

Dear Minot Hockey Booster

I would like to welcome everyone to another season of hockey. This year the main goal of the MHB is to help our membership as much as possible to make the season a success both on the ice and off the ice. This hockey season it is a goal of mine to bring Minot's reputation of good sports back to where it has been in the past. This will be done by stressing the importance of being good parents and kids at all events both at home and away! Let us make this season fun and rewarding for all involved. I would also like to stress the importance of becoming involved in your kids activity's in a positive way. This can be done by volunteering your time to help your team and organization to achieve their goals. The organization and your kids count on you and appreciate you volunteering your time in the concession stand, penalty boxes, working tournaments, working the pancake breakfast, auction, coaching and whatever else it takes to make the MHB a success. We as Board Members are looking forward to a great season and to all of our teams achieving success with hard work and dedication. Remember that success is not always measured by wins and losses, but by the fun had and the lessons learned from being a part of a team.

We kick off our season with the Pancake Breakfast on September 17th. The hockey auction is another big event that helps us keep cost for our program as low as possible. This event in the past has been fun and a great success. Please plan on attending this event and also helping if possible, any new idea's for items to auction off or events that can happen that night would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help with this event please contact Sarah.

In closing, I would encourage everyone to become involved anyway you can with the program. It seems the more you become involved, the more fun you have as part of the program. Good luck to all our hockey players for the 2011-12 hockey season.

Mike Eslinger
MHB President

Minot Hockey Booster Mission Statement: To provide an affordable hockey program that is available to all youth of the Minot area that teaches and instills team spirit, sportsmanship, discipline, and hockey skills.

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League Commissioners

Initiation	All Board Members	PeeWee	Colleen Weisberg Lyle Heide Corwin Enns
Maroon Mites	Neil Austin Mike Eslinger		
Gold/ White Mites	Brent Horton Kim Hrichena Neil Austin	Bantam	Todd Nelson Mike Schmitt
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Alumni	Pat Schmitt
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MINOT HOCKEY BOOSTERS ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

If a member of the Minot Hockey Boosters (be it family member or player), in any way, interferes with the rights of another Minot Hockey Boosters member (be it player, coach, team parent, employee, or official), he/she will be suspended from the Minot Hockey Boosters program. The length of suspension to be determined by the Minot Hockey Boosters Board, to be not less than one week, but up to a permanent suspension.

Examples of rights include, but not limited to: (includes in person and all social media)

- 1) Verbal abuse of Minot Hockey Boosters player, member, official, or employee
- 2) Physical abuse of Minot Hockey Boosters player, member, official, or employee
- 3) Threats directed towards Minot Hockey Boosters player, member, official, or employee
- 4) Intimidation or harassment of Minot Hockey Boosters
- 5) Violation of the Parent/Family Member Code of Conduct
- 6) Violation of the Grievance Policy

The Minot Hockey Boosters program has a Zero Tolerance towards profanity/vulgar language, racial/ethnic slurs, and unsportsmanlike conduct. Although this policy pertains primarily to players, the Zero Tolerance towards profanity/vulgar language and racial/ethnic slurs will also apply to coaches, family member, and fans. Unsportsmanlike conduct for the Parents and Family Members shall be discussed in the Parent's/Family Member's Code of Conduct. Action for a violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy will be taken as proscribed for violations in the disciplinary action section of this booklet.

This policy is to be considered in effect for all Minot Hockey Booster events, both home and away.

This will be considered your only warning! You will have a right to appeal a decision through the Disciplinary Committee and then to the Minot Hockey Boosters Board. That appeal time is limited to the second board meeting after the suspension is handed out.

The intent of this policy is to ensure that everyone in our program (family member, child, employee, official, coach, volunteer, or visitor) can look proudly and in a positive way at their experiences with the Minot Hockey Boosters.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The following is the Disciplinary Actions as requested by the Program Overview and Review Committee. These are the actions you, the Hockey Booster parents have indicated you want. Your support of these policies is vitally important.

1st Incident of Violation of Zero Tolerance Policy:

Family member/Player/Coach warned of inappropriate action in writing. Greater penalties up to permanent removal from the program may be assessed depending upon the severity of the incident, the number or severity of prior incidents, and if prior incidents were in the previous season. In the case of parent involvement, the player may be assessed the suspension.

