

MIRAMICHI ROTARY POND HOCKEY 2012 Registration Package

The following information is available in this file.

- 1. Contact information.** Please use e-mail to rotarypondhockey@yahoo.ca as the preferred method of communication. To ensure good communications, please include E-mail addresses for all your team members on the registration form, not just the team captain. The e-mail address for the Teams Chair is pat.perry@cibc.com.
- 2. Regulations for the tournament.** Please ensure all participants have read through and understand these. Signed waivers will be required before any participant is allowed to play – these will be available during registration. Minors under the age of 19 will require the signature of a parent or legal guardian at registration time.
- 3. The minimum age in any division is age 13. A fifth player substitution during games in the “Over 50” division is allowed. There is a special non-competitive grouping for two children ages 10-12 accompanied by two parent/guardians over age 25.**
- 4. Participants are reminded the use of proper hockey helmets is mandatory, and will be enforced (including substitution of other forms of helmets). Shin-guards continue to be banned - protective knee pads are allowed.**
- 5. Entry deadline is January 13, 2012. There will be an “Early Bird” draw during the event from all entries received with payment no later than December 15, 2011, the prize being four tickets to a Montreal Canadiens game, courtesy of Molson Canadian. The entry fee is \$320. “Over 50” teams with a fifth player pay \$400.**
- 6. Hotels in the area can be reached through www.MRPH.ca (Accommodations) or “Where To Stay” at www.miramichi.org/en/visit-stay-intro-e.asp. Please indicate your participation in the pond hockey tournament to get any special rates.**

7. Registration form for the team is the final page of this package. Please assist the organizing committee by ensuring all information for registration is completed and all questions are answered.

8. Entry Fee includes insurance coverage:

- **\$10,000 Accidental Death and Dismemberment**
- **up to \$20,000 Paralysis and Specified Losses**
- **\$10,000 Blanket Accidental Medical***
- **\$1000 Accidental Dental**
- **\$1000 Fracture Indemnity**
- **\$5,000 Rehabilitation**
- **\$2,000 Tutorial**
- **\$50 Emergency Taxi**
- *** Note: international competitors are not covered by Blanket Accidental Medical, but all other coverage applies.**

Please note that the committee welcomes and desires feedback on any subject related to this event.

Airline Connections for Out-of-Towners:

Moncton, NB is 1.5 hours drive from Miramichi.

Bathurst, NB is a 1 hour drive from Miramichi.

Fredericton, NB is 2 hours drive from Miramichi.

Presque Isle, Maine is the closest U.S. Airport.

Miramichi Airport has no commercial flights, but is available for private planes.

Railway Connections for Out-of-Towners:

VIA Rail offers passenger service 3 days per week, once daily, to Miramichi.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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DATES: February 3-5, 2012

DEADLINES: December 15, 2011 Early Bird
January 13, 2012 Tournament Entry

Miramichi Rotary Pond Hockey 2012

REGULATIONS

PURPOSE

1. This tournament is a charitable fund-raising event for the Rotary Club of Newcastle.

MANAGEMENT

2. The tournament shall be under the working management of the Miramichi Rotary Pond Hockey organizing committee, herein after called the Committee.

3. All matters not dealt with in these Regulations shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision on such matters shall be binding.

4. The Committee reserves the right to add or delete rules prior to the start of the tournament. Teams will be informed of any rule changes at registration.

DEFINITIONS

5. For the purpose of these Regulations an AMATEUR is defined, as a person whose current principle means of livelihood is not obtained from playing hockey. Occasionally such persons may receive remuneration on a part time basis and still be considered amateur.

6. For the purpose of these Regulations the "NON-COMPETITIVE" division is defined, as intended for players who just want to participate in the event, but in a friendly and non-competitive atmosphere.

DATES

7. The pond hockey tournament will be held **February 3-5, 2012**.

ELIGIBILITY

8. All competitions, unless otherwise stated, are open to amateurs only.

9. For entry into all divisions, participants must be no younger than 13 years of age on the beginning day of the tournament. Exact date of birth must be entered in the space provided on the entry form. The only exception is the non-competitive "Age 10-12 year olds with a parent/guardian.

10. For entry into the "Over 35" division, participants must be no younger than 35 years of age on the beginning day of the tournament. For entry into the "Over 50" division, participants must be no younger than 50 years of age on the beginning day of the tournament. For entry into the "Age 10-12" division, the two children must be no younger than 10 years of age and no older than 12 years of age on the beginning day of the tournament, while the accompanying parent/guardian must be a minimum of 25 years old. Exact date of birth must be entered in the space provided on the entry form.

11. For entry into the "Family" division, a team must be composed of two pair of participants, preferably separated by at least one generation, and for which a family relationship exists (ie. father and son, mother and son, father and daughter, mother and daughter, grandfather and grandson). This can involve one family only or two unrelated families. The minimum age requirement for the tournament must be respected. Please note that this division is designated competitive and does have a play-off.

12. Teams in the “Competitive”, “Non-Competitive”, “Over 35”, “Over 50”, “Age 10-12”, and “Family” divisions can be any combination of males or females. Teams in the “Women’s” division must be all female.

13. Teams in the “Non-Competitive” division are recommended to consist of skaters who do not play organized hockey regularly. This grouping is for enjoyment of the game only.

14. The Committee reserves the right to prohibit any player or team from participating if they are deemed to cause safety concerns.

ENTRIES AND ENTRY FORMS

15. The Committee shall determine annually all entry fees.

16. The Committee will determine annually the closing date for entries.

17. The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry.

18. The entry fee for all divisions is **\$320 CAN** (\$80 per player). The exception is the “Over 50” teams who register a fifth player, for which the fee is **\$400 CAN** (\$80 per player). Tax receipts are available upon request no later than March 31, 2012, and will only be issued after the entry deadline.

