

THE BREAKAWAY

Tier 1 Hockey Federation Newsletter



Message from the Commissioner

Welcome to the Inaugural Season of the Tier I Hockey Federation!

The 2022-2023 season is just around the corner, and I am excited to join the THF as League Commissioner and help the THF to grow and establish itself as the premier Tier I Hockey league in the country.

Following my eighteen-year playing career; including collegiate hockey at Notre Dame, I have spent the last twenty years working in youth and junior hockey. I have held various positions such as President of the San Jose Jr. Sharks, and coach in the NAHL, USHL, and ECHL. I went on to serve as Director of Player Personnel with the NAHL and Commissioner of the NAPHL, before stepping into this role.

My passion lies in providing players with great experiences and exciting opportunities while in youth hockey as well as helping them with the right exposure to assist with advancement in their careers. I look forward to working with the various clubs in helping their families enjoy the best experiences in the THF and supporting their players as they find their way to junior and college hockey.

We kicked off the 2022-2023 season with the league's first parity event. This event gave each team the opportunity to showcase their skills on the ice and help the league establish a competitive schedule for all. The THF will have over 150 teams competing in nine age levels this season, of which; well over half participated in our parity event. Teams will be playing a regular season culminating in the THF Playoffs scheduled for the last weekend of February. We will leverage the KRACH ratings system. Our Board of Directors and Competition Committee will review the ratings for every division to ensure our teams are given a fair and competitive opportunity to qualify for a playoff spot. The winner will go on to compete for the USPHL Cup in March!

Good Luck and thank you for being part of the Tier 1 Hockey Federation.

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COMING SOON

We're excited to announce that this summer we will be launching our very own podcast series. The podcast lineup will feature THF Staff, Board Members, Hockey Directors, members of our Competition Committee and more! Keep an eye out for announcements and more information.

In addition, we are launching the brand new, proprietary THF app. The THF app will make accessing rosters, scores, schedules, and stats thru GameSheet easier. The app will be accessible on the Apple store and Google Play this summer.

Parity Event

The Tier 1 Hockey Federation hosted the first ever parity event on several weekends from Saturday, April 23rd, and Sunday, May 15th. The event featured over 80 teams playing over 170 games at 3 rinks. Each team played four 30-minute run time games and it was a great opportunity for players to play with their teammates for the first time since tryouts. The data compiled from the games is a valuable resource as the league creates schedules for the 2022-2023 season. Pixellot, a leading video and analytics company has provided valuable statistics to provide more insight into a team's performance on a game-to-game basis well beyond the final score of the game. The Tier 1 Hockey Federation is committed to providing each team with the most competitively balanced schedule possible and this event is an important step in the scheduling process. GameSheet provided real-time scoring as all games were scored on the GameSheet app and available on Live Barn. Schedules and game results are available on the THF website.

Team of the Month: New Jersey 87s

The New Jersey 87's organization hosted a Breast Cancer Fundraiser in October at Jersey Shore Arena. Volunteers from the team set up a table in the lobby of the rink with signs and giveaways for people that donated. They wanted to raise awareness for breast cancer and help a local family whose daughter was battling cancer for a second time. All funds raised that weekend were given directly to the family. The New Jersey 87's organization is planning to continue to do this each year to raise awareness and help families that are being affected by this in their local communities.



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