

# 2007 - 2008 OLD SHARKS SEASON!!!

## Dear Current and Future Members of the Old Sharks Hockey Club,

We hope everyone is enjoying their summer. The 5th annual season of the Old Sharks Hockey Club (OSHC) will begin on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. The game times will be exactly the same as last year. The early game will begin at 9 p.m., and the late game will begin at 10:15 p.m. There is 1 hour and 5 minutes allocated for each game. We will use the same format that we used last year which included a short warm up period, followed by the game where the time and score will be kept on the big scoreboard by the referee. For our first skate on September 5<sup>th</sup> we will have our one and only evaluation. **Same as last year, we will be posting all information pertaining to the OSHC on the Meramec Sharks website. Simply go to meramecsharks.com, then over on the far left column of the home page near the bottom of the column under the heading of "Sharks Team Pages", click on Old Sharks. This is where you will be able to find the schedule along with the team roster you will be assigned to. We will post the rosters of the four teams for the evaluation by Tuesday morning, September 4<sup>th</sup>. After the evaluation, we'll attempt to pick four even teams. Then we'll post the team rosters for the first six week session by Tuesday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Every six weeks we'll make up new teams, and post the new roster by the Tuesday morning prior to the first game of the session.** All of the rules will be the same as last year. These include the "tag up" rule for off sides, icing from far blue line to goal line, and a penalty shot for the recipient of a blatant penalty. If the infraction is "marginal" in the discretion of the referee there will be no penalty called. Wins and losses of each team will NOT be kept.

**Just like last season, we will continue to allow substitutes ONLY IF THE TEAM WHO WILL HAVE THE SUBSTITUTE PLAYING FOR THEM HAS LESS THAN 10 PLAYERS WHO SHOWED UP. These substitutes need to either come from a club member who is currently rostered on another team or a non club member who is on the Waiting List to get into the club. (Once the OSHC membership has reached its capacity of 60 out skaters, a waiting list will be kept on the website. The people on this list will be the only non club members eligible to substitute for club members. Other non club members who are not on the waiting list will not be eligible to play.)** If the teams appear to be substantially imbalanced based on who showed up (regardless of whether substitutes are playing or not), then both teams need to make the effort to balance the teams by switching a player or two from one team to the other. This policy has been made in an attempt to provide what we all want which is a close and competitive game of hockey. Since we're not keeping track of wins or losses, nobody should mind playing for the other team or having one of their teammates play for the other team.

If someone is interested in having their name or one of their friends name placed on the waiting list, they'll need to contact Tim Kelley or Bryan Overmann at work at 636/464-1144 to let one of us know. You can also e-mail Bryan at [bryano@mfos.net](mailto:bryano@mfos.net) or Tim at [timk@mfos.net](mailto:timk@mfos.net) with the person's name, phone numbers (home and cell), and e-mail address. If you let us know on Wednesday nights when we don't have the list with us or anything to write the information down, then the interested persons name may not make it on the list. Therefore, please call us at work or e-mail us and we'll be sure to add the person's name to the list. Just like last year, Bryan and Tim will not get involved in the exchanging of money from the substitute to the club member. That will be between you and the person you get to substitute for you.

We would like to remind everyone that good sportsmanship and clean hockey play are required to continue club membership. No checking, fighting, or rough play is allowed. Very simply put, if any player behaves inappropriately, we will take the appropriate action against the player. This action could take many different forms including anything from a one game suspension to lifetime expulsion from the club if the infraction of the player is considered to be severe enough. Also, just like last year, everyone will be required to wear full ice hockey equipment including shoulder pads and a helmet. You will not be required to wear a full face shield. However, everyone will be required to sign a "Release of Liability Agreement" acknowledging that if you choose to not wear a face shield you will accept all of the liability for choosing not to wear the full face shield.