2nd Incident of Violation of Zero Tolerance Policy

Family member/Player/Coach involved in the incident will be assessed a minimum one week suspension of all ice activities. Greater penalties up to permanent removal from the program may be assessed depending upon the severity of the incident, the number or severity of prior incidents, and if prior incidents were in the previous season. In the case of parent involvement, the player may be assessed the suspension.

3rd Incident of Violation of Zero Tolerance Policy

Immediate termination may be assessed against the player or coach from participating in the Minot Hockey Boosters Organization for the remainder of the season. Greater penalties up to permanent removal from the program may be assessed depending upon the severity of the incident, the number or severity of prior incidents, and if prior incidents were in the previous season. In the case of parent involvement, the player may be assessed the suspension.

For any criminal activities (theft, destructive vandalism, etc.):

The Board of Directors reserves the right to issue additional disciplinary action as follows:

- a) Service to Minot Hockey Booster program and/or
- b) Require restitution

Disciplinary Actions as a Result of Penalties in Games:

(The player's coach may appeal any of the following actions to the Disciplinary Committee within one week of the incident.)

Player receiving a game misconduct:

First infraction - USA Hockey rules will apply

Second infraction - USA Hockey rules will apply plus three additional periods following suspensions

Third infraction - USA Hockey rules will apply and player is suspended from further play until he/she appears before the Disciplinary Committee with his/her parent(s) and is reinstated by the committee

State Match Penalty: Any player or coach receiving a match penalty will be responsible for ALL RELATED COSTS for the hearing before they will be able to participate in ANY games or practices.

***** Disciplinary actions will carry over from one season to the next season.***

PARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of the Minot Hockey Boosters to promote fair play and respect for all participants. It is expected that all parents and family members of Minot Hockey Booster participants read and understand the Parents/Family Members Code of Conduct and continue to observe all the principles contained within the code. Within the code the term "child" is used to refer to the participant of whom the person committing the violation is related to. Any violation of this code will be considered a violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy and subjected to discipline action to be taken by the Board of Directors.

Before a child is allowed to participate in any Minot Hockey Boosters Activity, a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the Parent/Family Member Code of Conduct and turn it into the Minot Hockey Booster Office. Only one parent or legal guardian is required to sign the form. However that signature will constitute as an agreement for both parents or legal guardians and/or additional family members to follow abide by the principles of the Code of Conduct.

Principles:

- I will not force my child to participate in Hockey. I will try to make it FUN!
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing ones best is an important as wining so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making mistakes or losing a game.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposition players.
- I will never question the officials or coaches judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that coaches and officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to hockey for my child.
- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
- I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
- I will attempt to learn about the game of hockey (USA Hockey rules, equipment, levels, skills, etc.) so that I may best support my child's development in the game.
- I will not throw objects of any kind on the ice, or lean over and yell and/or pound on the glass.
- I will communicate all my concerns regarding inappropriate behavior to the assigned Commissioners at that level or the Program Director. I will not take concerns regarding the handling of the team or the coaching to the coach.
- I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment and discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
- I will remember that my child plays hockey for his or her enjoyment, not mine.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

It is important to the health of our organization to have an open door policy on any concerns you may have. You need to remember, however, how to best channel your concerns.

For example: If you are unhappy about something a coach does, *do not* complain to them. Instead, talk to your Team Parent or League Commissioner; they will then address the situation with the coach. *We cannot* have a situation such as 12-17 parents telling a coach how to coach. Due to these types of circumstances, below is an outline of the grievance policy that shall be followed by all players, coaches, parents, and family members involved in the Minot Hockey Booster Program:

If you have a concern, complaint, or suggested change concerning an incident or anything associated with the Minot Hockey Booster Program (i.e. coaches, players, officials, etc):

- Allow 24 hours to pass before reporting the situation. In many cases, people will have issues that they feel very passionate about, and this passion can get out of hand when people react instantly to something they do not agree with. This requirement will allow people to think about possible solutions to the situation and be able to discuss them in a rational manner.
- Do not complain to the Office Manager or Program Director. These people only enforce the policy adapted by the Board of Directors and cannot enact any changes unless approved by the Board of Directors.

- Your concerns or complaints shall be directed in one of the following manners:
 - Discuss the situation with one or more Board Members.
 - Discuss the situation with the Board Member that has been assigned as your commissioner.
 - Address your concerns in a letter addressed to the Board of Directors.
- All verbal or written discussions shall be done in a respectful manner in accordance to the Zero Tolerance Policy adopted by the organization.

