

BFHA Survey Results, Fall 2008

1. FALL LEAGUE: On which Fall team did you play?

Tequila Sunrise (Yellow) 33.3% 17

Motley (Red) 17.6% 9

Weekenders (Gray) 25.5% 13

Chesapeake (Blue) 23.5% 12

answered question 51

skipped question 0

2. FALL LEAGUE: Do you enjoy your current Fall team or would you prefer to switch?

I like my current team. 86.3% 44

I would prefer to be on a different team. 3.9% 2

I could go either way. 9.8% 5

Comments 9

answered question 51

skipped question 0

- I like my current team. But, Switching it up, like a draft might be fun!
- I like my current team. - so supportive and fun, but still competitive
- I like my current team. Though if we created a new team I wouldn't be upset if I got drafted there.
- I like my current team. great spirit. everything is positive with tequila
- I like my current team. I wouldn't mind if every year we had a different team - gain new skills, work with different people.
- I could go either way. I like my team, but there were way too many people - we had enough for 2 full teams. Most of our team showed up every week, so playing team per person was minimal. It was very hard for the team to get a rhythm going, since we tried to sub fairly. A lot of people ended up frustrated due to the large numbers. I think we need to think about forming a 5th team.
- I like my current team. But there are way too many people on the team - I would prefer to split the teams.
- I would prefer to be on a different team. Just as a goalie I would like to play with different people.

3. FALL LEAGUE: Overall, did you enjoy the Fall league this year?

Yes 96.1% 49

No 3.9% 2

Comments 6

answered question 51

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- Yes - This was my first year playing with the BFHA. Until I was placed on a team and got a few weeks into play I felt a little like an outsider, but after a few weeks it was great! I had a fantastic time playing and met some wonderful new people.
- Yes - I think it is well organized and played in the right spirit.

- Yes- glad to play at roland park
- Yes - Oy vey! I didn't know I HAD some of those muscles...I really looked forward to Sundays, even though I could only attend about 1/2 of the games. I was actually nervous before playing each time!
- No- I love hockey so I can't not play, but the large numbers were very frustrating. I want to have fun, but also be competitive. A lot of people ended up frustrated due to the large numbers. I think we need to think about forming a 5th team.
- Yes- I did like it because its hockey, but there were too many people on each team.

4. FALL LEAGUE: All teams in the Fall had about 28 or so registered players. While some teams had consistent attendance, others varied greatly week to week. What do you think about the numbers of players on your team?

Too many. 30.0% 15

Too few. 2.0% 1

Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. 68.0% 34

Comments 17

answered question 50

skipped question 1

- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. Could have a minimum weekly games played to participate in finals
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. We rarely had more than a couple of subs due to people not showing up. This was fine with me since that meant more playing time for those that were there.
- Too many. I think each team should be limited to 25, and then build a wait list. Or split fall league into competitive div & social or pick up division.
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. I do think that the distribution of positions was skewed - our team was very heavy in defense and we not enough offensive players
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. I myself was out of town for work a lot so it helped having more people on the team
- Too many. At times we had too many, or we had too few. We could never seem to find a happy medium. But I'm not sure how we would resolve this.
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. Most weeks we had just enough or one or two subs with the exception being the 2nd to last week when we mysteriously had 22.
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. Our team didn't seem to have too many any one week. Well not the weeks I attended. Though we could have operated with a couple less players.
- no preference - I am a goalie
- Too many. I'd rather have more playing time and play down players than to have to sit on the side.
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. It is too hard to predict who will show up when and all. I think we do a good job of this overall. In the beginning Tequila had too many and in the end not enough!
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. Sometimes we were on the low side, but then we just worked harder, got to work on skills more, and generally sucked it up and adjusted.
- Too many. WAY too many
- Too many. WAY, WAY too many. We need to think about limiting numbers of those that sign up, reducing the number of people per team (28 is way too many in general) and forming a

5th team. BFHA is growing, and we need to come up with a plan to smoothly handle the numbers - this season showed that the old system is no longer working.

- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. During the season it was fine, but the last two games everyone showed up. Everyone had minimal playing time due to this (which was frustrating to the people who showed up every week).
- Just about right given the fluctuation in attendance each week. But don't add any more. We have consistent attendance year to year.
- Too many. WAY TO MANY

5. FALL LEAGUE: Were you happy with the amount of playing time you received?

No -too little. 16.0% 8

No -too much. 0.0% 0

Yes. 84.0% 42

Comments 11

answered question 50

skipped question 1

- Yes. It was fairly distributed, but I would have liked more.
- Yes. I liked having subs so I could get plenty of rest time.
- Yes. But I always like more playing time.
- Yes. yes, on days when we didn't have 12 subs
- Yes. it was disappointing though to have too little time during the playoffs because so many people showed up
- Yes. overall yes.
- Subs are needed at times, but we're all in good shape and would rather play more. We usually only need about a 2-3 minute rest. Some days I played the entire time and other I sat 30-50% of the time. It's hard to say.
- No - too little. My own fault though
- No - too little. Same comments as above - with 28 people per team, and most of those players showing up each week for Weekenders, this did not give everyone enough playing time, for the amount of money we pay, the drive some people have to get there, etc.
- Yes. For the most part, it was fine. But some weeks there were too many players with not enough playing time.
- Yes. It varied from week to week. Sometimes just enough, more often then not too many players.

