

September 4, 2009

Dear Clubs and Families of S.J.H.S.H.L.:

As many of you know from past years, the S.J.H.S.H.L. collects a minimal entrance fee at each varsity ice hockey game. Many questions have come through our doors as to where these monies go.

It is our duty to supply security at High School Varsity games that are needed. The money collected at the gate pays for the police officers that you see around the rink. The rink does not supply security. The rate of pay for these officers varies at each rink according to the Township's contractual pay scale. Also, the league utilizes these funds for various incidentals that occur throughout the year.

Listed are reasons why there is not police presence:

- 1) Pennsauken police do not contract for after hour's security.
- 2) The Sheriff's Department is available at Pennsauken but they require us to have three (3) officers at \$50.00 per officer and require a minimum of two (2) hours which totals \$300.00. This would not be cost effective for one game on Monday night's which does not draw a larger attendance. During last year's playoff and championship games the Sheriff's Department was obtained due to the large attendance.
- 3) Mt Laurel Police was not present for the beginning of last year's season due to a finance dispute with the department which has been settled.
- 4) The police departments for Mt. Laurel, Voorhees and Washington Township are sent the schedule in September. Their departments do their own scheduling and at times are unable to fill the date requested.

The police are hired for crowd control. The players in the league are under the supervision of the coach's at all times.

When the season ends, any monies that are left over are split between the different clubs that participate in the S.J.H.S.H.L.

So, as you can see the minimal \$2.00 and \$3.00 entrance fee goes along way to assist with the Zero Tolerance Policy that we all must abide by as well as helping each club.

We hope this information helps to clear up any questions or concerns that your club and families may have. If you have any further questions please contact Mike Pontonio, League President.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Pontonio
S.J.H.S.H.L. President