

Warrior Update



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USA Hockey On-Line Registration

In order to play hockey in any CSHL organization one must be registered with USA Hockey. The annual registration fee is \$35.00 and has always been paid by WHA through a players dues cost. USA Hockey is now recommending all players register on their own at the USA Hockey web site: http://www.usahockey.com/youth/main_site/main/home/.

We are currently evaluating having all players register directly through USA Hockey, players who register directly will be credited this fee off their final dues assessment. Please look for summer updates prior to next years registration.

WHA Golf-Outing

All WHA Members ... have no fear, all skill levels are represented.

We Really need all families to help out, whether golfing or volunteering.

Please consider golfing, or soliciting donations, or hole sponsors (see below). Friday, 25 August 2006

12:00 Lunch, 1:00pm "shotgun" start, at Avondale Golf course located in Avon. Maximum of 144 Golfers, on 36 four-person teams, (2 teams per hole). Captains of teams may register by contacting Registration (Joe Geither @ 216-534-1214). You can register as a two-some and we will pair you with another WHA two-some. Cost is \$80.00, covers green fees (18 holes), cart, lunch and dinner, and libations. Water and Beverages will need to be carried individually, so a small cooler is recommended.

- Lunch prior to Tee off.
- Steak dinner at the end.
- Can join us late for dinner/drinks only for \$35.00
- Each team eligible for grand prize drawing.

There will be many other fund raising activities like an Auction, Chinese Raffles, Closest to the Pins contest, Longest Drive contest, etc. A "Stanley Cup like" trophy for the winning team, with names to be engraved, and display in the WHA trophy case on a year-to-year basis. Think of the joy of walking around at the barbeque, hoisting and kissing this trophy. For questions, or information contact any of the below persons.

The Golf Outing Committee

Joe Geither Phone : cell 216-534-1214

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WHA to Change Jerseys For 2006-07 Season

Though it is never a popular decision, the WHA board has approved a new, revised uniform for both home and away for all Winterhurst teams this upcoming season. With the incorporation of the Cleveland Warrior Select teams, it was thought that this was good timing to give the entire organization a new look. There are some significant differences and they are detailed below.

Most important to all families is the cost. The new jerseys will run \$75 per shirt, (\$150.00 per player). This is significant. However, the board also approved a \$15 per jersey credit, based on our upcoming "Night at the Races" Fundraiser. All teams who take an active part in volunteering and/or participating in this Fundraiser will receive the \$30 per player credit. This will be one of our more important Fundraiser and we will need very active participation from all WHA members to make this work. In addition, you will note during registration that the dues for the 2006-07 will remain the same as last year. This is to help alleviate the increased cost of the uniforms.

The uniforms will not be ordered until after tryouts and team selection is made. But as you would guess this will be priority-ONE during tryouts. WHA board members, and Geiger's sports will have representatives at the rink during tryouts. It is very important that you get your child fitted, (with equipment on) during this period. There will also be a minimum down payment (TBD) that will be required to order your shirt. Once teams are assigned, and uniform numbers confirmed, (no two players with same number), then the order will be placed and the jerseys should be available within a couple of weeks, well before the start of pre-season games.

The uniforms will be high quality, vintage Boston Bruins shirt, with a tie-string neck. The home (white) will have a Chicago Black-Hawk Indian head, and the away (black) will have "Winterhurst" across the chest. The original "w" w/crossed sticks will be a patch on the upper right shoulder of both Home and Away sweaters. The logos and numbers (both back and sleeve) will be two-colored, sewn-on instead of screened.

New to these uniforms is that we are NOT going to put the child's last name on the back of the shirt. This is similar to what high schools and other organizations do. This is for a couple of reasons. Reason (1) is that is theory, you play for the name on the front of the shirt, not the name on the back. And reason (2) is that this will make shirts much easier to swap from family-to-family when a player has outgrown his shirt. In the future, we envision a "swap" forum on the web site, in which you can sell or trade smaller shirts for larger shirts as your child grows in stature.

Lastly, to keep the shirts uniform, we will not be putting sewn-on backer strips on these shirts. These are typically haphazardly sewn on, or not put on at all. In addition, these strips themselves tend to deteriorate with each washing. Instead we will be working with each team to use portion of the backer money to purchase a backer-banner, to had on the glass behind the bench during home and away games.

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WHA Night At The Races - September 30, 2006

Mark your calendars now for the WHA Night at The Races scheduled for September 30, 2006 at the Ampol Hall on Pearl Road in Parma. Proceeds will go towards reducing costs of the new WHA jerseys. In order for this event to be successful we need many volunteers! All teams will be required to participate...look for more information coming soon! Please contact Jane Fazio to see how you can help (440) 532-9347

Squirt 96 Select Team

As you know, previously the board approved the Cleveland Warrior "Selects" for birth year 1994, 1995 and 1993. Subsequently, after some discussion and a close vote, the board voted to create an "intro" select team out of the 1996 birth year players. The original plan was for the TRUE SELECT to be for the two Peewee years and Bantam years. Our thought was that for the last year squirts, we would run some sort of "select" team, made up of kids from multiple organizations as a layer or addition to the regular Squirt AA team. However, based on additional thought and discussion, including outside interest, the board decided to make the 1996 birth year, (last year of Squirt) a sort of "transition" or "intro" select team.

What this means is that tryouts will be open to all organizations. The 96 Select tryouts will be at the same time as the other selects teams, (prior to the organizations tryouts). This team will get a small bump in cost (maybe an increase to \$1,000 instead of \$825), and will get the corresponding bump in ice time. This team will presumably not qualify for CSHL play-offs, (more than 3 imports), but may play in the league as an independent. They will pick up games with other Tier-2, AA teams in the area, as well as Columbus, Toledo, etc. There will also be a corresponding bump in travel, but not much. Instead of doing Niagara Falls, or Ann arbor, we may do Silver Sticks, and States, and possibly piggy-back on a couple of tournaments in Canada with the other select teams. I would suspect we would do maybe three "true" out of town tournaments, and possibly a couple of "day-trips" or "over-nights".

This team will be coached by Joe Geither, and assisted by Kris McCrone and others. Tryouts and selections will be done by a "committee" of WHA and Select members. In theory the team will be focused on 1996 birth year players, but will consider younger players on a case-by-case basis.

The board would like to encourage all 1996 players that hoped to play on the AA team to tryout for this team. We will work to avoid letting this "initial" step becoming a burden either financially, or travel/time wise. This will allow our true "peewee aged" select to hit the ground running the following year.