6. FALL LEAGUE: The current rule for Fall is that a team must have 7 of their own players on the field for a game to count. If a team picks up any players, the game is a forfeit. Do you think teams should be able to pick up players and still have the game count as long as 7 of their own are on the field?

Yes. 62.7% 32

No. 37.3% 19

Comment 16

answered question 51

skipped question 0

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- Yes. Schedules are just too crazy to make sometimes for everyone and it's a shame teams get penalized for that, I think revoking the rule would benefit everyone at some point and this is after all just for fun.
- Yes. Overall season standings probably won't be affected by a team picking up people one or two times. If it happens on a regular basis then some players may need to be permanently shifted.
- Yes. As long as both teams agree.
- Yes. Especially given there is still a strong social element to how the club operates. It would be different if we were four individual groups forming our own teams.
- Yes. They should only be able to pick up the number of players they are short - not for subs. If the team that picked up gains more of their own players as the game goes on, the number of picked up players should decrease accordingly.
- No. the opposing team will decide how many of their players go to the other team. They could give them one player to help out or 4 to help them field a full team. If we rid the forfeit rule then this should be taken into account when borrowing players.
- No. Teams need to be accountable for themselves
- No. I don't care about scores.
- Yes. maybe the only exception should be the semi final and final games. On other days, I feel as though everything always balances out
- Yes. I'm an adult and the win is only for bragging rights. But as people get tired play becomes unsafe, so helping out seems like a good idea.
- Yes. We are all here to play not necessarily win. I personally don't understand why we even keep track of who wins and loses -- that really only matters with tournaments.
- No. If that is the case then we should just play pick up!
- Yes. I am thinking "yes"..."7" is a core group of original members. I volunteered to play with other teams when they were low on people and kind of surprised that there were situations where other teams wouldn't offer volunteers. Sure, you want to have a winning day and season, but the spirit of the game should be there 1st. Maybe it is worth considering what BFHA is all about.
- Yes. Absolutely, so if a team has too many players one week, they can go play for another team and that team won't be penalized
- No. The only way this would work is if Fall league was pick up and not competitive (there was no end championship/rankings) - if we are counting records toward a season-end playoff, teams should not be able to pick up players. It defeats the purpose of having set teams and a champion.
- Yes. Yes I think that picking people up is almost essential so the games are fun and fair, its no fun playing against 8 people.

7. FALL LEAGUE: Out of the entire Fall season, approximately how many Sunday's did you miss?

0-1 26.5% 13

2-3 49.0% 24

4-5 18.4% 9

More than 5. 6.1% 3

answered question 49

skipped question 2

8. FALL LEAGUE: If you missed 4 or more weeks of hockey, why (check all that apply)?

Vacations/Out of Town. 81.0% 17

Injury. 19.0% 4

Did not enjoy the league. 4.8% 1

Did not get enough playing time. 9.5% 2

Just too busy. 23.8% 5

Other (please specify) 12

answered question 21

skipped question 30

Other (please specify)

- Ravens home games collided + vacations/etc.
- Out of town weddings
- work demands
- I foolishly scheduled the college team I coach to play on a couple of Sundays. I have avoided that for 2009!
- I missed 3 wks (2 for injury, 1 for vacation)
- was out of town for work for 2 weekends, did not play 2 other weekends because of religious holiday/fasting
- I really enjoyed going to the games. When I didn't go it was because I was out of town.
- Only missed 2 sessions - was out of town for family commitments.
- I use to work around the schedule when I knew we would have to forfeit the games, but I stopped working around the schedule when I did not get enough playing time

9. FALL LEAGUE: Currently, our rule is 3 men on the field per team (not including goalie) for our Fall league. A comment was made during the AGM that there are times that men have to sit too much due to this rule. What do you think we should do about this?

