

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
2008-2009**



**PARENT AND PLAYER
HANDBOOK**

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ABOUT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS YOUTH HOCKEY 2008-2009

Welcome to the new season of Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey. We have assembled this handbook to assist you with the workings of the association as well as to provide you with an information resource for youth hockey. As we move into the new season, we wish you the very best and hope you find this your most rewarding hockey experience ever. In the words of the immortal Bob Johnson:

“It’s a great day for hockey.”

SSYHA MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

SSYHA is a non-profit educational and charitable organization created to foster and advance the game of ice hockey for players from the age of five years through High School, by planning programs and creating policies, then implementing and executing them for the betterment of all involved.

Our goal for the 2008-2009 season is to continue building the foundation of esteem and respect for Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey and the game itself. Hockey provides an excellent venue for the teaching of teamwork, sportsmanship, goal setting, and the love of sport. We are committed to working as hard as we can to provide the players with the best hockey experience possible. Through a forward looking, creative approach Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey will become a leader in Colorado youth hockey.

SSYHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AFFILIATES

2008/2009 Board of Directors

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Board Members Job Descriptions

DIRECTOR OF HOCKEY: The Director of Hockey is responsible for overseeing the Administrative and Hockey operations on a day-to-day basis. The Director is responsible for on and off ice instruction of players and coaches, as well as providing recommendations to the Board of Directors on the direction of the program.

PRESIDENT: To preside at all SSYHA meetings, is the voice for SSYHA. Oversee committees and workgroups. Member of all committees.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE: To assist the President in any functions or programs associated with SSYHA, assist with hockey swap, the first communication for the disciplinary committee, one year term. Member of scholarship, college scholarship committee, policies and registration workgroup.

TREASURER: Maintain all financial transactions for SSYHA. Develop budgets, registration fees. Oversee work deposit program. 2-year term. Member of scholarship committee and registration workgroup.

FUNDRAISING: Direct and coordinate all fundraising and tournament functions for SSYHA. Unlimited number of one-year renewable terms. Members of tournament and fundraising committee.

HEAD OF OFFICIALS: Recruit, train, schedule and supervise any referees, which SSYHA may require for all home games and tournaments. Hold clinics for youth and adults to train them to referee a game. Make the final decision on rulings by referees' at all home games. Adhere to all USA hockey rules. Unlimited number of renewable one-year terms.

SCHEDULER: Communication hub with Howelsen Ice Rink manager. Schedule and re-schedule all SSYHA league games and practices. Schedule all SSYHA games with other leagues. Unlimited number of renewable one-year terms.

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVE: SSYHA's representative to CDYHL, CAHA and RMYHL and report all news to the board.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES: Information hub between team managers, general membership, and SSYHA board members of all happenings within specific age groups. Give any general assistance to any program or event for their specific age group. All are members of individual workgroups.

SSYHA Board Meetings are typically held the third Monday of each month at the Steamboat Springs Middle School, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Check at the SSYHA website for date, time, and location.

COMMITTEES 2008-2009

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: Michael Loomis, Heidi Barbee, Erik Blasé, Bob Kuusinen

DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: Tim Bishop, Scott Glynn, Erik Blase

TOURNAMENT/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE: Cathy Watts

COACHING COMMITTEE: Linda Sobeck, Erik Blasé, Brent Pearson

REGISTRATION – WEB SITE: Erik Blasé, Stephanie Chapman (registrar)

BUDGET: Cathy Glynn

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Tim Bishop, Michael Loomis, Cathy Glynn

SSYHA AFFILIATES

SSYHA is an affiliate to organizations at a national, State, and league level. They are:

1. USA Hockey: www.usahockey.com

USA Hockey is the governing body for the sport of ice hockey in the United States. They are responsible for the following.

- Support, develop, and administrate the grassroots hockey programs
- Member of USOC and IIHF. Responsible for Olympic and National Teams.
- Conduct regional and National tournaments
- Host national player identification and player development camps
- Conduct coaching education program

2. CAHA (Colorado Amateur Hockey Association) www.coloradoamateurhockey.org

CAHA is the governing body for all hockey in the State of Colorado. They are responsible for the following:

- Support and administrate youth, adult, and women's programs
- Conduct State championship tournaments
- Conduct State level development camp
- Host Chicago Showcase team

3. CDYHL (Continental Divide Youth Hockey League) www.cdyhl.com

CDYHL is the league in which SSYHA's "A", "B", and "C" teams participate. They are responsible for:

