

# Hockey Happenings

## Sioux Falls Flyers



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## Fall Parent Meeting Dates – 2024

The Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Fall League Meetings will be hosted at the Augustana Hamre Hall and the Sanford Pentagon – Heritage Court. Information about teams will be provided at these meetings. In addition, expectations of both skaters and parents will be explained. Because of the importance of the topics discussed, we ask that a parent/guardian from every SFYHA family attend the Parent Meeting. The Board views attendance as a requirement for participation in the Association. Attendance by one parent is appreciated.

### LOCATION/DATES:

- ⇒ Wednesday – **September 25** 5:45-6:45pm  
**Augustana Hamre Hall – 2120 S Grange Ave – Just south of 30<sup>th</sup> Street & Grange**  
*Focus groups for this session are all Squirt, PeeWee and Bantam Travel Families*
- ⇒ Wednesday – **September 25** 7:00-8:00pm  
**Augustana Hamre Hall – 2120 S Grange Ave – Just south of 30<sup>th</sup> Street & Grange**  
*Focus groups will be Lady Flyers and High School Travel Families*
- ⇒ Wednesday – **October 23** 5:45-6:45pm  
**Sanford Pentagon on the Sanford Sports Complex – Center Heritage Court**  
*Focus groups for this session are all Atom Families*
- ⇒ Wednesday – **October 23** 7:00-8:00pm  
**Sanford Pentagon on the Sanford Sports Complex – Center Heritage Court**  
*Focus groups for this session are all Mite, ICL and ACL Families*  
*Note to ACL needing jerseys: Please bring elbow pads and shoulder pads for jersey fitting*

**\*Mini-Atom Note: We will host a parent meeting following their first time on the ice November 17<sup>th</sup>. You do not need to attend a Fall Parent meeting. More details to come.**



Please mark your calendars! The program will be similar at all sessions. **Scrip, Big Soo books, Raffle Tickets, Candy Bars and fundraising info will be available.**

We would like a parent to attend to secure important season information and submit required forms. Families with multiple players only need to attend one session. Spirtwear will not be available for sale at the Fall Meetings.

**YOUR LEAGUE MANAGERS HAVE MANY DUTIES TO ACCOMPLISH AND APPRECIATE YOUR ATTENDANCE. INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE OPENING SESSIONS WILL BENEFIT ALL MEMBERS.**

## Tryout Stock Jersey Distribution for Travel Squirts, Girls 10U, Travel PeeWees, Travel Bantams & PeeWee Girls 12U

If your player has not yet picked up a set of stock jerseys for tryouts, you need to contact our Game Jersey Coordinator, Brianna Long at [traveljerseys@sfflyers.com](mailto:traveljerseys@sfflyers.com). Squirt Travel, PeeWee Travel and Bantam Travel are required to have stock/tryout jerseys when tryouts begin next week.

**Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam Travel Player Session assignments for Tryouts will be posted and emailed next week.**



## KEEP INFORMED!!

With the season close at hand, families have many questions, and we want to provide as much information to you as possible. Please keep in mind:

- Hockey Happenings, such as this publication, is full of information and details about SFYHA. Please read it carefully and mark your calendars. This is not our main source of communication, but Hockey Happenings attempts to put the information in one place.
- The SFYHA website is a best place to check for updated Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Information. We hope you are “checking” often!! Don’t be afraid to check out every menu option and link. Ad Council members and others are working to update for 2024-2025 season. Information Abundant!

[www.siouxfallsflyers.com](http://www.siouxfallsflyers.com)

- Eblasts – Updates and information for all of our members – These are not lengthy documents, but as always, information that may answer some of your questions. The eblasts go to the first email listed on your players registration. Remember to forward to your spouse 😊
- **FaceBook** – is the media we utilize for quick, current and future information. We encourage everyone to sign up for Sioux Falls Flyers FaceBook page at Sioux Falls Flyers Hockey.
- **Emails** – For information pertinent to a certain league or age group, communication will come to you via email.

**Many people spend a lot of time communicating to our membership. Please do your part and read the communication. If you have questions, please contact a board member, the hockey office or call 605-361-9836.**

### **Just for You!!**

Our webmaster has spent some time with the re-design of our Flyers website Home Page! Check it out! Our goal is easier view/access on your mobile device.