Any violation of the Grievance Procedure will be considered a violation of the Zero Tolerance Policy and subjected to discipline action to be taken by the Board of Directors.

ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

In order to bring our program more in line with the standards that are imposed by Area Schools and to stress the importance of academics to our children, the Minot Hockey Booster Board of Directors will be instituting the following policy:

All parents (PeeWee, Bantam, Junior Gold, Girls 19U/16U/14U/13U) will be required to sign an eligibility release of information form with their child's Schools Systems. ~~***Each player will be held to the same standards and policies as all other athletes attending MPS. Any other athletes not attending MPS must send a copy of grades no later than Tuesday of each week to the Program Director (mhbdirector@srt.com).***~~

All parents squirt and above will be required to go through one parent training session prior to the first game.

Medical Release

If you are unable to participate in any team functions due to a medical reason, before you are allowed to participate you will need to turn in your doctors release form into the program director and the head coach of your team.

To All Coaches, Assistants, and Officials

Thank you for the time and dedication that you give to the skaters and to the sport of hockey. Your contributions to our program are appreciated by the Minot Hockey Boosters members and the Board of Directors.

Because you are representatives of the Minot Hockey Boosters, our organization is judged by your actions and behavior at all times - at home and away - both on the ice and off. The following points of consideration have been drawn up for the hockey coaches' philosophies and responsibilities; if these points are kept in mind, our program for all ages can continue to improve.

Coaching Conduct

1. ***All players on a travel team must be given equitable playing time throughout the season!*** Equitable playing time over the course of the season will be as equal as possible, not equal every game. The goal of the Minot Hockey Boosters is to give the knowledge of hockey and enjoyment of the sport to all that participate. All other programs will be equal playing time.
2. ***Remember that you are older and stronger than the Players.*** Intimidation or excessive physical contact must be avoided. The striking of skaters will not be tolerated.
3. ***Cursing and profanity will not be tolerated.*** You are a role model for the players; they will imitate your behavior and attitude.
4. ***Work toward a positive attitude!*** Criticism can be frustrating for the kids. Look for skills and achievements to compliment. Find works of praise for a player's improvements. Such positive reinforcement can be an effective coaching technique.
5. ***Attend coaches meetings.*** Coaches are required to attend all meetings.
6. ***Present your suggestions and comments,*** for an improved program to the Minot Hockey Booster's Program Director or to league commissioners.
7. ***Work in cooperation with your Team Parent and Commissioner.***
8. ***Coaches must make every effort to attend all practices and games for their team.*** Please notify the MHB program director in a timely manner when you are not able to attend.
9. ***All coaches are required by USA Hockey to wear a HECC approved helmet during all on ice practices and scrimmages.***

Equipment

Equipment listed as mandatory (M), must be worn by all players for all practices and games. It is recommended that all protective equipment be designed specifically for ice hockey.

Minot Hockey Boosters rental equipment is to be used for Minot Hockey Boosters program only. Between the date of August 15th and May 1st. Special requests can be made to Sarah for summer programs. May 2nd to August 14th there be a summer rental fee. You will need to inquire with the office for more information.

M = Mandatory R = Recommended

	<i>Mite/Initiation</i>	<i>Squirt</i>	<i>PeeWee/Bantam/ Junior Gold/Girls</i>
Athletic Supporter with cup	R	M	M
Elbow Pads	M	M	M
Helmet with Full Mask	M	M	M
Hockey Gloves/Hand Protection	M	M	M
Hockey Skates	M	M	M
Hockey Stick	M	M	M
Mouthpiece		M	M
Shoulder Pads	R	M	M
Pants with Protective Inserts	M	M	M
Shin Guards	M	M	M

Mouthpiece

1. All players, Squirts and above, must wear an approved mouthpiece. It is recommended that the mouthpiece be form fitted by a dental specialist.
2. If a player does not have an approved mouthpiece he will be benched until it is acquired and used. Penalties will also be assessed in travel team games.

Schedules

Games and practices are held both at MAYSA and All Season Arena. Schedules are on the Minot Hockey Boosters website (minothockey.com). The player's coach, assistant coach, or team parent will notify you of changes in the schedules.

The coordinator and coaches will do scheduling of outdoor practices. Encourage your child to play "shinny" hockey whenever open outdoor ice is available.

