

AROUND THE RINK

Clifton Park Youth Hockey Association Newsletter

February 2016

Welcome!

Due to the large amount of information I have been asked to distribute, I thought it most practical to cover several topics in newsletter format rather than send multiple emails. As your registrar, it is my goal to inform you of upcoming opportunities in a manner as timely & efficient as possible. I hope you find this useful. All my best ~ Kathleen Shumpert, CPYHA Registrar

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES THIS WEEK

Did you know scholarships are available?

The 2016 NYSAHA Bob Allen Scholarship


Application & contact information

Awards Available: (4) \$1,000 scholarships

Eligibility:

1. Must be a senior in a New York high school or a New York State resident attending a prep school
2. New York State Amateur Hockey Association member (past or present)
3. Plan to attend a four-year, two-year, or vocational school full-time (12+ credit hours).

Deadline for submission: Sun, April 1, 2016



Hey, High School Seniors...

Clifton Park Youth Hockey is proud to announce the

2016 Moffre Family Scholarship

in honor of the many years of dedication from Joe and Amy Moffre to our organization and to the Clifton Park Community. Their commitment for over 18 years has been a model for volunteerism and giving back to community.

Application and contact information

The scholarship will be given to a hockey player who displays commitment to their community as well as to their sport. The applicant should be a high school senior that has/had played for CPYHA for at least 3 seasons and will be attending college or technical school in the Fall of 2016. The award will be presented at our annual **Coaches for Charity** hockey game on **March 3rd, 2016**.

Questions? Contact Sue Schulman at sbrennan72@hotmail.com.

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EAGLES NEWS

Did you know...

CPYHA has a LOST & FOUND

If your player is missing a helmet, one skate, gloves, text books, etc, it may have been turned in to our lost & found. Please email us to find out if we have your missing items.

Items not claimed by the end of the season will be considered abandoned and not kept for future claim.

Fascinating Fact:

Both Union College and RPI have earned bragging rights for more than team performance on the ice. Both schools have hockey teams with an average GPA HIGHER than that of their non-athletic scholars!

Remember: Homework before Hockey!



2016 Mite Madness X-Ice Jamboree

March 11-13, 2016

Mite Madness is approaching quickly. This is one of the biggest events for our youth hockey organization, and we need **your help** for it to run smoothly and efficiently. The more the players, teams and families enjoy themselves, the higher the demand will be in future seasons, and the greater the reward for your time.

Volunteers are needed! You will receive communication shortly from our coordinator and your coach regarding spots that need to be filled. We rely on each family to volunteer at some point during the tournament. Being proactive means you will have a greater chance of scheduling a task and time that works best for you!

Even if your player is not a Mite, it is a lot of fun to watch, and we certainly wouldn't mind some 'extra' helpers! Generosity is also appreciated ~ to donate an item or basket for the raffle table, please contact Kathleen Shumpert so we get your item on the list.

2016-17 Coach Preparation

Ever thought about being a Coach, Assistant Coach or Team Manager? Now is the time to start preparing for next season. All team 'staff' must register with USA Hockey and complete Safe Sport certification before participating with the team. Coaches must also have a clean background check. Prepare now, and get in the game.

It's quick, it's easy, and it's completely worth it!



DYNAMO NEWS



Coaching Director Named for 2016-17 Season

Coach Brad Shaver has been appointed as coaching director for the CP Dynamo Bantam and Midget AAA levels for the present and 2016 - 2017 season.

Tryouts For 2016-17 Dynamo

Though Spring is a couple of months away, it will arrive faster than you think. Dynamo tryouts are typically held shortly after the conclusion of the season for the next. If your player is interested in trying out for a position on one of our Dynamo teams, you will want to consider the following:

Q: What is the difference between the Eagles and Dynamo teams?

A: Dynamo is, in general terms, an advanced program of hockey. This is what is called a triple-A (AAA) level, which typically involves travel at greater distances and a bit of a longer training season. Head coaches are selected annually, as are team players. Player selection is based upon a set of criteria that surpasses simple skill, such as teamwork and goodness of fit within the developing team.

Q: Who can try out?

A: Dynamo teams start at the Squirt (10U) level and include all levels through Midgets (18U). Tryouts are not limited to CPYHA players; any qualified player may try out regardless of this year's affiliation. Team selections will be made on several factors in addition to skill, such as team need, dynamic, player sense of teamwork and determination, etc. Even if you are not certain Dynamo is for you, the tryout experience alone is valuable. Your player will likely participate in many future tryouts over their career, and experience is a plus.

Q: How are tryouts run?

