



***CANANDAIGUA KNIGHTS
YOUTH HOCKEY***

**REGISTRATION
AND
GUIDE BOOK**

2015-2016

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Calendar of Events

Dates and Times Subject to Change

- 8/11/15 WNYAHL (Travel) Scheduling Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Midgets
- 9/12/15 WNYAHL (Travel) Scheduling Meeting, Squirts - Bantams 7:00 a.m.
- 08/15/15 Final Travel Payment Due
- 08/15/15 House Registrations cut-off date
- 08/15/15 House registration acknowledgement letters
- 9/13-19 CKH House 'On-Ice' evaluations – Squirt, Bantam, PeeWee
- 09/21-24 Team practices begin Squirt – Midget
- 09/13-19 RW&B Pre-Evaluation Skates (Dates and Times TBA)
- 09/21-24 Team practices begin RWB'S
- 9/29/15 EAHC Scheduling Meeting 6:30 Bill Grays (Midgets)
- 10/13/15 EAHC Scheduling Meeting 6:00 p.m. (East Hight School) (RW&B to Bantam)
- 10/9/15 EAHC (House) Season starts for Midgets Only
- 10/24/15 EAHC (House) Season starts for RW&Bs thru Bantams

- 02/16-25/16 EAHC (House) Playoff Games
- 02/27-18/16 EAHC (House) Championship Games
- 2/26-28/16 WNYAHL (Travel) Playdown Games
- 3/4 – 6/16 WNYAHL (Travel) Championship Games
- 3/4 - 6/16 NYSAHA (Travel) Tier III State Tournament (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam)
- 3/11-13/16 NYSAHA (Travel) Tier III State Tournament (Midget 16U and 18U)
- TBD CKH Don Vetter Memorial Spring Shootout Tournament @ GCCC (Pee Wee A)
- TBD CKH Don Vetter Memorial Spring Shootout Tournament @ GCCC (Squirt B & Pee Wee B)
- TBD CKH Don Vetter Memorial Spring Shootout Tournament @ GCCC (Bantam House)
- TBD CKH Don Vetter Memorial Spring Shootout Tournament @ GCCC (Midget House)

Administrative Organization

Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey Conference, Inc. is a nonprofit membership corporation established to provide an opportunity for the youth of the Greater Canandaigua area to participate in the great sport of ice hockey. The Canandaigua Knights are committed to providing the opportunity for boys and girls to develop sportsmanship, teamwork and personal integrity, all while enjoying the fun and challenge of a fast action game.

A Board of Directors comprised of Officers and member positions manages the corporation. The Offices of the organization shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

The Canandaigua Knights Board of Directors generally meets on the first Wednesday following the second Tuesday of each month at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center (GCCC). These meetings are open to the public. Occasionally these meetings are rescheduled to work around conflicts and Holidays. Please check our website for updates and changes. Our web address is: www.ckhockey.org

Requests and/or Presentations to the Board will be accepted with advance notice and will be scheduled via the next meeting agenda. For further information in regards to this, contact any board member.

Board of Directors

Don Burkard	President
Ray Marshall	Vice President
Aly Marshall	Secretary
Greg VanLaeken	Treasurer
Kelly McMullen	Registrar
Kim Coffey	
Larry Crouse	
Benjamin Dunton	
Carl Cichetti	
David Harvieux	
Ray Marshall	
Tim Owens	

Each Canandaigua Knights Hockey Team will be assigned a Board Liaison for the duration of the hockey season. The board liaison is a board of director's member, who is responsible to help resolve individual team issues. The board liaison assignments will be made once teams have been formed for the upcoming season. Once assigned, please contact your team board liaison to express any issues of concern.

Committees

The Canandaigua Knights depends on the efforts of volunteers such as those listed below to carry out its day-to-day activities. Our organization continues to grow at a rapid rate and we need your help. If you can volunteer your time or services to assist on any of these activities, please contact a member of the board or any of the committee members listed below. Remember, we're all here for our kids!

