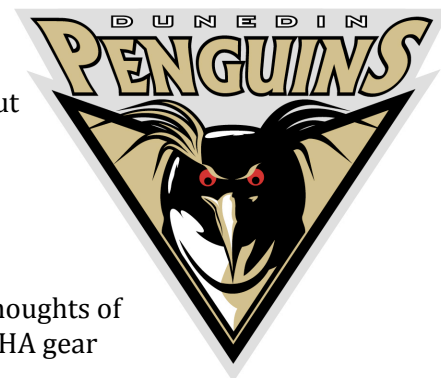


## Dunedin Ice Hockey Association Members Survey



As the DIHA Board of Directors plans for next season, we are seeking the input of players and parents about the structure and nature of ice hockey in Dunedin. Your completion of this survey will help the board assess how ice hockey should look in Dunedin in 2010. All returned surveys will go into the draw for two \$50 ice time credits.

We would ask youth players to complete this with their parents so that the thoughts of both can be considered. Please return completed surveys to the box in the DIHA gear room, or to the scoreboard.

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### 1. Demographic Data

- 1.1    \_\_\_    Age
- 1.2    M / F    Gender
- 1.3    \_\_\_    Number of seasons you have played ice hockey
- 1.4    Please indicate which of the following DIHA activities you or your family have participated in:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kiwihockey                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Peewee hockey                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Midget hockey                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior hockey                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SNC / DIHL / Womens / Oldtimers        | <input type="checkbox"/> Open / NZIHL                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dunedin Saturday House League          | <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching ice hockey            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-ice officiating (referee or lining) | <input type="checkbox"/> Off-ice officiating (scorebox) |

### 2. Aspirations

- 2.1    The highest level of ice hockey you would like to attain (ever) is:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Club Social hockey                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Club Competitive hockey (SIHL) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional Competitive hockey (nationals) | <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand Ice Hockey League  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand Representative Hockey       | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Hockey            |
- 2.2    \_\_\_    How committed are you to ice hockey on a scale of 1 – 10? (1 = not committed at all, I'll play if it's convenient, 10 = I'll do anything to play and make it to the top level)
- 2.3    \_\_\_    How many sports do you play other than hockey?
- 2.4    \_\_\_    If you play more than one sport, where do you rank hockey in terms of importance to you (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> etc)?
- 2.5    Any comments on your hockey aspirations?

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### 3. Finances

Membership of the DIHA is currently set at \$100 for seniors, \$80 for youth players. This covers membership of the Southern Ice Hockey Association, New Zealand Ice Hockey Association, and the costs of running the club.

3.1 Would you prefer:

- Registration fees to be lowered, but the cost of games to be increased.
- Registration fees to remain the same.
- Registration fees to increase, but costs of games to be lowered.

3.2 \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of money you estimate you spent this year on ice hockey (including travel to trainings, tournaments, accommodation).

3.3 Y / N Would you be willing to spend more than this if there were more ice hockey opportunities for you (more practices, more games against different teams, travel to play in different regions).

3.4 If ice hockey was to cost you more, which please rank (1 = highest priority, 4 = lowest priority) the areas you feel it should be spent on:

\_\_\_\_\_ More practices.

\_\_\_\_\_ More and/or higher level coaching.

\_\_\_\_\_ More games (against teams you already play regularly).

\_\_\_\_\_ More travel to play different teams (eg, Christchurch club teams).

3.5 Y / N Do you wish to travel to play in the Southern Ice Hockey League?

3.6 Any comments on the costs of ice hockey?

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#### 4. Practices

Data collected by the International Ice Hockey Federation indicates that students of ice hockey at all levels gain more from a practice format which emphasizes 1. small area games; 2. skill stations; and 3. frequent skating and puck-handling activity in smaller groups. Our own National Coaching Coordinator, Jeff Bonazzo, also recommends this approach. Internationally players will practice two or three times a week.

4.1 Y / N Would you like to have more practices?

4.2 If there were more practices, would you prefer to have:

- Two full-ice practices a week (costs up to \$600/season, minus fundraising).
- Two half-ice (two teams on the ice at once, each has half the rink) practices a week (costs up to \$300/season, minus fundraising).
- One full-ice practice, one half-ice practice a week (costs up to \$450/season, minus fundraising).
- One full-ice practice a week (costs up to \$300/season) plus an additional *optional* skills based practice for players of all ages (costs up to \$300/season extra).

4.3 Any comments on practices?

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#### 5. Professional Coaching

Professional coaching costs approximately \$3 – 4/practice/player on the ice. The club uses professional coaching to: provide coaching leadership for all sessions and coaches; provide technical coaching that amateur coaches are not qualified to teach; coach sessions are difficult to find coaches for (seniors).

5.1 Y / N Would you prefer the club to have a professional coach?

5.2 Y / N Do you feel that you get value for money from professional coaching?

5.3 Y / N Would you be willing to pay more for the club to try and attract better coaching?

5.4 Any comments on professional coaching?

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**6. Games**

6.1 Y / N Do you feel that you get enough ice hockey games during the season?

6.2 At \$12/game, what is the number of games (both locally and elsewhere) you would prefer to play during the season?

- 10 or less
- 11 - 20
- 21 - 30
- More than 30

6.3 Any comments on games?

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**7. Dunedin Ice Hockey Association**

The Dunedin Ice Hockey Association continues to develop structures to help grow the sport and improve the quality of the ice hockey experience for our members. In 2009 the club has invested heavily in more gear for beginners, taken responsibility for Kiwihockey, employed a part time professional coach, run referee and coaches courses, adopted a new constitution, produced a membership card with associated discounts, and begun an email newsletter.

7.1 Do you have any comments on these changes, or suggestions for the future?

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7.2 Are you interested in helping the club develop further? Please let us know where you'd like to contribute (include your name so we can follow up).

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7.3 If you wish to discuss any of these or other issues in more depth, please contact a member of the DIHA Board of Directors. Details are available at <http://dunedinicehockey.co.nz/contact/>.

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**8. Personal Details**

If you wish to be entered into the draw for prizes, complete this section. It will be separated from your answers.

8.1 Name \_\_\_\_\_ 8.2 Email \_\_\_\_\_