Increase the allowed number of male FIELD players to 4. 48.9% 23

Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. 51.1% 24

Other (please specify) 14

answered question 47

skipped question 4

- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. I don't really like playing with 3 men as it is.
- Increase the allowed number of male FIELD players to 4. with the caveat that men don't have to ALWAYS play
- The # of male players allowed should based on a percentage of the total # of males per team.
- Increase the allowed number of male FIELD players to 4. To me the league is about getting to play not if it is always evenly matched.
- I feel like the guys on our team got to play as much as the girls, if not more on certain days. I guess I don't care either way on this.
- Increase the allowed number of male FIELD players to 4. if we keep only 4 teams. if 5 teams, keep at 3.
- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. I think the ratio of men to women as pointed out by Richard at the AGM refutes this thought. Our team often had only one man on the field and 3 on the sideline! We weren't complaining.
- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. I feel the male players currently get enough playing time
- Increase the allowed number of male FIELD players to 4. perhaps you could increase to 4 male players if you have less than 2 female subs available (or some other equation that

- doesn't change the mentality to having to always field 4 male players, especially in cases when females clearly outnumber males)
- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. Without officials reffing the games, some of the men can get really aggressive
- Supposed teams could decide before the start of each game - the captains could communicate concerning how many men they had and how many they would allow on the field at one time. That way if a team didn't have many people show up one week, a team could make adjustments and use available men.
- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. Because the teams are so big, just as many women are sitting on the sidelines waiting to play as men. While I have no problem playing with men, and we have some great men players in BFHA that I enjoy playing with, there are also a number of men with dangerous sticks and they are more focused on getting as much ball time as possible rather than being a team player.
- Keep the number of male FIELD players at 3. It's frustrating to sit just because some think there should be 3 men on the field the whole time; if there could be 4 men on the field it would be worse.

10. FALL LEAGUE: Do you think that the fall teams are divided fairly?

Yes 93.8% 45

No 6.3% 3

Other (please specify) 6

answered question 48

skipped question 3

- No, Some teams had too many of one position and not enough of another
- No, Particularly the men. Some teams have much stronger men compared to others.
- Yes, Random placement is the only fair way
- I really couldn't tell. I thought we were going to get walloped in the semi-finals but we went to the finals (and did nicely, thank you very much). I know that the subject of years played came up during the meeting. I played in high school and college, and coached...but hockey is different now than when I used to play. But I loved learning from other players - it made me step up more (and nervous before games!). Maybe you could make it an option for new comers to offer their take on their abilities?
- No, I think the chairs do their best to divide up the teams; I checked no because again, the numbers are way too many. Weekenders also seems like it has a lot of guys if they all show up - not sure if all teams do or not?
- depends on who shows up or not. some teams are and others are not.

11. FALL LEAGUE: Do you think that we should ask new players about their playing ability before assigning them to a team (i.e. Did you play in college?, etc.)?

Yes 61.7% 29

No 38.3% 18

Other (please specify) 16

answered question 47

skipped question 4

- Response Other (please specify)
- Yes, I think it would help other team members better gauge their players' abilities, especially if someone is new to the league
 - Yes, asking years of playing experience is OK, but asking skill level is questionable (Div I, etc)

- Yes, You should also ask how long it has been since they have played. It will definitely help keep the teams more even.
- Yes, This will help with appropriate sorting. Another idea could be to have the first week or two (which may have been done) to be pickup play, to give the new people time to readjust to playing hockey.
- Yes, I did not play in college, and this question does not offend me
- No, This is for fun, it shouldn't matter.
- No, This may alienate some of the new, inexperienced players because they might be embarrassed to admit that they did not play beyond high school.
- No, I guess I would say asking them to rank themselves as novice, intermediate or advanced skill level wouldn't be a bad idea. I know my first season playing I was very open about not having played in a long time. People were nice about it and I wasn't embarrassed.
- Yes, maybe just years of experience.
- I do think it is ok to ask about your experience, but anything beyond that (tryouts) should be reserved for a more competitive league, I was there to have fun, and get back into a sport I love.
- No, This is what makes BFHA so great!!! all levels of experience welcomed.
- Yes, I'd say ability and commitment. If we are going to have sort of a "draft" where qualified players are added in turn, then you need to know if they are going to show up all year.
- No, playing ability is subjective. I would personally always understate my own ability. besides, I don't quite understand why people are concerned about some teams having a competitive advantage, when in the end, every team makes it to the play offs and winning the league is sort of arbitrary. If you want competitive league play, you need more teams, and you need the stakes to be higher. Personally, I like the current format, where it's randomized and friendly, but competitive enough to make it fun.
- This one is tough - I play for fun but also want to play against really good players so I can up my game and play on a competitive level. But I understand not wanting to intimidate new people that want to join BFHA. I do think that in terms of skills, all teams should have a mix of people who haven't played in years or are great players, so the teams are fairly divided and one team isn't stacked over another. It does get frustrating if a team gets assigned a bunch of players who haven't played in years - it's hard to play competitively then, and just gets frustrating.
- No, It would make joining more intimidating

12. FALL LEAGUE: Do you think we should put a cap on the number of players per team? If so, how many?

No. 12.5% 6

Yes. 25-30 20.8% 10

Yes. 20-25 45.8% 22

Yes. 15-20 20.8% 10

Other (please specify) 18

answered question 48

skipped question 3

Response Other (please specify)

- Yes. 20-25, Is it even necessary to put a cap considering the fluctuation in attendance?
- Yes. 20-25, I would actually like to play on a smaller team, but I would be worried that not enough players would show up every week.
- Yes. 20-25, I like the idea of a cap of 20.
- No., Attendance will always be a problem
- Yes. 15-20, I'd like to say 15, but 20 is more realistic. When people sign up at the beginning of the season you don't know if they will be playing consistently.