League Committees	Committee Chairperson and Members
Budget / Finance Committee	Greg Van Laeken Don Burkard, Carl Cichetti, Ray Marshall
Coach and Player Development Committee	David Harvieux Don Burkard, Don Guay, Ray Marshall, John Millspaugh** & Jim Armstrong**
Fund Raising Committee	Ben Dunton Larry Crouse, Dave Harvieux, Don Guay,
Growth and Retention Committee	Kim Coffey Don Burkard, Carl Cichetti, Tim Owens, Larry Crouse
Peripheral Program Committee	Larry Crouse Ben Dunton, Ray Marshall, Aly Marshall
Problem Resolution Committee	Don Burkard Ray Marshall, David Harvieux, Tim Owens
Procurement Committee	Aly Marshall Ray Marshall, Don Guay, Greg Van Laeken
Referee Development Committee	Ray Marshall Ben Dunton, **John Millspaugh, **Craig Towne
Team Development Committee	Carl Cichetti Aly Marshall, Kim Coffey, Don Burkard
Tournament Committee	David Harvieux Ben Dunton, Don Guay, Aly Marshall

Other Key Volunteer Positions:

ACE Coordinator: Tim Owens
 Communications Manager: Carl Cichetti
 Empire League Rep (house): , Greg Trost, Ben Dunton (Sub)
 Equipment/Inventory Manger: Aly Marshall
 Girls Program Director: Justin Shaw
 House Program Director: Carl Cichetti
 Ice Scheduler: Aly Marshall
 Travel Program Director: Don Burkard
 WNY Rep (travel): Don Guay

** non board members

Registration

In order to register, all players must complete Canandaigua Knights registration form online through our web site, a USA Hockey Consent to Treat form and USA Hockey Waiver form and pay the full fee by the appropriate due date for the program. A payment plan is available for some participants –see payment policy for details. This must be done PRIOR TO house evaluations or by the due date for Travel Teams. For any questions about registration (Travel and House), contact our Registrar at kellycmcmullen@yahoo.com

Registration must be completed Online.

NOTE: You are required to register with USA Hockey before registering with Canandaigua Knights Hockey.

Go to <http://www.usahockeyregistration.com> to register. You will be required to pay a \$43 fee by credit card. Print and save your USA Hockey Registration Confirmation page. You will be required to enter your USA Hockey Confirmation Number as part of registering with Canandaigua Knights Hockey.

ONLINE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registrations can be completed online at www.ckhockey.org. click on the link for Registrations, choose the appropriate program and follow the instructions.

****Please note that you are not required to pay for your Knights registration online. You may register Online and mail a check to the following address.**

**Canandaigua Knights Hockey
P.O. Box 501 Canandaigua, New York 14424**

Registration (Continued)

All players must be completely registered (all forms signed and payment received) before they will be allowed on the ice. This includes all tryouts and evaluations.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Important Note

Registrations are accepted on a first come- first served basis. There is a definite limit to the number of players we can accept. Participation in our program last year does not guarantee you a place this year. **We strongly recommend you register early! Our program pricing includes tiered structure that includes a \$25 early payment discount for those participants who register by the end of July.**

Registration Fees

vary depending on the division you register for. See the Program description listed in this booklet for specific fees. Registration fees pay for the following: Game and Practice ice costs; referee fees; USA Hockey insurance, WNYAHL, NYSAHA and EAHC league fees, administrative charges, pucks; jerseys and socks.

Payment will be accepted in cash, by personal check or by Visa or MasterCard. A payment plan is also offered. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any returned checks. If you need further information, please contact our registrar at kellycmcmullen@yahoo.com

Payment Plans

Payment plans options are available, but must be closely followed. Failure to maintain payments on a timely basis may result in loss of ice time for the participants. See the following page for Payment Plan information.

Refunds

Registration fee refunds will be considered only upon **written request** to the Board of Directors and only for cases of illness, injury or relocation that render the player incapable of completing the season. Insurance, USA Hockey registration fees, costs of jerseys and socks, and payment plan administration costs are non-refundable. Approved refunds for fees over and above the afore-mentioned will be prorated based on practice hours and game schedule remaining. **No refunds will be granted for players joining another organization or playing for a high school team.**

