

# MISSION STATEMENT



*The mission of the Tri-City Eagles is to help young individuals develop as athletes, leaders, and members of the community through a competitive hockey program that stresses excellence, commitment, self-sacrifice, teamwork, and sportsmanship.*

*To hustle, to have fun, and not to yield.*

# OPERATING PRINCIPLES

The operating principles for the Tri-City Eagles for 2009-2010 are the following...

- Establish Commitment, Discipline, Teamwork, Focus, Support, Joy and High Ethical Standards as key organizational values.
- Clearly articulate and enforce club by-laws, policies, and objectives, and ensure that they are communicated to club officials, coaches, players, and parents.
- Work within the CBHL to share ideas and experiences, to assist other member clubs who wish to establish similar competitive programs, and to improve the quality of the upper age level programs.
- Receive input from an Advisory Board that consists of club officials, representatives from the CBHL, and qualified outside individuals who advise on the operation of the club.
- Open tryouts to all interested Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget aged players.
- Create real opportunities for each player to develop the full potential of his or her hockey skills and to progress to the next level in the sport.
- Set the cost for the program for each player at a level competitive with or below current club rates for CBHL travel teams, and partially offset organizational costs through outside sponsorship.
- Compete with a schedule that consists of CBHL AA or A level league games, selected AAA tournaments, and selected AAA exhibitions (see page 7).



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- Provide off-ice activities for players such as team outings, dry land exercise sessions, classroom position play sessions, fund raising activities, and mandatory outside community or club service.
- Choose coaches for their hockey knowledge, ability to communicate, teach, organize, and plan, and commitment to our program.
- Attempt to ensure that head coaches do not have children who play on the teams, work to improve their skills, and adhere to a rigid code of conduct.
- Assist coaches in player selection by establishing an unbiased panel; ensure that neither parents nor the administrative staff have a say in final team selections.
- Build on the successes of our previous seasons and learn from our shortcomings.
- Use feedback from our participant players and parents to improve our program.
- Develop positive relationships with college, prep school, and Junior programs. Maintain contact with our alumni to increase our ability to assist our “family” in furthering their skating experience.
- Utilize potential of all members of the Tri-City family to become one of the best youth organizations in North America.
- Expand our partnership with Hassleholm Hockey, Sweden, Borlange, Sweden and with Hammarö Hockey, Sweden.
- Fully utilize our position as charter member of Team Maryland to improve our organization.



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## **ORGANIZATION**

### **Organizational Status**

The Tri-City Eagles Hockey Association is a 501 (c) 3 organization.

### **Administrative Staff**

Clai Carr is the General Manager and is responsible for the direction of the organization. Tom Hendrix, co-founder of the Eagles, ensures the coaching staff performs at the highest level possible. Tony MacAulay is our Coaching Coordinator and will assist our coaches.

In addition to day to day operations, certain functions will be tasked to operational committees. Members for such committees will be drawn from administrative staff, Advisory Board members, coaches, and parents. Typical committee activities include fund raising, travel logistics, off-ice official management, special events, video taping of games, public relations, and so forth.

### **Coaching Staff**

The coaching staff has been selected based on coaching experience, knowledge of hockey, educational and employment background, and compatibility with organizational objectives and personnel.

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>Head Coach-Blue</u></b>	<b><u>Head Coach-Gold</u></b>
Midget	(U-8)Adam Levine	(U-16) Tim Williamson
Bantam	Sean Sherman	Mike Marley
Pee Wee	Dan DuBois	
Squirt	Hugh OHern	

Goalie Coach: Jason Wolfe and Sals Adams

Coaching Coordinator: Tony MacAulay



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## **Board of Advisors**

The Board of Advisors consists of individuals with unique and specific backgrounds. The attempt to draw from a diverse set of individuals is intentional; this approach will enable the Eagles to benefit from a group with a rich set of skills and a wide base of knowledge. Although there will be obvious overlap in the capabilities of each member on the Board of Advisors, each is expected to make a unique and important contribution to the Tri-City Eagles. Current members include...

