



ESPANOLA MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

It's hard to believe another season is behind us. It has been both a challenging and a rewarding one in many ways. Congratulations to all of our teams for their achievements this year. Victories don't always appear on a score board and we are proud to call you all Eagles!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our hockey families for participating and doing their part when needed. I especially want to thank all of our coaches, assistant coaches, trainers, managers, and executive members for the countless hours you volunteer to keep EMHA running as smoothly as possible.

I would like to thank our referee manager for organizing our officials, and our officials for showing up for the early games, the late games, and all the games in between. Without all of you the children of Espanola would not get to experience the great game of hockey in Espanola.

As we wind up this season and look towards next please ask yourselves what you can do to help. There are a number of executive positions open for nomination at our AGM and it is so important that we fill each and every one of them. There truly is power in numbers and the more volunteers we have contributing the less the work load on each of them. I can tell you from my personal experience that it is very rewarding to volunteer for an organization such as EMHA. Hockey is a way of life in our home and I can't imagine it any other way! Enjoy your off seasons and hope to see you all next year!!

Leslie Campbell
President

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday May 9 at 7:00 PM. Details in regards to the location will be determined shortly and will be communicated to you through your team managers. We are asking anyone who is interested in taking a position on the Executive for the next season, to please contact any of our current Executive Members for more information, or to request detailed job descriptions for each position. The following positions will be up for nomination:

- a) President – 2 year term
- b) Secretary – 2 year term
- c) Ways & Means Coordinator – 1 year term
- d) Equipment Manager – 1 year term
- e) Awards & Publicity – 1 year term
- f) Ice Scheduler – 1 year term
- g) Coaches Coordinator – 1 year term
- h) Trainer Coordinator – 1 year term
- i) Tournament Coordinator – 1 year term

The other purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to make any changes to the E.H.H.A. Constitution. All proposed amendments will be posted on our website, www.espanolaminorhockey.com, 15 days prior to the AGM as per article b.iv. of the E.M.H.A. Constitution. All proposed amendments will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting. Voting will take place by a show of hands.

**THANK YOU to
our 2016/2017
sponsors:**



Deadline for amendment submissions will depend on the date of the AGM (to be announced) and Motions can be e-mailed to secretary@espanolaminorhockey.com, or delivered in person to the mail Slot at the Front Desk of the Espanola Recreation Complex in a sealed envelope, addressed to: E.M.H.A. Secretary, Leslie Campbell.

Special Thanks – Espanola Express

We would like to extend a very special “thank you” to the Espanola Express for allowing E.M.H.A. to sell 50/50 tickets at their home games, and for making our kids feel a part of their organization by welcoming them to come on the ice with the team during the national anthem. This was a memorable and exciting opportunity for our players, and these kinds of partnerships are very important to our organization.

E.M.H.A. Banquet

E.M.H.A. parents and players!! Our Banquet this year will be held on Sunday March 26th upstairs at the complex. We will be having 2 seating's:

Tyke, Novice & Atom at 4pm.
Peewee, Bantam & Midget at 6pm.

Tickets will be available at the complex lobby on Thursday March 9th at 6:30pm - 8pm. If you can't make it to get your tickets please email Dana awards.publicity@espanolaminorhockey.com

Tickets will not be available at the door.
Bench staff and players are FREE
Adults - 13 years and up - \$10.00
Children - 6 years to 12 years - \$5.00
Children Under 5 – FREE

Parent Surveys

E.M.H.A. values its member feedback and takes parental input very seriously. Our organization uses parent feedback during the coach selection process and to improve our overall program.

Year-End Surveys will also be available for completion at the Banquet. We would appreciate your input. All parents who return surveys at the banquet will have their name entered into win a door prize.

Jersey/Equipment Return

E.M.H.A.'s Equipment Manager, Susan Mullen will be available in the lobby of the complex on Thursday March 9, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 to accept any outstanding jerseys/equipment.

