

WARRIOR BULLETIN

A Message From Our President

Well, the days are getting shorter; the leaves are starting to change, there's a nip in the air, and you can hear the drums from the local high school football games drifting through the evening air. That must mean its hockey season. Try-outs are done, teams are set and schedules are starting to get fleshed out, and we are ready to roll.

I hope this update finds you and your child excited about the upcoming hockey season. We can all kiss those free weekends good-bye, and start renewing our friendships from last season, and more importantly start to make new ones.

This season is Winterhurst Hockey's 29th year, since its founding in 1978, and it should be one of our most dramatic. Numbers for hockey are down across the US and in particular in the Mid-AM district (OH, MI, IN and PA). All the organizations across the Cleveland area are feeling this pinch. One need only go to the CSHL message board to see this. However, with the full incorporation of our Cleveland Warrior program, under the direction of Ron Short, the WHA has increased our membership to the point where we are fielding three additional teams, including four at the Pee wee's and four at the Squirt level.

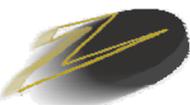
The WHA will field seven mixed teams this year, (2 Mites, 2 Squirts, 2 Pee wees, 1 Bantam), to go with our five Birth Year teams, (93 bantams, 95 & 96 Pee wees, 97 & 98 Squirts). In addition, the WHA is one of the only, (if not the only) organization to still provide a playing option for our high school aged players with the Lakewood High School Club hockey team. This year's focus was to provide a more intensive approach to the In-House program. This began over the summer as for the first time we ran an introductory program though the summer months. WHA will still field a CSHL Mite-C team out of this In-House group, as well as fielding an older, U13 In-House team to provide a place for older players to begin their hockey careers, and not be left behind if they didn't start at age 5 with most other players.

The WHA is still offering the type of programs that we hope differentiate us from other programs, such as goalie clinics, skating and skills clinics new this year, plenty of ice on our two sheets, as well as additional ice purchased at Halloran rink in Cleveland. The WHA offers one of the better web sites in the league with lots of information, all kept current. I urge you all to check this out regularly. Input can always be provided to our webmaster, Ray Wtulich.

Remember, almost everyone involved in running your son or daughters team is a volunteer. These volunteers are involved in issues such as our organization trip to Chicago in October, our fund-raisers (Golf Outing, Pres Day Tournament, Night at the Races), and many other issues related to running the teams and league. If you ever wonder how many hundreds of decisions are made, just come to one of our board meetings and listen in. These are held the second Thursday of each month. There are many ways to run things, and invariably there will be issues. I can only ask that you approach and address these issues as adults, and with keeping in mind that what most of these kids take from their hockey experience will not be a team and leadership skills.

There are hundreds of hours of volunteer work put in to making This successful organization. Please don't sit on the sidelines and Criticize. Look for opportunities to help out by letting your team manager know you are available, from scoring games, or running the clock, to team manager, to running a fund-raiser, to activity with the WHA board. Get involved.

Lastly, my goal since I started with the WHA over 12 years ago has always been to keep the kids sweaty, smiling and playing hockey through high school. I am always available to talk about any issues, and any member should feel free to contact me. Good Luck to all our many coaches and players, and let the games, (and practices) begin. *Joe Geither, President WHA*



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Skill Clinics Scheduled — *Note New Updated Times

WHA has scheduled skill clinics for both players and goalies, these sessions are a great opportunity for extra ice and developing fundamentals.

Goalie Clinics

Saturday, September 15th

8:00-9:00AM (Mites/Squirts)

9:15-10:15AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Saturday, October 6th

7:15-8:15AM (Mites/Squirts)

8:15-9:15AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Saturday, October 20th

7:00-8:00AM (Mites/Squirts)

8:00-9:00AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Player Skill Sessions

Saturday, September 15th

10:30-11:30AM (Mites/Squirts)

11:45-12:45AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Saturday, September 22nd

6:50-7:50AM (Mites/Squirts)

8:00-9:00AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Saturday, October 20th

6:50-7:50AM (Mites/Squirts)

7:50-8:50AM (PeeWee/Bantams)

Saturday, November 3rd

6:50-7:50AM (Mites/Squirts)

8:00-9:00AM (PeeWee/Bantams)



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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. We need volunteers, please contact Jane Fazio to see how you can help. timestandstill@adelphia.net

**Coaches and Managers, please do not schedule tournaments this weekend.*

WHA Organization Tournament—Chicago!

