

Cortland County Youth Hockey Association



P.O. Box 5216 Cortland, NY 13045



Welcome to the Cortland County Youth Hockey Association! We hope that your son or daughter has a great hockey experience. Now that you have registered your son or daughter for this upcoming hockey season, we want you to have some more information so you can be better prepared for the next few months:

1. Raffle tickets: When you register, you will receive 12 raffle tickets for \$5.00 each. You will pay for these tickets at registration (\$60.00). Then, you can either sell these raffle tickets and keep the \$ yourself to re-coop the cost or you can put your name on all of the tickets. All raffle tickets are to be turned in to CCYHA by December 1st.

2. For new CCYHA IP players: To get your hockey player started, you may rent some hockey equipment from CCYHA for a cost and deposit. You will be able to rent: helmet, shoulder pads, shin guards, gloves, hockey pants and hockey socks that go over their shin guards.

You will also need to purchase: a straight hockey stick (approximately \$15-\$20), hockey under-shorts to help keep their hockey socks up (for the boys- the shorts needs to have a protective cup), a neck guard and skates.

For a hockey jersey, we are pleased to announce that Tim Horton's has again donated hockey jerseys for the IP players!

- For the 1st session (October, November, December)- your player will have hockey practice on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am-9am for 10 weeks (20 practices)
- For the 2nd session (January, February, March)- your player will have hockey practice on Saturdays and Sundays from 8am-9am for 9 weeks and participate in the Fire On Ice Tournament being held in March.
- In January, we will create a Mite D team from some of the IP players. The cost for your player to “move up” to the Mite D team is \$75.00

3. For Mite level players: Player will register as a Mite C player then after 2 weeks of practices, coaches will decide on players for the Mite B team. Due to the anticipated number of Mite players, we will have 1 Mite B team and 2 Mite C teams. We will distinguish the 2 teams as Mite C Red and Mite C Black. You may also need to purchase a CCYHA jersey (see below for vendor information). Also, please check with Michele Gravel (Registrar) to confirm your child's hockey jersey number.

4. We are excited to implement a new Cross Ice Program for our Mite C teams. Rather than having the players play on full ice, they will be playing on “cross ice” which gives them more opportunity to improve their stick handling and puck handling skills. This program promises to result in faster skill development and will continue to be an enjoyable experience for our younger hockey players.

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5. There are 2 businesses in Cortland that can help you with most of your hockey needs:

- For jerseys, skates, hockey shorts, neck guard, sticks, etc.:
In the Zone Hockey located at 64 Pendleton Street, Cortland.
Phone: 745-6743
- For jerseys: Logo This located at 42 Main Street, Cortland.
Phone: 753-3625

6. Team Manager: Once the season gets started, a parent from each team needs to be the Team Manager. The Team Manager maintains contact with parents, coaches and board members. The Team Manager is responsible for keeping the team organized and well informed. We have a Team Manager mentor on the CCYHA Board of Directors to help you navigate the responsibilities and to help ensure your experience as a Team Manager is a rewarding one. There will be a Team Manager meeting for all team managers in October.

7. Team Sponsor: In order to keep registration fees down and help off-set the cost of ice, each team needs to have a sponsor of \$700.00. This could be a business (or several businesses) that will sponsor your team. Sponsors are recognized with a banner in the hockey rink and in the weekly team report in the Cortland Standard. Please consider asking a business that you are familiar with if they would like to be a proud sponsor of your team!

8. There will be important Parent Informational Meetings in November. These meetings are mandatory per USA Hockey regulations. We will inform you of these meetings when they get scheduled.

The CCYHA Board of Directors welcomes you and your hockey player to our "hockey family". The Board of Directors meets monthly to ensure that CCYHA is providing your son/ daughter with a rewarding hockey experience. Please check out the CCYHA website routinely for updates, newsletters, board meeting minutes, contact information, etc. at <http://www.jmmcomplex.com/ccyha.html>. We will also be posting important information on the CCYHA bulletin board at the Sports Complex located next to the skate rental window.

In addition to your son or daughter learning/ improving their hockey skills, we want them to develop new friendships and improve their self-confidence. Please let us know if there is something that we can do to help ensure that this is a wonderful hockey experience for you!

Have fun and welcome to CCYHA!

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