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Newsletter



More New Members join the In-House League. WELCOME!!

The Pine Rivers In-Line Hockey Club welcomes all new families to our club. We have wonderful volunteer parents who help with running in-house. Thank you to all those volunteer parents. Please take the opportunity to say hello and introduce yourself to all our new families:

Jarom Armstrong, 6, and his parents Daniel and Junita

Alex Barker, 6, and his parents Andy and Jackie

Robert LeFroy, 8, and his parents Greg and Kelly

Joe Moore, 8, and his parents Ian and Christine

Cody Sorrensen, 5, and his parents Tony and Felicity



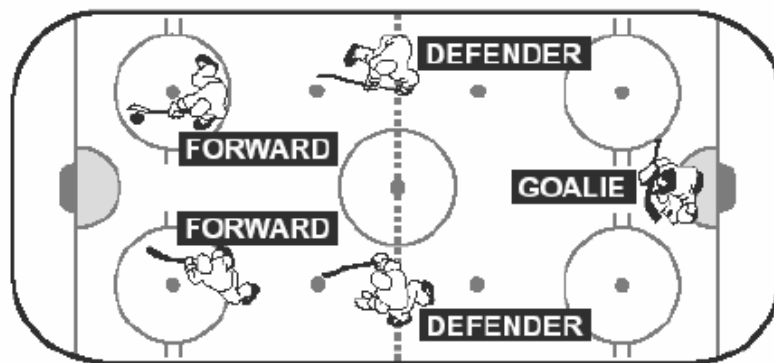
Be early for your games

In-House players are reminded to arrive at least 30 minutes before your game to give players time to get ready. The In-House timetable is tight and must run to schedule. If players are not ready to get on the rink when their game starts, their game time may have to be shortened. So be fair to all the other players who come on time and are ready to play.

How to improve your hockey game

Remember, the key to playing hockey successfully is about knowing your position on the rink. Good skating skills are essential and encouraging your children to come to skate sessions or skating lessons on Saturday mornings at Skateaway will definitely improve their skating.

PLAYERS AND THEIR POSITIONS



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DRAGONS REPORT



Under 10 Dragons

Our youngest competitive team, the under 10 Dragons have started 2006 well. All players are training enthusiastically and are enjoying their games. They are mixing well and developing a good team spirit.

For this first report, I would like to introduce our new team members this year, Ethan Bushby—our goalie, Joshua Sheffield, James Woodford, Thomas Steven and Jesse Edwards and also re-aquaint you with our returning team members—Hayden Anderson, Chris Martin, Dannielle Roberts, Katherine Thelander and Nick Scanlan. We wish them all a great season and hope they continue to have fun playing inline hockey.

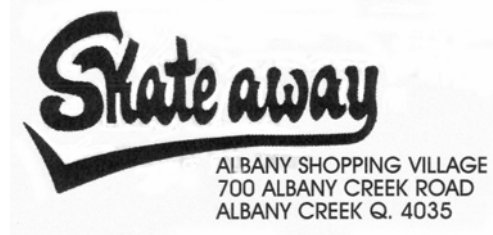
Kerry Scanlan—Team Manager Dragons U10

Under 14 Dragons

The Under 14's are having another strong year this year with some convincing wins and only the one loss to the Gold Coast at Lismore so far this season. Our newest team members Tim Eagle and Daniel Halliwell have fitted in well and are getting better by the week after making the step up from in-house. Daniel will be seeing plenty of rink time for next few weeks as Alex recovers from his broken collar-bone. Congratulations to our Representative players at the Nationals with the Under 14's picking up the bronze medal and further congratulations to Nick Raftopoulos, Dale Cook and Alex Jones for their selection in the Australian team to play at the World Cup on the Gold Coast in July.

Wayne Jones—Team Manager Dragons U14

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The Pine Rivers U16 Team has gone through round one of the Queensland In-Line Hockey Association (QILHA) Cup undefeated. This has been achieved by good hard defence and fast attacking offensive plays. After defeating Gold Coast and Logan Rangers most games were won by holding out most other teams by preventing them from scoring.

This has made it boring for our QLD and Australian goalie Chris Flower. It is a good position to be in at this time of the year, but we should not become complacent and drop our style of play. Most teams usually improve during the year in the next two rounds. This 3 round format could help well-drilled teams to improve enough to give us some surprises and cause us problems towards the end of the season.

The U16 captain Preston Andersen made a statement, that this is a well-balanced team with no player being caught up in their own importance. This is confirmed on the score sheet where assists are provided by most players who are willing to pass the puck to setup up a goal, other than hold it and turn it over.

