



Barrie Christian Hockey League

Registration Office

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BCHL Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about our league and season start up that may help you with your consideration in joining our league (this document is also available on our website at <http://www.bchlhockey.net/registration/frequently-asked-questions/>):

Online Registration Link (also available from BCHL website under 'Registration' page and Quick Links on home page): <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=2457891&RF=2909040>

1) When does online registration open? Is it secure?

Response >> Friday, April 15th, 2016 12:01 PM. We use a secure online system hosted by the [Active Network](#), an industry leader in online registration and event management.

2) When does registration close?

Response >> We encourage all participants to register by May 31st, 2016 for the upcoming season. Although registration typically remains open until divisions are filled, all programs are filled on a first-come-first-served basis until they reach capacity. Further, a series of late fees are introduced as the season gets closer. We need to encourage participants to register in the early Spring and no later than early Summer as it becomes increasingly difficult to forecast our operating requirements, change ice contracts, etc., and accommodate late registrations as we approach start of the season. We always go out of our way, within our means, to be flexible and accommodate late registrations wherever we can, but we cannot guarantee positions once we get into August where we have to firm up our ice contracts.

Please register early to secure your position and avoid late fees, and to help us with lead time for season planning.

3) What are current registration fees?

Response >> Fees for the 2013-2014 season are as follows:

- Ages 4 to 8 \$445
- Ages 9 to 16 \$490
- Over 16 \$360 (no practices)

Note: Late fees take effect, June 1st, August 1st, September 1st, and November 1st.
There is a \$10 surcharge for deferred payment plan option.

4) How is payment made?

Response >> Payment is accepted online through our registration system only. You may pay by Visa, Mastercard or American Express. If you are unable to pay by these methods, please contact us so we can discuss making alternate arrangements.

5) Do you have a deferred payment option? It would be nice if we did not have to pay full registration fees all at once.

Response >> Yes. BCHL was one of the first leagues to introduce the option for automated payment by installments to spread payment out over a number months before season starts? If you register before May 31st, you have the option of spreading payments over (4) monthly installments that will be billed automatically to your credit card on the first of every month until paid in full. This is reduced to option to pay over (3) installments starting June 1st and then deferred payment option is unavailable after June 30th. There is a \$10 surcharge to pay by installments rather than in full at time of registration.

6) How much fundraising will our family have to do to offset registration fees?

Response >> None. We do not require our members to participate in fund raising campaigns in order to subsidize the cost of their registration fees.

7) When does the 2016-2017 season start?

Response >> Saturday, September 17th, 2016.

8) When does the 2016-2017 season end?

Response >> Saturday, March 4th, 2017 (week before March Break)

9) Do both boys and girls play together in mixed fashion?

Response >> Yes, all divisions.

10) What ages can play?

Response >> We have Timbits through Juvenile divisions, ages 4 to 20.

11) What age division do I register my child in?

Response >> Registration age is based on age of player as of December 31st:

- Timbits (Ages 4 to 6)
- Novice (Ages 7 to 8)
- Atom (Ages 9 to 10)
- PeeWee (Ages 11 to 12)
- Bantam (Ages 13 to 14)
- Midget (Ages 15 to 16)
- Juvenile (Ages 17 to 20)

12) I believe my child may be too strong or too weak in skill level or too big or too small in size to play in his/her age-appropriate division. Can I register in a division above or below their age-appropriate division?

Response >> Yes, but at the discretion of the division convenor. We will make considerations for player size, experience, and skill level and if it is considered in the best interests of the child by both parents and convenor, we may agree to have the child play up or down a division from their age-appropriate division.

13) Where are games played/what arenas?

Response >> Timbits and Novice divisions play on 3/4 ice surface exclusively at NTR on Big Bay Point Road. Atom through Juvenile divisions play at Eastview Arena on Grove Street in Barrie's North end. Other Barrie area arenas such as Holly, East Bayfield, and Allendale may be used at different times for tournaments, makeup games, and practices. A list of Barrie area arenas and maps is available on our website under 'Contact Us' page.

14) We are returning members and do not remember our login information for our BCHL registration account to register as 'Returning Member'. What do we do?

Response >> If you are a returning member, you will have your own, unique registration account in the system where you can register for new events/programs, check your account balance, print off account statements, make payments, and more. You should make all registrations under the same account, year-over-year. Your login is typically your e-mail address. If you have recently changed your e-mail address your login will still use your old e-mail address until your BCHL registration account is updated with your new information. You can update your account information yourself when you log into your account. If you have forgotten your password, there is a password recovery option that will send password reset info to your e-mail. If your e-mail account has changed since the last time you registered, contact us first to update your account information and reset your password.

15) Do you have practices? How many? When are they?

