

PEMAA FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER



DEAR BLACK HAWK FAMILIES

WE ARE THRILLED TO BE BACK AT THE RINK WITH EACH OF YOU AND ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A "DYNAMITE" 2025-2026 SEASON! TO STAY UP TO DATE, PLEASE FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, YOUR TEAM GROUP AND OUR WEBSITE!



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE

- Schedules are for the most part, all finalized and loaded on our website, subscribing to the website calendar is a great way to track changes to your player's schedule!
- Coaches and Benchstaff have had a couple of practices and are enjoying welcoming back returning players and getting to know new players
- Red & Ko at the Rink will be opening Saturday, October 11th. Being able to grab a hot chocolate arena fries or a hot dog makes for a much more authentic rink experience!
- SPIRIT Day is set for November 15th! Retro 80's theme!
- Our Jamboree is set for March 22nd
- Teddy Bear Toss dates to be announced
- Trainers and bench staff recently completed "Stop the Bleed" training



FUNDRAISING

- We have "Meat Raffles" every three weeks beginning October 10th. Our Association assists the Point Edward Optimist Club for one draw per month throughout Oct - June and taking on the full Raffles for the summer months. We are excited to get back to Two Amigos for this fun and rewarding opportunity. Please visit our online "sign up genius" link to sign up for a meat raffle, it is the easiest and most fun way to knock off a volunteer credit as well!
 - Once again, we will be doing the "Giresi's' Pizza Kit" fundraiser again! Last year, this fundraiser was wildly successful, and we have no doubt it will be equally fun and lucrative this year!
 - Mandatory Volunteer credits can be achieved by signing up online to help out with various opportunities.
- <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10C0A4DABA82DAAF9C70-56762188-point> Anyone with questions, please approach Lynz, Erin or Liz with any questions.



PAYMENT

- We were able to maintain stable registration fees with no increase from last season.
- Anyone who has not yet paid their registration fees will have made payment arrangements with our Treasurer, Lynz. We accept cash, cheque, or electronic funds transfer to pemaapayment@gmail.com
- The second installment will be due in January



TOURNAMENTS

Some teams have their tournaments nailed down...teams usually participate in one nearby tournament and one that requires an overnight stay. PEMAA covers \$2000.00 in tournament fees per team. If teams wish to participate in a third tournament, individual team fundraising is an option but fundraisers must be approved by PEMAA to ensure they are not in contravention of any alcohol or gaming rules. The tournament experience has always been some of the most memorable moments for our players

FINAL COMMENTS

We ask that each of you keep in mind, we are a rather small group of volunteers doing our very best to provide quality, fun and inclusive programming. We are fortunate to have a fantastic group of committed and knowledgeable coaches and bench staff. We ask that parents role model appropriate expectations and remember not all wins show up on the scoreboard. We understand winning is way more fun...but character development trumps winning each and every time. Respectful communication is key. We will not tolerate any abusive language or behaviour. Instances involving such will be dealt with swiftly and appropriately. Our goal is to work collaboratively with parents, players, the Village, the rink staff and OMHA to ensure a safe and exciting hockey season. Please feel welcome to share ideas, positive and constructive feedback and join us in our efforts! Looking forward to seeing each of you at the rink!



PARENTS INVOLVEMENT

If you are interested in being part of our SPIRIT Day committee or our Jamboree Committee, please reach out, these opportunities can be a great way to knock off volunteer credits. We would love to see more folks become involved in making our program even better than it already is!

BIG THANKS!!

Huge thanks to everyone who has been helping make sure the name bars were removed and reapplied in time for games! Special mention to Lynz, Debbie Bramham, Shannon Duquette, Charissa Breault, Taylor Mackenzie, Sasha Jamieson and Nicola Johnson for their flexibility, time and effort!

Thank you also to Alyssa Cosford who manages to keep our bulletin board fun and inspiring for everyone! We are amazed by her creativity!

We have some excellent "on ice helpers" this year... Eoghan O'Keefe, Keaton Boisvert, Gavin Callahan, Cam Boston and Brody McLeod will be assisting younger teams while earning volunteer hours! We love seeing our young people giving back and becoming "future leaders".

