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# REGISTRATION MAILER

## 2009-2010 SEASON

❖ **PAY THE LOWEST FEES** ❖ **REGISTER IN JUNE** ❖  
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## WELCOME "FORMER" 7 CLUBS MEMBERS

We have reproduced your Chairperson's message posted on the 7 Clubs web site.

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## 7CLUBS CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

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### AMALGAMATION TO BLACKFOOT

To our 7Clubs families,

As announced at our 7-Clubs Awards Night, we have moved forward to amalgamate with Blackfoot Hockey beginning with the 2009/2010 season. Although this is a bittersweet announcement, 7-Clubs Sports Council believes that we have made this decision for all the right reasons, 200 of them in fact – the boys and girls of our association that deserve to play hockey at a level that their skills allow them to play!

The Blackfoot Hockey AGM is being held 7pm on May 21, 2009 at the Acadia Recreation Center. All members (that includes us now!) are invited to attend and to put their name forward for open positions on "our" new board. We will require a representative from each of our communities as well as helping to fill a number of vacancies.

To keep informed on Blackfoot news, please visit their website at [blackfoothockey.com](http://blackfoothockey.com) frequently for updates and watch for the mailer coming to you soon.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself, any member of Sports Council or the arena office and we'll be happy to help.

Regards,  
Darlene Tasker, Chairperson Sports Council  
7-Clubs Hockey Association

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# BHA President's Message

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On behalf of the Blackfoot Hockey Association (BHA), I want to extend a warm welcome to all of the members of Seven Clubs Hockey. This coming season will most certainly be one of change for all of us as we come together as a larger, more diverse hockey association, ideally, a more successful organization in terms of developing our young hockey players and seeing them become more successful. This includes not only success in what we hope is their favourite sport but as well, in developing their life skills.

As most of you know, the Hockey Calgary Boundary Review Committee (BRC) has put forward a formal recommendation for boundary changes within the Hockey Calgary jurisdiction. BHA and Seven Clubs had spoken many times in the past about the possible amalgamation of our two associations. In fact, we had started discussions towards our amalgamation and were proceeding (with Hockey Calgary's blessing) regardless of the BRC vote outcome. Indeed, as has been recorded by the vote tonight (by Hockey Calgary member associations), this amalgamation is now formally part of the the approved new boundaries of member associations within Hockey Calgary's jurisdiction. We are proceeding with this merger immediately in order to take advantage of the time available to properly prepare for this implementation in time for the 2009/10 hockey season.

There are many reasons why this merger makes so much sense. Most importantly, it brings Seven Clubs together with BHA so our kids all have the opportunity to develop and play at the level best suited for their skill. As well, with the significant ice shortages across the city, we have hopes of developing a relationship with ECTAS whereby more ice is made available to our collective membership. This will provide yet further opportunity for players to develop their skills.

The Board members of both associations are busy trying to formulate communications plans to our collective members and to also create a 'BHA / Seven Clubs Amalgamation - Question and Answer' category on the Blackfoot Hockey website (see below for the web link to our home page). We encourage you to check back frequently as this information is made available.

<http://www.blackfoothockey.com>

We also encourage all Blackfoot members (old and new) to peruse our website as there is a wealth of information that defines our organization. Should you have unanswered questions, you may email our Office Manager (Ron Wright) at [bhainfo@telus.net](mailto:bhainfo@telus.net). Ron will either respond to your question or direct it to one of our Board members.

Kevin Martin  
BHA President

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## EARLY REGISTRATION FEES IN EFFECT

If you register "IN-PERSON" on either June 11, 13, or 17 or ON-LINE by midnight, June 17<sup>th</sup> the Early Fees will be in effect.

**Note:** No "in-person" registrations will be taken between June 18 and August 25, 2009. You may register On-Line any time; however the Regular Fees are in effect beginning June 18.

### LAST SCHEDULED "IN-PERSON" REGISTRATION DATE

(Regular fees in effect)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 2009**

Note: for registration after Aug 26 please contact the registrar at the number listed on page #8

## FEES AND CALCULATIONS

Our fees are reviewed annually, including ice rental, coach clinics, Hockey Calgary (HC) costs, etc. Although these costs continue to rise we have found our casino revenues are assisting in supporting our association. The following hockey registration fees include: Ice rental, team photos, insurance, HC costs and BHA administration costs.