Travel Team Coaches

Travel team coaches will be recommended by the program director and will be approved by the Minot Hockey Boosters Board of Directors. All travel team coaches must attain required USA Hockey coach's level of certification for their required age group. Coaches will initiate on-ice decisions; this includes setting lines, practices and practice procedures, playing time for members, discipline and any other team decisions. Minot Hockey Boosters rules and guidelines apply to all travel team coaches. However, exceptions will be given to coaches on playing time for penalty killing, power plays, player injuries, league games, state tournaments, un-excused practice absence and disciplinary actions. All coaches will be required to attend monthly coaches meetings during the season as scheduled by the MHB program director.

League Rules

1. Minot Hockey Boosters Leagues will follow the rules of **USA Hockey**, the **North Dakota Amateur Hockey Association (NDAHA)**, as well as those local rules listed below.
2. ***Penalties***
 - a. A two-minute minor penalty shall be assessed in a game using running time.
3. ***Equipment***
 - a. All players must have the equipment required for their age group to participate in either practice or games. If they do not have the equipment they will not be allowed to participate. These rules are to be enforced by coaches, coordinator, referees, and the league commissioners.
4. ***Use or possession of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco:***
 - a. Use or possession of tobacco or alcohol and illegal use or possession of narcotics or habit-forming drugs is prohibited. Violation of this regulation results in a six (6) week suspension for the first offense and an eighteen (18) week suspension for any subsequent offenses under MPS eligibility standards whether you are at a MPS or any school. The disciplinary committee has the authority to look back at the players MHB history for further disciplinary action.

5. League Meetings:

- a. League meetings will be held at the beginning of the season prior to team selection, and as requested throughout the hockey season.

6. Practice:

- a. Because hockey is a team sport, it is required that players attend all practices, dryland, and coach required activities. If a player cannot attend a practice he/she should notify the coach of the absence 12 hours before practice.

7. Conduct:

- a. NDAHA conduct rules will apply to all travel team members. Disciplinary action will extend to the travel team members. We encourage the importance of academics.

8. Driving:

- a. All players must be transported to out of town games by a parent, coach, other team parent, legal guardian, or an individual that has been approved.
- b. Before a decision is made to cancel any out of town game you need to talk to the program director first. MHB recommends that you meet as a team and try to go. If weather/roads don't permit we can make a decision at that time. It is very difficult to reschedule games so please make every effort to go.

MHB BOARD MEETINGS

The Minot Hockey Booster board meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the MHB office. Visitors are welcome. If you would like to have something on the agenda, please call Sarah or a board member.

LOCAL TOURNAMENTS

The parents of the team (or teams) that are playing in the tournament are responsible for organizing and running the tournament. The Minot Hockey Boosters Tournament Committee will assist each team with support literature.

Tournament workers guideline sheet will be provided to the tournament director after team selections have been made.

If any family has not covered their required shifts, that player will not be allowed to play in the tournament.

If someone shows up late or is a no show for a shift, that family will be billed \$40 per shift and the player will not be allowed to play or practice until the bill has been paid in full.

OFFICIATING

Minot Hockey Boosters encourages our players and parents to go through the training necessary to become certified to referee. Minot Hockey Boosters will reimburse any MHB player 50% of the certification fee. We offer certification training for those interested in becoming certified. Watch our schedule of events for dates and times. If you are unhappy with a call please refrain from yelling at our referees, because we want them to return to our program every year. All MHB officials under the age of 18 will be required to wear a half shield at all times.

Team Parent/Manager Guidelines

In accordance with the Minot Hockey Boosters handbook, it is mandatory each mite and squirt team have a team parent. PeeWees, Bantams, Girls, and Junior Gold it is mandatory to have a team parent and team manager.

Team parents and team managers will keep the following records: (one copy for parents and one for manager.)

- a. Consent to Treat Forms
- b. Team Player/Parent/Coach agreement

Team Manager:

1. Coordinate with parents to make sure the time clock, etc. are manned during games.
2. Coordinate with parents the assistance needed to man the time clock, penalty boxes, record statistics, etc. during games.
3. Upon the direction of the coaches, assist where needed.
4. Serve as a liaison between MHB staff and parents as to what is needed to host scheduled tournaments. Examples of needs might be: team hosts, tickets sellers, time clock and penalty box personnel, personnel to obtain players favors, personnel to produce programs, etc.

