

RE: Reduction of the 2020/21 Hockey Season Volunteer Commitments

Good day St. Matthew Families,

We are writing to provide an update on changes to the St. Matthew Hockey Club volunteering requirements for the 2020/21 season. The Covid-19 restrictions caused a reduction of ice time and game play. We were able to have development, practice time and a handful of games until mid-November. In mid-February we were able to start again and practice until the end of March. The time frame and ice costs during these periods equates to approximately 50% of what we incur during a normal season. As a result, we have reduced the volunteering requirements of our Members.

1. Reduction of volunteering requirements

We have reduced the volunteering requirements for the following divisions:

- U13/U11/U9 Divisions – 50% reduction*
- U7 Senior Timbits – 50% reduction**

*Previous requirements for U13/U11/U9 Divisions included 4 mandatory bingos, plus 2 bingos for each additional child are now reduced to 2 mandatory bingos, plus 1 bingo for each additional child.

**Previous requirements for U7 Senior Timbits included 2 mandatory bingos are now reduced to 1 mandatory bingo.

Please note: U7 Junior Timbits and Discovery are not required to work bingos this year.

2. Members who opted out

For those who opted out in February, we have reduced the volunteering requirements for the following divisions:

- U13/U11/U9 Divisions – 75% reduction*
- U7 Senior Timbits – 75% reduction**

*Previous requirements for U13/U11/U9 Divisions included 4 mandatory bingos, plus 2 additional bingos for each additional child are now reduced to 1 mandatory bingo, plus .5 of a bingo which will round up to 1.

**Previous requirements for Senior Timbits included 2 mandatory bingos are now reduced to .5 of a bingo which will round up to 1.

3. Members who completed their mandatory volunteering requirements

To date, approximately half of the mandatory bingos have been worked. To accommodate those who have completed more than the new requirement, we have arranged the following options:

- Apply additional volunteering efforts to the 2021/22 hockey season. For example, if you've already worked 4 bingos, you could apply 2 of these events to count toward your volunteer commitments for next year
- Receive a \$40 chit for each additional bingos worked beyond the new requirement, which can be applied to next year's registration fees

Please communicate your preferred option to Bingo Coordinator, Kathleen, at bingo@stmatthewhockey.com.

4. Fulfilling 2020/21 Outstanding Volunteer Commitments

- Bingos generate revenue and cover many operating costs for our Club. The volunteering efforts of our Members make these fundraisers possible. Those who have not completed their volunteering commitments are expected to fulfill these obligations and will be contacted by the Bingo Coordinator, Kathleen, once bingo halls reopen for business. Bingo halls may remain closed for a longer period of time than anticipated. We will reach out to members and communicate potential changes as we receive them.

If you would like to inquire about any remaining volunteer commitments, or if you have additional questions, please contact Kathleen directly at bingo@stmatthewhockey.com.

St. Matthew Hockey Club has adjusted to many changes throughout the 2020/21 hockey season. Our Board of Directors greatly appreciates your continued patience and understanding as we navigate these unprecedented times.