19. Entries must be submitted on the official entry form, on which all data requested must be provided, together with the entry fee. Cheques should be made payable to the **Rotary Club of Newcastle**.

20. Participants must complete all blanks on the entry form, and enclose the required fee. Payment online by PayPal is highly recommended and preferred. Incomplete forms may not be accepted. Entries that do not include the appropriate entry fees will NOT be accepted. Entries and fees should be contained in a sealed and clearly marked envelope.

21. Fax or e-mail entries will be accepted when accompanied by a credit card number.

22. Deadline for entry into the “Early Bird” draw is December 15, 2011. Only completed entries with full payment received are eligible. Winner of 4 Montreal Canadiens tickets will be announced during the event.

23. Deadline for entry into the tournament is **Friday January 13th, 2012** at 5 PM. Completed entry forms and fees can be dropped off at City Hall, Miramichi, NB, between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday to Friday.

24. Entries received by mail must be post-marked no later than **Friday January 13th, 2012**, and can be sent to “Rotary Pond Hockey”, P.O. Box 433, Miramichi, New Brunswick, Canada E1V 3M5.

25. Entry into the tournament is on a “first come, first served” basis. Placement in the tournament can only be achieved with a completed entry form payment of the full registration fee.

26. Please mail or deliver entries **ONLY** to the addresses above. The Committee will not be responsible for entries sent to another location.

27. Entry fees will not be refunded after January 13th, 2012 unless the Committee rejects the entry.

28. Entry in multiple divisions is not permitted. Any individual participant must choose one division only to compete in.

29. The Committee reserves the right to withdraw any division from the tournament due to insufficient number of entries. The entry fee will be returned or applied to another division as directed by the team.

30. All participants will be required to sign waivers of liability prior to being allowed to compete. Participants under the age of 19 require the signature of a parent or legal guardian to indicate permission to compete.

TOURNAMENT RULES

31. All players must wear skates.

32. All teams should have Home (whites) and Away (darks) jerseys.

33. No goalie sticks or equipment allowed.

34. Helmets are mandatory.

35. Visors or face-shields are optional, but recommended.

36. Shin-guards are NOT allowed (knee pads and elbow pads are allowed for protection against injury).

37. The Committee shall determine the order in which games are scheduled and the order of competitors, who shall play in the order listed in the program. The Committee reserves the right to alter the program if necessary (eg. weather conditions). The committee will make every effort to contact teams regarding schedule changes, but it is the responsibility of the participants to be aware of changes.

38. All teams will be scheduled to play four games in their division, prior to elimination rounds. The "Non-Competitive" division will be four games only with no elimination rounds.

39. Competitors MUST be on their correct ice surface and ready to compete at the scheduled beginning of their game. The Committee reserves the right to disqualify any team who is not ready to play.

40. No substitutions are allowed – the same 4 players who start the tournament must play all the games. The exception is the "Over 50" section which does not require, but does allow a fifth player to substitute during the game. Teams may play any game with three players. Less than three requires a forfeit of that game.

41. Decisions of the referees are final. Games in the "Non-Competitive" division will require self-monitoring, there will be no official referee except to supply pucks.

42. All games are 35 minutes in duration, consisting of two 15 minute halves with a 5 minute break between halves.

43. All nets are reduced in size. They will be the standard 6 feet in width at the opening, but only 10 inches in height at the opening. No lifting the puck (flip passes below waist level may be allowed by mutual consent of both teams).

44. Penalties will be called for rule infractions. Any minor penalty results in a goal being awarded to the opposing team, plus puck possession for the purpose of taking half ice.

45. Any major infraction, which includes any action which could potentially injure another player, results in ejection from the tournament with no substitution allowed for the offending player's team.

46. Regular hockey infractions, such as tripping, hooking, slashing, etc., are considered infractions in this event as well and will result in minor penalties being levied.

47. Any abuse of officials will be considered a major infraction. This will include yelling, swearing, or arguing about calls.

48. Checking or body contact is strictly prohibited. Any action to do so will result in a minor penalty, unless deemed serious enough by the officials to be a major infraction.

49. Slap-shots and excessively hard wrist shots are prohibited due to potential for injury. Stick-blades must remain on the ice (minor penalty).

50. No contacting the puck with your stick above the waist (minor penalty).

51. No player can fall or lay on the ice in an effort to protect the goal area or lay their stick shaft in a position to protect the goal area. Either action will be deemed to be goal-tending (minor penalty).

52. There will be no off-side or icing calls.

53. Goals must be scored from the attacking side of center ice.

54. Intentionally raising the puck from the ice results in the puck being awarded to the opposing team (change of possession), except where flip passes are being allowed by mutual agreement.

55. Pucks which are accidentally shot out of bounds will result in the opposing team gaining possession at the spot closest to where the puck left the area of play. Defenders must give the in-bounding team 2 stick lengths to initiate play once again. Players should not pursue or chase pucks shot out of play. The assigned official will have extra pucks and immediately spot a puck for play to continue. Puck chasers are provided.

56. Aside from the opening face-off, teams will be required to give their opponents half ice after a goal is scored or a change in possession occurs for a penalty. The team which has been scored upon must move the puck (quickly so the game is not delayed) over the half ice marker before the defending team can engage in play.

PROTESTS

57. There is no mechanism for formal protests. The decisions of the official assigned to each ice surface are final.

ADMISSION OF COMPETITORS AND PUBLIC

58. Games are open to the public, with no admission.

AWARDS

59. Awards will be determined annually by the Committee. There will be one winner per division, except in the "Non-Competitive" division where there will be no winners or awards.

