



Coach and Manager Preseason Recap

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Dear IHF Coaches and Managers;

Thank you for your patience as we move forward with the 2008-09 season and the many changes at-hand from the many seasons before. Further to our Sept. 7th meeting, clarifications have been made, forms have been produced and procedures have been set into motion. There remains a few items yet to complete before the Regular season commences and announcements will be forthcoming accordingly. In the meanwhile, provided below are the answers to most questions posed and clarifications as outlined below.

- **IHF Season.** The IHF season will commence on Monday, September 29th with three (3) preseason games to be immediately followed thereafter with fifteen (15) Regular season games. Playoffs and post-season events information will follow.
- **League Fees.** League fees for the first half of the season are due in full by Sept. 22nd and payable to The 949 Roller Hockey Center. It is each Club's option to practice at any of the WIHA facilities and League Fees are packaged such that you can separate them from Practice Fees. League Tiered Fee packages include:
 - **\$2675** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, but No practice times.
 - **\$3075** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, and 10-Practice times (1/2 rink x 1 hour per team).*
 - **\$3475** Includes all pre-season (3) and regular season games (15), including playoffs, and 20-Practice times (1/2 rink x 1 hour per team).*

*Based on rates from The 949. Rates at Corona and Huntington Beach may vary.
Fees are payable in 2-installments of 50% and each due, payable in full by the beginning of the preseason (9/22) and January 2009, respectively.

- **Home Rink.** Teams may declare a Home rink. However, the majority of League games are played in Irvine (75% by statistics). Preferences to home rink games will be given consideration within reason to the League.
- **Practice Lottery for The 949.** If you plan to conduct practices at The 949 over the season, please respond by separate email with subject "IHF Practice Lottery" and include your preferred practice time (Day and Time) by Sunday, Sept. 21st. Practice times will be confirmed within days and prior to the preseason.
- **Schedule Preferences.** As introduced in our Coach & Manager meeting; please send you season schedule preferences of Time(s) and/or Day(s) directly to Mike Robinson, IHF Board member and Master Scheduler, at Robinson.04@verizon.net .
- **IHF Forms.** Attached with this cover are the IHF Forms you will need for the immediate future; forms requiring Player/Parent and Coach signatures (Release, Codes of Conduct). Forthcoming under separate cover are Team Profile, Final Team Roster and Game Roster forms. IHF Rules are also forthcoming and should be available to you within the next week. All forms will also be made available online in the near future.



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- **AAU Membership.** All Players and Coaches alike are required to have current AAU membership (insurance). Membership information and registration is available online at www.aauhockey.org/ . Member Fees (Sept. 1 to Aug. 31 each year)
- **949 Membership.** All players who regularly participate at The 949 require a 949 membership and annual fee of \$40. Note that the 949 membership fee will now also include the AAU membership fee for a Player member. For Players who do not regularly play at this facility, for example IHF teams traveling in from outside the Irvine area, there is NO ADDITIONAL FEE to play in the IHF League. The 949 members are required to sign the 949 Liability Form which is separate from and not monitored by the IHF League.
- **Team Captains.** All team must declare a Team Captain and Assistant Captain(s) as their on-ink representatives to address Officials.
- **League Volunteers.** Please submit your volunteer name(s), one (1) from each Club, to the IHF by or before the first preseason game, Please also indicate with each name their volunteer preference(s). Selections include: IHF Board of Directors (nominate candidate for review and acceptance by the Board); Executive Committee members including Legal Counsel, Treasurer, Registrar, Referee in Chief, Compliance, and Committee members. Committee members are to serve Discipline, Marketing, Events, Registration, Technology and Compliance; and General volunteers. (Each submittal to include Name, Phone(s), Email, and Preference).
- **Coach Certification.** As stated in our meeting and in the Rules (pending), ALL Coaches must meet minimum certification by December 31, 2008. Certification is via the NFHS Fundamentals of Coaching Course at <http://nfhslearn.com/>. Coaches must provide the League with verification of certification in advance to the first game in January, 2009.
- **Team Binders.** The IHF will provide "master" team binders and labels for each Club's team(s). The requirements as stated in the Rules (2007-08) remains intact (see 2007-08 Rules attached as reference only). Check-In procedures to follow.
- **IHF Promotions.** Send us your Team Logo (mascot or jersey color image [jpg. gif. png, EPS]) for the League's use with creatives and promotions throughout the season. Email an an attachment to: IHFHockey@gmail.com.
- **Team Promotions.** Publish your Club info and Team Logo (mascot or jersey image) to The 949 web site for their Scholastic Hockey page. See <http://www.949rollerhockey.com/asp/site/Programs/SchoolasticSchoolTeams/index.asp>. Send your content and image file to Eddie Limbaga at: eddie@949rollerhockey.com. The IHF web site will soon be able to host your Club and Team pages; more information to follow soon. If you already have a web site for your Club, please send us your web domain name (URL) so that we may link to your web site - a reciprocal link is appreciated!

Please do not hesitate to respond with additional questions or concerns.

Regards,
IHF Board of Directors



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