A: Tryouts are historically a two-day process, lasting approximately 60-90 minutes each. It is strongly encouraged that candidates attend BOTH sessions for adequate evaluation time. Players are issued tryout jerseys for this purpose; all candidates will be identified by number only. Jerseys must be returned at the conclusion of the last session (we clean them for you). Sessions are closed; only coaches and evaluators are allowed in the rink during sessions. Individual results will not be provided by the selection team; all candidates will be notified directly once teams are determined. Players not selected for a Dynamo team, or who reject an offer, always have a spot on an equivalent Eagles team for the season, and are welcome to try out again for future seasons.

Tryout dates & times will be announced toward the end of this season. If you plan to attend tryouts, ***please advise our registrar*** Kathleen Shumpert as early as possible so she may coordinate with our director, selection team and equipment manager accordingly. This will allow for efficient check-in, full ice time, and less stress for players on those days.

[NEW Fundraising Opportunity for Players](#)

Looking to offset those final ice assessments? We have a new fundraising opportunity to help your team raise money for the second half of the season:

Liberty Mutual Insurance: For every quote requested by someone associated with CPYHA, Liberty Mutual will gift \$20 to the respective player's team to offset that player's assessment costs. Parents, grandparents, friends, co-workers, your dog groomer...: anyone may call for a quote, and *no purchase is necessary* for your player to receive the \$20 credit. Please ensure the caller advises our agent, Dan Sullivan, about their participation in the hockey program as well as your player's name and team (John Smith on the Clifton Park XYZ team). The caller will also receive a 10% discount on their quoted rate if they obtain a policy. Dan's agency, in conjunction with USA Hockey, is the only office participating in this incredible program at this time. [Get a Quote](#) today!

[TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES](#)

1. [Winter vacation](#) will be here in only a couple of weeks. Several opportunities are available to improve your skill, get out, get active, and most importantly, **have fun!**

Super Skills with Coach Shaver: Feb 15-19, Details TBA
Skills Camp @ The Hut: click on link for details.

2. [Power Skating with Coach Randall](#) Only 2 sessions left! [Feb 14 & 21, 3:30-4:30pm] These sessions are fun, and a great opportunity for tightening up individual performance. We are looking for a group of advanced skaters to participate in the remaining sessions. We recognize the limits to these players in an all-level format, and are working toward designing a maximum-level clinic if there is sufficient interest. Show your support by attending the last two clinics. Your input will be used in strategic planning for next season. Your opinion matters!

3. [Spring Camps](#)

Mite Mania: July 8-Aug 26, Details TBA
Super Skills with Coach Shaver: April 7-June 16, Details TBA
3x3...@ The Hut: March 28-May 23, click on link for details.

Please use the links above to access schedule, program and registration information. You will also find program flyers on the information wall at the rink.

Coaches for Charity

game to benefit

Homeward Bound

[Homeward Bound Dog Rescue of New York](#) representatives will be at the game to visit with fans and thank the coaches for their kind generosity. Dogs and puppies will be in attendance, hoping to find their forever home. If you are considering adoption of a pet, please complete the [adoption forms](#) in advance for ease of adoption on game day. Donations will be happily accepted. [Supplies Needed](#)



The Coaches for Charity game started in Clifton Park Youth Hockey in 2007 and has continued every year since. Our Coaches for Charity game raises money each year for a different scholarship or foundation. Clifton Park Youth Hockey coaches host coaches from local colleges, high schools and other youth hockey organizations to skate for the cause.

Past honorees:

- ◆ Jim Patterson- Saratoga Hockey - 2007
- ◆ Connor LaFrance- Saratoga Hockey - 2008
- Nick's Fight to be healed Nick Cammarata- Clifton Park 2009
- Patrick Snyder Scholarship Fund- Clifton Park 2010
- Hannahs Hope Fund- Hannah Sames- Clifton Park 2011
- Lucas Romano Scholarship Fund- Clifton Park 2012
- Chris Stewart, Deanna Rivers, Baily Wind, Matt Hardy- Scholarship Funds 2013
- Christine Parker-Clifton Park Hockey 2014

COACHES GAME:
Date: March 3rd, 2016
Time: 7:30 PM

[Thank you for your support!](#)

We look forward to seeing you there.

SALE

TEAM APPAREL CLOSEOUT SALE

Now is a great time to buy your team apparel! All hoodies are discounted to **\$20 each** while supplies last. You can always tell a hockey parent by the sweatshirts in the car in August. Here's your chance to represent in style!

Sizes remaining:

Eagles: Adult S, M, L

- graphite/Kelly green

Dynamo: Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL

- graphite/orange



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Other team logo items are still available for purchase in our team store

[Eagles Teams](#)

[Dynamo Teams](#)