Response >> Yes, each division up to Midget has an allocation of practice time for each team. There is on average about one practice per month for each team during a week day in the early evening (to later evening for older age divisions). Timbits and Novice practice at NTR. Atom through Midget divisions may practice at various Barrie arenas including Eastview, Holly, East Bayfield, and Allendale. Juvenile division does not have practices.

16) Are you a no-bodychecking league?

Response >> Yes - all divisions. Note that incidental contact is still an element of the game, but body checking is not allowed so we are a no-body checking league and not necessarily a non-contact league.

17) What days of the week are games played?

Response >> All games are played on Saturdays with a few exceptions for blackouts where games may be rescheduled to a week night. NO GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SUNDAYS.

18) My son/daughter wants to play goal. What can you tell me about this position?

Response >> Goalie is not a permanent position in Timbits and Novice. Players rotate through goalie position in Timbits and Novice divisions (ages 4 to 8) using goalie equipment provided by the league, available in league locker at NTR. By Atom division (ages 9 to 10) and up, goalie position is a full-time position for those who want to play this position and requires that you provide your own equipment. While we try to plan for one goalie per team, we cannot guarantee that if goalie is your preferred position that you will not be sharing this position with another goalie on your team.

19) Do you offer discounts for families with multiple players registering in your league?

Response >> Yes, we have a discount for families registering three player or more in the same season. Discount will automatically be applied to registration fees during online registration checkout.

20) Do you offer family discounts for pastors of Christian evangelical churches?

Response >> Yes, as a Christian, non-denominational hockey league, we support pastor families, the work they do in Simcoe County, and the contribution they make as part of our league family, by offering a Pastor Family Discount. Please contact us to confirm your eligibility before registering.

21) EQUIPMENT - What equipment is required to play?

Response >> All players must have properly fitted, certified for ice hockey, full equipment in order to participate. The following is a checklist of required equipment and accessories:

- hockey skates
- shin pads
- athletic supporter - jock/jill, preferably all-in-one with shorts and velcro to hold up socks or garter with straps for socks
- hockey pants
- hockey gloves
- elbow pads
- shoulder pads
- neck guard
- mouth guard (optional, but highly recommended)
- hockey helmet with full face cage (CSA, UL, or HECC certified, fits properly and all screws and straps in place)
- hockey stick (wood or composite - do not break the bank)
- hockey equipment bag
- hockey tape (clear equipment tape and cloth hockey stick tape)
- water bottle

Note: A downloadable hockey equipment checklist with pictures is available on BCHL website under registration page - <http://www.bchlhockey.net/registration/frequently-asked-questions/>

22) Is jersey and socks provided?

Response >> Hockey jersey is provided on loan and must be returned at the end of the season. This helps us to keep costs down as you are not paying for a new jersey every season. New hockey socks are provided for players to keep.

23) What if I cancel registration before full season is completed? Can I get a refund?

Response >> Our cancellation policies are listed on our website under the Registration section. In general we have a scalable refund policy depending on when cancellation is initiated (before September 1st, before November 1st, or before December 31st). We do not offer refunds after December 31st.

24) Can my child play in another league in addition to playing in BCHL?

Response >> We require that participants in our league only play in one league so as not to disadvantage their team due to divided interests and scheduling conflicts.

25) As a Christian hockey league, what is different from other hockey leagues?

Response >> The game of hockey is generally the same as played elsewhere with an emphasis on FUN, safety, and good sportsmanship, but we have a focus in promoting Christian values through participation and enjoyment of the game by all and support Christian ministries. We clearly state that our foundation is Jesus Christ and that we believe the Bible to represent the ultimate truth and guiding principles for our lives. We believe that God came to earth in the form of his Son Jesus Christ, died on the cross to redeem us of our sins, and was resurrected and ascended to heaven, that those who believe in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. Ten minutes before the start of each game our BCHL PowerPlay (a short Bible based devotional) is delivered by the coach or an assistant to players in the dressing room, followed by a prayer. In juvenile division, players from both teams gather around centre ice for a short prayer before the opening face-off.

26) Our family does not have a home church or attend church regularly. Can we still play in your league?

Response >> Absolutely! Our league is open to any participants who love hockey and regular church attendance is not a pre-requisite (just highly encouraged if you have not found a church home), but with the understanding that we are a Christian organization, and that our values and teaching come from the Bible.

27) I would like to access the 'Members Area' of the BCHL website, but it appears to require a password.

Response >> Once you are registered with our league you will be provided with the generic password used by all members to access information on our website relevant to members such as game schedules, etc. The generic password for the Members Area on website is different and not to be confused with your unique login and password used for accessing your My BCHL account on our registration system.

We hope this helps to pre-emptively address some of your questions that you may have about our league. If you have further questions, we are very happy to hear from you and to address your questions for you.

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