

## **DYHA Members,**

The DYHA Board is excited to **open registration** for the **2020-2021 Hockey Season**. You can go to [www.DecaturHockey.com](http://www.DecaturHockey.com) to register now. (Note: Decatur HS Hockey registration will be open at a later date.) We are keeping our registration price at \$50. We are evaluating our fees for the 2020-2021 season and have tentatively set our fees at last year's rates. Our final fee amounts will be reviewed in our August Board Meeting, scheduled for 5:30 PM, August 11<sup>th</sup> in the Decatur Civic Center Lobby, Second Floor. We anticipate the need to be flexible this season and will continually evaluate our hockey play, administration, and fee plans for the year.

We realize there have been many uncertainties surrounding the current Covid-19 situation. The health and safety of our players and our families, is our highest priority and the Board has been working closely with USA Hockey, AHAI, MOAM, the Macon County Health Department, and the City of Decatur to plan our season and ensure alignment with all Illinois State, City of Decatur, Health Department, and hockey governing body guidelines.

Based on the most recent IL Dept of Public Health (IDPH) guidance, hockey is categorized as Higher Risk which results in Level 1 guidance of "No-contact practices and training only. Therefore, we are preparing to start a Developmental Season (No Contact Practicing / Training / Conditioning). However, we will hold Travel Tryouts and have our regular Travel Team and House League program structure. Whether we can ultimately have games this year or stay in a developmental / training mode, we will work to provide as much ice time as the players would normally receive in a normal year. We will continually monitor the situation and adapt as guidance is released.

We believe the focus on development and hockey fundamentals will still be beneficial for our hockey players and allow them ice time to improve their skills. Following our August Board meeting, we will provide more communications on the specifics of the season. We will continue to post updates as they become available on our web site and will remain flexible to adjust as the situation changes. Our goal is to be ready to play, if and when, we are allowed to have games and to develop hockey skills and sportsmanship for our players.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this difficult situation. We highly value our players, families, friends, and hockey community, and will continue to put safety first with a goal to deliver an awesome hockey experience.

Thank you in advance for registering for the 2020-2021 season even though we have some uncertainty. Your continuing support is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of our board members.

Sincerely,

Decatur Youth Hockey Board