

Voodoo News Dec 2010

Hi Voodoo Parents and Players! This is the first of our bi-monthly newsletter aimed at keeping players and parents informed on all activities regarding Voodoo Inline Hockey. I apologize ahead of time for the length, I promise upcoming newsletters won't be so wordy!

COACHES:

At Voodoo we expect a lot out of our players but even more out of our coaches. Some of you may look at the bench and notice our coaches and wondering about their hockey credentials. Three of our coaches are very young but in fact have 25+ years of experience playing and coaching youth hockey. They have not only accomplished many things as coaches, but also a wealth of championships in Regional, National, Beach Cup, and Tour Cup Series, tournaments as players.

Trevor Hunter – Attends Prairie Ridge High School. Has experience as both a goalie and a skater. Played on inhouse and regional travel teams for the past 10 years. Named MVG at Tohr Regional Tourney in 2007. 2008 Tour Beach Cup Champion. Has coached youth hockey for the past 2 years.

Alex Wagner – Attends Barrington High School. Started playing hockey when he was 5. Played on 2006 & 2007 Tohrs Nationals in Detroit with 2007 – winning Gold in 2007. Played on 2007 and 2010 Illinois State Wars Teams; earning silver and gold respectively. MVP for JV Barrington High School Hockey in 2009-2010. Asst. coach at both regional and state level.

Michael Borkowski – Attends Marian Central Catholic High School. Started playing when he was 8. Played on inhouse and regional travel teams for the past 8 years. Played in 2007 Tohrs Nationals in Detroit winning Gold. Tohrs MVD award in 2007. Played on 2008, 2009, and 2010 Illinois State Wars Team earning gold for all three years. Has coached youth hockey for 2 years and 2001 and 2002 Illinois State Wars Teams.

OUR OBJECTIVES:

Amongst other goals as a hockey organization we have a firm commitment to making the game fun for all parties. This means sportsmanship throughout games and practices is as important as scoring goals and making saves. The most important fundamentals for sportsmanship start at home. Praising good sportsmanship and correcting poor behavior at an early age sends a strong message and helps young players grown into young adults. If there are any problems that you would like to bring up to the hockey club it is not only accepted but it is welcome. There are several avenues in which to go down. The first of which is speaking directly to the coach of your team followed by a league official which includes Bonnie Hunter (Owner), Greg Chargo (Hockey Director) , Marian Borkowski (League Manager).

Another important goal of the league is to improve the fundamentals of all players. For players to succeed at higher levels of hockey it is imperative to focus on the most basic fundamental, skating. Often times strong skating leads to a more complete game which is key for regional and tournament hockey. With this in mind Voodoo is now offering:

Power Skating practices on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00. These practices will work exclusively on strengthening skating and endurance. Power Skate is available to any player on a Voodoo Inline Hockey team and is strongly recommended for all.

COMMUNICATION:

We will be keeping in contact with you via e-mail, phone calls, message board in Xtreme Wheels (between front counter and food area), and our website www.crystallakevoodoo.com. If you have any comments or concerns contact Marian Borkowski at mborkowski@crystallakevoodoo.com.

Keep in mind the beginning of each session tends to come with many changes. So please be patient with the large amount of emails.

USED EQUIPMENT:

We at Voodoo are trying to make hockey more affordable for younger players. If you have any gear that is too small or have no more use for, please consider bringing it in to Xtreme Wheels to donate to a younger hockey player. There will be a bin for used equipment at the front desk starting Saturday December 11th. Thanks in advance for any donations.

Also a special thanks goes out to our volunteer Coaches without whom any youth sports league would fail. Sometimes it is easy to forget that it is a volunteer position so be patient and kind when talking to these volunteers.

For those of you that are new to the league, Greg Chargo is our hockey director. He has more than 20 years hockey experience. He has played hockey competitively since the age of 3. Has played at state, national, semi pro , and pro levels. He has coached ice and inline in the last 6 years. (He also referees when he is bored.) He most recently has coached the 2001 and 2002 Illinois State Wars Teams along with winning multiple regional titles.

We would like to wish all the players good luck in this upcoming season, and remember to have fun! Thanks for reading the first Voodoo Inline Hockey Newsletter!