### **Special Thanks!!**

**Sioux Falls Youth Hockey recently received \$1930 donation from the MIRC Endowment Fund. Thanks to our Minnehaha Ice and Recreation Center forefathers for all their hard work to establish hockey in Sioux Falls!!**

### **This and That...**

- **SFYHA Board of Directors monthly meetings** are scheduled the second Wednesday of each month. They will be held in the Sanford Conference Room at the SCHEELS IcePlex. If you have an agenda item, your proposal or request needs to be forwarded to Cherry Hunter no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Hockey equipment is available at SCHEELS and Hockey Headquarters.

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Advanced City League, Intermediate City League, Mite and Atom Leagues: If you have not registered online with SFYHA – PLEASE do so as soon as possible. Planning for the upcoming season is much easier when the Board knows how many will be participating in the program. Our website is [siouxfallsflyers.com](http://siouxfallsflyers.com) **Registration Deadline for these leagues is September 21<sup>st</sup>****



South Dakota Amateur Hockey Association has a web site at [www.sdaha.org](http://www.sdaha.org). Lots of information for everyone!

## ➤ **ABOUT GAME ADMISSIONS**

Admissions to SFYHA Home Games is an important part of revenue for your association. Efficient collection of admissions is a must for the SFYHA program. Home game admission will be charged for all league games – including Sioux Falls vs Sioux Falls games. SFYHA Family Season Passes are \$40 with Adult Season Passes for \$25. You may purchase a Family Season Pass at the preseason events for \$35 (\$5 discount). Individual adult admission for home games is \$6.00. The SFYHA policy for admissions collection is similar to the rest of South Dakota local associations.

## ➤ **Rental Gear Check-Out**

For Mini-Atoms, Atoms and Mites who plan to rent gear for the 2024-2025 season, upcoming dates at the IcePlex:

- October 3 – 6:00-7:30pm
- October 28 – 6:00-7:30pm

## **A BIT ABOUT SCRIP SALES, CANDY BARS, BIG SOO & RAFFLE TICKETS**

During the “ice down” period at the IcePlex, Cherry will be at most of the player tryouts through October 3. Opportunities to be at the IcePlex for scrip sales, candy bar, Big Soo and Raffle ticket pick up is going to be minimal. If you want to stop by the MIDCO Arena for pick up during tryouts, please let me know what you need so items will be available. Hockey members are also welcome to stop by our home for pick up during the day.....but be cognizant our street is closed for the next 4 weeks. You can park and walk – but not a short stop. No ice – No street 😊 Cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com

## **Custom Flyers Equipment Bag!!**

*Orders are due by October 10 for canvas Flyers Hockey Equipment Bags for Bantam Travel and younger! They were a hit last year! Equipment Hockey Bag is \$140. Flyers Goalie Custom Equipment bags are \$150. Order form is available under Flyers Information on our website home page.*

**NEW TO THE FLYERS???** There is a lot of information as you begin your journey with SFYHA. We

**Welcome**  
New Members

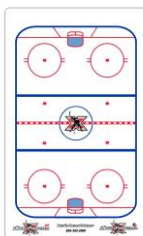
join us!

want to help you understand our program – the schedule, the website, DIBS, fundraising – and any other questions or concerns you may have. We are hosting **“EDUCATE ME” sessions on Saturday, November 2** at the SCHEELS IcePlex in the front Conference Room. We will host 2 sessions – 10:00-10:45am and 10:45-11:30am. We will provide an overview and some tips to help keep informed. We will follow up with questions and answers from our new families. Mark your calendar to

## **Hockey Coaches Needed!**

Are you interested in helping coach for Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association? The first step is to complete the coaching application for SFYHA. The link can be found on our website Home Page

<https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/beacoach>



# 2024-2025 Sioux Falls Youth Hockey Association Season

<u>League</u>	<u>Season Beginning</u>	<u>Season Ends</u>	
Mini-Atoms	November 17	March 2	4 yr
Atoms	October 28	March 2	5-6 yr
City Leagues	October 28	March 9	9-18 yr
Mites	October 28	March 9	7-8 yr
Squirt/Girls 10U Travel	October 28	March 2	9-10 yr
PeeWee/Girls 12U Travel	October 28	March 2	11-12 yr
Bantam Travel	October 28	March 2	13-14 yr
Girls 14U	October 28	March 2	13-14 yr
Girls Var & Boys JV	October 28	March 9	
Varsity Boys	October 28	March 16**	