As per E.M.H.A.'s Equipment Policy, failure to return any equipment to E.M.H.A. within 14 days from the date of your last game/practice will be considered “lost” and will result in the payment of monetary fines and players will not be able to register for the following season until payment is received.

Rep Tryout Releases

As Espanola is located in NOHA District #2 we are required to release our players to the Nickel City Hockey Association. If your player wishes to try out for any of the Nickel City Hockey Association teams you will only require a release from Espanola

Thank you to the following businesses for your donation of items to E.M.H.A. this year:

Espanola Express

Picture it Framed

Canadian Red Dragon

Sudbury Wolves

Dairy Queen

Thank you to the following businesses who supported our Tag Day/Bagging Day Fundraising Event:

Canadian Tire

Freshco

Winkel's

Minor Hockey to attend their tryouts.

To request a release to the NCHA please send an email to: President@espanolaminorhockey.com and include the following:

Players Full Name

Players Birth Date

Players Residential Address

Team Player Played for This Season

Association, Division (Novice, Atom etc.), and Level (A, AA, AAA) you are requesting release to try out for.

Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for a release to be processed.

If your player wishes to try out for a rep team other than one within the NCHA you will be required to obtain a second release from the NCHA.

The Nickel City Hockey Association implemented a policy in 2014 indicating that "To release A level players from outlying areas that are actually closer to other associations, e.g., to release players from Espanola that are closer to Manitoulin. Players requesting releases must have their permanent address closer to the association they want to try out for than the nearest NCHA home association. The parent will request a release from the NCHA, supported by the details for their child, including permanent residence address and the name of the association trying out for. A signing authority from the NCHA will give the necessary release to the parents of the player."

You will send the NCHA the release we provide you with and request a release from them. Make sure to provide them with the same information EMHA required in order to process your release.

****PLEASE NOTE - EMHA has no control of NCHA in any capacity including whether or not a release is granted or how long it takes them to process your request.**

Officials for 2017/2018 season needed

As we start to look forward to next year's hockey season we have a requirement for new officials. Applicants must be 14 years of age before December 31, 2017 and will be required to complete online and in class courses. If you know of anyone that is interested please have them email president@espanolaminorhockey.com

2017-2018 Registration Dates

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page, website, and your email over the next few months as we announce our registration dates for next season.

Tell us what you think!

If there is any information you think you would like to have included in our newsletter, please email Susan at equipment@espanolaminorhockey.com

2016-2017 Season – Team Highlights



Espanola Pre Novice Blue Eagles - Submitted by Coach Melly

The Pre-Novice Blue Eagles team started out the season a rag tag group of hockey newbies, with only one player having ever played minor hockey before this season. That didn't stop these little Eagles from hitting the ice right from the start determined to play hard and show us all what they could do. Every single player gave it their all during each practice and game, and steadily improved throughout the season. As a result of all their hard work, these little Eagles ended the season on a 10 game win streak, going undefeated to win their division in the Soo Extravaganza tournament, and undefeated again in the playoffs to win the league division. It was a really great season for both the kids and parents, congratulations Blue Eagles on all your hard earned success



Espanola Eagles – Novice



Espanola Atomic Eagles – Submitted by Manager Susan

What a year we had! We had some wins, some losses, and even a few ties! We travelled to Sault Ste. Marie and Sturgeon Falls for tournaments and despite not winning every single game, our players had a TON of fun. Whether it was playing hockey, or swimming, playing chit-chit, or just hanging out playing games at the hotels, it's safe to say the best thing about our year was the friendships we made on and off the ice. I think we can also say that our parents had a lot of fun too!

Good luck to our players moving up to Pee wee next year: Raidyn, Daylyn, Thomas, Ali, Kaydan, and Jake.

Best of luck at Little NHL to Raidyn and Daylyn!



Espanola Eagles – Pee wee – Submitted by Manager Linda

The Pee wee team had a great year. They played in a few tournaments and had some wins and some losses. The Bench Staff really enjoyed getting to know all of the players and their parents this year, and overall; the players played their best, improved their skills, and most importantly had fun!