

2020 Ken and Beryl Knudtsen Memorial Spirit Award

COHEN SNUKAL-LYON

TWHA Novice 2 Red



Cohen's Head Coach submitted an outstanding nomination letter. Here is an excerpt:

After reading about Ken Knudtsen, dedication is what comes to my mind. When I think about dedication to the sport of hockey on our team, Cohen is the first name that comes to my mind. Cohen is one of 5 first year novice players on his team out of 18. However, as the hockey season comes to an end you would never know this was his first year in novice. Cohen has come a long way this season, and one of the traits that has helped his development as a hockey player is his personal dedication to the game and his team. Cohen is one of the first players at practices and games and is always one of the first on the ice. He is always ready to go. With a smile on his face, he takes on new challenges that the coaches ask of him in practices and games.

Cohen is a pleasure to coach. He always gives the coaches' his full attention, and gives his best efforts in practices. Even in drill that are difficult for him. It is this dedication that has help him developed to the level he has this year. He is not afraid to fail at a skill, and will push himself in practices and games to try to master a new skill or move. Cohen has the ability to focus on the small details. When Cohen comes off the ice at the end of a practice or game you can tell he has pushed himself physically and has left it all out on the ice; and he had fun doing it. The kid is dedicated.

Ken Knudtsen also was also difference maker. He made a difference in the lives of his grandchildren to go that extra mile. Cohen is a difference maker too. He is a quiet leader, and his teammates always want to have Cohen on their line. He doesn't say much in the locker room or on the bench, but he does lead by example. His teammates know that Cohen will make that pass to them if they are open. They know that Cohen is committed to playing without the puck, and he will make a hard back check or a slide in front of a pass to stop a goal. Cohen will chase down a loose puck or battle hard in the corner to give his team an advantage. The little thing that make a play valuable to their team. That little extra. Cohen never has a bad comment to say to anyone and is respectful to everyone on his team. These are just some of the reasons that Cohen is a difference maker to his team.

As the recipient of this award, Cohen will receive:

- \$500.00 gift card to Play-It-Again Sports Westhills
- His name on the Memorial Trophy displayed at the Flames Community Arenas
- Personalized engraved metal water bottle "trophy"

A TWHA player in need of financial assistance will receive full reimbursement of TWHA registration for the 2020-2021 season in Cohen's name. This was made possible by financial supporters of this award, Nesbitt Burns, Trails West teams that donated surplus team funds and TWHA Bantam/Midget Cup surplus funds. Three \$250 gift cards were donated from Play It Again Sports Westhills which will be offered to TWHA players requesting financial assistance for the 2020-2021 season.