### **Board Member**

Mr. Mike Bancroft  
Mr. John Coleman

Mr. Tim Flock  
Mr. Jay D. Gensler  
Mr. Michael Hanrahan  
John P. Healy, Esquire  
Mr. Andrew Heitman  
Mr. Charles King  
Mr. Ken Levine  
Mr. Tony MacAulay

Mr. Steve Malley  
Mr. John Miceli  
Mr. Larry Myers  
Mr. Daniel Pappas  
Mr. Doug Parks  
Mr. Peter Robinson

### **Background**

Ex-Officio, CBHL commissioner  
PVAHA President, past CBHL commissioner, parent of three hockey players  
Parent and team manager  
Past President, Maryland Scholastic High School Hockey League  
Former Parent  
Attorney, parent of two former college players  
Player and former TCE head coach  
Parent of former Eagles player, youth coach  
Parent of former Eagle players  
Ex-Officio, TCE Coaching Coordinator, past professional player and coach/GM; Assistant Dean of Students and Head Coach DeMatha Catholic HS  
Coach, Parent, and College Guidance Advisor  
Level 4 referee.  
Parent of former and existing Eagle player  
Former player, head coach and parent  
Past CBHL Commissioner, parent of TCE Old Boy  
Ex-Officio, Washington Capitals

## **PLAYER SELECTION AND TRYOUTS**

The Eagles club is open to any player. It is not our policy to actively recruit players from other clubs. Our approach is to inform the community of our program, allowing interested players to come forward.

A banner is displayed prominently at The Gardens Ice House, which is the home arena for the 2009-2010 Eagles. The Eagles championship banners from previous seasons are also hanging at The Gardens Ice House.

Tryouts will begin for Squirts, Pee Wees, Bantams and Midgets in May. All of the sessions will be held at The Gardens Ice House.



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**Mandatory** Registration: Friday, May 1, 2009 in the Café Party Rooms & Study Hall:

**No Absences**

Squirts 6:00—6:30 p.m.  
PeeWees: 6:45 – 7:15 p.m.

Bantams: 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Midgets: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.

Please be prompt and have all necessary information.

Registration includes the following items: (The package **MUST** be complete).

- Signing of Code of Conduct – parents and players
- Completion of USA Hockey Registration
- Birth Certificate
- Individual Player Fact Sheet and Hockey Resume
- Check(s) payable to Tri-City Eagles for annual fee
- 2009-2010 Parent Volunteer forms (both parents)

The **fees for 2009-2010** are:

Squirts	\$1,800	Bantam	\$2,050
PeeWee	\$1,900	Midget	\$2,175

The fee includes: ten (10) power skating sessions for squirts and pee wees and three (3) sessions for bantams and midgets.

Each player must also register with USA Hockey. The fees above assume full payment at the time of registration. Should a family wish to establish a separate payment plan, the total fee is increased by \$50, and all checks must be tendered at registration, post-dated to coincide with these dates (payable to Tri-City Eagles):

At registration \$500    August 1: \$500    October 1: \$500    October 31: Balance

Tryout fees are due before each tryout camp begins. All (full) payments must be received at registration unless other arrangements are approved by the General Manager, Clai Carr, on the evening of May 1. **No player will be allowed to practice until he/she is completely registered.**

The Program provides each player with the following: shell, helmet (if available), practice jersey, home and away game jerseys (all of which must be returned at the end of the season), two pairs of game socks, t-shirt, at least 40 practices, 8 individual skills clinics and 15 home games.



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## **CLUB PROGRAM FOR 2009-2010**

### **Orientation/Team Building**

An off-ice one-day team building exercise will be held for the Bantams and Midgets. The Pee Wees will have a sleepover/team building time during October at The Gardens Ice House.

Additionally, on **September 27**, there will be a presentation by USA Hockey referees, a professional sports nutritionist, about depression, head injuries, and goal setting techniques for all players and parents.

### **School Guidance**

Mr. Steve Malley, a post high school scholastic guidance counselor has been retained to assist midget-aged players. The goal of this Eagles' service is to provide each player and his/her parents with advice on how to best advance his/her hockey career. The first orientation session will occur in late September.

### **Practices**

Practices will begin the week of August 24, 2009 and will continue through March 4, 2010. Each week each team will have one full ice and one shared ice for practice. The squirts and the pee wees will work together as will the two bantam and the two midget teams. In addition, starting September 14, all teams will have three 40-minute power skating sessions. These power skating sessions will continue with the squirts and pee wees for another six (6) sessions. All practices will be held at The Gardens Ice House.

### **Goalie Program (new)**

Mr. Jason Wolfe, former DeMatha Catholic HS standout, juniors, Merrimack College and then pro player returns to the area and his staff will join forces with Mr. Sals Adams, former Middlebury College goaltender to provide outstanding on and off-ice training. There will be dedicated ice slots for the goalies along with film and game review with the outcome being a supportive and instructive experience.

