

# Northstars News

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## Mark Your Calendars – It's Northstars Night at the Oil Kings!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 5, 2013! Edmonton Northstars is pleased to sponsor Northstars Night at the Oil Kings game against Vancouver. Join the Northstars sea of green as we cheer on another NE Edmonton team, the Edmonton Oil Kings!

The Northstars have purchased tickets for each Northstars player to attend the game on January 5th. Every Northstars player will be provided with a complimentary ticket to the game, and every Northstars team will have an opportunity to enjoy at least one very special Oil Kings experience. Your team might be selected to warm the Oil Kings bench while the Oil Kings have a pre-game skate, be the flag bearer during the national anthem, or attend an autograph session with Oil Kings players after the game. Northstars players, coaches, and other volunteers will also be entered into draws to receive other incredible opportunities, like dropping the puck for the opening faceoff or winning a team-signed Oil Kings hockey stick.

In order to attend, each team will be required to purchase at least 6 additional tickets at \$16 each for coaches and/or parents to serve as chaperones. Additionally, we'd love to see as many of our Northstars families and friends at the game as possible cheering on our Northstars players and the Oil Kings. Teams can purchase as many extra tickets as they'd like for \$16 each. It's an excellent opportunity to cheer on the Oil Kings at a great price.

Team tickets can be ordered through your Northstars team until December 10<sup>th</sup>, with ticket pick up on December 17<sup>th</sup> at our annual Open House (please come – you're all invited!). Additional tickets can also be purchased after that deadline, though we can't guarantee seating in the same area. Watch for full event details on our website and via coaches and managers. Email Kim at [secretary@nstars.com](mailto:secretary@nstars.com) for more info.

### Upcoming Events

*December 17, 2012* Christmas Open House – Northstars Clubhouse, 7-9 pm

*January 5, 2013* Northstars Night at the Oil Kings Game

*January 11-20, 2013* Edmonton Minor Hockey Week

*Finished your Christmas shopping yet? Northstars has a wide selection of apparel including hoodies, toques, jerseys, and more. Drop in on Monday evenings to check out our selection.*

# Respect in Sport Program – Mid-Season Update

As you all know, this year it was mandated by Hockey Edmonton that a parent / guardian of all registered hockey players was required to complete the Respect in Sport Parent program. It was a bit of a bumpy process as the Northstars and other Edmonton clubs piloted through the procedures in this new initiative.

In order for Hockey Edmonton and Hockey Alberta to recognize the family as taking the program, the parent certificate number had to be linked with the Players Hockey Canada ID number. Every player in all of Canada has a unique ID Number. As a Registrar, we did run into some obstacles around these ID numbers and other identifiers. For example, parents sometimes registered their children with an abbreviated form of a name, or entered birthdate that didn't match the format requested. Several families completed the online class the program, but missed the part where they had to link their child to their certificate. IDs didn't always automatically link, which led to logistical challenges for clubs.

It took many hours to get all of the kinks worked out. But we are pleased to say THANK YOU to all of you for your help and support through this process. We hope that you found the online course to be informative and that it continues to be useful as you support your child this hockey season.

Now that everyone has completed the program, please remember these commitments that you made towards your child:

## *The Sport Parent's Commitment*

- I do not force my child to participate in sports. They do so voluntarily, for their own enjoyment.
- I do not live vicariously through my child in sports.
- I do not have unrealistic expectations of my child in sports.
- I teach my child that winning isn't everything and to take each victory with humility and grace.
- I teach my child to accept losses with good sportsmanship and as an opportunity to improve.
- I always find something to praise in my child's performance.
- I let my child set his/her own standards of excellence.
- I support the coach's decisions and employ the 24-hour rule when discussing any concerns with the coach.
- I openly support and respect the decisions of officials and set an example for my child and other parents in doing so.
- I will speak out and intervene in instances of unacceptable behavior. I will not be a bullying bystander!
- I cheer for the team and my child in only positive ways from the stands.
- I provide positive support and encouragement to my child's teammates.
- I never smoke or drink alcohol around my child's sporting events.
- I am on time for practices and competitions.
- I control my temper and use of bad language.
- I am respectful to all parents on my child's team and the opposing team.
- I never let an emphasis on sport create an imbalance in my child's life.
- I do not harass, bully or abuse anyone involved in my child's sport.
- I ask my child if they had fun, and then ask why or why not.
- I will follow the policies and procedures of the sport.
- I will continue to invite communication with my child.

## *The Sport Parent's Pledge*

*I agree as a sports parent or, on behalf of myself and my spouse/partner that I/we will demonstrate these values in our role as sports parent. I/we understand that our Sport Organization may invoke disciplinary action to ensure the safety of my/our child and/or others in the sports environment.*

## Win A Team-Signed Oilers or Oil Kings Hockey Stick!

Edmonton Northstars Athletic Club is raffling off two great prizes! A \$2 ticket gets you a chance to win a 2011-12 team signed Edmonton Oilers stick or a 2011-12 WHA Champions Edmonton Oil Kings stick. Win one and spot the signatures of Ryan Nugent-Hopkins, Jordan Eberle, or Islanders draft pick and Oil Kings captain Griffin Reinhart.

Tickets are just \$2 and are available at the Northstars offices on Monday evenings. Or, come to our **Christmas Open House** on December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm and grab a ticket then!

*Do you have retired hockey equipment that is still in great condition? Want to make a little cash? Try listing your gently used equipment at our **Hockey Classifieds** section at [www.nstars.com](http://www.nstars.com)*

## Congratulations to Our Award-Winning Volunteers!

### *Amy and Pat London*

ENAC salutes Amy and Pat London, who were recently recognized as the **Winter Sports Directors of the Year** in the North-East Zone. As the Novice Directors for Northstars and Braves teams, they have worked hard to ensure every child has the best possible experience in hockey. They have a solid control of their program and are always present, following all of their teams throughout the season. Amy and Pat are true ambassadors of the minor hockey program.

### *Tony Fuller*

Congratulations to Tony Fuller, Northstars hockey coach and the **NEZ Community Baseball Director of the Year**. Newton lost their ball director a couple of years ago, so Tony stepped up and filled the hole. He did a wonderful job securing coaching, funding and getting his teams on the field this past season.