- Yes. 15-20, I think if you have less players then you might have more people turn up more regularly. It is easy not to worry about turning up if you think there is going to be 20+ others there.
- Yes. 15-20, I think there should a cap of 20 players per team. Maybe we could institute and penalty if you miss more than 2 games.
- No., there are always weeks that players have to miss. before moving to 5 teams, watch the volumes for a few seasons for consistency and then re-evaluate
- Yes. 20-25, I think that if we take out the forfeit rule and lessen the # of people on each team then everyone will get more playing time and teams will be able to borrow whenever necessary. possibly even get a 5th team involved as umpires
- Yes. 25-30, No more than 28
- not sure
- Yes. 25-30, I think 25 is a good cap.
- Yes. 15-20, or less
- Unsure - if we had 28 players, we weren't able to have 11 at every game. I don't have much insight for this one.
- Yes. 25-30, Ask the player if they think they will be going on vacation a lot during the summer or weekend trips. Some people will be able to know ahead of time if they will be traveling a lot or not. It doesn't hurt to ask, in my opinion.
- Yes. 15-20, If 11 can be on the field at a time (including goalie), there really should not be more than 5 subs. So 16/team gives you 5 field subs. If you play in a tournament, a team isn't going to take enough for 2 full teams (28 players), so why would we do it in league play? I know you need to account for people not showing up every week, so do out enough on a team for subs, but for those that do, it almost penalizes them by not getting much playing time. BFHA also needs to cap the number of people who register per season.
- Yes. 20-25, I would say about 20-22 would be good.
- Yes. 20-25, Only because of no-shows - if everyone came, that's way too many

13. FALL LEAGUE: Do you think that we should require pre-registration for our league. This would mean EVERYONE would have to register before the start of the league and no walk-on's would be accepted.

Yes. 40.4% 19

No. 59.6% 28

Other (please specify) 15

answered question 47

skipped question 4

Response Other (please specify)

- Yes, I like the idea of pre-registration since the teams could be completed prior to the first day and new players would feel a part of the team day one. This might end up in not as many participants since no walk-on's would be accepted. If you went this route you would have to advertise registration.
- If a cap per team is instituted, there would need to be pre-registration and then with a waiting list, if needed. This doesn't necessarily mean walk-ons wouldn't be accepted, as it depends how many pre-register.
- Yes. It would help to distribute players better
- No. Anyone who wants to play should get to play, I don't like the idea of turning people away.
- I think that is a good goal for the future, but saying NO walkons after having that be our main way of doing registration for years would not be a good idea. Do a hybrid for a few seasons and then see how it goes.
- Yes. unless someone moves to town..what do you do?
- No. If someone just finds out about the league, they should definitely have their chance to play.

- No. But we should encourage pre-registration through a reduced league fee versus walk-ons.
- Yes. it should be required and advertized this way. A walk on option should always be available but more expensive as well to defer people for doing so..
- No. Walk ons should be accepted for the 1st 2 wks only
- No. But I think when all 4 teams hit 25 you cut off registration
- Yes. since it is getting this big - yes. But our website needs to be updated well in advance. I think having dates 6-12 months in advance is needed to allow new people to know when everything start and when to register. Also put up tournaments on the website and their usually dates would help everyone plan a head of time. For example, my first few years I never knew about the SE tournament or Beach bash until the month before, that wasn't always enough time to get time off of work etc.
- Depends on what BFHA wants to be - allowing walk-on's seems welcoming; not allowing may allow for more structure...
- No. Walk-ons limited after the first week.
- If the point of pre-registration is give a discount as an incentive to sign up early, and to make it easier for the chairs to process everything, it makes sense. Not sure why it has to be required. I do think we should encourage pre-registration, and maybe only allow players who don't pre-reg to sign up just the first 2 weeks of the season at the field. We need a cutoff date, and we need to cap total registration numbers.

14. FALL LEAGUE: If we offered on-line registration, would you participate (keep in mind that credit cards could then be accepted)?

Yes. 100.0% 51

No. 0.0% 0

Other (please specify) 2

answered question 51

skipped question 0

Response Other (please specify)

- Yes. As long as the cost to register online is the same as sending a check - there should be no extra processing fees to register online.
- Yes. Definitely, checks take too long to cash

15. FALL LEAGUE: Were you happy with how the officiating was handled throughout the season?

Yes. 87.5% 42

No. 12.5% 6

Other (please specify) 8

answered question 48

skipped question 3

Response Other (please specify)

- Yes. Best as it can be with self - officiating, which I think 99% are OK with as a cost savings mechanism.
- Yes. I think that some players need to be reminded that officiating is volunteered and not to be so mean to those who choose to help out
- No. I wouldn't mind paying more to get officials
- Yes. More people should be educated on how to ref
- No. spotty. would pay more for refs
- No. I personally am not comfortable officiating but did almost every weekend - I would love if some experienced players whom might also ref offered a brief course in rules and officiating

that first day for 30 minutes. Then no one has an excuse - everyone can ref if they try. I think at the beginning of the season we should sign up for a 10-20 times slot that we ref each week to make sure everyone is doing it, not the same people. (now reading question 17 - this would help a lot)

- I don't know - I only officiated once and I was not good at it (the players started "tweet"-ing to catch the calls I missed, if that tells you anything). I am happy to help out but just wasn't qualified. Wonder if each team can have certain people who are good at officiating that can be the go-to people each game.
- I think unpaid officials do the best they can.