- Scheduling of games
- Administration of league
- Host league Tournament
- League statistics

4. MSGHL (Mountain States Girls Hockey League) www.msghl.net

MSGHL is the league in which SSYHA's girl's team participates. They are responsible for:

- Scheduling of games
- Administration of league
- Host league tournament
- League statistics

5. RMYHL (Rocky Mountain Youth Hockey League)

RMYHL is the league in which SSYHA's Midget Major C team participates. They are responsible for:

- Scheduling of games
- Administration of league
- Host league tournament
- League statistics

FOR PARENTS

Volunteers and Work Deposit Program

Our ability to hold the line on registration fees is related to our budgeting significant proceeds from fund-raising activities. In order to meet these aggressive goals, we must have the support of every family in the association. Also, as the benefits of fund-raising are enjoyed by all, it is important that all members contribute equally. With this in mind, work deposit program was implemented for the 2008-2009 season. **Parents are asked to volunteer a minimum of ten hours. At the beginning of the season, each family will write a check for \$200⁰⁰. This money will be refunded if all ten work hours are completed.** Completing partial work hours will not translate into receiving a partial refund. Following are some facts regarding fund-raising and the work deposit program.

- 32% of SSYHA's revenues for 2008/2009 season are expected to come from fundraising in one form or another.
- Based on our proposed budget, the registration fee for every player would increase by \$188 if not for fund-raising. For example, the average "B" or "C" team registration would increase by approximately 36% without fund-raising.
- A small fraction of people were doing the work to raise funds for the entire Association. In effect, those not participating in fundraising activities were enjoying a huge subsidy at the expense of those that were working.
- The amount generated through fundraising has stagnated or declined over the past few years.
- Each team is allotted hours to distribute to coaches and managers.
- *THE WORK DEPOSIT IS ONLY APPLICABLE TO FUNDRAISING AND THE HOURS CONTRIBUTED CAN ONLY BE APPROVED BY THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.*

Upcoming tournaments and events that can be applied to your work deposit:

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RUMBLE TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 31- NOVEMBER 2, 2008

SKI TOWN CLASSIC – NOVEMBER 28-30, 2008

ADELE DOMBROSKI GIRLS TOURNAMENT – JANUARY 16-19 2009

SKATIN' THE 'BOAT MITE JAMBOREE – MARCH 13-15, 2009

See Work Deposit policy for more information

Fundraising and Corporate Gift Opportunities

Our newly created Fundraising program has many opportunities for those individuals and businesses who would like to sponsor Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association teams. The attached fundraising packet outlines program options and ways to financially support SSYHA.

You are always welcome to donate to your child's team individually, whether through tournament fees or approved team apparel, however those funds would not be eligible for tax deductions under our associations 501(c)3. Corporate logos will not be allowed on any items for our players, unless they have gone through the appropriate fundraising program.

We appreciate any help with fundraising for our association. Silent auction solicitation is greatly appreciated and should be directed to Cathy Watts, Director of Fundraising. Individual teams are asked to support the association by not conducting any additional outside fundraising.

Team Operations

The success of a team's hockey season is also directly dependent on our association's volunteer support. There is a great deal of work that needs to be accomplished each year just to get our players on the ice. Please support your SSYHA team and volunteer your time to make sure that our youth athletes have a wholesome, nurturing, and exciting hockey season.

Volunteers are needed throughout the season for:

Jersey/Equipment Coordinator, Registrar, Tournament Planning Committees, Tournament Chair/Director, Fundraising, Website

If you are interested in helping, please contact your team manager or SSYHA Director of Hockey Erik Blasé.

Helpful Hints for Parents of Hockey Players

Support and respect your child and their team. Mistakes are part of the learning process for everyone. Always be positive and provide guidance through difficult times.

Be completely honest with yourself about your child's athletic capability, level of skill, competitive attitude and sportsmanship.

Do not compare your child to other players on the team. Compare them only to their own potential and what they want from the game.

Through this great game of ice hockey, help teach your child to enjoy the thrill of competition and sportsmanship. Help them develop a healthy, competitive attitude towards striving to always be at their best and to be proud of their accomplishments

Exercise and practice good sportsmanship and proper competitive attitude at all times yourself. Cheer for all of the players on the ice and the good plays for both teams.

Never yell or scream at your player, coach, referee or any other participant of the game or practice. Remember, it is their game, not yours and everyone involved is trying their best.

