



# Evanston Youth Hockey Association: Financial Policy

## **Standard Payment Policy**

House Program: Full fees due at time of registration.

Travel and High School Program: A non-refundable fee is due at the time of registration for conditioning/tryouts. This will cover costs associated with travel/high school conditioning and tryout skates.

Players who are not offered a spot on a travel/high school team following tryouts may elect to apply that non-refundable fee towards the house program season registration for that player or may petition the Board to have their non-refundable conditioning/tryout fee waived or reduced. If a player/family is offered a spot on a travel/high school team and chooses to not accept that spot, they will forfeit the non-refundable fee.

Players/families who accept a spot on a travel/high school team have made a commitment to participate in that team and will be financially obligated to pay the remaining relevant fees. Lack of participation, due to player choice, injury or other reason, does not release the participant from their financial obligations.

Upon team selection, the player will then register for the fall/winter season and the balance of the season fees will be due according to a schedule communicated during the registration period.

If you wish to discuss different payment options, complete the Confidential Dues Adjustment Application on the EvanstonHockey.com website located in the "Documents" section and deliver to the Treasurer at [treasurer@evanstonhockey.com](mailto:treasurer@evanstonhockey.com).

Payment may be made by credit card or check.

No player will be allowed to participate after the due dates if payments have not been received and cleared unless prior payment arrangements have been made with the Evanston Youth Hockey Association (EYHA) Finance Committee. The Finance Committee will notify the offending member, the Hockey Director and the appropriate Coach that the member player is not eligible to participate in any team function until payments and fees are current.

## **Missed or Refused Payment**

Bounced Checks / Refused Credit Cards: Insufficient funds or refused credit cards will constitute a missing payment. A fifty dollar (**\$50**) fee will be charged for any bounced check or refused credit card (regardless of payment policy). That fee must be paid before a member is considered current.

## **Outstanding Balances**

Any outstanding balance at the end of any season is considered non-compliance with the Evanston Youth Hockey Association Financial Policy. A member will not be reinstated for the subsequent season until all past due fees are paid and the account is current. EYHA will not accept registrations with our program for any account that is considered outstanding. EYHA will make multiple attempts to collect outstanding fees. In extreme situations the Evanston Youth Hockey Association reserves the right to refer the case to AHAI Rules & Ethics committee as a breach of financial obligation. According to Article X, Section 5 of AHAI By-laws: *"No Player shall be permitted to change his/her team or association affiliation until he/she has satisfied any outstanding financial obligations to his/her "old" team or association including all Youth, High Schools, Juniors, Adults and Girls"*

## **Discounts**

In order to qualify for any discounts a member family must not have any outstanding amounts owing to EYHA. Exception to this policy must be made as an approved Non-Standard Payment Plan Agreement.

Discounts will be communicated during the registration period for each season. Discounts could include *early bird registration discounts, multi-player household discounts and goalie discounts* for players who commit to play goalie throughout a season. Players receiving the goalie discount are expected to practice as a goalie, play goalie in games and attend goalie clinics offered through the EYHA program.

## **Non-Standard Payment Plan**

EYHA understands the need for some member families to spread out the payment of seasonal dues for their players in regular installment payments. At all levels, whatever arrangements have been made, payment plans must be paid in full at least **30 days** prior to the end of the regular season. Under no circumstances will extensions be granted past **the end of the season**. Any member who is granted an extended payment plan and does not abide by the terms of their plan **will not be eligible for non-standard financial arrangements in any subsequent year**.

## **Dues Adjustment/Financial Aid Policy**

EYHA is pleased to be able to provide financial assistance to families at the travel/high school and house levels who demonstrate need. By the appropriate deadline, the Dues Adjustment Form must be submitted. Each application will be reviewed by the EYHA Finance Committee in a confidential manner. The committee may require additional documentation to support the application.

Many times we are able to accommodate all requests for assistance. However, resources are limited and if the number of requests is in excess of our resources, preference will be given in the following manner:

- 1) Evanston residents
- 2) Non-Evanston residents who are returning players at EYHA
- 3) Non-Evanston residents who are new players to EYHA

In accepting financial aid, families will agree to the following statement:

*Evanston Hockey is excited to have your family become part of the greater Evanston Hockey community. Financial aid is available for those families who qualify. Please understand that we get numerous requests for aid each year and we will use our resources to make hockey available to as many children as possible. To that end, and in the spirit of community, we hope that your child and family will be part of our hockey community for years to come. If your player receives financial aid, this aid will be contingent on your family's commitment to remain in the Evanston Hockey program. Should your player choose to leave the Evanston Hockey program the year after receiving financial aid, your family will be required to reimburse Evanston Hockey for the financial aid received. Exceptions to this rule will be made for any player who receives financial aid and then leaves Evanston Hockey to play high school hockey, Midget/16 and under hockey, AAA/Tier 1 hockey or no longer plays hockey. Exceptions to this rule can also be granted by vote of the board due to any extenuating circumstances.*

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