

# WARRIOR BULLETIN

## Summer Ice

WHA has posted the summer ice sessions for all divisions this year. Sessions will begin on June 23rd, 2007. Take advantage of these sessions!

### *PeeWee/Bantam*

Saturday	June 23rd	10:00AM-11:15AM
Saturday	July 7th	10:00AM-11:15AM
Saturday	July 14th	10:30AM-11:45AM
Saturday	July 21st	10:00AM-11:15AM
Saturday	Aug 4th	10:00AM-11:15AM

### *Mite/Squirt*

Sunday	June 24th	5:45PM-6:45PM
Saturday	June 30th	8:45AM-9:45AM
Sunday	July 15th	5:45PM-6:45PM
Saturday	July 28th	8:45AM-9:45AM
Sunday	Aug 5th	1:45PM-2:45PM

## Golf Outing—Need More Players!

Mark your calendars for the Annual WHA Golf Outing on August 25th, 2007 at Emerald Woods Golf Course in Columbia Station. Cost is \$90.00 and includes lunch and Dinner. Please contact either Chris Pulling (216) 702-2810 or Mark Fazio (440) 532-0809 to make your reservations. Check the web page for the flyer.

## Night At The Races—Mark Your Calendars!

The Annual NATR will be held on Saturday, November 17th, 2007 at the AMPOL hall in Parma, Ohio. \*Coaches and Managers, please do not schedule tournaments this weekend. More details to come!

## Jersey Swap Shop—WHA Selling New Jersey Sets

WHA is now selling new jersey home and away sets that were from extra purchases last year. These jerseys sets are available for \$120.00. Please check the Jersey Swap Shop on the WHA web page located in the main menu for available jerseys sizes with numbers. If you have used jerseys you would like to post in the jersey swap shop, please contact Raymond Wtulich—wtulichr@hitachimed.com

## WHA Organization Tournament—Windy City Trip!

WHA will be traveling to Chicago, Illinois October 26th-28th, 2007 to participate in the Chicago Fall Classic. All divisions are available for this tournament. Look for more detailed information coming soon. Mark Fazio will be directing the efforts. Information can be found at the following link.

[www.advancedtournaments.com](http://www.advancedtournaments.com)

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## Hockey Registration

Thanks to the many who have already registered online with USA Hockey! Registration forms for the fall 2007-08 season will be sent to via email and now can be downloaded on our web page.

\* Those who have attended birth year team tryouts do not need to submit WHA registration forms as this was completed at tryouts. However, please fill out the "short form" to identify your player (s) when submitting your first dues assessment.

\* Every player MUST register on line with USA Hockey for the 2007-08 season.

Registration forms are now available on our web page.

### Summary of Registration Forms

USA Hockey Online Registration on our web page  
(Every player must register.)

WHA Registration Form

(For players who did not attend birth year tryouts or are new to the organization.)

WHA Short Form

(For players who have attended birth year tryouts and are submitting 1st dues assessment. This form identifies your player (s) along with your check so there is no confusion.)

Consent To Treat

(This form will be issued to you by your team manager before your first practice.)

### WHA Team Fees

Travel Team (Players)	Travel Team (Goalies)
House - \$95.00 (Per session)	N/A
Mite 1- \$800.00	\$200.00
Mite 2- \$725.00	\$200.00
Mite 3- \$625.00	\$200.00
Squirt 1- \$925.00	\$200.00
Squirt 2- \$825.00	\$200.00
PeeWee 1 - \$1,000.00	\$200.00
PeeWee 2 - \$825.00	\$200.00
Bantam 1- \$1,125.00	\$200.00
H.S. Club - \$875.00 (Team fee TBD)	\$200.00

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## 2007 USA Hockey Annual Congress—Rule Changes



2007 USA Hockey Annual Congress  
June 7-9, 2007



Dear Coach:

As you may know at the recent Annual Congress there were several playing rule change proposals being considered. Several of those proposals were discussed and debated over the last few months. This letter is to inform you of the decisions made by the USA Hockey Board of Directors on some of the key proposals.

**Proposal 45C** – Adding tag-up offside to all age classifications was **defeated**. This proposal was enthusiastically debated since the winter meetings in January. An article in the April/May issue of the USA Hockey Magazine presented both sides of the debate. Prior to the Board of Directors meeting on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the Coaches Section and the Playing Rules Committee hosted an open forum. A panel of experts on both sides of the debate discussed the issues with attendees. Following is some of the information presented at the forum:

History of the Offside Rule:

	1936	1980-81	1987-88	1997-98	2003-04	2007
Tag-up			10 years			
Delayed		5 years		6 years		
Immediate	46 years					4 years

Throughout the 2006-07 season, several staff members and volunteers conducted a survey at 150 Youth hockey games. The survey tallied the number and type of offsides called during the game.