If you must criticize, do it in private, not in public and please use the complaint resolution procedures. You can be very influential on your child's attitude towards their coach, teammates and even the game itself. Do not assume they feel the same way or want the same things you do. Remember, it is their game.

Temper your reactions from the "stories from the rink". Often times they are exaggerated. Help teach your child the importance of handling problems appropriately and the necessity for rules, regulations and discipline.

Parents' Code of Conduct

I have read and will follow the "Helpful Hints for Parents of Hockey Players"

I will set a proper adult example for all of our young athletes at all times. Parents are also Representatives of SSYHA.

In the stands: Refrain from obnoxious or inappropriate comments towards the official, coaches, other adults, or any participant of the game. The highest level of sportsmanship is expected from parents too.

In the lobby: Congratulate all participants on a good game.

Please respect your coach's locker room contact policy. The coach needs time with their team. It is an important aspect for a team's development.

Always respect referees. Do not approach referees with any grievances.

Always use adult behavior with conflict resolution with any member of the team. Praise in public, criticize in private. The locker room, the lobby or any public team functions are not the proper place to express grievances. Always use the SSYHA complaint resolution procedure.

Support your team! The more positive support your team receives, the better and more fulfilling hockey experience your player and yourself will have.

Please note that the SSYHA Board of Directors reserves the right to take disciplinary action towards any inappropriate behavior from its parental membership.

SSYHA HOCKEY PROGRAMS

“A” Level

The SSYHA “A” level hockey programs are offered as an opportunity for players to experience a higher level of play and performance expectations. These teams require a greater level of commitment as their practice, game, tournament and travel schedule is more demanding in terms of time, frequency and expectations.

The travel teams compete in the CDYHL which consists of teams from Aspen, Eagle-Vail, Laramie, Summit, Denver Country Club, Glenwood, Pueblo, and Greeley.

Due to the more competitive nature and greater commitment level of this program, tryouts/evaluations are necessary. Team roster spots are reserved for the highest skill level players in their age category and will be determined through an evaluation/tryout process.

“B” and “C” Level

The SSYHA “B” and “C” programs are the backbone of SSYHA. These programs are designed to be more convenient and geared for beginner players (“C”), those who need further skill development (“B”), or those who love to play hockey but also have strong commitments to other activities. These “B” and “C” teams participate in the CDYHL which consists of teams from Aspen, Eagle-Vail, Laramie, Summit, Denver Country Club, Glenwood, Pueblo, and Greeley.

RMYHL Midget teams include Oak Creek, Craig, Kremmling, Durango, Gunnison, Crested Butte, and Telluride.

Midget Major A: The SSYHA Midget program acts as an option for players of high school age, but without the attributes necessary to compete with the Steamboat Springs High School Program. Any player that does not make the high school team is encouraged to participate in the Midget Program. Additionally, this season SSYHA will run a Pre-Season Midget team that will play from mid-August until the 1st week of November.

SSYHA Player Evaluation Process and Criteria

Player evaluations will consist of at least 2 sessions. Each session will consist of skill drills and game situations (scrimmage). Players will be evaluated by the age category Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and the Director of Hockey. All final team rosters will be approved by the Director and posted at the SSYHA office in Howelsen Ice Arena. Player selections will not be discussed with anyone but the evaluator and Director until team rosters are announced.

Selection criteria will be based on the following: skating ability (speed and agility), puck handling (control), passing (accuracy and receiving), their attentiveness and ability to listen and follow directions properly.

During scrimmages players will be evaluated on work ethic (2nd & 3rd efforts), playmaking abilities (with and without the puck), sportsmanship and attitude.

Please note that player selections are not an exact science. Every coach sees different attributes for each player. Players will be selected as fairly and appropriately as possible.

SSYHA GRADE POLICY AND RELEASE FORM

STANDARD: All Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association (“SSYHA”) players enrolled in the 7th grade or above will be held to the academic standards for athletic participation in Steamboat Springs School District (“SSSD”) athletics and SSSD policy will apply. For any player with verified learning challenges, it will be the responsibility of the player and/or his or her parents to furnish to the SSYHA Director of Hockey an appropriate minimum requirement consistent with the player’s education plan at his/her school. Copies of SSSD academic standards for athletic participation are on file at the SSYHA office.

