

RIVERSIDE FLOOR HOCKEY
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1. Welcome to our second season of Riverside Ravens Floor Hockey. Even though we had been involved in a number of sports organizations, last season was our first attempt at running a floor hockey program. Riverside Optimists had operated this league for 25 years and for a number of reasons decided not to be involved any longer in floor hockey. We, as a group, did not want this worthwhile program to end and we decided to try and continue the program. We felt that our first season was successful and hopefully those involved felt the same way. We realized that our first season would be a learning experience and we needed to be prepared to make necessary changes as required. We did in fact make some changes that we felt would benefit the league as a whole. We will take the same approach this year. If changes need to be made, we will not hesitate to make the changes for the betterment of the league.
2. Revenues to run our program from registration fees, sponsorship fees, and the running of bingos. One of our major sources of fundraising is bingo revenue. Registration fees were able to be kept as low as possible due to the fact that bingo revenues were very good in the past. However the bingo industry in Windsor is on the decline and our revenues have been drastically reduced. As a result we had to slightly raise the fee this year from \$70.00 to \$75.00. We did not want to raise the fee but felt that we had no choice. If our bingo revenues continue to decline, registration fees will have to go up again in the future. This would be regrettable but necessary to operate the program.
3. Sponsorship fees are another important source of revenue for our floor hockey program. Monies raised through sponsorships help us to run this program and helps to keep our costs down. We are always in need of sponsors. At this point in time we do not have enough sponsors for our various teams. The cost of a sponsorship is \$200.00. If you know of anyone or any business that might be willing to sponsor our program please let us know. We will contact the business or individual.
4. Once again to help offset some of the costs of running this program we are going to have a 50/50 draw each week. If successful, this weekly draw replaces any other fundraising venture(chocolate bar sales, magazine subscriptions, tag days, etc etc.) This was well supported last year and hopefully the support will continue this year. The monies go directly back into the program to help to defray some of the costs of our wrap up party at the end of the season. Several draws during the season will also have Windsor Spitfire tickets as a prize. The cost is 3 tickets for \$2.00 and will be sold during the games and at the front desk

5. Last year, during the season, we asked the coaches and parents for their input on how to improve our program. We took all the suggestions very seriously and discussed each and every suggestion made to us. As a result, we have made some changes to our program. We now have four divisions. In the tyke and junior divisions there will be only four players (not five) on the floor and they will be able to cover the whole floor. Goalies will have goalie equipment. Tyke, junior, and intermediate divisions will have three minute line changes. Only the senior division will change “on the fly”. Rule changes also have been made. The players and coaches will be made aware of these changes.
6. We are always looking at ways to improve our program. If you have any concerns, ideas, or criticisms do not hesitate to contact a board member or the convenor of your division. We will listen and take corrective action if necessary.
7. We would like to remind the parents and coaches that the primary purpose of this league may differ from other leagues that your son/daughter has been involved in the past. Winning is important but we feel that should not be the primary reason for playing in our program. The emphasis of this league is all about fair play, good sportsmanship, skill development, and an abundance of exercise. We want the players to want to come back each and every week. We want them to have fun and enjoy each and every game-win or lose. We want them to do their best and not to be too concerned about the outcome. Obviously they will want to win but we feel that it should not be “the end all and be all”.
8. A reminder to players, parents and coaches-In order to keep a competitive balance in each division, the teams may have to be adjusted in the next several weeks. This may not be popular but it may be necessary in order to keep the teams as balanced and competitive as possible.

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