Hello Parents,

Welcome to the 2020/2021 Brock/North Durham Minor Hockey season!  I hope you and your families are all well. We are pleased to announce that we are partnering with North Durham Warriors this season, and we will be starting soon. We will start with our rep players on the ice this weekend, and we are hoping that next week we will be able to get our recreational players on as well.  It has taken a lot of work to get here, and there is more work to do, and it will only get easier with the more people we have helping. If you are able to help us out this year and haven't yet told anybody, please let one of our executive members know, and they will point you in the right direction.

In order to answer all (or as many as we can) of your questions, please attend a zoom meeting tomorrow night from 6:30 – 7:30. The zoom link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85320839082?pwd=M2NnVitBQUdmL1Z0WlpYeGd1NTQwdz09

If you are unable to attend, please email rgtorrance@gmail.com any questions you may have.

I need to stress that as of right now if you are receiving this email, your children are registered to play.  We need to know our exact numbers before we begin making teams on Wednesday of next week. Please confirm by either paying the $100 deposit, or sending an email to Dave Parry @ Dave\_Parry@ch.honda.com and let him know, ONLY IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE PLAYING THIS YEAR.  This needs to be done by Tuesday October 13, 2020.

Some important information about this season is as follows:
- Tthis season we will offer both tier 2 and tier 3 teams.
-  divisions have new names this year.  IP is U7, Minor Novice is U8, Novice is U9, Atom is U11, Peewee is U13, Bantam is U15, Minor Midget is U16 and Midget/Juvenile is U18/U21
-  You are committing to the full season, although we are breaking up the payments into monthly installments.
-  Tier 2 and Tier 3 players are currently expected to get 2, 1 hour skates a week (the same as previous years). One time in a Brock Arena, and one in either Scugog or Uxbridge.
-  teams will have a maximum of 10 players on them, with a maximum of 5 teams in a bubble
-  we will be playing 4 on 4 hockey, so players will see a ton of ice time
-  once all of our rosters have been approved by the OMHA we will have referees and time keepers, making it a normal game, just 4 on 4
-  The schedule is a work in progress. We are trying our best to be consistent from week to week, as far as times and arenas. But we cannot guarantee which arenas you may be playing in, especially at the beginning of the season as arenas begin to open. We will try to get the schedule done up until the new year as soon as we can, hoping this helps families organize activities.
-  regarding registration fees this year:
    -  we now have approximately 50% less players on the ice at a time (we go from 32 players in previous years to 20 this year)
    -  Please understand that we are doing everything we can to keep hockey affordable for as many players as we can   I hope this has covered some of the questions that you might have about the upcoming season.  I hope to see you tonight at the parents meeting!

Thank you, The Return to Play Committee