

## Tournament FAQ's

***1. Do I have to play in tournaments?***

Nobody is obligated to play in tournaments.

***2. If I want to play in a tournament what do I need to do?***

The best thing to do if you know you want to go to a tournament is pay for your spot. There is a "first to pay, first to play" policy on the Banshees. When the list of paid gets to 12 people then the next person is put on a waitlist in case someone drops out. Also, the Banshees strongly advise you to make it to a minimum of 2 practices within the month before the tournament you plan on attending. You will learn important drills that will be *played out in the games that tournament weekend.*

***3. Can I sign up for a tournament then pay for my spot when I get paid?***

You can but your spot will not be confirmed until you have paid for it. If you write a check it will not be deposited until the day before the tournament.

***4. What if I want to go to a tournament but do not have a ride?***

The tournament coordinator organizes carpools and hotel rooms/room mates if you ask for a room mate or a carpool. This saves on cost for everyone. You are not obligated to have a room mate or to carpool if you choose to go to a tournament.

***5. Am I too new to play in a tournament?***

The Banshees usually register in the novice level which means almost everyone can play. It is best if you know how to skate and preferable if you know a little bit about positions but usually we encourage anyone who is interested in playing in a game to get a couple of scrimmages under their belt and jump right in!

***6. Will I see my team mates during a tournament weekend other than on the ice?***

We try to schedule a meal or two so that the players have the option to meet and eat together (all depends on game schedules). There is never any obligation to participate in team meals/ activities during a tournament weekend.

***7. What if I get injured/ sick/ etc and cannot participate in a tournament I have paid for?***

If you pay for a tournament and end up not being able to play please tell the organizer as soon as you know. If your spot can be filled by another skater you will receive your money back. If it cannot be filled by another skater then you will not receive a refund even though you are not able to play.

**Info about specific tournaments (all costs are approximate):**

**Women's Harvest Classic, Boise, ID Nov 2-4, 2007-** (\$66 per person to play) This is about an 8 hour drive. The Banshees have never traveled to this one but a road trip sounds like a fun way to kick off the season!

**Hot Autumn Ice, Wenatchee Nov 16-18, 2007-** (\$55 per person to play) If you want to play in any home tournaments it is best to pay right away. Home tournaments fill the quickest. There will be both a novice and an intermediate level team

**Tricities Round Robin, Kennewick Dec 1-2, 2007-** (\$50 per person to play) This is a nice tournament to go to because it's a reasonably short drive with a relatively inexpensive fee to play. Hotel cost has averaged between \$60-\$70 plus tax per night.

**Spirit of America, Spokane (TBA usually last weekend Jan or first weekend Feb)-** (\$50 per person to play) This tournament fills up quickly so it's good to sign up and pay for this one right away if you know you can go. Spokane is a 2 ½ -3 hour drive. We stay at a fairly inexpensive hotel which averages \$65 (including tax) per night. There is a Chiefs game that we go to on Saturday night if our game schedule permits and the group price tickets are under \$10 per person.

**Kiss My Ice, Wenatchee Feb 15-17, 2008-** (\$45 per person to play) This tournament is hosted by the Banshees and is another one you'll want to sign up for as soon as you know if you can play. We volunteer to help with the timing and misc duties during our tournament. There is a skills competition that is fun to watch and/or participate in.

**Chix With Stix, McCall, Idaho (March 14-16, 2008)-** (\$65 per person to play) This fills up fast so if you know you can go the best thing to do is pay. We stay as a team in a condo together (or you can make your own arrangements) and we carpool to save on cost. Approximate cost per person for the condo has averaged around \$90-\$100 for the weekend (a little less than it would be to stay in a hotel). Approximate cost for gas will vary depending on how many people fit in your car but the drive is around 8 hours. We try to take a novice and an intermediate team so everyone is welcome to come to this one!

**10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Spring Tournament, Vancouver, BC date TBA** \*usually the weekend after Easter and often during Ridge to River weekend (\$67 per person to play) This is a competitive tournament even though we register in the novice level. Vancouver is a fun place to travel to. Hotel cost is around \$70 including tax per night. We visit a hockey shop (or two!) while we're there.