DIVISION	IN-PERSON & ON-LINE	
	EARLY FEES* (Up to June 17)	REGULAR FEES* (June 18 or later)
TIMBITS	441.00	485.00
NOVICE	764.00	840.00
ATOM	829.00	912.00
PEE WEE	814.00	895.00
BANTAM	811.00	892.00
MIDGET	790.00	869.00
JUNIOR	550.00	550.00
* The 2009-2010 fees have not increased from the 2008-2009 season		

## REGISTRATION

**"ON-LINE" REGISTRATION:** The Blackfoot Hockey Association is offering ON-LINE registration from our website. This ON-LINE registration is only available to those who are **registering and paying IN FULL, BY CREDIT CARD**. You are required to be a current, paid up member of your community association (if one exists in your area) up to and including the end of this hockey season. "EARLY" fees will be available up to and including June 17. "REGULAR" fees will be in effect from June 18.

**NOTE: WITH ON-LINE REGISTRATION - PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE CHECKED OFF EITHER "PLAYER" OR "GOALIE".**

### "IN-PERSON" REGISTRATION:

The **EARLY REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD JUNE 11, 13 & 17, 2009**. See below for dates and times at each location. Early Registration facilitates ice scheduling and arena ice usage, determination of the number of teams and, we hope, to ease the financial burden of September school fees, etc. All returning Blackfoot players registering after June 17 will be charged the REGULAR FEE. The last registration date will be **Tuesday, AUGUST 26, 2008** 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the ARC (only).

**NOTE: ANY COMMUNITY OR BLACKFOOT VOLUNTEER CREDIT PLAN (VCP) SLIPS MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE "IN-PERSON" REGISTRATIONS TO RECEIVE YOUR DEDUCTION.**

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	REGISTRANTS
Riverbend Community Hall, 19 Rivervalley Dr. S.E.	June 11 June 13 June 17 <i>*early fees in effect</i>	7 - 9 pm 9-12 noon 7 - 9 pm	All communities in BHA
Acadia Recreation Complex (ARC) 240 - 90 Ave. S.E.	June 11 June 13 June 17 <i>*early fees in effect</i>	7 - 9 pm 9-12 noon 7 - 9 pm	All communities in BHA
East Calgary Twin Arenas 299 Erinwoods Drive, S.E.	June 11 June 13 June 17 <i>*early fees in effect</i>	7 - 9 pm 9-12 noon 7 - 9 pm	All communities in BHA
Acadia Recreation Complex (ARC) 240 - 90 Ave. S.E.	August 26 <i>*regular fees in effect</i>	7 - 9 pm	All communities in BHA

**NOTE 1)**

- FOR PLAYERS NEW TO HOCKEY CALGARY - please provide a copy of the player's birth certificate and proof of residency (i.e. a current utility bill)
- RETURNING PLAYERS FROM 7CLUBS or BHA – there is no need to provide any additional birth certificates or proof of residency.

**NOTE 2)** You may be required to produce proof of age and/or residency on request.

**REGISTRATION POLICY AND FEES**

Blackfoot Hockey Registration Policy states that in order to register you must be a CURRENT member of your Community Association covering the 2009-2010 Season (i.e. cannot expire before March 31/2010) You must also support any community program, such as a volunteer policy, in your respective community of residence. Note: Some communities in the Blackfoot Hockey Association do not have community membership requirements.

Please be aware that BHA will, on request of the community association, provide names, addresses and contact information of registered players in each community.

**PHOTOS** - Team photos are included in the cost of registration.

**IN-PERSON PAYMENT OPTIONS - HOCKEY FEES**

(Exact Cash or Cheque payable to Blackfoot Hockey Association only)

**Option 1** – Payment in full at registration

**Option 2** – 1/2 payment with registration plus 1/2 by post dated cheque for November 1, 2009

**Option 3** – 1/3 payment with registration plus 1/3 by post dated cheques for Sept 1 and Nov 1, 2009.

**Option 4** - 1/4 payment with registration plus 1/4 by post dated cheques for Sept 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, 2009.

