



## **Egan Hockey Association – Bantam & U14 Volunteer Program Information**

The EHA Board allows Bantams and U14 players to choose to spend 12 hours volunteering as an assistant for a Squirt, U10, U8 or Mite hockey team instead of participating in the annual EHA fundraiser. This volunteer program was created to provide Bantams and U14 players the opportunity to give back to the EHA and the community by directly working with younger players in the organization. Through this volunteer program, the older players and younger players benefit, as younger players look up to the older ones as mentors, and the older players experience the satisfaction of helping younger kids learn to play hockey.

There are a number of important factors that parents, Bantams and U14 players should consider when deciding whether to participate in the volunteer program or to instead participate in the fundraiser. Please take the time to read this document and consider these options carefully.

Volunteering requires a significant time commitment from players and parents. Twelve hours is not an insignificant amount of time, considering that this is time that will be spent in addition to the volunteer's own hockey practices, school and other commitments. For parents, this means 12 more pick-ups and 12 more drop-offs during the season. It also requires the player to be responsible for scheduling volunteer times with the coach and to keep track of and attend each volunteer session. The payback comes from those Squirt, U10, U8 and Mite players who will look up to the older players, and those Bantams and U14 players whose active volunteer participation will be a positive and inspiring experience for all involved. But participating in the volunteer program is a decision that should be made thoughtfully.

When considering whether to participate in the volunteer program or the fundraiser, please note the following:

Players who choose to participate in the volunteer program must fill out the volunteer form at the end of this document and turn it into their team's manager by November 15, 2009.

Any player who does not turn in a form by November 7, 2008 will be required to participate in the fundraiser. However, players at the Bantam and U14 level will only have to sell \$100 worth of raffle tickets as opposed to the \$125 obligation required for all younger levels in EHA.

A player who has chosen to participate in the volunteer program may "opt-out" of the volunteer program and instead participate in the fundraiser if the decision is made anytime before January 1, 2010. To opt out, e-mail the EHA Bantam Level Coordinator and the EHA Fundraising Coordinator.

Players may volunteer only with Squirt, U10, U8 and Mite level teams.

From time to time, EHA may provide additional volunteer opportunities at other levels, but those opportunities will only be available as expressly described by EHA.

Assignments to a team will be made after the Mite teams are formed. Your team manager will inform you of the team to which you are assigned.

If you make a request to be assigned to a certain team, we will try to honor the request but it will not always be possible to do so. Requests to play with a relative (i.e., a sibling's or parent's team) will receive priority.

It is the responsibility of the players to contact the coach of the teams they have been assigned to, and to arrange times and availability to help out with the teams throughout the entire season.

The time spent volunteering is not to be used as personal practice time, and attendance at scheduled volunteer sessions is not optional. Volunteer hours spent shooting pucks at the boards will NOT count towards your volunteer hours requirement.

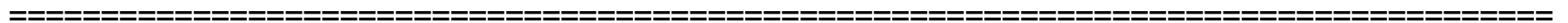
As a volunteer to the team, be prepared to be an active assistant in the team's practice and offer support to the coaching staff in anyway possible.

The 12 hours of volunteer time must be completed by the end of the EHA 2009-2010 hockey season.

If you choose the volunteer option, but volunteer less than 12 hours, you will be billed for the missed hours at \$10.50 per hour.

A lack of volunteer opportunities "excuse" will not be considered as a valid reason for not being able to complete volunteer obligations. In addition to opportunities to volunteer with your team, there will be other volunteering opportunities available within the EHA. These opportunities will include certain EHA tournaments, the Mite Jamboree and the Squirt Melt Down. Lastly, any EHA Board member can be contacted to request further help in locating volunteer opportunities.

Any questions regarding volunteering or fundraising should be directed to your team's volunteer coordinator/fundraiser representative or team manager. If you still have questions after contacting the appropriate team representative, you may contact the Bantam Level Coordinator or the Fundraising Coordinator.



**2009-2010 Bantam – U14 Volunteer - Fundraiser Waiver Form**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Team & Coach:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Request for EHA youth team (coach or player):** \_\_\_\_\_