Canandaigua Knights Hockey

Payment Options

2015-2016 Season

Participants in Canandaigua Knights Hockey have a few payment options available. We understand that cash flow can be difficult, and we are willing to work with you provided that you work with us! Adherence to your payment schedule is critical. Failure to make payments in a timely manner will result in consequential action, including but not limited to the following: Late charges and/or penalty fees assessed to your account and loss of ice time for your child. Travel bills will be mailed by June 1st and house bills will be mailed just after September 1st. Travel and House bills are due in full before regular season practices begin (**for Midget players see below). Travel bills are due prior to the first on-ice activity for each team, and House bills are due prior to evaluation and placement of your player on a house team. For this purpose, GLGHL teams will be considered House. Partial payments are welcomed and encouraged prior to the applicable due dates. Partial payments can be made both via check as well as on our website. **Payment Plan due date for ALL MIDGET PLAYERS (house and travel) is October 1st of each season after receiving a request to do so from members of the Midget cohort. Please be advised that if you have a Midget player, you may sign a payment agreement with the Knights for that player to extend your payment deadline to no later than October 1st.

The payment plan deadline for all other levels remains December 15th.

If you have both a Midget player in addition to other players in the association, and would like a payment agreement for more than one age level, you will need to sign a separate agreement for your Midget player reflecting the October 1st deadline. The payment agreement may be modified to allow for signature on one form, but they are in fact separate agreements.

Payments by check can be sent to the CKH mailbox at P.O. Box 501, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or can be placed in the CHK mailbox at the GCCC after September 17th of each season.

Payment by credit card can be made through the CKH website but only after registration opens in late June. Credit card payments can be accepted in multiple installments – simply overwrite the amount due with the amount you wish to pay each time you make a payment.

Any bill not paid in full by the applicable due date will result in complete suspension of ice access for that player until paid in full. This will be enforced by the head coach and manager of each team upon notice from the Board.

The only exception will be families signing a written payment agreement. In that case, payment in full will be extended to December 15th at which time, failure to make payment will result in enforcement as stated above.

Payment Agreement Eligibility: Payment agreements are available to members who have a record of good standing with the Knights. Payment agreements will NOT be made available to players in their last year of participation with the Knights (e.g., senior in high school) from a family with a history of late payment in prior years. Families in this situation must pay the full season balance in full prior to the first on ice practice or evaluation skate of the year.

Any family with a balance owing from the previous season will not be allowed to register a player until both the previous balance and the current year's registration fees are paid in full. This will be determined as of the close of the CKH fiscal year on April 30th.

The payment options are as follows:

Plan 1:

Full payment at the time of registration.

Plan 2:

Full remaining balance is due prior to the first on ice activity for Travel teams or the House evaluation skate process as described above.

Plan 3:

Completion of a payment plan, with full payment made no later than December, 15 2015. Partial payments may be made on any schedule at the family's discretion between the time of registration and December 15, 2015. Please see information above regarding eligibility for participation in a payment plan. Midget (travel & house) due date is October 1st.

Plan 3 will require a written payment agreement to be executed between the participants' parent or guardian, and CKH. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. A sample of the CKH payment agreement can be seen on the CKH web site under Documents.

Equipment

We recommend that you purchase good quality products that have a reputation for good performance.

Hockey skates with plastic blade holder or plastic heel tip guards; hockey stick with wooden blade; shin pads; shoulder pads; elbow pads; hockey pants; hockey gloves; protective cup; neck protector; H.E.C.C. approved helmet and face mask with chinstrap.

All players must wear a colored internal mouth guard.

Goaltenders are required to wear a USA Hockey approved helmet and facemask; chest pads; arm and shoulder pads; leg pads, blocker, catcher and goalie stick.

Programs, Teams and Fees

Please consult the following pages for a description of each program division. For specific questions, please call any registration committee member.

Fundraising is an important component of the Canandaigua Knights program. We use fundraising to offset costs and to hold down program costs for participation. All families are expected to participate in fundraising programs. For those families with interest, a fundraising 'buyout' option is available. This buyout option applies on a per-family basis (not per skater basis). The fundraising buyout is payable at the time of registration. Any family not participating in this buyout will be expected to participate in fundraising activities.

Cost for Fundraising Buyout:

\$100

Canandaigua Knights Beginning programs are for skaters age 4-10. It follows the USA Hockey Initiation Program guidelines stressing skill development. These programs begin in October.