16. FALL LEAGUE: Do you feel that we should introduce a 5th team? Keep in mind that having a 5th team would totally revise the playing schedule each week. See next question for details.

Yes. 59.6% 28

No, keep it at 4 teams. 40.4% 19

Other (please specify) 14

answered question 47

skipped question 4

Response Other (please specify)

- it depends on how many people sign up
- No, keep it at 4 teams. I like the 4 team system, but if registration increases and/or we change the number of players per team a 5th team might be necessary.
- If a cap is imposed, we may need to add another team. However, I can only see this working well if there are an even number of teams.
- No, keep it at 4 teams. But if there are more players next fall, should split into five teams (or maybe 6)
- Yes. I say revisit this after seeing how summer numbers look. It would be so hard to start a 5th team. Would it be all new people? How would others leave their teams? All tough questions.
- Yes. I think it should be considered.
- Yes. Question 17-Both options are reasonable.
- No, keep it at 4 teams. The 5th team did not work before, we are not ready for this.
- Yes. I think we should consider a 5th team if the numbers continue to grow. And we could ask people from the existing teams to offer to switch to the new one to even out new and old players
- if the consensus is that the numbers are too high, then yes, and I will answer #17 and #18 assuming that people want 5 teams
- Yes. We are growing in leaps and bounds which is a good thing. The sport itself is growing.
- I don't have very good insight into this. Personally, fall is a very busy time for me - I wouldn't be motivated to drive back from being out of town or from where I live (45 minutes away) to officiate...especially when I suck at it...but also wouldn't want to saddle other people with the responsibility. I think the situation may come up where dedicated people come and other opt out if the team is only providing officials. That could lead to some resentment/issues.
- No, keep it at 4 teams. Unless there are more than 30 per team
- Yes. It's going to have to be a combination of a 5th team so players are less per team, but also limiting registrations so even though we are adding a 5th team, we still keep the numbers/team reasonable.

17. FALL LEAGUE: If we increased the number of teams to 5, how would you prefer we handle the weekly schedule?

One team is off each week (meaning, one week teams 1-4 play, 5 is off. Next week, teams 2-5 play, 1 is off, etc). 18.4% 9

Have all teams come each week. The team that is sitting each time slot provides officials. 61.2% 30

I do not think we should increase to 5 teams. 20.4% 10

answered question 49

skipped question 2

18. FALL LEAGUE: If a 5th team were formed, which do you feel is the best method to create it?

All new players. 12.8% 6

Re-assign some players from our original 4 teams (probably through a lottery -choosing from those current players who would like to switch to the new team) and add new players as well. 68.1% 32

I do not think a 5th team should be formed. 19.1% 9

Other (please specify) 14

answered question 47

skipped question 4

Other (please specify)

- It would absolutely not be fair to create a vulnerable 5th team of all new players. They would have such a disadvantage and what fun is that?
- If we had 28 players per team this fall; and we capped the roster at 20, we would have more than enough for the 5th team right there.
- If a 5th team is created, I don't think it should be all new players.
- I just wouldn't make people change who haven't volunteered to do so.
- maybe see if some players would want to go to the new team first.
- reassignment is good but perhaps by volunteer first then lottery. some people may be willing to switch teams to help another one be formed and this will also prevent people from getting upset that they got moved as much. and friends could stay with friends. Another idea would be to just create 5 brand new teams. Based on history and the teams remaining the same throughout the seasons I don't know if this would create a problem or if it has ever been done before.
- New players tend not to show up to not put them all on one team, if a 5 team is made.
- randomize the whole BFHA roster
- look for volunteers
- New players and volunteers to switch
- If you had a new team, I think it would be very un-welcoming to place all the newcomers on one team. While I loved playing, there were days when no one talked to me - even on my own team. I am not suggesting they were being mean spirited, but I did hear unsportsmanlike comments among the players - more cut throat than need be about playing and officiating and calls...I don't think people would want to switch teams at first and would complain about it, but the situation would probably cause those people to bond more, would be a more inclusive gesture, and would create more balanced teams.
- We need to take some players out of the existing 4 teams so there are 15-20 per team, 16 ideally, before you even add any new players. Redistribute this way first, and then see if we can even allow new registrations - it would defeat the point of making the teams smaller, if you kept the numbers the same (28) and just added new players to the 5th

team. We need to address the too-large current team sizes before we add new people into the mix. In terms of how to redistribute the teams, or even assign new people, it needs to be done very fairly. Attention also needs to be paid to position so positions are as evenly distributed as possible across teams.

