



The Kitchener Minor Hockey Association hosts the annual Jason Cripps Christmas hockey tournament. Jason loved hockey and began skating and shooting as soon as he could walk. He played House League and in the AAA Divisions of the Kitchener Minor Hockey System. Jason was a "Team" player and appreciated the support he received from coaches, parents, referees and his fellow players.

On Friday, August 5th, 1988, Jason, his brother and father were returning from a boating vacation on Georgian Bay and as they turned into their driveway, their car was demolished from behind by a drunk driver. Jason died at Sick Children's Hospital on August 7th, 1988. He was 14 years old.

The tournament is run annually in Jason's memory in Kitchener arenas from December 27 to December 30 and is one of the largest house league tournaments with approximately 200 boys and girls teams participating in approximately 350 games of hockey.

To be successful, we require many volunteers from our KMHA community. There are numerous opportunities available, including opportunities for students looking for volunteer hours for high school or confirmation. Companies like Manulife even offer a "Spirit Day" where they offer employees a day off with pay to volunteer with a charity or not-for profit of their choice. The Jason Cripps tournament qualifies as a Manulife Spirit Day.

Playing Music and Announcing

Volunteers are required to play music during the games. Players, young and old, love this aspect of the tournament and is also likely the most fun to do. Music is played during warmups and during stoppages of play during the games. If possible, the same volunteer can announce goals, penalties and last minute of play for the first period, second period and game. This is definitely a great opportunity for adults and students looking for their volunteer hours.

- **NOTE:** In many instances music will need to be supplied by the volunteer and **MUST BE** appropriate (no curse words/explicit language, no references to drugs/alcohol, no violence)

Hockey Shooting Gallery

Volunteers are required to supervise and reset the Hockey Shooting Gallery. Players and siblings are welcome to come test their skill either before or after their games.

Silent Auction

Volunteers are required for the Silent Auction to ensure the large quantity of donations remain safe and to ensure that bids are being made in proper increments. During the last day of the Silent Auction at closing, you will be responsible for the collection of the bid sheets ensuring that no additional bids are made after time has run out.

Rink or Game Convenors

Volunteers are required as Rink Convenors to watch the games that are being played and ensure that fans, staff and players are being respectful. Concerns can be directed to the appropriate Director for action.

Sign in Tables

Volunteers are required at the sign in tables, mostly at the Auditorium, but may also include Grand River, Don McLaren, Sportsworld and Activa. Responsibilities include: ensuring that the officials are on time; retrieving the game sheet from the timekeeper; calling in the results of each game; directing questions to the Director; ensuring coaches and officials are aware of the rules; and providing game MVP awards or other paraphernalia to coaches upon sign in.