



The Mount Pearl Blades Executive would like to welcome back all players and families to another exciting hockey season. A special welcome is extended to the new families who have joined our association this season. Our goal is to provide a rewarding hockey experience for all players. We have been busy during the summer preparing for this upcoming season as there have been some changes to incorporate into our programs.

## **Fees**

We pride ourselves on offering a great hockey program for all skill levels in our association. Unfortunately there is a cost to doing business for all of us involved (ice rates, official's rates, day to day business rates, etc.). The City of Mount Pearl has been faced with increasing costs of operating the Glacier. As we are the largest tenant of the facility we are also faced with an increase to our operating expenses. The city has informed us of an hourly rate increase for ice rental by **13%**. As an executive we have discussed numerous ways to deal with this considerable increase. In the end, however, we have no choice but to increase our fees slightly to help offset the rate increase that we have been faced with. This season we will increase our fees by 6.5% as well as use some of our Chase the Ace proceeds to make up for this budget shortfall. We will continue to look for ways to fundraise and make up for this shortfall throughout the season as well as into next season.

### **New Fee Structure - 2019/20**

**Novice IP - \$475**

**Novice, Atom, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget - \$635**

**All-star (A & B) - \$475**

**C Development Team - TBD**

## **C Division**

This season we have decided to be apart of the newly formed *year long* C division for Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam in the metro region (ONE YEAR TRIAL). There have been numerous discussions as to how this would look for our association for the betterment of all our players. If a player is named to a C team they will play with that team for the full year. They can NOT play house league (IHL). C division will play one game and have one practise per week. We are currently working on providing an extra practise hour each week. These teams will be allowed to travel to tournaments on the weekends IF enough notice is given to the scheduler and there are no other conflicts. Games will be played Monday to Friday. One week will be home and one week will be away.

Once again we must reiterate how important it is to consistently show respect for players, parents, coaches, spectators, arena staff and most importantly on ice and off ice officials whether it be at the Glacier or at any other arena. Disrespect will not be tolerated. We must be patient, cognizant and remember to always be a BLADE!