**NOTE: Option 4 is not available after the Early Registration.**

**FLAMES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Applicants for this program, which is administered through Minor Hockey Association of Calgary, are requested to register on the `Early` dates so their needs are identified immediately. Applicants will also need to arrange payment of the remainder of any fees over approximately \$600 with the BHA Treasurer.

<b>AGE DIVISION CATEGORIES – 2009*</b>			
<b>Division</b>	<b>Birth Year</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Does not Turn Before Dec 31/2009</b>
Tim Bits	03-04	5,6	7
Novice	01-02	7,8	9
Atom	99-01	9,10	11
Pee Wee	97-98	11,12	13
Bantam	95-96	13,14	15
Midget	92-94	15,16,17	18
Junior	89-91	18,19, 20	21

**\*All ages as of December 31.**

### **BLACKFOOT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER CREDIT PLAN**

During the season volunteer credits can be earned by working casinos. Volunteer credits are currently valued at \$75.00 for casinos when applied toward hockey registration fees. As the casino is worked, a credit voucher is given out, which is to be turned in at registration. Volunteer credit vouchers earned after registration will be refunded in the following year, but not to the point where the refund exceeds total registration fees. For further details contact the Blackfoot Hockey Association Treasurer.

**Volunteer Credits are non-transferable and have no cash surrender value.**

**They may be used to pay an "AA" association, or a similar level of hockey.**

### **REFUNDS**

Refunds are available from BHA, subject to a predetermined charge for each scheduled ice slot made available. A 15% penalty may be assessed. The penalty will be waived for the following reasons:

- a) Withdrawal due to injury or sickness preventing player from participation in the program (doctor's certificate may be required).
- b) For the Bantam, Midget, Junior categories, if a player is successful at making a higher level of hockey (i.e. "AA").
- c) Transfer or relocation of place of residence outside the BHA member communities.
- d) Releasing players in the event BHA has too many players for a certain number of teams, but not enough to form another team.

### **CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT – (if continued for the tax year 2009)**

Receipts for the Children's Fitness Tax Credit will be provided on email request to: treasurer@blackfoothockey.com - after December 31, 2009.

### **TEAM SELECTION PROCESS (See blackfoothockey.com)**

PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND ALL BHA TEAM SELECTION ICE TIMES (Unless schedule conflicts with "AA" Tryouts). The "AA" tryout players should contact the BHA Category Director or the BHA office advising of their enrolment in "AA" program, once they have registered with Blackfoot. Players that fail to attend the Team Selection ice times will automatically start in the middle or lower team and work their way up, according to the Team Selection process. A player that is in the "AA" system and has registered with BHA will have a position held open for them until the start of the community hockey season.

### **GOALIES**

- **BLACKFOOT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION DOES NOT HAVE GOALIE EVALUATIONS FOR NOVICE OR INITIATION LEVELS**
- **GOALIES ARE EVALUATED SEPARATELY IN EARLY SEPTEMBER**

### **EQUIPMENT**

EVERY TEAM is required to submit a **\$500.00** deposit (**\$300.00 for TimBits**) on team equipment, inclusive of playing sweaters. At the end of the hockey season when all team equipment is accounted for through the Equipment Director **AND** the required team financial statement is accounted for through the Treasurer, the \$500.00 deposit, less any applicable fines, will be returned to the team. Equipment fines are levied for missing or damaged equipment beyond normal wear and tear.

## HOCKEY PROGRAM

We are striving to improve the skating abilities of our hockey players. We will be starting with conditioning sessions for each hockey player, TimBits through Midget and will then go directly into the Team Selection Process, which consists of a combination of skating, drills and scrimmage. All divisions are expected to start the Team Selection process after September 1, 2009.

## TIMBITS CATEGORY

TimBits teams utilize "Home Ice" and do not have a formalized schedule of actual games. The TimBits level is an introduction to hockey, where fun and skating skills will be stressed. All ice time is on a shared basis to keep costs low. Teams are registered with Hockey Calgary in order to be covered under its insurance policy.

## NOVICE CATEGORY

All teams will be seeded in this category and will participate as teams in the Hockey Calgary leagues. The city is divided into North and South divisions to ease the travel burden on these younger players. Novice teams do not play league games against North teams, only team-arranged exhibition games.