Initiation/Beginner Hockey

Open to skaters age 4-10 years of age with little or no hockey skills. Equipment required: hockey skates, H.E.C.C. approved helmet and facemask, neck protector, elbow pads, hockey gloves, shin/knee pads shoulder pads, hockey pants and mouth guard. Equipment is available for use from the Organization at a cost of \$25 per session. Equipment will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be two 10-week sessions. This program will utilize approximately 10 ice hours per session. This is a joint venture run in conjunction with the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center.

Cost per 9-week Session: (1 hour / week)

\$65

Red, White & Blue- 8 and under

Open to skaters up to 8 years of age. Skills will be developed through the USA Hockey Initiation Program guidelines. Teams will compete in an in-rink league, using a half/cross ice format. Equipment required is described in the equipment section on page 8. The RWB team(s) will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice and will play games on weekends at the GCCC.

Cost:

\$525

Girls Hockey

Open to all girls with little or no hockey skills. Equipment required: hockey skates, HECC approved helmet & facemask, mouth guard, elbow pads, shin/knee pads, hockey gloves and stick. This team will participate in the GLGHL league. Equipment will be issued on a first-come, first-served bases. This will be a regular season program with two ice hours per week. Specific league and/or game schedule to be determined.

Cost:

\$820

House - EAHC League

The Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey House Program plays in the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference (EAHC) against similar youth hockey organizations. The EAHC is comprised of teams from Monroe County Youth Hockey County (Scottsville and Lakeshore), Finger Lakes Youth Hockey in Geneseo, Genesee County Youth Hockey in Batavia, Perinton Youth Hockey, Tri-County Youth Hockey in Brockport, Rochester Youth Hockey and Webster Youth Hockey. The away games will be played at the ice rink facilities utilized by each of these organizations. The home games and practices are scheduled at the Greater Canandaigua Civic Center. Each age level in the EAHC, except Midget, is divided into A and B groups. The purpose of these groups is to provide an appropriate level of competition suited for all skill levels of hockey. The Canandaigua Knights conducts on-ice evaluations for its registrants, prior to team selection, to ensure the proper placement of each player for continued development of skills and enjoyment of the game of hockey.

Canandaigua Knights team practices are typically scheduled for 50 minutes twice weekly. Practices begin in mid-September with game play starting in October. EAHC season games are typically scheduled on weekends.

USA Hockey now requires that all coaches (including assistant coaches) be USA Hockey certified at the appropriate level for which they coach. The Canandaigua Knights may require coaches to attend coaching clinics during the course of the season. Games are officiated by USA Hockey certified referees with safety of the players being of the utmost concern.

The Empire Amateur Hockey Conference meetings are open to the public and are held monthly, generally on the third Tuesday, at ESL Sports Centre in Henrietta.

Don Vetter Memorial Tournament for all House teams

The Canandaigua Knights host a House level tournament each year, known as the Don Vetter Memorial Tournament. See the Calendar for dates this year. All Canandaigua Knights House teams are registered for the tournament and the cost of registration is included in the House Program fees. ***To allow the organization to run an effective tournament, Parents from are expected to volunteer to assist in running the tournament, including such activities as game clock and scoring.*** The Don Vetter Tournament offers our skaters the opportunity to represent their organization to the broader hockey community and to have fun doing so!

House Age Classifications

Division	Age	Birth Year
Red White & Blue (see page 11)	8 and under	2007 and greater
Red White & Blue – Empire League **	8 and under with one year’s prior full-ice experience	2007 and greater
Squirt	9 and 10	2005 – 2006
PeeWee	11 and 12	2003 – 2004
Bantam	13 and 14	2001 – 2002
Midget	15, 16, 17 and 18	1997 – 2000

Red, White & Blue program – see page 11

Open to skaters up to 8 years of age. This is an in-house program that is outside of the Empire League. Please see page 11 for more information.

Red, White & Blue Program – Empire League

Open to skaters up to 8 years of age. Skills will be developed through the USA Hockey Initiation Program guidelines. Teams will compete in the Empire Amateur Hockey Conference on a half or cross ice surface in accordance with NYS AHA rules. Teams play an estimated 12 EAHC games, 6 home and 6 away, with play-offs following the end of the regular season. To be placed on a team, all skaters must attend on-ice placement evaluations (see evaluation schedule on page 12). Equipment required is described in the equipment section on page 8. The RW&B Empire team will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice.