Team Parent:

1. Serve as a liaison between the MHB staff members and parents on fund-raising projects.
2. Coordinate with parents the assistance needed to man the time clock, penalty boxes, record statistics, etc, during games.
3. Upon the direction of the coaches, assist where needed.
4. Insure that each parent completes Consent to Treat Form. Insure all completed forms are in their own possession (or another responsible person's possession) at every game.
5. Coordinate the booking of team rooms with the MHB office manager for out-of-town games if not booked prior to your season. It is recommended that this be a high priority, as it can be difficult to obtain a block of rooms in some towns.
6. Coordinate among the parents if they desire to order the players and coaches a team item. Examples are: hats, sweatshirts, shirts, etc must be MHB approved merchandise.
7. Serve as a liaison between Minot Hockey Boosters staff and parents as to what is needed to host scheduled tournaments. Examples of needs might be: team hosts, ticket seller, time clock and penalty box personnel, personnel to obtain players favors, personnel to produce programs, etc.
8. Serve as liaison between parents and coaches, to insure coaches are offered a ride to out-of-town games, and money for their out-of-town expenses. Examples for obtaining such moneys are: individual team fund-raising and/or requesting a dollar amount from players' parents at the start of the season.
9. Assist parents in the coordination of tournament posters, lodging door decorations, etc.
10. Coordinate possible end of season party and/or awards.
11. Team parents will also keep funds for traveling expenses for coaches.
 - a. Hotel rooms: One hotel room for the coaches per night will be paid for by the team on all over night trips. If the coach(s) chooses to rent movies/video games in his/her room these will not be paid for by the team.
 - b. A suggested fee that team manager/parent should ask from their parents at the beginning of the season is between \$100.00 - \$150.00 to help cover coach's expenses. Payment is due by the 1st game of the season unless arrangement are made to the team parent/manager.
 - c. The team parent should contact the commissioner(s) of that league concerning any parent that does not pay required fees.
 - d. Team parents along with the tournament director are responsible for organizing various aspects of their respective tournament.
 - e. Team parents are also responsible for calling and reserving blocks of rooms for overnight stays. This should be done at the beginning of the season.

- f. Team parents are also responsible for the collecting and washing of the team's jerseys at the end of the season.
- g. Team parents usually schedule caravan times and places to leave town. Suggestion: Collect cell phone numbers for out of town traveling.
- h. Website - www.ndaha.org, league schedules, league standings, message board, and upcoming events.
- i. The Minot Hockey Boosters pays for the allotted amount of tournaments. One local and up to two out of town tournaments.
- j. Teams are responsible for paying each coach meal per diem per MHB guidelines.

FUND-RAISING

It is mandatory that all families sell ten (10) pancake breakfast tickets. Gold mites and up must do \$140.00 worth of fund-raising, maroon mites \$90.00. Fund-raising options this year are pancake tickets and raffle tickets. Buy out for Gold Mites and up for fund-raising will be \$140.00, (\$100.00 raffle plus \$40.00 pancake breakfast tickets = \$140.00.) Buy out for maroon mites for fund-raising will be \$90.00, (\$50.00 raffle plus \$40.00 pancake breakfast tickets = \$90.00). It is also mandatory to participate in all fund-raisers the board deems necessary. All fund-raising money is due into the office no later than December 17, 2011. If not paid by this date the players will no longer be allowed on the ice.

CONCESSION STAND

It is mandatory that all families Gold Mites and up must work two (3 ½ hour shifts) per family. It is mandatory that all families with only a Maroon Mite must work one (3 ½ hour shift) per family. If you wish not to volunteer for these shifts you may buy them out for the price of \$50.00 per shift. If you miss a scheduled shift without a 48 hour notification you will be charged \$100.00 per shift, you will not be allowed to reschedule that shift. You must be at least 16 years of age to work the concession stand. If the buyout payment is not paid in full by the beginning of the following hockey season, the player will not be able to start until paid in full.

TEAM FUND-RAISING

1. Teams must seek and receive permission of the Minot Hockey Boosters Board of Directors prior to starting any fund-raising activities.
2. No items may be sold that conflict with established MHB or MAYSA Concessions.
3. Absolutely no items may be sold that contain the MHB logo without permission of the MHB Board of Directors.
4. Teams may do service oriented activities any time during the season (car washes, flower delivery, arena cleaning, snow shoveling, etc.).
5. 50% of all profits must be given to the Minot Hockey Boosters.
6. Gate admissions will only be allowed at our tournament.