PROCEDURE: Standards will be monitored during the SSYHA hockey season, beginning the week of travel team selections and ending the last week of team practice. Typically, grades are monitored on a weekly basis. The SSYHA Director of Hockey will be responsible for obtaining information from the schools. In any case of non-compliance, the Director will immediately notify the player and his/her parent and institute any penalties. The Director will also notify the Head Coach of the player’s team. It will become the player’s responsibility to improve any sub-standard grades and to provide proof of compliance with the standards as soon as possible so that the Director may clear the player to participate. It will be the coach’s responsibility to enforce any suspension of play. The SSYHA agrees that any information provided by a player’s school to the Director of Hockey for the purpose of determining compliance will be used for that purpose alone and all information obtained will be held in the strictest confidence.

PENALTIES: Any player not in compliance with this policy will become ineligible to participate in practice or games until the Director of Hockey receives verification of compliance, said verification to be decided upon by the school and Director. Any player not in compliance with the policy will remain ineligible until all matters are resolved. Any player participating in SSYHA activities in violation of these procedures will be removed from the active team roster and must apply for reinstatement through the SSYHA disciplinary procedure. As compliance with this policy is within the control of the player, no reimbursement from the SSYHA for time missed will be provided. The SSYHA Board of Directors will appoint a committee to hear all special requests or protests, and any decision by the committee will be final.

AGREEMENT: I release the (Name of player’s school) _____ School to provide the SSYHA Director of Hockey with my son/daughter’s grades and progress during the 2008-2009 school years for the exclusive purpose of determining compliance with the above policy. I understand that my failure to read and sign this document will result in my son/daughter being ineligible to participate in SSYHA activities.

Player Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____ Grade: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SSYHA Disciplinary Standards

STANDARD: It is the belief of Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association (SSYHA) that everyone involved with the Association, including, but not limited to, players, coaches, parents and spectators, should conduct themselves at all times in a highly dignified manner. Failure to do so may result in suspension from participation in SSYHA activities

Expectations of Players, Coaches Rules, and Penalties:

The welfare and safety of the players is of primary importance, and all precautions should be taken to ensure their safety and well being. All members of the organization must show self-control and consideration towards others. We have a very strict behavior code and we will not tolerate inappropriate behavior.

1. Players will be responsive to their coaches at all times.
2. Each player is expected to conduct him or herself in a sportsman-like manner at all times. Respect your coach, teammates, parents, opponents, officials and rink staff.
 - a. No abusive language will be tolerated.
 - b. Honesty and respect for property is expected. Tampering with another player's equipment or belongings will not be tolerated.
 - c. No player will be allowed to injure or bully others. Absolutely no fighting will be tolerated.
 - d. Never argue with an official's decision.
3. Destruction of rink property, both home and away, is unacceptable. Players will follow all Howelsen Ice Arena rules and regulations.
4. Players should always strive to improve their technical skills, teamwork and game play. Players will also be expected to always wear all required equipment and keep their equipment in good repair.
5. Each team's coach may hand out additional team rules, expectations and disciplinary actions. An individual team's rules will be held to the same standard as the above expectations.

Penalties

1. First and second violations of Player Expectations, the player will receive a warning, and his/her parent will be notified. The Coach may take further appropriate action at his/her discretion such as a practice time out, missed game shifts, added team duties, apology letter, etc.
2. Upon issuance of a second warning, both player and parents will be advised that a third incident will result in the requirement that the player appear before the SSYHA Disciplinary Committee with suspension from all hockey participation a possible result.
3. At the time of a third incident, the Coach will advise the player and parents to contact the SSYHA Disciplinary Committee and the player will be suspended from all hockey participation until the player has been cleared to play by the Board. The Disciplinary Committee will make a recommendation to the SSYHA Board regarding suspension from SSYHA participation. The Board will then take action it deems appropriate, including possible suspension from SSYHA activities.
4. Continued misbehavior could result in permanent suspension from all SSYHA activities.

No refunds of registration or any other fees will be given to any player or parent in violation of any of the aforementioned policies.

Use of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Un-prescribed Drugs and Penalties

The SSYHA has adopted the policy of Steamboat Springs High School regarding the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. The Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association has a no tolerance policy for the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. All players are expected to follow these expectations during hockey season. Players represent SSYHA in the community and as they travel around the region. They are expected to demonstrate the best of Steamboat Springs' student population. Any player who violates this expectation and policy will receive the following consequences, which accumulate over the entire time of a player's participation in SSYHA activities. A player who is found smoking, using tobacco in any form, drinking or having alcoholic beverages in their possession or, misusing, possessing, selling or distributing prescription or illegal drugs at anytime during the hockey season, shall be disciplined.

