



# Oakville Hornets Girls Hockey LADIES' DIVISION

The Oakville Hornets Girls' Hockey Association introduced a ladies' house league/recreational division beginning with the 2006/2007 season. Sixty ladies now call themselves 'addicted' to Canada's favourite winter pastime; as participants rather than just spectators!

*If it has ever crossed your mind that it would be fun to play hockey, 60 ladies will tell you to trust your instincts!* Whether you grew up with the Hornets, like our few 'junior' seniors (as the ladies' division was known), or are experiencing the game for the first time - as is the case with many of us over the age of 30...40...50... - you will not be disappointed!

We have put together this Q&A to address the types of questions that we have received from prospective players over the years. If your question isn't answered here please direct it to the Hornets directly at [info@oakvillehornets.on.ca](mailto:info@oakvillehornets.on.ca) and copy the '08/'09 division Convener, Lynn Eplett, at [lynn.eplett@lincluden.net](mailto:lynn.eplett@lincluden.net).

Hope to meet you next season!

## Registration

- Registration for the '09/'10 season will be open to new players after May 15.
- The registration fee for the '09/'10 season is \$525 for new players. Please note, the registration fee for goalies is still under review. If you are interested in goal, please confirm your interest to the office at [info@oakvillehornets.on.ca](mailto:info@oakvillehornets.on.ca).
- The Hornets offers a very convenient on-line registration process (see the main page of this web site) if you're prepared to pay by credit card.
- If you are not registering on-line with a credit card payment, complete the registration form and deliver it to the Hornets' office.

## Team Composition

- We are hoping to have six Ladies' teams for the '09/'10 season, up from four teams in the '08/'09 season.
- The objective is to have 13 skaters and a goalie assigned to each team.
- However, the final number of teams and number of players per team will be dependent on the number of registered goalies (and of course, players!). We do expect to close registrations by the **beginning of September** to allow for efficient scheduling of the house league division. Therefore, please register early!
- The Ladies have adopted the philosophy of the Hornets' organization in respect to striving for balanced teams. We will not accept team registrations.

- You will be contacted about on-ice player evaluation sessions prior to the start of the season. The Hornets will try to honour requests from new players to be placed on a team with at least one 'friend'.

Ice Times – Games & Practices
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- Game nights will be dependent on the number of teams in the division.
- If there are 4 teams, it is anticipated that game night will be Tuesday nights.
- If there are 6 teams, we hope to have all games played on Tuesday nights but it may be that there will be a rotation through a Monday night slot as well.
- We cannot at this time confirm arenas.
- 50 minutes of ice time is assigned to games. It is expected that periods will be 10/12/12 minutes, stop-time.
- The objective is to have a single, 50 minute, practice slot for the Ladies' division every other week. Please note, that there is no town subsidy relative to adult players in the Association as there is for minors; explaining a lesser ice allocation for the Ladies' division for the same registration fee. In the past an experienced volunteer has lead the practices. It is anticipated that can be arranged again for the coming season; dependent on willing volunteers! The day of the week cannot be confirmed at this time (although Friday is looking like a strong possibility).

Miscellaneous
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- The league does not assign formal 'coaches' to the Ladies' teams. The league does pick up the cost of 4 'staff' members per team however. To the extent that a team wants to organize coaching staff they're welcome to do so.
- Each team has a Captain selected from among the players who is a liaison between the league/convener and the players.
- A set of rules/guidelines for the division is under review.
- Caliber of Play: As indicated above the division does boast a range of hockey talent! There are younger players in the division who have played at the rep level. As well, there are women over 40 who hadn't skated for years when they came out for the evaluations. We want to make ladies', **recreational** hockey available to everyone. By ensuring we have balanced teams and that we adhere to the basic philosophy that, "All players will be respectful of the caliber of play of both their own teammates and opponents.", we have created a division that while fun is also competitive, with each player playing to their potential and improving quickly as the season progresses.
- The Oakville Hornets is pleased to once again offer the popular hockey development clinics with **Dick Decloe** and **Ice2Ice**. Refer to Hornet's home page for more information. The Ladies' session will be on alternate Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Ladies' practice sessions will be scheduled to the extent possible so that they do not fall during the same week as Dick Decloe sessions.