- Maybe if we have 5 teams, every team should come each week. If there is a team who is short players, the team sitting out could play.
- Just make sure it's not weighted heavily either way in terms of skill.

19. FALL LEAGUE: Do you have any other comments or suggestions about Fall league?

answered question 18

skipped question 33

Open-Ended Response

- I think I would have attended more often had I felt any sense of comradery. Overall, no one was very friendly nor made any real effort to make new players feel welcomed. We have enough anxiety about playing for the first time in years, let alone having to deal with unfriendliness. If skill levels were not up to par, players were criticized. This is supposed to be club, which in my opinion, should be a bit more chilled out and generally fun. This club seemed a bit cut throat at times. I have a competitive nature as well, but I think a little patience needs to be summoned. I hadn't played in over 13 years and was so excited to find a club and really looked forward to going every week, but it quickly became a chore and obligation more then something fun to look forward to. The teams that have been playing together for years are VERY clicky.
- I had a great first year and I am looking forward to playing again the future! Thanks!
- Enjoyed. I am leaning more to the competitive / social league than the 5th team idea. However, I'm not sure if this has already been considered or not.
- It was my first season and I really enjoyed it!
- Loved it! The league is wonderful!
- I think it would be helpful to offer a clinic, or other practice times before the league starts, for people who are rusty, and I would pay extra for this.
- It's a little tough for new members. I kind of felt left out until the last few weeks.
- Fall League was Awesome, and I can't wait until indoor!
- Stop the tea at the end of playing games.
- Is it possible to have two separate types of leagues? Once with a round robin and one like the indoor team league where each team registers itself for scheduled games? or some type of altered schedule. This might work better I the summer than in fall. just a thought.
- Great job this past season. I really enjoyed the new fields and the play. Thanks!
- I am probably in the extreme minority, but I feel as though the field turf grass is a bit too high (ball moves very slowly). can the field be watered? is there no other location (of course, I understand that roland park is a great acquisition, but still am just wondering a tiny bit)?
- thank you for organizing a fun season
- Like the idea of captains emailing teams every one-two weeks. Wonder if some teams would want to get names on the backs of jerseys? - So challenging to remember everyone's names so many people stayed to themselves while veterans chatted amongst themselves (that is a generalization, but wasn't uncommon)
- As far as comment to #17, since teams will be smaller, they might be short players on any given week. Having a handful of people ready to play will help the team in need as well as the players - they get extra playing time.
- I think Captains for the teams should change each year. If there's a biased captain, the whole team suffers.
- Question 17 above is tough - ideally, we could figure out a way to form a 5th team, but not have to sacrifice any playing time per team - I'm sure this is tough. From the descriptions

above, it's hard to tell how it would work - need more info before I could vote - it would be good to see the pros and cons of each option (the first 2).

- Fall league is very fun, but we need to have either five teams or allowed to jump on other teams without penalty.

20. SOCIALS: Did you attend the happy hour at Mt. Washington Tavern after Fall hockey on Sunday, Sept. 7th?

Yes. 18.0% 9

No. 82.0% 41

Comments 4

answered question 50

skipped question 1

- No. I really wanted to attend but I had to get home to take care of my toddler.
- No. Ravens game conflict.
- No. I don't know how to get there and didn't want to get lost.
- No. No - mainly because I originally thought I'd get to know people through happy hours, but then didn't know who went (see below). My team was generally positive but felt pretty reserved - felt like there were old school and new school people - and there wasn't much social talk at the games, I never heard anyone talk about going to the happy hours and - even though I very much enjoyed playing hockey - I just felt "new school" and

21. SOCIALS: Would you attend social events if we had them more frequently?

Yes. 30.6% 15

No. 4.1% 2

Maybe. 65.3% 32

Other (please specify) 6

answered question 49

skipped question 2

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| Response | Other (please specify) |
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- Maybe. If we had more in the city.
 - Maybe. also, probably again in the extreme minority, but I prefer not to be at social events that involve pubs and alcohol etc. Could we maybe mix it up by encouraging more interaction at the post-game tea times?
 - Maybe. If we can provide babysitting services too:-)
 - Maybe. I like a beer, pub and yakking in up with friends or strangers. But the social scene didn't feel inclusive. Sunday post game - I heard that there would be a post game happy hour and was ready to go after the first day of play, but after games everyone just seemed to walk off the field in different directions and (as a newcomer) I didn't know what was going on. I could have asked, but I got the impression it was a certain group that went to the social events.
 - Maybe. If they were spread out. Most of the socials are close to the home of the person who organizes most of them
 - Maybe. it would depend as I am under 18