Tryouts will begin September 22 for Boys JV/Varsity  
 Tryouts will be Sept 27-29 for Squirts & PeeWees. Bantams will be Sept 29-Oct 3

## Games & Other Info

- No tournaments or games scheduled prior to November 8 due to team registration process & coach placement for any league or team without prior board approval.
- Full season practices begin the week of October 28.
- State games begin November 22.
- City League practices will not extend beyond their respective End of Season Jamborees.
- **Weekend practice ice times may be canceled or rescheduled due to SFYHA Invitational Tournaments or Jamborees**
  - Nov 16 SDAHA Girls Weekend & Senior Showcase
  - Dec 6-8 Squirt A and Squirt B Tournament
  - Jan 3-5 Bantam A and Bantam B Tournament
  - Jan 24-26 PeeWee A and PeeWee B Tournament
  - Feb 8-9 Falls Freeze Mite Fest
- Goalie sessions will be hosted on Wednesdays beginning October 30.
- The season end will not extend beyond the dates as noted above unless requested and approved by the board of directors no later than January 1<sup>st</sup>. \*\*Varsity Boys attendance at National High School Tournament will be considered part of the season.
- Mini-Atoms and Atom Short Session will not have sessions on Sunday - December 22 and February 9 (Super Bowl Sunday).
- Mite Sunday League, ICL & ACL Leagues will not have ice sessions on February 9 (Super Bowl Sunday)

## No practices scheduled for:

November 28 for all leagues (Thanksgiving)  
 November 29-30 for Atoms & Mites (Friday/Saturday)  
**December 23-24-25-26-27 for all leagues (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday)**  
 December 31 – January 1\* (Tuesday/Wednesday) Coach may request by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Saturday am ice slots may be adjusted for Atoms, Mite Travel & Mite City – Nov 16, Dec 7, Jan 4, Jan 25, Feb 8



Fall 2024 Camps & Clinics – We will continue to communicate directly with those registered as we adjust plans due to no ice at the IcePlex.

SFYHA Mite City League Jamboree, Atom Jamboree and End of the year Intermediate City League and Advanced City League play off dates will need to be determined.

# **FUNDRAISER CREDIT OPTIONS – 2024-2025**

As indicated on your registration, Mid-Season Fundraiser Fees are due January 13, 2025. Sioux Falls Youth Hockey will provide to SFYHA families “options” with which to earn FUNDRAISER CREDIT. Each player may participate in one, several, all, or none of the fundraisers listed. We will keep a record of each player’s sales and calculate those credit totals to be posted on the website as of December 31 for each family. **We encourage each family to keep a log of their fundraisers and credit earned.**