***Minot Hockey Boosters
League Birth date Requirements***

<i>Initiation</i>	Birth date from October 1, 2007 & Older
<i>Mites</i>	Birth date from July 1, 2002 & Younger
<i>Squirts</i>	Birth date from July 1, 2000 to June 30, 2002
<i>PeeWee</i>	Birth date from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000
<i>Bantam</i>	Birth date from July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998
<i>Junior Gold</i>	Birth date from July 1, 1991 to June 30, 1996 (Must be in high school)
<i>13 U Girls</i>	Birth date from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2002

Mites, Squirts, and PeeWees, and Bantams will play within their age divisions unless determined by the program director and approved by the on-ice committee to move up. No petitioning will be allowed.

INITIATION (Learn to Play Hockey)

This program will introduce beginners to the game's basic skills. This is designed to make children's first contact with hockey a safe and positive experience. Our participants will become contributing members of a team effort, develop self-confidence, and experience a sense of achievement.

All players must have proper hockey equipment which includes: Helmets with facemask, skates, shin guard, elbow pads, and hockey pants. All equipment can be rented through the Minot Hockey Boosters. As they progress we will advance our teaching "one step at a time". Our goal is to build a solid foundation and "what children learn first, they learn best"!

The initiation group will have 12 sessions during a six week period.

MAROON MITES (6 & UNDER)

This group falls under the USA Hockey Pilot Program for Development. The primary emphasis for this program is to promote fun, develop skills, and increase opportunities for athletes and to modify the playing environment to meet the needs for this age of athletes.

Practices will be shared with four teams. Games will be conducted cross ice with four skaters per side and no goaltenders.

It is necessary for a parent to serve as team parent.

All teams will be selected by the Coaches Committee and the Program Director, using the skating evaluation results. The goal of this committee will be to have teams of equal numbers and equal abilities, to provide the best competition within league play.

GOLD MITES (8 & UNDER)

This group falls under the USA Hockey Pilot Program for Development. The primary emphasis for this program is to promote fun, develop skills, and increase opportunities for athletes and to modify the playing environment to meet the needs for this age of athletes.

Practices will be shared with four teams. Games will be conducted half ice. Games will be played with four skaters per side and a goaltender if possible. Additional practices will be added for extra time when possible.

It is necessary for a parent to serve as team parent.

All teams will be selected by the Coaches Committee and the Program Director, using the skating test results. The goal of this committee will be to have teams of equal numbers and equal abilities, to provide the best competition within league play.

WHITE MITES (8 & UNDER)

The primary emphasis for this program is to promote fun, develop skills, and increase opportunities for athletes and to modify the playing environment to meet the needs for this age of athletes. This program was added in 2008.

Practices will be shared with four teams. Games will be a mix of half ice and full ice (with 2 teams combined). Half ice games will be played with four skaters and a goalie. Full ice game will be played with 5 skaters a side and a goalie if possible. Additional practices will be added for extra time when possible.

It is necessary for a parent to serve as team parent.

All teams will be selected by the Coaches Committee and the Program Director, using the skating evaluation results. The goal of this committee will be to have teams of equal numbers and equal abilities, to provide the best competition within league play.

MITE PLAYER MOVE UP/ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Player movement will be done after the Fall Skating Evaluations or at the Program Directors discretion.

SQUIRTS

There will be no requesting coaches.

Emphasis in the Squirt league is placed on skating ability and basic hockey knowledge. Coaches should encourage their players to play at and learn all positions.

All teams will be selected by the Coaches Committee and the Program Director, using the skating evaluation results. The goal of the committee will be to have teams of equal numbers and equal abilities, to provide the best competition within league play.

No body checking or boarding allowed, a 2-minute penalty will be assessed. An opposing player may be "ridden" off the puck. Referees will use their judgment in assessing penalties for checking. No slap shots allowed. Two minute penalties may be assessed to players who are not wearing proper equipment as described by Minot Hockey Boosters. Players will not be allowed back on the ice until they have the proper equipment, and are using it.

Line changes will be made on the fly or at breaks during the game. Goalies will wear full equipment.

Only USA Hockey certified coaches and players are allowed in the player box. Some additional practices may be held at outdoor rinks at the coaches or program directors discretion.

After the "A" and "B" post season teams are selected in January. We will be having practices as "A" and "B" teams with possible games scheduled before the post season begins at the end of February. During this time you will still have your house league games and practices.