22. SOCIALS: Where would you prefer we hold the social events (check all that apply)?

Downtown Baltimore 68.1% 32

North Balt. Area -i.e. Towson 61.7% 29

Western Balt. Area -i.e. Ellicott City/Catonsville 23.4% 11

North Eastern Balt. Area -i.e. White Marsh 23.4% 11

Other (please specify) 4

answered question 47

skipped question 4

23. SOCIALS: What kind of social event would you like to see (check all that apply)?

Happy Hours 80.0% 36

Karaoke 22.2% 10

Guest Bartending 35.6% 16

BBQ 75.6% 34

Formal dinner/dance 22.2% 10

Other (please specify) 4

answered question 45

skipped question 6

- Variety is good
- better post-game tea times
- I would like to see BFHA be more active in the community. Getting teams to run in local 5K's, doing bike rides with One-Less-Car, volunteering etc. Happy hours are ok - but on a Sunday afternoon after playing, it's hard to want to go and sit in bar all sweaty. Or maybe that's just me.
- What about each team getting together for an initiation evening - have people hang out, meet the new people, have a few drinks and some eats, and actually feel a bit connected before playing together?

24. SOCIALS: If we held a formal event on Saturday, January 10th at Mt. Washington Tavern for approx. \$35 per person (includes food, dancing, facility, but not beverages) would you attend? If no, please explain what type of event you would prefer.

Yes. 31.8% 14

No. 68.2% 30

If no, please specify what event you would prefer. 22

answered question 44

skipped question 7

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| Response | If no, please specify what event you would prefer. |
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- No. I enjoy activities that are more laid back and not so expensive.
 - No. That day just happens to be bad for me. I might attend on another day. We should try more smaller (cheaper) socials before that though.

- No. other event that night.
- No. Something less formal, we rented a roller rink for a friends b-day this summer, that was super fun, and not too pricey
- No. less formal... more of a jeans/nice shirt atmosphere
- No. Something not as pricey.
- unable to attend that day
- No. Its a little too much money \$20 - \$25 would be better. Something nice not so formal
- No. I am not into a formal. I do not think \$35 would be money well spent for me as a graduate student with a very low budget
- No. Sounds nice, but it's a lot of money when we can do that same thing at a local club, bar or at some ones house for a lot less.
- No. Some sort of beverage should be included for \$35 a head.
- No. I didn't feel connected beyond the time that we were on the field playing.
- No. I might - have you checked other venues? Is it a sit-down dinner? A buffet might be cheaper.
- No. It is too expensive to not include beverages I would rather there be no food
- No. Normal happy hours.
- No. I would just like an event that would be open to people under 18
- No. Not into formal events, more casual

25. FUNDRAISING: Fundraisers help to keep players fees down and help us purchase misc. items necessary to run the organization. Please check the fundraising events below that you would participate in. In addition, please let us know if you have any suggestions on a fundraising idea in the comment section.

Selling Entertainment Books 9.1% 4

Selling Pizza Kits 20.5% 9

Yankee Candle fundraiser 31.8% 14

Car Wash 43.2% 19

50/50 raffle 50.0% 22

Bull Roast 40.9% 18

Silent Auction 15.9% 7

Working at the Raven's games. 47.7% 21

Orioles group tickets (we make \$5 per ticket) 70.5% 31

Guest Bartending 50.0% 22

Other (please let us know if you have any ideas for other fundraisers). 7

answered question 44

skipped question 7

- How about doing a fundraising campaign ... just asking for money.. and making it easy to donate on the web. I'd give \$20 or so, and if 50 other people did, that would add up fast.
- I'd rather do something than sell something.
- donation link on website??
- bingo world, advertisements
- My company has an on-line auction with everything donated from businesses or employees. On-line auction is very convenient. Another idea is a Basket Bingo or Vera Bradley bingo. Tickets are \$10-\$15 and you play for gift packages sponsored by a person who fills the basket with a themed gift. I.e. (Rainy day basket - movie tickets, popcorn, etc.) or spa basket - lotion, body wash, loofah.. Both need a lot planning but pay off in the end if enough

advertising is done, we can get outside people to participate! I am willing to organize any of these - this is Harper by the way!

- Would prefer to be able to commit to the Raven's game fundraisers less than a month ahead of time - it's hard to commit to something that far in advance.
- We should get more vendors at the tournaments and charge around 500 for a table

26. SUMMER LEAGUE: Did you participate in this year's summer league? If no, please skip the remaining questions.

Yes. 51.0% 26

No. 49.0% 25

answered question 51

skipped question 0

27. SUMMER LEAGUE: Overall, do you like the format of summer league?

Yes. 92.6% 25

No. 7.4% 2

Other (please specify) 2

answered question 27

skipped question 24

Response Other (please specify)

Yes. Same issues as fall - lots of people/team so not much playing time.

Yes. It's hard to remember at this point.....