Cost: **\$735**

House Squirt – 9 and 10

House Squirt is a competitive program for 9 and 10 year old boys and girls who have sufficient skating and hockey skills for team play. Emphasis will be on continued skill development, team play, sportsmanship and fun. Checking and slap shots are not allowed for Squirts. Squirts play an estimated 16 EAHC games, 8 home and 8 away, with play-offs following the end of the regular season. The Squirt team(s) will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice.

Cost: **\$770**

House Pee Wee — 11 and 12

House Pee Wee is a competitive program for 11 and 12 year old boys and girls who have sufficient skating and hockey skills for team play. Emphasis will be on continued skill development, team play, sportsmanship and fun. Checking and slap shots are introduced into play at the Pee Wee level. Pee Wees play an estimated 16 EAHC games, 8 home and 8 away, with play-offs following the end of the regular season. The PeeWee team(s) will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice.

Cost: **\$790**

House Bantam — 13 and 14

House Bantam is a competitive program for 13 and 14 year old boys and girls who have sufficient skating and hockey skills for team play. Emphasis will be on continued skill development, team play, sportsmanship, fun and preparing the more advanced player for High School level ice hockey. Bantams play and estimated 16 EAHC games, 8 home and 8 away, with play-offs following the end of the regular season. The Bantam team(s) will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice.

Cost:

\$825

House Midget — 15 to 18

House Midget is a highly competitive program for 15, 16, 17 and 18 year old boys and girls who have well developed skating and hockey skills. The Empire Amateur Hockey Conference has a single division for Midgets. Midgets play an estimated 16 EAHC games, 8 home and 8 away, with play-offs following the end of the regular season. The Midget team(s) will practice two times per week utilizing ½ ice.

Cost:

\$875

Travel (Tier II) – WNYAHL League

This is our most competitive level of team play for skater ages 9 -17. Players will be selected for these teams on the basis of evaluation and competitive tryouts held in the Spring preceding the season. Equipment required as described in the equipment section on page 10. Fees are as follows:

Tier II Travel Team Information

<u>Division</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Squirt	\$775 (jersey not included)
Pee Wee	\$875 (jersey not included)
Bantam	\$875 (jersey not included)
Midget Mixed	\$930 (jersey not included)

There will be an additional cost per player for those teams that qualify for State or National Tournaments. Jersey purchase not included in the above costs.

After the scheduling meeting held in August, we will know which organizations will field teams at each level.

The Western New York Hockey League (WNYAHL) meets the second Tuesday of each month in Buffalo.

Evaluation “On-Ice” Schedule

House / Empire Evaluations (check the web-site)

<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rink</u>	<u>Time</u>
RW&B A	9/19/15	GCCC	TBA
Squirt	9/19/15	GCCC	TBA
Pee Wee	9/19/15	GCCC	TBA
Bantam (if needed)		GCCC	TBA
Midget (if needed)		GCCC	TBA

Skating sessions are available the week of the tryout date (two sessions per age group). Check the website for more details.

The evaluation dates are subject to change due to Ice availability and conditions. If for any reason evaluations cannot be held on this date, an alternate date will be scheduled. Pre evaluation skates and evaluations will only be held for age groups that have more than one team.

Travel tryouts for the upcoming 2015-2016 season was held this past Spring. Therefore, these teams are already formed, and registration is not open to these teams at this time.

Information for the 2016-2017 travel team tryouts will be available in March of 2016.

Note: Positions on each team are not guaranteed. Teams with more than one goalie are possible and in this event, goalies will share playing time. No refund will be given in the event this should happen.

Note: It is the philosophy of the Canandaigua Knights organization that players should play within the appropriate age group bracket. The Canandaigua Knights Board of Directors has the sole discretion to identify organizational needs which may result in the invitation and selection of players to play out of their age division. Requests from parents for their child to “play up” will not be considered.

Note: Due to USA Hockey rules, a child cannot play in a division lower than their age specifies.

Note: If a player registers late and/or is absent from evaluations, the team he/she will be placed upon is at the discretion of the Canandaigua Knights Evaluation Committee.

Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey has final decision and approval rights.

Locker Room Policy

Locker room facilities for male and female participants will be available at all Knights events. It is the intention of the Canandaigua Knights Hockey Organization to eliminate any potential discomfort created by opposite-sex teammates dressing in same-sex locker rooms. Separate dressing facilities are available. Each coach will establish parameters regarding player attendance in the locker rooms for team meetings, pre- and post-game planning and celebration.

We would like to remind all Coaches & Parents of the Knights' policy regarding locker rooms. You are all entrusted with the safety of the players, and the Knights' Board will support your handling of such behavior on and off the ice. Your teams are representatives of the Knight's Organization.

Locker Room Rules

SAFETY:

A Coach or another designated Adult who has been screened through "Megan's Law" must remain in the locker room at all times while players are using locker room.

We all need to be responsible for our actions, no bullying, or screaming.

No throwing of any objects such as ice, tape balls, food, water, etc.

No horseplay such as pushing, slapping, touching, tripping, wrestling, etc.

CLEANLINESS:

The locker room needs to be kept clean after our practices or games.

No tape or other items are to be left in the locker room.

Don't leave soap or shower items behind.

No spitting, nostril blowing or any body fluid is to be discharged on the floors. –

TIMING:

The locker rooms will be empty, clean and closed 20 minutes after a game or practice, home or away.

If a player needs additional time in the locker room, they must make arrangements prior to entering the locker room. There must be a parent or designated individual in the locker room at all times. Arrangements must be made in advance so the locker room keys can be picked up and returned by that responsible person. They are to ensure the locker room is safe and kept clean.

Should a player need longer than 20 minutes to dress and clean the locker room and has not made arrangements in advance, they will be asked to leave the ice early during a game or practice so they can be out on time.

Players that want to take showers must plan their time accordingly.

It is the entire team's responsibility to have a safe locker room and to leave it cleaner than when they came in.

Jersey Number Designation Policy

Please know that number designation is done in the fairest way possible. The Knights have strived to ensure players receive the same number from year to year. In some cases, conflicts arise. Here are the general rules to resolve numbering conflicts:

1. New numbering begins at the first year of league play (this year is transitioning with the introduction of Red, White and Blue hockey and will soon be at the Squirt (10 and under) level). We separate players by year, and split numbering schemes to accommodate the player movement up through the organization by keeping a number unique for players a year older and a year younger.
2. If conflicts arise, the seniority rule applies from an age perspective. The older player gets first choice to keep his/her number (with exception noted below).

Exception on age seniority: Former players that have left Knights for 1 or more years, or new players to Knights Hockey have lost their number seniority.

The organization will entertain requests for numbers, as long as no conflict is in place for any **player in the same age bracket described above** (regardless of House or Travel). Player movement between the programs is common, thus unique numbering schemes need to be viewed across all players in the organization.

For travel teams, jersey number seniority begins when you purchase your first **Travel** jersey and is kept as long as you are within the travel organization. Please also note that CKH House players moving over to a travel team carry no seniority regardless of how many years they have been in the CKH House program. They will be treated the same as a new Travel player to CKH.

Rules and Regulations

Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey provides youth from the surrounding county area the privilege to learn and compete in amateur hockey. With this privilege comes responsibility. Those players, parents and coaches who accept these responsibilities are encouraged to participate in Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey. The following Rules and Regulations have been defined to set expectations regarding acceptable behavior displayed by players, coaches and parents/spectators. These rules and regulations are effective from the first day of evaluations/tryouts to the last day of the season.

Purpose

Canandaigua Knights members represent their organization, their team, their community and themselves. They should always conduct themselves in a positive manner. Athletes need to be in top physical condition. Adherence to the rules, regulations and code of conduct will increase his/her ability to meet the challenge of rigorous competition. The athlete should be first committed to the goals of the team and consider his/her goals second.

Program Objectives

Provide physical activity that will increase strength, skill, fitness and health. Encourage participation in hockey that will develop positive mental attitudes toward competition. Teach sportsmanship, fair play and pride so that the participant will keep winning and losing in their proper perspectives. Teach that hard work, diligence and sacrifice are the ingredients for success.

