgeting process.

Hello IYHA Member,

During the record heat, the beckoning of the lake, and the smells of barbecue, your Ithaca Youth Hockey Association board has managed to be engaged in registration and budget meetings. We wanted you to know some of the initiatives we have been working on.

Due to the need to reserve and sign ice contracts during the summer, we felt it was imperative to jump-start the registration process. So far, we have 120 kids registered. While it's far short of the 200+ enrollment from last year, it is 120 kids more than we had last year at this time. Please, if you have not yet registered – do so. If you know of others who haven't, please encourage them to do so. It is our goal to have the following year's registration done in March and April from now on. With increasing ice costs, it is imperative that we make the most informed decision about ice times before we commit your money.

Another item we heard from a lot of fellow members about dealt with the initial cost of registration. The board listened and recently decided to adopt a two part installment method for members to pay their registrations. The first installment will be due in early September, as usual, and the final installment will be due December 1st. We sincerely hope this helps members. Specific details on this will be coming soon. Another item we discussed at the last board meeting was to reduce the fee for UNY and travel players by removing the tournament money that is collected via individual registration fees and then distributed to each team. We did this last year with the Snowbelt teams and several members commented how this helped them with their ability to pay the initial registration fee. The bottom line is that IYHA never wants to lose a player due to difficulty in paying the registration fees.

**Sharing Ice:** It sure seems like everybody has an opinion on ice sharing. Realizing the fact that economics is driving this push, along with the fact that many experts vigorously advocate for shared ice practices, we are studying how to best accomplish a shared-ice program that is equitable. From my humble experience, it will be our coaches that determine the success of shared-ice practices. I am confident that the folks picked to coach our teams will be able to work with one-another and for the development of all of our players.

**Commitment Levels:**

As of now, it appears that we will be able to offer the following options;  
**(This is subject to discussion and change.)**

Squirt: one house, one Snowbelt, one travel team

PW: one UNY, one Snowbelt, one travel

Bantam: one Snowbelt, one travel

Midget: one Snowbelt, one UNY, one split-season travel (similar to last year.)

Initiation and Mite programs are strong.

Our next meeting is Thursday, July 27th, 6:00 p.m. at the Lehigh Valley House, in a corner of the dining area (where will have a projector set up to work on the budget.) All the programs and most, if not all, of what IYHA does are driven by these budget meetings, so please consider attending.

As always, feel free to contact a board member to pass along your thoughts. My email is [iyhabeau@yahoo.com](mailto:iyhabeau@yahoo.com)

Kind Regards,

Beau  
IYHA President