- **“SCRIP CENTER” FUNDRAISER** – The Scrip Center program is like “substitute money” with gift cards, escrip or certificates purchased to be used at businesses for payment of goods and services. SFYHA players will receive various rates of credit for the scrip. Some of the over 1000 businesses participating include Applebee’s, Pizza Hut, Wendy’s, Best Buy, JC Penney, Sams & Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Red Lobster, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dave & Busters and many more with credit earned ranging from 2% to 16%. Order forms for physical gift cards/certificates are available any time from Cherry Hunter or our website [siouxfallsflyers.com](http://siouxfallsflyers.com). Orders for physical cards are placed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This fundraiser can be utilized year-round with all paid orders placed by December 31 to be credited to this season’s fundraiser fee. **ALSO AVAILABLE – escrip cards ordered through the Raise Right app! The escrip is a great mobile online ordering tool and can be done via your phone as you shop!! If you are interested in the Raise Right app – please contact Cherry Hunter at [cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com](mailto:cherry.hunter@sfflyers.com) for SFYHA enrollment code and details!** In addition to the “scrip” ordered from a national distribution center, Hy-Vee cards and Get-N-Go/BP cards are readily available from Cherry Hunter. Hy-Vee and Get-N-Go/BP are 4.5% credit. Starting January 1, all orders will be credited to next season’s account for your player.
- **AVENUE OF FLAGS CLUB - New patriotic fundraiser option!** Supporters can register online to become an Avenue of Flags Club member for either \$50 or \$100. Supporters will receive an American Flag on a portable stand to display on Memorial or Labor Day. They also receive a \$50 or \$100 gift card package that can be used to shop and save at various businesses. SFYHA volunteers will deliver and place the American Flag and portable stand during the morning hours of Memorial or Labor Day and return to take the items down later in the day. The online fundraiser will earn credit of 25% of sales made in the player’s name
- **OPH –FUNDRAISING OPTION** - The Original Pancake House is a great fundraiser option available to the Flyers!! Sell Original Pancake House gift cards in \$20, \$50, \$75 or \$100 increments, turn in your order no later than October 5 and earn 40% credit on each card sold!! **Sales are only open from September 15- October 5** with pick up of OPH gift cards on October 20. What a Deal!! What a Meal!!
- **“BIG SOO” COUPON BOOK** – The “Big Soo Coupon Book” has literally over \$15,000 worth of savings in over 950 money savings coupons from over 220 merchants in Sioux Falls and the surrounding area. The book sells for **\$42 and you earn \$10** for each book you sell! The books will be available at the Fall Kick-Off Event on September 15 or by calling 605-351-7042. Families will be asked to write a check for the coupon books received. The check will be held for 30 days and then cashed if no coupon books are returned. **START WITH YOUR SALES TODAY!**
- **CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES** – This has been a great success for the last 33 years. Take orders! Door size wreaths sell for \$21.00@ with \$8.50 credited to your FUNDRAISER CREDIT. The large wreaths sell for \$45 each with a credit of \$13.00 each. Wreath crosses sell for \$25.00@ with a \$8.50 credit and the Christmas Centerpiece has been a wonderful addition. Selling price is \$33 each with \$10.00 credit per centerpiece. The 25ft Garland Ropes sell for \$53 each with \$10 credit earned. Each door swag sells for \$18 with \$8.00 credit earned. Kick off for Wreath Sales will be at the September 15 Fall Kick-Off Event at the IcePlex. Order forms and information will be distributed at that time. Wreath Orders are due by October 26. Delivery of wreaths will be December 2 at the IcePlex.
- **CANDY BAR SALES** – Sell candy bars for \$1.00 each – profit is \$25 per box of 60 candy bars. We utilize World’s Finest Chocolate candy bars. Candy bars will be available at the Fall Event at the IcePlex on September 10. Again this year, families will write a check for the candy bars received, the check will be held for 30 days and then cashed if no candy bars are returned. Each box contains 60 assorted chocolate candy bars. *Caramel Only boxes are available this season!!!*
- **FRIEND of FLYERS!** – Secure donations or sponsorships for \$50-\$1000 and earn up to 50% of the contribution for fundraiser credit. Sponsorship forms and promotion details are available on our website and at the Fall Kick Off on September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a great fundraiser option and so easy to earn credit!!
- **SKATE-A-THON!!** – The SKATE-A-THON will be held on Saturday – October 26 at the IcePlex. Players will secure pledges for skated laps. 80% of funds collected will be credited to the player’s fundraiser fee, with the remaining 20% used to pay for ice rental time. Pizza will be available to players when they complete their laps! Detailed information and pledge sheets will be available at the Fall Kick-Off Event!
- **HOT STUFF PIZZA** – The popular 14” Hot Stuff Pizza, available in 5 varieties sells for \$13 each. Players earn \$1.75 per pizza sold. Orders due Nov 22. Detailed information and order forms will be available at the Fall Event on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Delivery of product will be December 17.
- **RAFFLE TICKET SALES!** – Derek Berg has secured a great line up of raffle items! Players sell tickets for \$10 each and earn \$5 fundraiser credit per ticket sold. Drawings will be January 13, 2025. Raffle tickets will be available in books of 10 at the Fall Kick-Off. Families will write a check for the raffle tickets received, the check will be held for 30 days and then cashed. Sold ticket stubs will be turned into the “Red Box”, Derek Berg or Cherry Hunter no later than December 31.

Each fundraiser will be credited individually to those participating.  
For more information on any of the FUNDRAISER OPTIONS – Call Cherry Hunter at 605-351-7042.

**Please save this information for future reference**  
**Detailed information for each fundraiser option is posted at**  
**<https://www.siouxfallsflyers.com/page/show/45735-family-fundraising-information>**