## REFEREES

Referee clinics will be available for anyone interested in wearing the stripes. This is open to anyone aged 13 and older (as of Dec 31). Referees will be assigned Hockey Calgary games through either Blackfoot Hockey Association or the Central Zone Referees' Committee. BHA currently subsidizes BHA Referees \$35.00 of the Referee Clinic costs on presentation of receipt to the BHA Treasurer. For more information visit [www.czrc.ab.ca](http://www.czrc.ab.ca).

## COACHING

To coach in Blackfoot Hockey Association, **TimBits level** Coaches **MUST HAVE** the "Intro to Hockey" level coaching certificate regardless of any other coaching certification. For **Novice to Junior level**, Coaches **MUST HAVE** the "Coach Level" certificate. Coaches are responsible for providing proof of certification on request. Additional coach certification may be required depending on the age level.

If you are interested in coaching, please submit your resume and any available proof of your certifications to:  
Blackfoot Hockey Association  
240 - 90 Ave. S.E., Calgary Alberta, T2J 6P6  
Attention: Hockey Development

(Forms are available at registration and from the BHA web site at [www.blackfoothockey.com](http://www.blackfoothockey.com))

**COACHES PLEASE NOTE: As of the 2007-2008 season BHA has adopted a requirement for all coaches and assistant coaches to undergo a criminal / police search and a criminal record search for a sexual offence. This process is only required every 3 years.**

## CLINICS

Please contact Calgary Hockey Development at 777-3646 or "www.eshootscores.com" for information on coaching clinics. Reimbursement of coach courses is based on the team's need for reaching the minimum certification required by Hockey Calgary. Additional coach courses taken in the same year are for the coach's or team's account. Submit a copy of your receipt to the Blackfoot Treasurer at the Blackfoot Office.

## TOURNAMENTS

The Scott Broshko Memorial Tournament is an annual Midget Warriors tournament held by the team and partially supported by BHA. Other team tournaments are held based on ice availability. Should there be a limited amount of ice available for tournaments BHA will hold a draw, if necessary, for teams wishing to hold a tournament.

## VOLUNTEERS

Blackfoot Hockey would like to thank all volunteers involved in the 2008-2009 season and we hope your enthusiasm brings you back for the coming year. The success of the Blackfoot Hockey Association is only as a result of dedicated volunteers, like you.

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to sit on various committees. If you are interested or would like more information as to duties, please contact the Blackfoot Office at 403-640-9113.

***Get involved! It involves your child!***

There is one BOARD position that needs to be filled for the upcoming year.

- Fund Raising Director

**The following COMMITTEES need your help:**

- Hockey Development Committee
- Goalie Committee
- Communications Committee

Please contact the BHA office at 403-640-9113 or at email: bhainfo@telus.net if you would like more information or would like to offer your volunteer services.

<b>COMMUNITY CONTACT NUMBERS FOR INFORMATION:</b>		
Acadia	No representative	
*Albert Park/Radisson Heights	No representative	
*Applewood Park	No representative	
Copperfield	No representative	
Douglas Glen	No representative	
*Dover	No representative	
*Erin Woods	Gerry Davidson	
Fairview	No representative	
*Forest Heights	No representative	
*Forest Lawn	No representative	
McKenzie Towne	No representative	
Maple Ridge	No representative	
Millican/Ogden	Lorna Kennedy	
New Brighton	No representative	
*Penbrooke Meadows	No representative	
*Red Carpet/Mountview	No representative	
Riverbend	No representative	
*Southview	No representative	
Willow Park	No representative	
<b>BHA REGISTRAR</b>	<b>VERNA LAFFERTY</b>	<b>236-9814</b>
<b>ALL OTHER ENQUIRIES</b>	<b>BLACKFOOT OFFICE</b>	<b>640-9113</b>
* New communities in Blackfoot Hockey Association in 2009		

**NOT VOLUNTEERING? – PLEASE NOTE:**

When volunteers do NOT step forward (e.g. Hockey Development Director) the work associated with that position may not be completed and the program may well have to be discontinued.

***The more volunteers we have the less work there is for everyone.***