SQUIRT TRAVEL

The S squirt "A" team will be comprised of the top 12 to 15 skaters and 1 to 2 goalies, no matter of age and number of years in Squirts. When the number of interested players is 15 or more, we will have a tryout before January 15th. If there are less than 15 players interested in S squirt "A" travel, the program director and the selection committee will make the team decision. The parents will pay for all expenses for this team. This will include but is not limited to coaches travel expenses, ice time, and tournament fees. This team will continue on as a post-season team. The cost per player will be \$350 plus your travel expenses.

Registration will be due December 31st for both S squirt "A" and S squirt "B" teams. Teams will be selected by the program director and selection committee by January 15th. The teams will start as early as the schedule permits. S squirt "A" will practice 2 to 3 hours each week and play 3 to 4 tournaments.

All squirt house league players not participating in S squirt "A" will be eligible for S squirt "B". S squirt "B" will share 2 practices per week with other S squirt "B" teams and play 2 to 3 tournaments.

One of the allotted tournaments will be our local S squirt "B" Tournament of Champions. Single games will be scheduled by the program director.

PEEWEE TRAVEL TEAMS

PeeWee travel teams are under the jurisdiction of Minot Hockey Boosters. The purpose is to provide more uniformity between team schedules and practices.

Minot Hockey Boosters will fund ice for games and practices. Coaches' hotel rooms are the responsibility of the players' parents or guardians.

No player will be omitted from a travel team because of his/her parent's inability to meet the financial obligations of travel team participation. If you feel that you cannot meet your player's full share of the costs, please make arrangements with the league commissioner or coordinator of the player's team.

There will be one "A" team of 11 and 12 year olds. There will also be one or more "B" teams, depending on the number of skaters in the league. If there is more than one "B" team, players will be divided to make the teams as equally balanced as possible. Selection of travel teams will be made by a Selection Committee and the Program Director. Selection will be made based on player skill evaluation and game play. If any portion of the tryout process will be missed, players must have Board approval. Selection notification procedure will be determined by coaches and program director. The total enrollment of players may alter the final number of players per team. It is MHB policy that each team will have approximately the same number of players per team. There will be an "A1", "A2", "B1", and "B2" State Tournament at the PeeWee level. Whenever the number of B teams in the state dictates there will also be a "B3" State Tournament.

The rules of Minot Hockey Boosters and the PeeWee league also apply to out-of-town trips. Remember, the PeeWee players are representatives of Minot Hockey Boosters and the City of

Minot.

It is mandatory that each PeeWee travel team select a Team Manager. No games can be played until these are selected.

All travel team players will receive a MHB warm-up suit (jacket and pants) with registration. This warm-up suit must be well cared for. It is intended to be used for two years. The participant agrees to purchase a replacement warm-up suit should it become unsightly or lost.

Travel players dress code will be as follows:

Home/Away Games: Players will be required to wear MHB warm-up suit.

Travel team Curfew: Coaches discretion

BANTAM TRAVEL TEAMS

The Bantam travel teams are under the jurisdiction of Minot Hockey Boosters. The purpose of this is to provide more uniformity between team schedules and practices.

Minot Hockey Boosters will fund ice time for games and practices. Coaches' hotel rooms are the responsibility of the players' parents or guardians.

No player will be omitted from a travel team because of his/her parent's inability to meet the financial obligations of the travel team participation. If you feel that you cannot meet your player's full share of the cost, please make arrangements with the league commissioner or coordinator of the player's team.

Bantams will have one "A" team of 13 and 14 year olds. There will also be one or more "B" teams, depending on the number of skaters. If there is more than one "B" team, players will be divided to make the teams as equally balanced as possible.

Selection of travel team players will be made by the Selection Committee and the Program Director. Selection will be made based on player skill evaluation and game play. If any portion of the tryout process will be missed, players must have Board approval. Selection notification procedure will be determined by coaches and program director. The total enrollment of players may alter the final number of players per team. It is MHB policy that each team will have approximately the same number of players per team.

There will be an "A1", "A2", "B1", and "B2" State Tournament at the Bantam level. Whenever the number of B teams in the state dictates, there will also be a "B3" State Tournament.

The rules of Minot Hockey Boosters and the Bantam League also apply to out-of-town trips. Remember, the Bantam players are representatives of Minot Hockey Boosters and the City of Minot.

It is mandatory that each Bantam team select a Team Manager. No games can be played until they are selected.

All travel team players will receive a MHB warm-up suit (jackets and pants) with registration. This warm-up suit must be well cared for. It is intended to be used for two years. The participant agrees to purchase a replacement warm-up suit should it become unsightly or lost.