Code of Conduct

The Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey organization is committed to promoting quality sportsmanship. The behavior of the players, coaches and parents/spectators is a direct reflection upon the Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey organization. Following is the Code of Conduct to be followed by all players, coaches and parents/spectators involved in this organization. Violation of any aspect of the outlined Code of Conduct will result in the appropriate disciplinary action.

Code of Conduct for the Athlete:

1. Demonstrate self-control and respect for their coaches, officials and parents/spectators at all times.
2. Participation in this sport should not be abused by unsportsman-like conduct.
3. Respect the other team and shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
4. Respect the integrity and judgement of the officials.
5. Remember your behavior while in uniform or at the rink. This reflects upon you, your team, the organization, the rink and your family.
6. Understand and abide by the rules.
7. Accept winning and losing with grace and dignity.
8. Refrain from using drugs and alcohol.

Code of Conduct for the Coaching Staff:

1. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a good example while coaching young athletes. Remember, you are a role model every time you interact with these athletes.
2. Respect the integrity and judgement of the officials.
3. Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise. A win at all cost and any price is unacceptable and unwelcome.
4. Recognize that the participants are young and impressionable athletes. They have many limitations and they will make mistakes.
5. Profanity from the bench, in the locker room or during any interactions with the players will NOT be tolerated.
6. Instruct young athletes in the elements of good sportsmanship and remove players from the ice who demonstrate unsportsman like behavior.

Code of Conduct for the Parent/Spectator:

1. Keep your cheering positive. Profanity and degrading language or gestures will NOT be tolerated.
2. Avoid actions that offend visiting teams.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better-informed spectator.
5. Treat all visiting teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
6. Accept the judgement of the coaches and officials.
7. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
8. Support and encourage your player, no matter the outcome of their performance or the game.
9. Remember – good sportsmanship begins at home. Please be sure to set the right example for your kids. You are their role model.

Disciplinary Action

In the event that a player, coach or parent/spectator violates the Code of Conduct, disciplinary action will result. The following definitions describe the types of disciplinary action that may be exercised.

Reprimand: Initial confrontation that serves as a warning. Any further infractions of the Code of Conduct may result in more severe punishment.

Suspension: Loss of privilege to participate. Suspension may range from reduced number of regular shifts (benching) during a game, for a period not to exceed 2 weeks.

Dismissal: Removal from Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey for the remainder of the current season. Fees are non-refundable.

Discipline of Players will be as follows:

- 1st Offense: Reprimand / Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: Bench Time – reduced ice time at practice or game
- 3rd Offense: Suspension

Discipline of Parents/Spectators will be as follows:

1st Offense: Reprimand / Verbal Warning

2nd Offense: Possible suspension from attending games

Discipline of Coaches will be as follows:

Disciplinary action taken is at the discretion of the Canandaigua Knights Coaching Committee, and will be handled as such on a case-by-case basis.

Responsibilities

The Board of Directors is the final authority* for all matters of conduct and discipline regarding players, parents/spectators and coaches.

The President and Vice-President of CKH and his/her associates are responsible to enforce adherence to the Code of Conduct for all members of the coaching staff.

The head coach is responsible for adherence to the Code of Conduct for all players and parents associated with his/her team. The head coach may designate an assistant coach or manager to assist him/her in this regard.

Participants may appeal to the Problem Resolution Committee (PRC) regarding any suspension or dismissal. The PRC will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the final action.

Any player suspended or dismissed forfeits all registration monies for the current season.

Substance Abuse

(a) Any player found using alcohol or illegal drugs will be dismissed from Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey for the remainder of the current season. He/she will be eligible to participate the following season provided he/she refrains from any use of alcohol or illegal drugs. A second offense will result in permanent dismissal.

(b) All parents, coaches, managers and league officials are asked to refrain from the use of alcohol at all Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey functions, including practices. Any parent, coach, manager or league official found to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs at a Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey function shall be dismissed from the Canandaigua Knights for the remainder of the season. He/she will be eligible to participate the following season provided he/she refrains from any use of illegal drugs and refrains from the use of alcohol at Canandaigua Knights functions. A second offense will result in permanent dismissal.

Insubordination

Any player or parent refusing a directive or instruction from a coach or official of the Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey, or any coach refusing a directive or instruction from an official of Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey may be subject to reprimand, suspension or dismissal.

