

Welcome to Iron Range Hockey!

Iron Range Hockey Association's purposes are to develop character and sportsmanship among the youth of the local area and for the betterment of fun and they're physical and social well being; to promote encourage and improve the standards of ice hockey; to provide such assistance as coaching, and to organize association funding and planning so as to make it a worthwhile community endeavor; to conduct an amateur ice hockey program consistent with the rules and regulations of USA Hockey and the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association (MAHA) both of which IRHA is affiliated; to do any and all acts desirable in the furtherance of the foregoing purposes and to work with the sponsoring school district and the cooperative participant schools to provide a quality high school program.

For returning families, you may already know this information. If you are new to Iron Range, we hope this information helps you.

This information packet is everything we could think of that everyone will need to know throughout the year. If there is anything else that you feel needs to be in this packet, please let us know.

Each team in IRHA will be assigned a team liaison. This person is a member of the Board of Directors. The team liaison will be the person to contact for any questions or concerns that you should have.

All the coaches are volunteers. They all do the best they can. If you have any questions or concerns with a coach, please try to discuss it with the coach. If you are unable to do this, you may also contact the ACE Coordinator, Rudy Goupille, or your team liaison.

IRHA has a no tolerance policy at the rink. Please abide by this rule. Anyone not abiding by this rule will be asked to leave the rink. Please respect each other and other teams. Remember, you may be on the same team next year of someone you are talking about now.

Many volunteers are needed to make this program work, so please fill out a volunteer form to help out anyway you can.

Each team should have a team meeting early in the year to set up tournaments, watch the STAR video, concession stand orientation, meet

each other, etc, and to know what is expected from the coach.

There needs to be a team mom(s)(aka “team parent”) for each team. The team mom will be responsible for organizing several things for their team. The team mom and head coach will need to work together to know who is responsible for doing certain tasks. There will be a team mom meeting scheduled after the teams are drafted at the ice rink. The date will be posted on the bulletin board when it will be. Please have somebody from your team attend this meeting. Information about pictures as well as open skate schedules for the concession stand among other things will be given out at this meeting.

Pictures need to be scheduled as soon as possible to get them back early in the season.

The Board of Directors would like each team to have a representative from their team attend the monthly board meetings. This person can then relay the information discussed at the board meeting to their team. We hope this will improve communications between the Board and the parents in the organization, educate parents about IRHA, hear decisions being made and try to eliminate rumors that start.

IRHA invites and **encourages** everyone to attend the board meetings. The meetings are the **first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.** This is the place that you will learn about the organization and get answers for any questions that you may have.

**This year’s fundraiser is a Raffle.** Each player (up to 2 per family) are responsible for selling 20 tickets at \$5 each. To get extra tickets to sell, contact Scott Carter.

If your team is the first team on the ice on Saturday or Sunday, someone will need to pick up the donuts at Jim’s Jubilee in Ishpeming. Now that they are getting picked up in Ishpeming, your team may want to make arrangements beforehand for who is picking them up so someone does not have to make a special trip to Ishpeming back to get them. IRHA has a charge account there and whoever is picking up the donuts will just need to sign a receipt at the Jim’s Jubilee and put the receipt in the cash register drawer at the rink.

**All teams (players and parents) will need to watch the STAR video.** It is

best to have a team meeting to do this. Your team liaison will do this, so please schedule this with them.

The concession stand also needs to be done by someone from your team for every practice, game and your team's assigned open skate schedule. If someone from your team does not work in the concession stand for your assigned time, your team may lose ice time. Each team should have a concession stand schedule posted on the concession stand bulletin board so that others can see who is supposed to be in there if no one shows up. Your team liaison will do a concession stand orientation for your team. This can also be scheduled at the same time as your team meeting. There are printed instructions in the concession stand to help run, close down and clean the concession stand.

The bantam and midget levels do not work the concession stand for practices during the weekday, only the weekends. The last team before either of these levels must close down the concession stand.

For squirt level and up, teams will have playdown games if there is more than 1 team at each level. The best 2 out of 3 will go to the district games in January. If you win in the at the district games, you advance to the UPs. If you win at the UPs, you advance to the States. Your team may not play more than 35 games by February 1 to be eligible for the UPs. If your team looks like they will have more than this, please contact the scheduler as soon as possible. You should try to limit the number of tournaments you go to before February 1 to avoid this.

Each team is encouraged to pick their tournaments as early as possible and give the dates to the scheduler. Do not enter a tournament without the scheduler giving you permission if have to reschedule any games. If you do not show up for a CUP league game, there is a fine per game that the team will be responsible for paying. In this packet is a listing of where to look for tournaments. You can also check the bulletin board for tournament information. Each team can get a check for the tournament fee from the treasurer, Jim Hetrick, or you can collect the money from parents and send in the money. If you borrow money from IRHA for a tournament, your team must repay this money before another check will be issued. Each team pays for their own tournaments. The coach or team mom, their decision, will send in the paperwork and money for your team to enter a tournament. You should try to get your money in for tournaments early because some fill up

fast.

For home tournaments, someone will need to be the tournament director. This person will need to work with the Tournament Coordinator. A written list of instructions on how to be the tournament director and how to run a tournament will be given out later. The tournament dates are listed in this packet.

Logo wear can be ordered individually or as a team from several local businesses who have our logo on file.

IRHA has a website. The address is: [www.ironrangehockey.com](http://www.ironrangehockey.com)

There are a couple of websites that are free to anyone to set up your own team website. In the past, teams have had their own website and the kids really enjoy it. You can list the game times, practice times, stats, pictures, etc. It is a great thing to use throughout the year. The address for this website is: <http://www.kidssportsnet.com> or <http://etteamz.active.com>

The bulletin boards are labeled. Your team ice schedule will be posted in the division that your child (ren) is registered. Please do not take these schedules down. On the concession stand schedule, your team's practice and game schedule should be posted in the division for your team. We hope by labeling the boards that this will clean up the boards and help people find their information easier. A copy of your team's open skate schedule should be posted in the concession stand area. The team mom should keep the original in case the copy gets lost. Please do not post any junk on these boards. Announcements will be posted on these boards also.

If you have any questions, please let your team liaison know.

IRHA Board of Directors

**REFEREE and TIME KEEPERS**

Referees must go through USA Hockey procedures to become certified Referees. If you are interested contact Mary LaBelle.  
Time Keepers must be Pee Wee level or above and must contact Mary LaBelle for information.

**IRHA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS**

SEE [www.ironrangehockey.com](http://www.ironrangehockey.com)  
Tournament page for up to date information

**IRHA BOARD MEMBERS**

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LINKS TO WEBSITES AND SANTIONED TOURNAMENTS

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[ironrangehockey.com](http://ironrangehockey.com) or

[http://www.usahockey.com/ironrangehockey/main\\_site/main/ironrangehockey/](http://www.usahockey.com/ironrangehockey/main_site/main/ironrangehockey/)

MICHIGAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION [www.maha.org](http://www.maha.org)

USA HOCKEY [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)

MARQUETTE JUNIOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION [www.mqthockey.org](http://www.mqthockey.org)

ICE ARENA MAPS [www.arenamaps.com](http://www.arenamaps.com)

WISCONSIN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION [www.waha-hockey.com](http://www.waha-hockey.com)

***LIST OF RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT  
FOR INSTRUCTIONAL MITES***

HECC approved helmet with face cage, Skates, Elbow pads, Shin pads, Heavy gloves, Hockey stick