



Dayton Bombers Youth Hockey League

We have lots of apparel items available with the DBYHL logo. Pictures of them are on the website. They are great for showing your pride and wearing around the rink. Contact Joy Mikulcik or Michelle Schemmel, the Booster Co-Chairs.

Skate passes will be on sale until the 1st of May. They are only \$2 and are a great way to have fun at open skate or work on skating technique. Contact Michelle Schemmel at 885-7557 for more info.

Check us out at www.dbyhl.com! We are a non-profit youth club dedicated to providing a safe, fun place for kids to enjoy the sport of hockey.

From the President – Mike Schemmel

As we head down the home stretch of what is shaping up to be another great season I wanted to take the time to say thanks to everyone who is involved behind the scenes to make the organization great. *Remember, that this is our organization.* It does not exist for those of us on the Board, nor does it exist for the coaches. We need your input and efforts to keep the program strong and headed in the right direction. I also want to welcome those of you who are new to our program and hope you will find it a satisfying and rewarding program to continue to belong to.

Growth of the Program. We have another big number in the Instructional Program and our older age groups continue to grow in the number of teams. This is great for our program, but there is still a lot of growth potential for our sport and our organization. Next year we are looking to branch out even more, as those plans solidify, we will keep you informed and look for others to help grow the program.

GDYHL Tournament. The League our house teams play in has an end of the year tournament at the Mite, Squirt, and Peewee age divisions. This tournament is always held on the first weekend in March. We are hosting this tournament again this year at the Kettering Rec Center. Last year Bombers Mite 1 and Bombers Squirt 1 teams both won the Greater Dayton Youth Hockey League (GDYHL) regular season championship and also the GDYHL tournament championship. While the program is not solely focused on winning, these accomplishments give our players a sense of pride and give them a focal point to develop for and work toward. This year we have two Mite teams, three Squirt teams, and two Peewee teams.

I also want to point out that we have three teams that compete at what we consider the older age groups. Two of these teams are independent, meaning they are not affiliated with a league. These older age groups are the bantam and midget age divisions. The DBYHL has two bantam teams and a midget team. The Bantam 'AA' team competes in the Buckeye Travel Hockey League. Please join me in wishing them "good luck" in their tournament as well.

Look for your copy of the 2007-2008 Yearbook at the end of next month. It will feature all the teams of the DBYHL and is a great keepsake for the players in our program.

We need your help!
Most of our friends
and Classmates don't
know how fun Hockey
is. Spread the word...
-Ethan Halverson

Coaches wanted for the Fall season, please contact Gus Delucia or a board member if you are interested. All coaches must fill out a coaches application.

**GET INVOLVED!
VOLUNTEER TO BE A
TEAM PARENT, COACH
OR BOARD MEMBER!**

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Elections: I need to inform you that we are now taking nominations for President and Vice President for the 2008-2009 season. These are the only two elected positions. We will take nominations for these positions until February 15th. The election takes place at the board meeting on March 5th at the KRC at 7:00 p.m. Each member family is allowed to cast one vote for each position. You must be present to vote. If you know anyone who would like to take one of these positions, please call or email Brett Williford. Brett can be reached at 431-9525 or brettlisa@sbcglobal.net. I can be reached at 885-7557 or mschemmel1@woh.rr.com to answer any questions. We always need volunteers to help on the board, please contact a board member if you can help.

Fun Stuff: Saturday, February 9th from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. we will have a family open skate with the new inflatable goal. All players are encouraged to "bring a friend" to this event. These and other fun things we offer make us the great program we are.

Many of our DBYHL Teams have made trips to skate with the Dayton Bombers, the Ohio State Buckeyes, and the Columbus Blue Jackets. Thanks to the coaches and volunteers who organize these trips!!!

Fees: We always get questions about fees and how they are set. We publish the fee structure at our board meetings. Much of what we do is in a state of flux from year to year. The current board has worked hard to design a program that meets our needs. Without going into too much detail, I can tell you that in the "house program" 87% of the fees we charge are directly related to taking the ice. With an organization as large as ours, we have to cover the expenses of equipping our coaches and maintaining the organization. Roughly 6% of our fees go to educating and equipping our coaches, 3.5% goes towards other equipment costs for the year and 3.5% goes toward administrative costs like mailers and registration packets. Please contact me if you have concerns here. Fees for travel teams (bantam/midget) are figured separately.

Again, thanks to all and **Go Bombers!**