

Northstars Apparel is Open for Business

Whether you need to order team apparel or are making a purchase for your child from the many items we have in stock, contact Melanie Jenkinson at 780.471.4043 or email imelanie@telus.net. Come, see and buy on Northstars Day (November 11, 2010). Many items will be available for excellent prices at NAIT.

Hoodies  Toques  T-Shirts  Long-sleeved shirts

Sizers for Kewl track suits and Cx2 jackets will also be available on-site for teams wanting to place orders. Watch for our apparel card at www.nstars.com.

Wear your pride, Northstars!

Caring for Our Team Jerseys

Our team jerseys have been handed out and the season is underway. The jerseys comprise a large part of the club's investment and every year they face countless regular season and exhibition games. They can be easily damaged. We wear our Northstar colors with pride and as such need to take care of them.

- ❖ Ever notice your kid's sweaty head after a hard fought game? Well the jersey is sweaty too and over time becomes smelly. The solution is to wash the sweaters regularly. No special detergents are required and DO NOT use bleach.
- ❖ DO NOT iron anything onto the jersey or your team will be paying for a new jersey. Many teams assign captains and assistant captains and if you are doing this, do not machine sew the letters to the jersey but rather use a basting stitch. Also, sponsorship labels should not be attached to the jerseys; they can be sewn to the pants. Teams who return jerseys with C's, A's and/or sponsorship logos attached will be charged a removal fee which will be taken off your jersey deposit (\$250/team).
- ❖ Please use the garment bags provided to your team to carry the sweaters. Throwing the sweaters into your kid's equipment bag can damage them over time (skate blades cut them and Velcro sticks to them) and yes, you guessed it...they will start to smell!
- ❖ If your jersey is damaged, please repair it. While we often have replacement jerseys for the younger kids, our supply diminishes as the categories advance. If your jersey is too big, have your manager contact us to see if there is a replacement (though keep in mind that the jersey number may change).

Some things that are sure to limit the life of the jerseys are:

- Using the jersey to wipe skate blades clean
- Drinking coloured drinks such as Gatorade or PowerAde
- Using rusty hangers

Of course, use a towel to wipe the skate blades clean, save the sports drinks for after the game (water is what the kids need), and use hangers that are in good condition as the rust permanently stains our jerseys. I have loads of hangers at the Northstars office and I'd be happy to hand out new ones. Contact Robin at rtain@telusplanet.net.

Let's teach our kids to respect the symbol of who we are and wear our Northstars pride! Who are we? Northstars!

Note to All Northstars Coaches/Managers: 2010-2011 team budgets must be submitted to the Northstars Treasurer (Kerry Heise) by November 8th. Monthly financials are due by the 15th of each month. (A simple financial statement template is posted at www.nstars.com). If anyone has questions, please stop by the Northstars office on Mondays between 7 and 9 pm.

Parents, did you know that the Northstars website has a full page of technical hockey videos to help your child improve their hockey skills? <http://www.nstars.com/video2.html>

Hockey Talk

Tiering Meeting – Nov.16/2010

Note the date change!

Please consider attending this meeting to provide your input on the tiering process. Representatives from the Northstars and Brave Raiders will be on hand to gather information as they work to refine tiering procedures for the coming years.

Team Reminders

A reminder that only team officials listed on the Hard Card are allowed on the bench or the ice. Parents cannot sub in or visit their child during a skate due to EMHA and insurance regulations. All coaches must wear an approved helmet.

Lifetime Member Profile

Congratulations to Marty Schulz, a recent Northstars Lifetime Member inductee.

Marty Schulz joined the Northstars in 1998, and he balanced his new volunteer role with handling the duties as Delton Community Hockey Director. You would always see Marty and his wife Jeannette at the hockey rinks in the early years watching Zach followed by Quinton, and then, without a blink, daughter Samantha was also strapping on skates. The fridge calendar looked like a road map, with Marty going to Delton community, Northstars tournament or NEZ meetings, not to mention the hockey games of 3 kids.

At Northstars, Marty took on the job of Tournament Coordinator. In 1999, Marty also took on the role of Ice Allocator. Teams soon found they had more ice than they knew what to do with. The Schulz family then decided to start a year-end tournament as well. What better way to wrap up the season than a trip to the mountains of Jasper? This tournament is the one you hear every team talk about today... "Can we enter the Jasper tournament?" Every year, it seems like the tournament just finishes, when the requests to Marty come in for the next year!

Marty is a volunteer that exemplifies the Northstars philosophy: the kids always come first, and they are all treated the same, whether they are playing Tier 1 or Tier 21.

Thank you Marty, Jeannette and family!