Registration for the 2007 – 2008 Old Sharks Hockey Club Season for all current members of the club is due by Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. All current members are eligible to renew their membership before we allow other interested players to join the club. Any players from last year who do not turn in their registration form, release of liability, and payment in full by August 10<sup>th</sup> will no longer be guaranteed a spot for the upcoming season. **Print and fill out the “Registration Form” and “Release of Liability Agreement” in its entirety on the next page of this letter, and mail it to the address on that page with a check made payable to Bryan Overmann for the full amount of \$315.00 so we receive it no later than August 10<sup>th</sup>.** The full amount of \$315.00 is slightly more than last year’s amount of \$305.00 since we’ll be on the ice 35 times as opposed to 34 times last year. At \$9.00 per game, Old Sharks Hockey is still the most organized and best hockey deal in town!!! If we still have spots available after August 10<sup>th</sup> we will begin to recruit “non goon” players. As we mentioned in several emails last year, NEW FOR THIS YEAR, WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF \$315.00 IN ONE LUMP SUM. THIS NEW POLICY IS INTENDED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT TAKES TO COLLECT EVERYONE’S CHECKS. THE CHECKS NEED TO BE COLLECTED IN ADVANCE OF THE FIRST SKATE TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME FOR RECRUITMENT OF NEW PLAYERS SHOULD ALL OF THE PLAYERS FROM LAST SEASON NOT RETURN THIS SEASON. IN THE PAST, SEVERAL PLAYERS HAVE BEEN SLOW SENDING IN THEIR PAYMENT. AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE, PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT IF WE DON’T GET ENOUGH PLAYERS TO FILL FOUR TEAMS, THE FIRST 30 OUTSKATERS TO SIGN UP AND SEND IN THEIR PAYMENT WILL BE THE ONES TO PLAY. PLEASE MAKE IT EASIER ON TIM AND BRYAN BY SENDING IN YOUR PAYMENT IN A TIMELY MANNER!!! Goalies will play for free as in the past, but they’ll have to pay for jerseys if they need them. We plan to have another end of the season party that will hopefully be financed by the money we collect from everyone. Be sure to let us know on page 3 whether or not you need jerseys. If you DO need jerseys be sure to add \$40.00 to your payment to cover the cost of the jerseys. In other words, jerseys are \$20.00 each.

If you have any questions that have not been addressed in this letter, feel free to call Tim Kelley or Bryan Overmann at work during regular business hours at 636/464-1144. Thank you to all for making the Old Sharks Hockey Club a GREAT SUCCESS! A special thank you goes out again to Mark Deffenbaugh and Jamie Barada for organizing our Las Vegas tournament this past spring. Hopefully Mark and Jamie (or someone else so we can give them a break) will step in to organize another tournament at the end of this upcoming season!!!

2007 – 20087 Old Sharks Hockey Club Schedule (Every Wednesday) Game Times 9 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

September	5	12	19	26	
October	3	10	17	24	31
November	7	14	21	28	
December	5	12	19	26	
January	2	9	16	23	30
February	6	13	20	27	
March	5	12	19	26	
April	2	9	16	23	30

**Print, fill out, and mail this form with your full payment of \$315.00 (plus \$40.00 for one set of home and away jerseys if applicable) to:**

**Old Sharks Hockey Club  
Attention: Bryan Overmann  
2013 El Lago Drive  
Arnold, MO. 63010**

**Be sure to make your check payable to: Bryan Overmann.**

**2007-2008 Old Sharks Hockey Club Registration Form**

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

**CIRCLE ONE ITEM ONLY IN EACH COLUMN**

Most of you probably won't need jerseys. If you do, however, you will probably want to order the size L/XL unless you're a really big person. Really big guys should order 2XL, while goalies should order either 2XL or 3XL. Since we have a lot of members in the club most of the numbers on the back of the jerseys have already been taken. We'll try to accommodate numbers requests, but may not be able to. There's also the possibility that some members may end up with the same number as a fellow member.

<u>Member Status</u>	<u>Need Jerseys?</u>	<u>Jersey Size</u> <small>(only if need new)</small>	<u>Number Preference</u> <small>(only if need new)</small>	<u>Last Name</u> <small>(only if need new)</small>
Returning Player	Yes	Large/XL	1 <sup>st</sup> Preference	<b><u>Position</u></b> <small>(Preference)</small> Forward Defense No Preference
New Player	No	2XL	2 <sup>nd</sup> Preference	
Returning Goalie		3XL	3 <sup>rd</sup> Preference	
New Goalie			4 <sup>th</sup> Preference	

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT**

I release Bryan Overmann, Tim Kelley, Old Sharks Hockey Club (OSHC), and Meramec Sharks Hockey Club of all liability for any accident or injury (on or off the ice rink) that may occur before, during, or after each OSHC hockey game as long as I'm a member of the OSHC. I understand ice hockey has inherent risks associated with the sport which could result in a serious injury to me. I agree to wear all protective hockey equipment including shoulder pads and a helmet. If I choose not to wear a full face shield, I assume all liability should I sustain an injury.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_