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On behalf of the Bismarck Hockey Boosters Board of Directors, welcome to the 2009-2010 Bismarck Hockey Program. We welcome all new and returning skaters along with their parents back for another exciting hockey season.

As was done last year, each participant must register on-line with USA Hockey. There is a \$40 registration fee which covers the USA Hockey registration (\$30) and the ND Amateur Hockey Association registration (\$10). The \$30 USA Hockey registration fee is waived for players 7 and under, but they must still register. The link to register can be found on the BHB registration form.

The BHB hockey registration fees did not get raised this year, even though our ice time expense has increased, along with many other expenses. We will be looking at fund raising options to help BHB out with the higher costs.

NOTE: Due to privacy protection, birth certificates are not kept on file from year to year. Therefore, each player is required to provide a new birth certificate to their team manager after the teams are formed.

The mite program, which includes 8U girls, will once again be operated by the Bismarck Hockey Boosters with ice time and coordinators salaries paid for by the Bismarck Parks & Recreation Department. Remember to thank Bismarck Parks & Recreation for their continued support of our mite program.

NECK GUARDS ARE REQUIRED AND ARE A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT in the Bismarck program. All players are required to wear a neck guard for all games and practices.

The BHB promotes parent involvement and it is your efforts that make the program what it is. Please consider donating your time and talents - if you have a special area of expertise or would like to help out but are unsure what you can do, please contact one of the Board members on the website at <http://www.bismarckhockeyboosters.com>. All members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings every second Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We can make our club stronger and better by getting involved, volunteering, and giving the game back to the kids.

Parents, thank you for your time, communication skills, and your love of the game. Without your involvement we cannot operate efficiently and all enjoy the great sport of HOCKEY.

Looking forward to a great season.

Gardell Jochim, President