1st Incidence

The player will be suspended for 20% of the regular hockey season. The player may not wear a SSYHA uniform, sit on the team bench or play in any games or scrimmages. If 20% of the season is not a complete amount of contests, the number of contests will be rounded up. Example – if 20% of the season is 1.3 games, the player will sit out 2 games. If the violation occurs during the playoff season, the player will be suspended for the equivalent of the 20% of the regular athletic season

The player will not be eligible for any awards or honors that are given by the SSYHA or league.

2nd Incidence

The player will be suspended for the remainder of the hockey season, including any play off games.

The player will not be eligible for any awards or honors that are given by the SSYHA or league.

3rd Incidence

The player will not be allowed to participate in any SSYHA activities until petitioning the SSYHA Board for reinstatement. Reinstatement to active membership in SSYHA will be at the sole discretion of the SSYHA Board of Directors and their decision will be final.

Delinquency & Penalties

A player who, during the hockey season, has been arrested for a delinquent act or who has been adjudicated for a delinquent act may be denied the privilege of participation in SSYHA. The hockey season is defined as the period between the first day of travel team selections and the last team practice of the season.

1. A player who is arrested or cited for committing a delinquent act, which would constitute a misdemeanor if charged as an adult, will:

- a. Immediately notify the SSYHA discipline committee chairperson
- b. Player will meet with the Disciplinary Committee within 7 days, be immediately suspended for 10% of the regular season, and be subject to the possibility of further disciplinary action.
- c. Failure to notify the Board will result in immediate suspension from all SSYHA activities until the matter is taken up at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

2. Any player arrested or charged with committing a delinquent act, which would constitute a felony if charged as an adult, will:

- a. Immediately notify the SSYHA discipline committee chairperson
- b. Be immediately suspended from all SSYHA participation until, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the SSYHA Board of Directors, the player is cleared to participate.
- c. Failure to notify the Board will result in immediate suspension from all SSYHA activities until the matter is taken up at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

3. Any player currently on diversion or probation will inform the Discipline Committee of such, and may be denied the privilege of participating in SSYHA activities.

- a. A player who is suspended or expelled from school has an obligation to inform the SSYHA Board immediately so appropriate action may be taken. Failure to inform the Board may result in suspension from participation in SSYHA activities.
- b. Any coach, parent or team representative that has knowledge of any such violation and fails to report said violation might be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, suspension from further participation in all SSYHA activities.
- c. No refunds of registration or any other fees will be given to any player or parent in violation of any of the aforementioned policies.

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Any player in violation of this policy will be expected to turn him or herself in. An adult or fellow player who has knowledge of the situation may also identify that a violation has occurred. The local law enforcement agencies and officers will also work with the SSYHA to identify players who are in violation of this policy. By signing and agreeing to this policy, parents and players give permission for law enforcement agencies to release arrest reports dealing with alcohol and drugs on players in season.

Any player who has been identified as being in violation by anyone other than themselves, and who disagrees with the interpretation of the situation may appeal to the SSYHA Disciplinary Committee. The Disciplinary Committee will make a recommendation to the SSYHA Board regarding a final decision. The decision of the SSYHA Board shall be final.

Agreement

I have read the above policies and penalties and agree to abide by these expectations.

Player Name (PLEASE PRINT): _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read the above policies and penalties and agree to inform the SSYHA Director of Hockey, if any of the policies listed above become applicable to my child during the course of the 2008-09 hockey season. Any information provided to the Director or the SSYHA Board of Directors will be held in strictest confidence. I understand that my failure to read and sign this document will result in my son/daughter being ineligible to participate in SSYHA activities.

Parent/Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SSYHA Refund Policy

- 1) If the player leaves the Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association prior to the first team selection practice, the registration fee and full work deposit will be refunded, less a \$100 administrative fee.
- 2) If the player leaves the Association later than the first team selection practice but prior to December 1st, 50% of the registration fee and work deposit will be refunded.
- 3) If the player leaves the Association later than and including December 1st, there will be no refunds.
- 4) In no case will any refunds be given of scholarship funds granted.
- 5) In no case will reimbursement be made for time missed due to enforcement under the SSYHA Grade Policy or SSYHA Disciplinary Standards.
- 6) Refunds will be granted for season ending injuries. Refunds will be based on the same percentages and dates as detailed in items 1, 2, and 3 above. The player will continue to enjoy the benefits and responsibilities of membership of the Association.
- 7) In the case of financial hardship, refunds other than those detailed above may be granted through petition and approval of the SSYHA Board of Directors.
- 8) If a player who has received a refund returns to the Association prior to the end of the season, they will be responsible to repay the refund in full before resuming play.
- 9) Refunds will be dispersed within two weeks after the SSYHA Treasurer receives a written request and approval from the Board.