Offensive gestures or language

Any player, parent or coach using vulgar, obscene or offensive gestures or language may be subject to reprimand, suspension or dismissal.

Unexcused absence or tardiness

The head coach should be advised prior to any absence from a team function. Tardiness or unreported absence from practices or games may result in reduced number of regular shifts (benching) during games.

General Misconduct

Misconduct on the ice, on the bench, in the locker room, or in any rink, home or away, will not be tolerated. Players are responsible for the appearance of their locker room and will leave it in as good or better condition than they find it. Damage to any property will not be tolerated. Violations to this rule may result in reprimand, suspension or dismissal. Anyone found damaging property will be held responsible for it's repair or replacement.

Problem Resolution Committee

The Board of Directors President has appointed a Problem Resolution Committee (PRC) so that members of Canandaigua Knight Youth Hockey can address unresolved problems and complaints. This is a committee sponsored by the Board of Directors, and is advisory in nature. The Canandaigua Knights recognize that in any organization there are bound to be problems. Differences of opinion, viewpoints and techniques grow into disputes.

Canandaigua Knights Hockey will endeavor to resolve every problem at the lowest possible level. When a conflict arises, both parties should work together to achieve a mutually agreeable solution. If that is not possible, the committee is the next level in the complaint process.

All complaints to the Problem Resolution Committee must be in writing, dated and signed by the author. The PRC will not consider any verbal or anonymous complaints. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the PRC will send a letter to the complainant acknowledging receipt of the complaint, and estimating a timeframe in which a response can be executed. The PRC will gather facts it deems necessary to form a basis for resolution. You may be asked to appear before the PRC.

If the PRC is unable to help the parties resolve the complaint, the PRC will recommend a solution to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is the sole authority to decide unresolved complaints. The decision of the Board of Directors is final.*

It is important to note that the PRC is not the disciplinary arm of CKH. A coach has the authority to administrate reasonable discipline under the Rules and Regulations Code of Conduct and does not need prior permission from the PRC.

Please submit all complaints in writing, sign, date and mail to:

Canandaigua Knights Hockey
Problem Resolution Committee
P.O. Box 501
Canandaigua, NY 14424

*Note: The CKH problems resolution process does not override a players right to appeal any suspension or dismissal through NYSAHA or USA Hockey.

Sponsorships

Since the beginning, Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey has had the good fortune to have generous sponsors. As this organization has grown, the need for sponsors has also grown. Monies from the sponsors are used to help keep down the cost of your registration fees. Please support our sponsors as they have supported us. When you utilize their services, let them know you are a member of Canandaigua Knights Youth Hockey.

Level I—General Sponsorship \$100.00

Benefits Include

- Web Site Listing (with logo and rotating banner ad our web site gets over 45,000 hits annually and is our main source of communication with our members)
- Listing in our Annual Year End Banquet Program

Level II—House Team Sponsorship \$500.00 (Limited to one per team)

Benefits Include

- Web Site Listing (with logo and rotating banner ad our web site gets over 45,000 hits annually and is our main source of communication with our members)
- Company Name screen printed on team's jersey
- (Must have commitment and payment no later then September 5, 2011)
- Team Picture to display at business
- Identification on Display at Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
- Listing in our Annual Year End Banquet Program

Level III—Travel Team Sponsorship \$600.00 (Limited to three per team)

Benefits Include

- Web Site Listing (with logo and rotating banner ad our web site gets over 45,000 hits annually and is our main source of communication with our members)
- Individual team shirts with company name screen printed on each shirt
- Team Picture to display at business
- Identification on Display at Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
- Listing in our Annual Year End Banquet Program

Level IV—Organization Sponsorship \$3,000.00 (Limited to one)

Benefits Include

- Prominent Web Site Listing
- Company Logo embedded into ice surface at Greater Canandaigua Civic Center
- (Must have form, payment and artwork no later than 8/15/2013)
- Paid Foursome at our annual golf tournament being held TBD
- Hole Sponsor Sign at our annual golf tournament being held TBD
- Listing in our Annual Year End Banquet Program

Complete details may be found on the Sponsor Application Form included with this booklet. Those wishing to help CKH through sponsorship may contact any board member directly.