**33rd Annual Canadian North**

**Balsillie Cup Old Timers Hockey Tournament**

**April 7-10, 2016**

**To all Old Timer Hockey Players, Coaches, and Managers**

Please accept this letter as an invitation to your team to participate in the **31st Annual Balsillie Cup Old Timer Hockey Tournament**. This year’s tournament will be played in the Yellowknife Community Arena and the Yellowknife Multiplex Arenafeaturing the Shorty Brown and Ed Jeske ice surfaces.

Registration shall be limited to the first thirty two (32) Teams. **Early bird team registration for $750.00 is open to** **March 1, 2016**. The entry fee will be **$800.00 after March 1st**. The registration deadline for all teams is **March 15th.** Registration means a completed team list plus payment received by the registrar by March 15, 2016.

All games shall be governed by the CARHARule Book plus our Association Tournament Rules which shall be included in each teams *Tournament Package.* All participants with the exception of female players (who may be 19 years old and over) shall be over the age of 35 years for Divisions A-B-C-D or above the age of 45 years for the Omega Marine (Over 45) Divisionprior to the initial drop of the puck at any teams’ first game.

CARHA Player Insurance is mandatory for each participant. Proof of Insurance shall be forthcoming at the time of registration. Teams are divided into five (5) ability driven Divisions based upon prior participant and/or team performance. However, the final team seedings shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee*.*

We are proud to confirm that **Canadian North** is once again our major sponsor. For teams travelling on Canadian North routes (i.e. Edmonton, Inuvik, Norman Wells, Iqaluit, Rankin Inlet, Cambridge Bay) and wishing to reduce their travel costs, Canadian North will provide reduced airfare costs for players. Information related to accessing this reduced fare opportunity is available through the Tournament Registrar (contact information below).

Registration may be made by contacting Mike Yakabuski, Tournament Registrar, at michaelyakabuski@hotmail.com or **867-767-9163 (ext. 21058)w, 867-446-5224c, 867-873-0584f.**

**Yellowknife Old timers Hockey Association**

 **2016 Balsillie Cup Rules**

The YKOHA Tournament follows the CARHA Rule Book with the addition of:

1. All players with exception of female players must be thirty-five (35) years of age or older prior to the first game of the tournament.
2. Players must play for one team only. An exception to the rule is made for the over-45 (Omega) Division, where players from other divisions may also play in this division if they are 45 and over.
3. A player must play in at least one (1) round robin game to be eligible to play in the final championship game; semi-finals to be considered a round robin game.
4. A team must have a minimum of eight (8) skaters plus a goaltender dressed for any game. If a team does not have 8 skaters plus a goalie at the start of the game, the game is forfeited. The team with the correct number of players receives 2 points for a win and 3 goals for the plus minus consideration. If neither team has sufficient players both teams receive a loss. No points. No goals. In this situation there is no game and the ice time is not used even for shinny. (rule 8 before 4)
5. Teams may replace a goaltender only in the event of an injury or sickness. Replacement goaltenders must be approved by the tournament committee. The replacement goaltender must be from the same division or lower.
6. Goaltenders may wear a “Cat Eye” mask providing it is a legal mask as per CARHA ruling.
7. If during the course of play a shot hits the goaltender in the mask, play is stopped immediately. If the shot deflects off the mask and in the goal, the goal is disallowed.
8. All games will consist of three 20 min straight time periods with last 3 mins stop time if teams are within two goals. Floods will be done every second period.
9. If a player receives three (3) penalties in one game, the player is ejected for the remainder of that game. Any players assessed a fighting penalty will be ejected for the remainder of the tournament.
10. Late Starts - the team causing the delay in the starting of the game will be penalized with one (1) goal for every five (5) minutes that the game is delayed to a maximum of 3 goals, then defaults. The clock runs for 15 minutes.
11. If the goal spread is greater than five (5) goals in the second period, the clock will continue to run. The maximum plus minus is 6.
12. Ties

 Round Robin

1. Three different players will compete in a best of three (3) shootout
2. This process will continue until a winner has been found. A player may not shoot twice.

 Semi -Final and Final Games

 a) Five (5) minute stop time Sudden Death Overtime period

 c) If still tied, three different players will compete in a best of three (3) shootout

 d) This process will continue until a winner has been found

1. Ties in the standings after completion of the Round Robin play will be broken in the following order:
2. Team with most points
3. Goals for minus goals against (plus/minus)
4. Head to head wins/losses
5. Team with the lowest penalty record

In the event of a three way tie, or more, in the round robin games, any team that defaults cannot advance.

 Tournament Committee will make the final decision in regards to standing.

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**TEAM ROSTER**

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| **Team Name** | **Community** | **Team Contact** |
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| **Phone** | **Email** | **Preferred Division** |
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**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION**

| **#** | **Surname** | **First****Name** | **Community** | **Home** **Phone** | **Over 35** **🗹** | **Over 45****🗹** | **CARHA** **Insurance****Yes/No** |
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