WHA will be traveling to Chicago, Illinois October 26th-28th, 2007 to participate in the Cross Roads Tournament (Big Bear) . All divisions are available for this tournament. www.shootouthockey



Contact Mark Fazio for team participation:
timestandstill@adelphia.net

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Take The Warrior Puck Challenge

Playing competitive youth sports requires more than just attending team practices, one must practice at home to continue improving basic skills and fundamentals. The Warrior Puck Challenge is a program that is designed to focus on developing and improving shooting skills from House through Bantam level in your own backyard.

The first session has started on September 9th, please contact Jason Novak for your FREE registration and drill sessions schedule. j13novak@gmail.com

Session 1 (Sunday's start the week)

September: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
October: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
November: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
December: 2nd

Session 2 (Sunday's start the week)

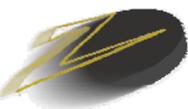
December: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
January: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
February: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
March 2nd

WHA Appoints Apparel Coordinator

I would like to introduce myself as the Apparel Coordinator for Winterhurst Hockey. My name is Jenny Dawson, my husband is Brian and I have 3 kids. My son, Jeffrey, plays for the Mite 1 team. My oldest, Jordyn, is a freshman and my youngest, Jade, is in 2nd grade. My position as Apparel Coordinator was made to unify our team apparel design and ensure proper use of our license agreement. In the near future expect a web link with information on ordering for your team, vendor contacts and design guidelines. Team managers, coaches and families should feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions by phone, 440-590-3363, or email, RNJennyD@hotmail.com. Information will also be sent to vendors directly. Have a spectacular preseason!

WHA Presidents Day Tournament

WHA is busy preparing for the annual Presidents Day Tournament February 15-17th, 2008. A well established and recognized tournament that year over year combines very competitive hockey with a "local run" atmosphere. The tournament will again feature daily bake sales, Chinese raffles & 50/50 raffles as well as T-shirts and action photos for purchase. We are seeking volunteers to help make this event successful, please contact our Tournament Director, Mark Fazio to see how you can help. timestandstill@adelphia.net



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WHA To Launch New Web Site

To kick off the 2007-08 season WHA will be launching a new web site in the next week or two. The new site is currently being configured and updated with our organization and team information. This new site offers more flexibility and tools to support our growing organization...look for the email announcement coming soon!



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WHA Email list

As we begin the season a new WHA batch email has been created using information from the registration process. If you are no longer receiving WHA update emails or would like to add an additional address, please contact Raymond Wtulich.

Background Checks

In keeping with USA Hockey recommendations WHA will be conducting background checks on all coaches and managers. A letter will be sent to all that are required to be checked.

Team Sponsorships

Customizable team sponsorship forms can be downloaded from our main web page. If a parent brings in a sponsorship they have the option of applying 20% of the sponsorship amount to a players dues. Please forward all completed sponsorship forms to Paul Teets (His address is on the form)

Tot Hockey

The Tot hockey program continues to be a successful entry level program for youngsters who are interested in learning to play hockey. If you know of a youngster who is interested in learning hockey, please contact Margo Jerome mdjerome@aol.com
Sessions will be on Thursday mornings at 11:00AM at Winterhurst.

Looking for a Tournament?

Here are a couple tournaments from teams who have supported our President's Day Tournament for many years.

www.usahockey.com/indiana_youth_hockey
www.pittsburghaviators.com/

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Team Fundraisers

In-House

The In-house team will be selling Winterhurst window decals throughout the year. Cost is \$12.00, please contact Melissa Novak. m13novak@gmail.com



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Cleveland Warriors 98

The 98's are selling indoor hockey doormats for \$20.00. First batch sold out in one week! Contact Laura Wtulich laurawtulich@cox.net



Mite 1

The Mite 1 team will be having a pizza and wings fundraiser on September 29, 2007 at Dina's Pizza and Pub, 5701 Memphis Avenue from 5:00-8:00PM. All you can eat pizza, wings, beer and pop for \$15.00! Contact Jenny Dawson RNJenny@hotmail.com

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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.