The lack of goals scored against us is also due to the fact most players are willing to drop back and defend hard against the opposition and only go into offence once we have full control of the puck.

Let's remember some Basic Defensive Hockey Guidelines that should help us maintain our position at the top.

- Think defence first and play offence only when in full control of the puck.
- Keep your head up and take the man first and then the puck. Take the other team's offensive man out after he has passed the puck to eliminate a return pass.
- Never pass the puck rink wide or through the centre in your own goal end.
- Never pass the puck without looking in your own zone. Your teammate must be there.
- Never pass the puck around the boards unless your teammate is in position, or the puck has been shot in directly and the far side offensive defenseman is not in position to pinch in.
- One defenseman should always be in front of the net and control any player in the low slot area. The defenseman should face up the rink towards the opposition's goal and be aware of players in front of the net. To watch play in your own corner, the defenseman should turn his head but keep his body squared up the rink. The defenseman should not turn his back from the slot area unless a player is coming from behind the net and is a direct threat to score.
- Never allow your team to be outnumbered in the defensive zone (e.g., forwards up too high).

All in all, It is a good start to the year, but don't let our defences down in the next two rounds.

Peter Andersen—Team Manager U16 Dragons

★ REMINDER —All club members and parents are reminded to check the club ★
★ noticeboard at Skateaway for latest notifications and information on club events ★
★ and announcements. ★
★ Otherwise email your latest email address to prdragons@hotmail.com ★
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ARE YOU MYSTIFIED ABOUT HOCKEY JARGON?

All sports have their own language and often it's not obvious what it means. Some people get their "in-depth" hockey knowledge from movies like *The Mighty Ducks*, *D2*, and possibly *D3*. For instance, one person assumed a **power play** was like "the flying V"; needless to say, it's not—a power play occurs when one team gets a penalty, so the other team has a four-on-three advantage for 90 seconds or less, depending on if they score.

Another newcomer guessed that a **hat trick** was an assisted goal. Actually, a hat trick is when one player scores three goals in a game.

When another mystified moviegoer was asked what a **one-timer** is, he clearly had ideas other than hockey on her mind when he replied, "The guy who only scores once-ever." A one-timer is a quick shot immediately after receiving a pass, all in one motion.

INTRODUCING HOCKEY TERMS

HOCKEY GLOSSARY, A TO Z

Assist: An assist is credited in the scoring record to the offensive player or players involved in the play immediately preceding a goal. Maximum of two assists per goal.

Back Check: The action of the forwards skating back into their defensive zone to break up the opposing team's offensive play.

Body Check: Using the body to impede an opponent who has possession of the puck to break up or disrupt an offensive play.

Breakaway: A scoring opportunity that occurs when there are no defending players between the puck carrier and the opposing goaltender.

Breakout: Movement of a team in possession of the puck out of its defensive zone.

Changing On The Fly: Substitution of players without a stoppage in play.

Clearing The Puck: Shooting the puck out of the defensive zone or away from the front of the goal.

Delayed Penalty: A team shall not be shorthanded on the rink more than two players at any one time because of imposed penalties. Therefore, should a team receive a third penalty, that penalty shall be delayed in its start until one of the preceding penalties has terminated.

Delayed Whistle: When a violation occurs, the official will not blow the whistle to stop play as long as the non-offending team is in possession of the puck. The moment the offending team touches the puck, play will be stopped.

Face-Off: Dropping the puck between one player from each team to initiate play.

Forechecking: Pressuring the opponent when they control the puck in the neutral or defensive zone.

Goal Crease: The area marked off in front of the goal. An offensive player may not enter the goal crease unless the puck is already inside this area.

Icing: A team, when both teams have an equal number of players on the ice, may not shoot the puck from behind one goal line over their opponent's goal line (except if the puck goes into the goal).

Offside: When an offensive player precedes the puck across the center line and into the offensive zone. For an offside violation, a face-off will be conducted in the special face-off spot.

Poke Check: Using the blade of the stick to knock the puck away from an opponent.

Power Play: An attempt to score by a team which has a numerical advantage in players due to a penalty or penalties.

Screen: Offensive players positioning themselves to block or shield the opposing goaltender's view of the puck.

Shorthanded: When a team is playing with one or two fewer players than their opponent due to penalties.

Slap Shot: A sweeping motion with an accentuated back swing to shoot the puck.

Slot: An unmarked area in front of the goal approximately 3-4 metres in diameter.

Wrist Shot: The motion of shooting the puck with the puck directly against the blade of the stick.

GOOD LUCK!!