
January 15-19, 2009

40th John W. Kennedy, Jr. Memorial Hockey Tournament

Please read this entire document. Your failure to comply with the 2009 Registration Requirements will prevent your team from entering the tournament.

If you didn't participate last year and would like to be considered, please sign our [Wait List](#).

Tournament Invitations

As always, teams that participated in the previous Tournament will be invited to participate at the same level in the upcoming 2009 Tournament. If you participated as a Squirt Major in 2008, you can accept the invitation to return as a Squirt Major team in 2009. Teams that are advancing a level will have to be placed on the Tournament Wait List if their organization did not have a team participate at the level they are advancing to. This is why several organizations have teams at many or all levels, to secure a position for their advancing team(s) so they can compete as a returning team the following year. The Tournament Director has the final say as to which teams will receive invitations in contrary to the aforementioned criteria.

Here are the changes to the registration process and the rules for a team's acceptance to participate in 2009

1. Tournament Dates - January 15-19, 2009

The tournament begins Thursday night with several of the local teams facing off. ALL TEAMS must be prepared to play by 8:00 AM on Friday, January 16, 2009. NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

2. Tournament Fees for 2009 are \$1450.00

This is to cover significant increases in hourly ice rates and other costs incurred to keep the Kennedy Tournament one of the highlights of your child's youth hockey season. There is a 5 game guarantee with the possibility of 7 games.

3. Teams not acknowledging and accepting their invitations by September 15, 2008 will forfeit them.

ALL TEAMS are required to electronically acknowledge and respond via email to their invitation. Failure to do so will automatically cause forfeiture of your invitation by the September 15, 2008 deadline. You will receive 3 notifications, this initial notification, a secondary notification on September 1, and a final on September 12, 2008, which must be responded to by the close of business that day.

4. *A non-refundable deposit of \$800.00 is due by September 15, 2008 with the \$750.00 balance due by November 15, 2008 – NO EXCEPTIONS!

We do not want to have to chase people or jeopardize the quality of the Tournament caused by teams that are uncertain of their ability to participate, plus it is certainly unfair to all those teams that make every effort to pay their fees in a timely manner. To avoid this, if you have not paid in full by November 15, 2008, you will not be added to the Tournament line up and your position will be forfeited to a team on the Wait List. Any team that has NOT completed team and player information by November 15 WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE TOURNAMENT - NO EXCEPTIONS.

*Teams pulling out prior to the September 15 deposit deadline that have submitted deposits may be entitled to a refund if their position can be filled at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

5. ALL TEAMS participating MUST fill out their entire TEAM'S PROFILE AND PLAYER ROSTER ACCURATELY and COMPLETELY

A paper application must be filled out! Any team failing to complete their team profiles and return with their deposit will be removed from the Tournament and forfeit any fees paid. ALL TEAMS are required to enter their own COMPLETE and ACCURATE team information and player rosters on the forms provided prior to the November 15 deadline.

1. COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TEAM INFORMATION including phone numbers, addresses and emails.
 2. COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TEAM ROSTER including player's full name, jersey number, date of birth and position. **THIS IS CRITICAL!!**
 3. COPY OF OFFICIAL USA HOCKEY ROSTER which can be either a mailed copy or scanned copy uploaded directly to the web site or emailed to JWKHockey.com
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IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED THIS PROCESS BY NOVEMBER 15 you will be required to pay the \$100.00 data entry fee as it will now fall on JWKHockey.com to complete this information. JWKHockey.com will contact you for the remaining information to be completed by a member of JWKHockey.com and in turn sent a follow-up email to acknowledge the accuracy of the information provided and that it is complete. Once this process is completed and your \$100.00 data entry fee is paid, your team will then appear in the tournament lineup.

If you do not pay the \$100.00 data entry fee, your team will not appear in the Tournament. You will be sent an initial email, followed by a phone call. If you do not acknowledge either, your team will be pulled from the Tournament – NO EXCEPTIONS!! It will fall to the Tournament Director to make any exceptions to DEADLINES and all informational requirements will remain but the John W. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Hockey Tournament will in turn be billed the \$100.00 fee to be prepaid to JWKHockey.com PRIOR to overriding this clause. The John W. Kennedy Jr. Memorial Hockey Tournament experience is one of the better tournaments because of the value added by JWKHockey.com before, during and after the tournament.

There will be a great deal of emphasis in this area this year as several teams did not FULLY comply with these requirements which left many holes in the printed tournament materials.

6. ALL TEAMS must submit any scheduling concerns by December 1, 2008

The sooner we can settle schedule concerns, the quicker it can be put together and posted to the site.

7. Teams on the Wait List that is offered and accept an invitation to participate in the Tournament must adhere to the same rules, regulations and deadlines that govern the registration process.

If you are offered a position post-November 15, you MUST accept the invitation within 48 hours, complete the online portion of the registration and send payment in FULL along with your USA Hockey Roster (if it hasn't been uploaded) within 3 days or you will forfeit the invitation.

8. Hotels.

Teams are required to use one of the hotels on the JWKHockey.com web site "Hotels" page. Be sure to mention that you are participating in the Kennedy Tournament to receive the special room rates. Failure to use a hotel from the list may result in your association not being invited to participate next year. We will be asking you to provide us with the hotels you choose to stay at in the event that tournament officials need to contact your team in regards to any changes that may occur during the course of the tournament.