### **Fitness (new)**



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This year we have joined with the Wellness For Life Fitness Center to provide additional training for the pee wees, bantams and midgets. Starting August 24 and going for fifteen (15) weeks, once a week just prior to practice each team will have dedicated team instruction under the supervision of a certified fitness trainer. In addition, the midgets will have **free** usage of the entire fifteen weeks.

### **Concussion (new)**

Expanding on our previous efforts all TCE players will receive concussion testing under the guidance of the staff of Dr. Gerald Goia, team physician for the Washington Capitals. More and more it is being understood how important a good baseline is in order for doctors to properly respond should a concussion occur. There is no charge for the testing.

### **Coaching Coordinator (new)**

This season we have added Mr. Tony MacAulay as coaching coordinator to our staff. Tony's charge is to assist the coaches in planning for try outs and also for planning their practices and the upcoming season. Tony has a wonderful passion for the game of hockey and vast experience as a player, coach and general manager. He currently is the Assistant Dean of Students and Head Hockey Coach at DeMatha Catholic High School.

### **Games**

All home games will be played at The Gardens Ice House on the weekends. Each team will play the following schedule of games (the club will provide 15 home games per team).

<b><u>Team</u></b>	<b><u>League</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibitions</u></b> (includes Tournaments)	<b><u>Maximum Total</u></b>
Squirt	16-20	15	35
Pee Wee	16-20	20	40
Bantam	16-20	20-25	40 - 45
Midget	16-20	20-25	40 - 45

### **Community Service**

Community service sessions will be organized for October, November, and December. Each player will be expected to make at least two of the three sessions.

### **Holiday Party**

Our Annual Old Boys Game will be late afternoon of December 22. A party for all members of Tri-City Eagles will complete the evening.



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## **Recognition Picnic**

In early April, we will conclude the season with our annual end-of-season recognition picnic, where each player receives several mementos of the season.

## **Collegiate Development Camp (Pee Wees, Bantams and Midgets) June 19-22**

The pee wee and bantam blue players are expected to attend the Collegiate Development Camp June 19-22. The staff is outstanding. We are limiting the size of each group to 36 skaters and 4 goalies (two groups only). This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and interface with top-level prep school and college coaches. Besides the 3 hours of on-ice work each day, there are fitness and leadership and off-ice skills training. Each day starts at 8:45 a.m. and ends at 4:45 p.m.

New this year is the Midget/Junior Showcase June 19-21. Our midget blue team is expected to participate.



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## **2007-2008 TRYOUT SCHEDULES**

### **Pee Wees, Bantams, Midgets**

A mandatory orientation meeting will be held for interested players and parents on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at The Gardens Ice House. This one-hour session will feature a Question and Answer session, an opportunity to meet the coaches, staff and last year's players and parents, and an opportunity to register for the tryouts.

	<b>Monday, 4/30</b>	<b>Tuesday, 5/1</b>	<b>Wednesday, 5/2</b>	<b>Thursday, 5/3</b>
<b>PEE WEES</b>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.
<b>BANTAMS</b>	7:10-8:10 p.m.	7:10-8:10 p.m.	7:10-8:10 p.m.	7:10-8:10 p.m.
<b>MIDGETS</b>	8:20-9:20 p.m.	8:20-9:20 p.m.	8:20-9:20 p.m.	8:20-9:20 p.m.
<b>GOALIES ONLY</b>		9:20-9:50 p.m.	9:20-9:50 p.m.	

The tryouts cost \$80. Final team selections will be made following the last tryout slot. Registration for the coming season will occur Friday, May 4, 2007 (See page 5).

### **Squirts**

A mandatory orientation meeting for squirts will be held for interested players and parents on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at The Gardens Ice House. This meeting will be for all layers and parents interested in trying out for the Tri-City Eagles.

	<b>Monday, 5/7</b>	<b>Tuesday, 5/8</b>	<b>Wednesday, 5/9</b>	<b>Thursday, 5/10</b>
<b>SQUIRTS</b>	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.	6:00-7:00 p.m.

The Tryouts cost \$80. Final team selections will be made following the last tryout slot. Registration for the coming season will Friday, May 11, 6:30-7:00 p.m. at The Gardens Ice House.