



Mooretown Minor Hockey Association

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The 2023-2024 season will see an increase in registration fees for MTMHA, our first major one in several years. This is due to OMHA changes in the system which removed all gate fees from all leagues. This has been a significant source of revenue for many associations and was in MTMHA's case, primarily used to pay for the cost of Referees. In 2023, MTMHA saw an increase in referees fees of approximately \$17,000, and a significant increase in ice charges, over the previous years. MTMHA's discounted rate for ice time is projected to be \$165/hour for the upcoming season, up from \$156/hour this past season, and up 27% from our 2019/2020 rate of \$130/hour. Over the course of a season, this is an approximate net increase from 2019/2020 of \$45,000 per season for ice costs alone. For reference, neighbouring associations Petrolia and Lambton Shores have ice rates of \$127/hour. Wallaceburg pays a similar rate to ours at \$175/hour, yet has a much higher registration cost than Mooretown.

Following our 2021/2022 season, the board completed a financial review and voted to increase the registration somewhat to partially offset the loss of gate revenue, with a review done after this season, with a revised 50/50 draw, and see how our fundraisers performed. This increase was never expected to completely cover the lost revenue, but to see where we were at. Our 50/50 draws and cash calendars were not supported nearly enough to offset the net increase of approximately \$87,000 in operating costs, therefore, we are left with no choice but to increase registration.

A general review with other centres in the area indicates that most centres are also feeling this pinch. We take pride in the fact that, even with this increase, we provide a comparable and competitive price structure for our families. In addition we are expecting referee costs and league fees to increase again this year, further increasing costs. Below is the outline of the approximate 16% per age group cost increase:

U-11 and Older

Base MTMHA Fee - 22-23 Season was \$750 / New 23-24 Season Fee is \$875(\$125 increase)

U-9

Base MTMHA Fee - 22-23 Season was \$740 / New 23-24 Season Fee is \$850 (\$110 increase)

U-7

Base MTMHA Fee - 22-23 Season was \$640 / New 23-24 Season Fee is \$740 (\$100 increase)

U-5

Base MTMHA Fee - 22-23 Season was \$250 / New 23-24 Season Fee is \$290 (\$40 increase)

U11 and older goaltenders registration fee is 50% of registration fee.

If anyone has any questions, or concerns regarding the new MTMHA fee structure, please reach out to MTMHA President Geoff Dale for further clarification.

Thank you all and good luck in the upcoming season!

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