SSYHA Complaint Resolution Policy

Steamboat Springs Youth Hockey Association (SSYHA) is committed to creating a positive hockey experience for our young athletes and their parents. Even with good and open communication though, conflicts may arise. Although we strive to make these instances rare, we know they will happen.

The SSYHA philosophy is to first allow those closest to a problem to attempt to resolve it prior to getting the SSYHA Board involved.

The complaint resolution “tree” is as follows:

Please allow for a 24 hour “cooling off” period before addressing any concerns. After 24 hours, if you still feel the need to address the problem, please follow the appropriate measures.

1. Attempt to solve the problem directly with the player’s Coach. If unable to resolve the problem;
2. Contact your Team Manager. If the Team Manager is unable to resolve your complaint;
3. Contact your Parent Representative. They are members of the SSYHA Board. If the Parent Rep is unable to resolve the issue, he or she will contact the Director of Hockey and/or President of the SSYHA Board.
4. The President/Director will bring the issue to the balance of the SSYHA Board for discussion. The individual with a complaint will have an opportunity to present their issues directly to the SSYHA Board. All decisions of the SSYHA Board will be final.

Note: The Director of Coaching and Player Development will work with Coaches in attempting to resolve the problem at the coaching level.

SSYHA Work Deposit Policy

\$200.00 check will be required with every registration. We will allow these checks to be post dated to 3/22/09.

Prior to 3/22/09, we will cash only those checks where the participant has indicated that they wish to pay and not work.

If a family desires to prevent their check from being cashed, they can do so by performing approved work prior to 3/22/09.

A work deposit form is included in the registration packet which asks the participant whether they wish to work or pay. If work is chosen, a list of all fundraising activities is available so that every participant can plan their work schedule for the year.

The work deposit is only applicable to fundraising and the hours contributed can only be approved by the fundraising committee or its designee.

Move-up / Playing Up Policy

SSYHA encourages players to only tryout at the specific age group as decided by USA Hockey guidelines. However, any player wishing to tryout at a higher age group must:

- Submit the request in writing, to the SSYHA board and Director of Hockey, ten days prior to the start of tryouts.
- Sign a waiver releasing SSYHA from any claims of injury.
- The Director of Hockey and the coaches at the next level of play must approve the player to move-up by a majority vote. A recommendation is then made to the SSYHA Board for what level of play is best for the player based on safety, skills and systems.
- The player moving up must be an “Impact Player” at the next level and make the top team at the next level.
- The Director of Hockey will notify the player and parent(s) of its decision prior to tryouts, or at the conclusion of the tryouts, should the player not qualify for the top team at the next level of play.

Girls Playing on CDYHL/RMYHL Teams Policy

The director of hockey and boys coaches will work together to evaluate the skill level of each interested girls player that would like to participate in the boys program. Based upon the successful recommendation of the DOH and coaches, girls may:

- 1) Play MSGHL hockey only
- 2) Double roster with the girls’ team being the first priority, fees will be 100% of the girl’s registration and 75% of the boys selected team.

Note: Exceptions to the policy are only made through an appeal to the SSYHA board of directors

****This policy applies only for Pee Wee hockey and above***

COLORADO YOUTH HOCKEY WEBSITES

Colorado Competitive Youth Hockey League
www.hockeyweb.com/a_Main/Home/HOME.asp?=36

Continental Divide Youth Hockey League
www.cdyhl.com

Mountain States Girls Hockey League
www.msghl.org

Arapahoe Youth Hockey League
www.icewarriors.org

Arvada Hockey Association
www.leaguelineup.com/aha

Aspen Junior Hockey Association
www.aspenjuniorhockey.com

Big Bear Hockey Association
www.bigbearIceAreana.com

Boulder Valley Hockey Association
www.bvha.net/bvyha.php

Casper Amateur Hockey Club
www.cityofcasperwy.com/leisure/icepages/hockey.html#hockey-top

Colorado Select Girls Hockey Association
www.coloradogirlshockey.com

Colorado Springs Youth Hockey
www.csyha.org

Denver University Youth Hockey
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Pikes Peak Amateur Hockey Association
www.ppaha.com

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www.steamboatyouthhockey.com

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