

WILMINGTON YOUTH HOCKEY

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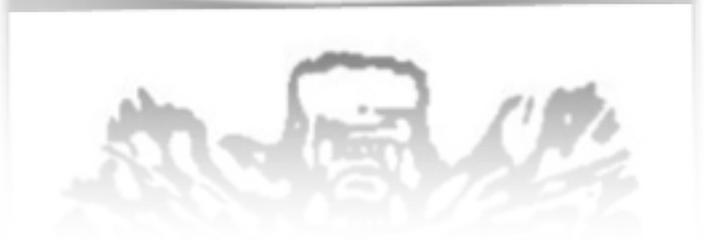
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Congratulations to Our Stanley Cup Champions: Boston Bruins.

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Summer Skills:

As the Summer is coming to an end, so are the WYHA Skills sessions. We had over 60 Players take part in our weekly event. A big THANK YOU to the people who got it organized and to the following coaches for taking time away from a Summer barbecue or two, to come out and help out our program.

Dave Smith, Brett Hally, Eric Packer, Joe Higgins, Bob Farrell, Mark Cedrone Jay Thibert, John Bernazani, Joe Kippenberger and High School Player Cam Owens

Buzzer Registration Open:

WYHA Buzzer Program is officially open for registration, please visit the Web Site for details.

New Hockey Jersey updates:

Shirts are ready and will be distributed to teams for those who have paid. If you have questions or concerns please contact Dennis Ahlin at djahlin@verizon.net

USA Hockey Registrations must be completed :

REMINDER: You MUST register for USA Hockey PRIOR to 2011-2012 Season and send in your confirmation number to Joanne Stafford at hockey4kids@verizon.net.

*If not your child will not be able to skate on the ice per USA Hockey rules.

Sub-Committees Help Needed:

Currently we have the following sub-committees that could always use some help. If available please go to the "feedback" link on our web site and enter what you are interested in.

Communication, Player Development, Scheduling and Fundraising

Season Start Date:

Season is scheduled to begin on September 7th, 2011

Schedules should be coming out within the next few weeks, please check the web site for future information.

Fundraising Committee Message:

We had a successful outcome last season during the first year of the committee's existence. The committee is anxious and excited about the upcoming season.

First and foremost the Fundraising committee is sponsoring a "Welcome back to Hockey Day", Saturday September 10, 2011 from 4:00Pm -8:00Pm at Ipswich River Park in North Reading MA. Pizza will be provided. The Snack Shack will be open. The Outdoor Hockey Rink will be available exclusively to WYHA. The facilities have picnic areas, basketball courts, tennis courts, skate park, fields, walkways for bikes and scooters, playground and more. Please pack your own coolers or plan to visit the snack shack and join us for what will be a great day.

The Committee is planning to provide Hockey socks for all WYHA 2011-2012 registered players.

The Committee is working with Chili's to lock down a date that "Chili's Gives Back" to WYHA. During that day Chili's will donate 10% of purchases that present the "Give Back Night" flyer. Details will be posted on our web site when this is finalized.

Last season's 80's party was such a huge success that the Committee is already working on the next adult night out/Dance. This year it will be held in a bigger venue at the Knights of Columbus on Saturday March 10th, 2012. The Theme is TBD.

The Committee has also been working on starting the Paw Shoppe, which will be available to all on our Web Site. The shop will sell different WYHA apparel at all times. We are planning on having various apparel on display and available for sale Saturday September 10th, 2011 at Ipswich River Park. For the upcoming Holiday season we are also planning to have a stand at the Rink on Sundays during practices beginning late

October/ early November. We hope the WYH players show their colors through these nice products. More details will be posted to the web site.

*The fundraising committee continues to make and change plans. Information will be posted and forwarded as plans are set.

Equipment Reminders:

Just a friendly reminder to check your child's equipment from now, they grow way too fast. There is nothing worse then trying to lace up skates that are two sizes too small.

Coaching Training:

Our coaches work hard during the season and the off-season. They need certifications to get on that bench to coach our children. They attend classes both offsite and online, they work hard to get certified. USA hockey is constantly trying to improve the game and as a result our coaches have to constantly keep up with those changes as well. We would like to Thank them in advance for their dedication and commitment to making WYHA a better program for today and tomorrow.

Web Site Changes to Notice:

We have added a VIP links tab pointing our members to important information pertaining to our Hockey Leagues.

We have added "documents, forms and more" tab highlighting anything that needs to be signed or referenced that is in a PDF format. Parents, Players and Coaches should visit this link prior to the season.

We are in the works of creating a "Paw Shoppe" tab, which will allow us to purchase apparel online via the Fundraiser committee.

We have added a road map called "Program Summary" for all current levels, which can be found under the "program info" tab.

We have created a "tournaments" tabs which highlights different tournaments that we have taken part in.

We would like to remind you that you can use the "in the exchange" tab to sell older equipment to a fellow WYHA player, or feel free to use it to donate to another WYHA player.

One stop shopping is our goal for our web site, for information, registration, team communications, coaching assistance, etc.

Be Heard:

"Ask A Question". WYHA is trying to make sure that no one is not heard. We invite you to ask any question regarding our program that you cannot find on our website. Questions will be answered by an appropriate Board Member.

Our Message to you All:

Our program is consistently trying to improve itself. This is solely done with volunteers. With your help we can try to improve our program and the experience of our children. Constructive feedback is always welcome.

Thank You