

**2013-2014 ECHL BOOSTER CLUB MANUAL**



**25th ECHL Booster Club Jamboree  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
July 12-14, 2013**



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July 12, 2013

ECHL Booster Club Members,

Welcome to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual ECHL Booster Club Jamboree. We hope that your trip to Kalamazoo will be both informative and enjoyable. On behalf of Commissioner Brian McKenna and the rest of the League office, I would like to take this opportunity to say a very sincere "Thank You" for all your hard work and dedication to each of your ECHL clubs. Your continued support to the players is truly appreciated.

The countless hours of volunteer work and assistance you provide to our players make it an easy transition to their relatively new surroundings. The preparation leading up to training camp and support given throughout the long season does not go unnoticed by the players, the teams, or the League Office. You are to be commended for your support of the players and their families.

In this packet you'll find the ECHL Booster Club Regulations, ECHL Booster Club Provisions, an ECHLBC Approval Request Form as well as a list of ECHL National Licensees who sell products with the ECHL and member teams' logos. With the exception of the list of Licensees, there have been no significant changes to the documents contained in this packet as compared to last year.

As Director of Hockey Operations, I am the contact person at the League Office for any questions you may have, and can be reached easily by phone (609-452-0770) or email (jzavatsky@echl.com).

Thank you for your unwavering support of the ECHL and our member clubs!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Zavatsky", written in a cursive style.

Jeff Zavatsky  
Director of Hockey Operations  
ECHL



## **Booster Club Regulations**

Booster Clubs are an extension of the member team and are therefore not permitted to pay players any additional compensation without ECHL League Office approval.

The Booster Club may present gifts or de minimis rewards to players for certain honors if pre-approved by the ECHL office. For example, the Booster Club may pay the Player of the Month a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

If the member team provides the items used by the Booster Club to generate revenue, this revenue cannot be distributed back to the team's players in any form without ECHL League Office approval.

Member teams cannot make cash donations or other gifts in kind to the Booster Club that are subsequently distributed to the players.

Prior to the start of each season, each Booster Club must submit a detailed list of all planned cash or cash equivalent gifts to be given to ECHL players during the upcoming season.

Items and issues not covered in the ECHL Booster Club Regulations must be submitted to the ECHL League Office for approval.



## **ECHL Booster Club Provisions**

As outlined the following items are permitted to be provided by ECHL Booster Clubs and/or their members to ECHL players and/or member teams:

- Apartment furnishings: Linens, pillows, dishes, cookware, etc (i.e. basic needs items)
- Juices, snacks, videos for extended road trips
- \$50 award (maximum amount allowed per award) for Offensive and/or Defensive Player of the Month Awards (must be in the form of a gift certificate/card, not redeemable for cash)
- \$25 gift certificate only for hat trick or shutout
- Welcome cookout/dinner/gathering, holiday dinner, end of season awards banquet/dinner
- Scrapbook at the end of the year with press clippings

The following items are NOT permitted to be provided by ECHL Booster Clubs and/or their members to ECHL players:

- Portion of anything sold with player's likeness (i.e. picture buttons, cards, sticks)
- Payment for player appearances at special events (i.e. auctions, meetings, sponsor events, etc.)

The following items require league approval prior to being given by ECHL Booster Clubs and/or their members to ECHL players:

- Christmas and/or Birthday Gifts
- Any monies to be paid to the players (except as provided in this memo)

Approval for all items may be obtained by submitting the enclosed ECHLBC Approval Request Form.

Any additional questions concerning booster clubs can be addressed to Jeff Zavatsky at the League Office by the Booster Club Council Chairperson only.

