

**ATTENTION ALL NATIONALS TEAM MANAGERS**  
**OPENING CEREMONY INFORMATION**  
**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**(Teams need to arrive at 6:15.)**

Dear Nationals Team Managers,

Congratulations to your team and welcome to San Jose! We hope that your team enjoys their Nationals Tournament experience. Best of luck to all of the players! Please plan to have your team join all 34 Nationals teams for a kick-off Opening Ceremony at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. San Jose Sharks TV broadcaster Randy Hahn will be the Ceremony MC and surely will keep everyone entertained with his humor and respect for the game. We have an all-star line-up of guest speakers including former San Jose Shark great and fan favorite, Mike Ricci! Raffle prizes will be awarded to a handful of lucky players throughout the ceremony and we will conclude the Ceremony with an opportunity for all players to gather on the Civic floor for pin trading. Please encourage your players to bring pins for trading. This is in addition to any pin trading they might do with their opponents during the Tournament. (Players can trade team pins or they can trade pins they've collected throughout their playing years!)

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** Teams need to arrive at 6:15; Ceremony begins at 7:00

**WHERE:** San Jose Civic Auditorium, 135 West San Carlos Street, San Jose

<http://maps.google.com/?q=37.330971+-121.888426+%28135+West+San+Carlos+Street%2C+San+Jose%2C+CA%2C+95113%2C+us%29>

**PARKING:** Parking garage is located at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center.

<http://www.sjdowntownparking.com/assets/files/ParkingMap2010.pdf>

Players will assemble WITH A COACH in the plaza area behind the Civic at 6:15. (Please refer to the map on the next page.) Players need to find their team sign and gather together with their teammates and coach. When the Ceremony begins at 7:00, teams will parade into the auditorium one team at a time.

Parents and other guests will enter through the main entrance. (Please refer to the map on the next page.)

Teammates should be dressed alike, i.e. all players in jerseys, all players in team polos, etc.

**Opening Ceremony agenda (subject to change without notice)**

6:15 Venue opens; teams organize in outdoor plaza; VIP reception  
7:00 Ceremony begins  
7:20 San Jose Jr. Sharks or Sharks Ice speaker  
7:25 Raffle prizes  
7:30 Mayor Chuck Reed  
7:35 Bruce Urban/USA Hockey  
7:40 Raffle prizes  
7:45 Mike Ricci  
7:55 MC closing comments  
8:00 Team pin trading  
8:30 Ceremony concludes

See you in San Jose,

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