Survey Summary:

Age Classification	Youth 12 & Under	Youth 14 & Under	Youth 16 & Under	Youth 18 & Under	H/S	Total
Number of Games	32	30	36	33	19	150
Average number of Offsides per game	7	7.2	6.2	6.6	9.2	7.04
Average number of Offsides called with both rules	4	5	4.3	3.8	7	4.6
Average number of Offsides called only because of immediate offside rule	3	2.2	1.9	2.8	2.2	2.4
Average number of regroup to avoid immediate offside	4.8	6.5	14.3	17	7	
Number of games that finished within allotted time	31	30	34	31	18	144

20 games ---- Average number of whistles = 46  
Average number of offside = 7  
Average number of offside due to current rule = 2.5

Other: Goals, Puck Freeze, Puck out of Play, Time-out, penalties, icing

The Coaches Section hopes you will continue to teach your players a puck possession game as encouraged by maintaining the immediate offsides rule. Mike Sullivan explains this best by saying:

*"The biggest pitfall that I have witnessed at the youth hockey level is something I call the 'Safe Hockey' phenomenon. What is 'Safe Hockey?' 'Safe Hockey' is a certain way the game is being played that allows teams at the youth levels a better chance to win. It is a game of territory. It's when coaches discourage players to make hockey plays for fear of losing the puck and potentially getting scored against. Coaches will encourage players to dump the puck in the offensive zone as opposed to trying to make a play on the initial rush. 'Get it out!' and 'Get it deep!' are phrases that are indicative of the 'Safe Hockey' phenomenon. I believe it is the biggest inhibitor of development that exists in youth hockey. We have to allow kids the opportunity to try to make plays. We have to allow the game to become the teacher."*

Mike Sullivan – USAH National Team and former NHL Coach

**Proposal 45B** – Allowing tag-up offside for the High School Classification was **passed**. This rule is consistent with current non-USA Hockey High School Federation rules.

**Proposal 39** – Eliminating icing when a team was shorthanded was **defeated**. The Massachusetts District pilot project as well as the use of this rule in national select camps did not persuade the board of directors to change the current rule. However, the vote on this rule was close.

**Proposal 36** – Minor penalty for a puck shot directly out of rink from the defensive zone by any player other than the goalie was **defeated**. Inconsistency in glass height in youth hockey buildings was one of the primary reasons this proposal was defeated.

**Proposal 22B** – Removing the Game Misconduct for the Head Coach whose team receives 15 penalties or more was **defeated**. There was some discussion about this but there was overwhelming support that this rule should stay in place.

We wish you well in the coming season.

Regards,

Al Bloomer  
National Coach in Chief

Mark Tabrum  
Director, Coaching Education Program

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## WHA Team Web Pages—Team Managers & Coaches

Team managers are encouraged to create and update your respective team pages on the web site. In order to create and update a specific team page access and a password must be provided. If you need access for a team page or need assistance with updating team information, please contact Raymond Wtulich, wtulichr@hitachimed.com.

### New Web features this year!

*We have purchased more disk space for pictures!*

*The ability to display digital camera video clips is now available!*

*Look for being able to order team spirit wear online this year!*

## 2007-08 Coaches Announced

Congratulations to the following coaches who have been selected for the 2007-08 season. If anyone has an interest in coaching a Mite 3 team, please contact Rick Thrasher at mi3ninos@hotmail.com

### 2007-08 WHA Coaches

In House	Jason Novack
Mite 1	Gabe Gerard
Mite 2	Dan Corrigan
Mite 3	TBA
Squirt 1	Ed Ward
Squirt 2	Ed Patton
BY 98's	Mike Glover
BY 97's	Kris McCrone
PeeWee 1	Mark Greenaker
PeeWee 2	Ron McCann
BY 96's	Jeff Tyhulski
BY 95's	David Arendec
Bantam 1	Nick Blume
BY 93's	Ron Short

## WHA Board 2007-08

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The Winterhurst Board holds regular meetings and all are invited and encouraged to attend. Check the "Board & Committees" link on the web page for the next meeting. As of September, all team managers are requested to be at the board meetings.

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