Travel players dress code will be as follows:

Home/Away Games: Players will be required to wear MHB warm-up suits.

Travel team Curfew: Coaches discretion

JUNIOR GOLD TRAVEL TEAMS

(IF NUMBERS ALLOW)

A player may not play if they are 18 prior to July 1 of the commencing year, except for a player who has not completed his/her eighth consecutive semester of High School.

Minot Hockey Boosters will fund ice time for games and practices. Coaches' hotel rooms are the responsibility of the players' parents or guardians.

No player will be omitted from a travel team because of his/her parents' inability to meet the financial obligation of travel team participation. If you feel that you cannot meet your player's full share of the costs, please make arrangements with the league commissioner or coordinator of the player's team.

The rules of Minot Hockey Boosters and the Junior Gold league also apply to out-of-town trips. Remember, the Junior Gold players are representatives of Minot Hockey Boosters and the City of Minot.

It is mandatory that each Junior Gold team should select a Team Manager
No games can be played until they are selected.

All travel team players will receive a MHB warm-up suit (Jacket and Pants) with registration. This warm-up suit must be well cared for. It is intended to be used for two years. The participant agrees to purchase a replacement warm-up suit should it become unsightly or lost.

Junior Gold coaches will be allowed to have cuts at this level with approval of the program director.

Travel players dress code will be as follows:

Home/Away Games: Players will be required to wear MHB warm-up suit.

Travel team Curfew: Coaches discretion

GIRLS TRAVEL TEAMS

(AS NUMBERS PERMIT)

The Girls travel teams are under the jurisdiction of Minot Hockey Boosters. The purpose of this is to provide uniformity between team schedules and practices.

Minot Hockey Boosters will fund ice time for games and practices. Coaches' hotel rooms are the responsibility of the players' parents or guardians.

No player will be omitted from a travel team because of her parent's inability to meet financial obligations of the travel team participation. If you feel that you cannot meet your player's full share of the cost, please make arrangements with the league commissioner or coordinator of the player's team.

All teams will be selected by the Coaches and Program Director. Travel teams will be divided into NDAHA league format at the discretion of the board.

The rules of Minot Hockey Boosters and the applicable league also apply to out-of-town trips. Remember, the players are representatives of Minot Hockey Boosters and the City of Minot.

It is mandatory that each Girls team select a Team Manager. No games can be played until they are selected.

All travel team players will receive a MHB warm-up suit (pants and jackets) with registration. This warm-up suit must be well cared for. It is intended to be used for two years. The participant agrees to purchase a replacement warm-up suit should it become unsightly or lost.

Travel players dress code will be as follows:

Home/Away Games: Players will be required to wear MHB warm-up suit.

Travel team Curfew: Coaches discretion

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

Parents will be limited to locker rooms at coaches' discretion. Under no circumstance will there be allowed Mothers in the Male locker rooms or Fathers in the Female locker rooms. This policy will pertain to Squirt House League and above.

POST-SEASON TRAVEL TEAMS

Parents desiring to use Minot Hockey Booster jerseys for a post-season travel team will present their proposal for team selection prior to making commitments for any games. These proposals must be presented to the Minot Hockey Boosters Board of Directors during a regularly scheduled board meeting.

The selection process must be fair and equitable to all players in that particular league.

The cost of the post-season practices, games, tournament registration, coaches, and travel expenses will be paid fully by the parents involved. No post-season cost will be covered by the Minot Hockey Boosters.

The Minot Hockey Boosters will support the post-season teams by providing jerseys, assisting with scheduling of games/practices, and assisting with team rosters. Contacts for scheduling out of town games will be provided to team coaches or parents.

CAPTAINS

Boys Captains is a preseason three-week hockey clinic for freshmen (9th grade) through seniors (12th grade). The main objectives of the clinic are to concentrate on team skills, skill development and scrimmage.

Girls Captains is a preseason three-week hockey clinic for 7th grade through seniors (12th grade). The main objectives of the clinic are to concentrate on team skills, skill development and scrimmage.

5 on 5

Fall session will consist of one skill and one scrimmage session per week.

Spring session will consist of two scrimmage sessions per week.

Spring and Fall 5 on 5 sessions are set up to be non competitive and fun.

MAYSA ARENA

Minot Hockey Boosters supports the Minot Park Districts request that players are not dropped off no more than 60 minutes prior to practice unless otherwise stated by their coach.

Please supervise your children that are not on the ice at all times.