28. SUMMER LEAGUE: Do you think that we should keep summer league at 4 teams or should we increase to 5 teams? Keep in mind that attendance is always very sporadic in the summer due to vacations, etc.

Keep at 4 teams. 76.2% 16

Increase to 5 teams. 23.8% 5

Other (please specify) 7

answered question 21

skipped question 30

- depends on the number of people who sign up
- Depends on # of registrations. I think there should be some type of roster cap or add another team.
- either is fine
- Keep at 4 teams. 5 teams did not work in the past
- no preference
- Increase to 5 teams. IF teams are down we just split up and play with what we have.

29. SUMMER LEAGUE: Were you happy with the number of teams participating (4)?

Yes. 87.0% 20

No. 13.0% 3

Other (please specify) 5
answered question 23

skipped question 28

Response	Other (please specify)
Yes.	It is heavy at times but we need the #s high no preference
No.	If 5 teams are organized from the beginning, I think that would be best.

30. SUMMER LEAGUE: If we increased the number of teams to 5, how would you prefer we handle the weekly schedule?

One team is off each week (meaning, one week teams 1-4 play, 5 is off. Next week, teams 2-5 play, 1 is off, etc.). 26.9% 7

Have all teams come each week. The team that is sitting provides umpires. 38.5% 10

I do not think we should increase to 5 teams. 34.6% 9
answered question 26
skipped question 25

31. SUMMER LEAGUE: How many nights of summer league did you miss?

0-2 50.0% 13

3-4 42.3% 11

5 or more. 7.7% 2

answered question 26
skipped question 25

32. SUMMER LEAGUE: If you missed 4 or more weeks of summer hockey, why?

Vacations/out of town 83.3% 10

Injury 8.3% 1

Did not enjoy the league 8.3% 1

Did not get enough playing time 8.3% 1

Just too busy 25.0% 3

Other (please specify) 5
answered question 12

skipped question 39

Other (please specify)

- got stuck at work/ work trips
- Varying dates and times interfered with work
- I usually work much later than 5PM
- working

33. SUMMER LEAGUE: If we held weekly happy hours after hockey, do you think you would attend them?

Yes, most of them. 7.4% 2

Maybe a few. 37.0% 10

I would try to attend 1 or 2 29.6% 8

No. 25.9% 7

Other (please specify) 3
answered question 27

skipped question 24

Response	Other (please specify)
No. dinner	don't really like going to pubs. I would attend a post game tea time or dinner

34. SUMMER LEAGUE: Equalizing playing time for our summer league has always been a challenge given the huge fluctuation of attendance due to vacations, etc. Do you have any recommendations on how to make BFHA's summer league better/more enjoyable?

Response

Count 11

answered question 11

skipped question 40

Open-Ended Response

- Maybe give people an option to sign up on a team or as a pick up player when they register. It would cost the same but then teams could be assigned according to people who are dedicated to being there most all weeks. Pick up players could float with teams who needed them the nights they were able to come. That way some people could play with a core group and maybe have a person or two each week who they didn't know. Summer often feels like pick up the first few weeks anyway. Might not work though. People who said they could come most of the weeks might "have something come up". I hate lame excuses. Sorry, it's been a long day :)
- longer season! once a week is fine but let it start in late may til mid august
- throw in sticks
- change the schedule to round robin to scheduled game times and make games longer. play less games each day but longer games. teams may not play every week which would allow a break for other activities and possible increase attendance on days that there is hockey.
- none this is how most FH summer leagues are... the fluctuation needs to be taken in to recommendation.
- on days where attendance is really low, we could play pick up, i.e. throw sticks into a pile and divide up teams that way.
- maybe a pick up league, like in the winter
- If you lock out people from joining because of a cap, do not let people bring significant others or friends to play in random games (this happened on the red team this year). Also, maybe put all/most of the college players on their own team. They made it entirely not fun to play. They do not play as a team, they only include themselves.
- If teams are down, we just split up the people who showed up and play. We all just want to play - I don't know anyone who really cares about scores and team standings.

- Cap the numbers per team so there are only 5-6 subs per team so everyone gets a good amount of playing time; cap the total number of registrations. On the reg form, have players specify if they are going to miss a lot of sessions due to vacations, college players returning to college, etc so these people can be evenly distributed across teams.
- Have captains for teams and have emails so people can be prepared and ask for subs from other teams

35. SUMMER LEAGUE: Will you attend BFHA's summer league next year (2009)? It will be on Wednesday evenings -and hopefully we can play until dark/8:30 (last year Friends limited us to 8:00).

Yes. 83.3% 25

No. 13.3% 4

Maybe. 3.3% 1

Other (please specify) 4

answered question 30

skipped question 21

Response Other (please specify)

- No. Unfortunately, I will be moving to the Philadelphia area. But if I were staying in Baltimore I most definitely would.
- Maybe. would prefer a set schedule with longer games but only one game per night
- No. New work schedule that requires Wednesday evenings.
- No. I attend Anne Arundel Summer League since it's closer to my home