

MCDOWELL HOCKEY CLUB COMMITMENT FORM **PLEASE READ AND SIGN**

The McDowell Hockey Club will have two teams for the 2017 – 2018 season; Junior Varsity and Middle School. Middle School will play in the PIHL. McDowell is in the process of petitioning the PIHL to play in the Open Division at the High School level. Information regarding this process will be communicated to our parents at General Membership meetings in the coming months. However, please note that the McDowell Hockey Club reserves the right to play in whatever league the Board and coaching staff feels will best suit the talent and skill level of our program. At the High School level, this will include both weekday and weekend commitment.

Buses may be chartered to provide transportation to and from those league games outside of our district. To ease the cost of participation in the McDowell program, this transportation will be for players and coaches only. Regular season bus transportation for players to away games will be included in the player assessment. Any post-season bus fees would be assessed on a per game basis and usually range from \$45.00 to \$65.00 per player. Additionally, the Club will not provide transportation to independent games. It will always be the parents' responsibility to arrange for this transportation. The Club reserves the right to make adjustments to transportation for the season based upon cost. The primary focus of assessment fees should be utilized to improve the skill level and player development of our participants and the Board is committed to ensuring that transportation costs are decreased in the coming season.

You may use the per player fee estimate below as a guideline for the 2017 – 2018 season. **Costs will not be finalized until the number of players per team is determined and the teams are confirmed through payment of Commitment Fees. Furthermore, final estimates cannot be presented until we have received the finalized league schedule, and any bus transportation is verified.** Please note that the prices below represent approximate fees for the entire year including all applicable practices, league games, independent games, coaching staff salaries and transportation.

Estimated Junior Varsity: \$1650.00

Estimated Middle School: \$1250.00

Payments to the Club for the 2017-2018 season will be due as follows:

- **Initial Commitment Fee: \$350.00 – Due by May 30th**
Initial Commitment Fee is due for all players that have been selected to the High School and Middle School teams by May 30th. If a player does not remit the initial commitment fee by this date, the selection offer to the player will be rescinded and another player selected in their place. Once a player has committed, this fee will not be refunded and players are expected to honor their commitment to our program.
- **Summer Installment Fee: \$300.00 – Due June 30th.** After this fee is remitted, you will remain obligated to pay the entire team assessment, regardless of circumstances, whether or not your player completes the season or misses portions of the season due to illness, injury, academic ineligibility, legal ineligibility or ineligibility per Millcreek Township School District rules.
- **Fall Installment Fee: \$400.00 – Due September 15th**
- **Assessment Fee Balance: Due November 1st in FULL.**
- For your convenience, the balance due as of June 30th may be paid in monthly installments to be paid on the 1st of each month through November. If you elect to pay using the installment method, you are still responsible for the full assessment amount.

NOTE: Failure to maintain a player's account in good standing will result in the player's ineligibility to participate in any McDowell Hockey Club activities until the account is brought current. In addition, McDowell Hockey Club reserves the right to notify USA Hockey if a player's account is not in good standing, which will render the player ineligible to play for any other USA Hockey sanctioned team until the player's obligations to the Club are satisfied.

Fundraisers: Many players are able to pay their entire Assessment Fee by obtaining Ads for the annual McDowell Hockey Club Ad Book. The Ad Book campaign will begin in May. You are prohibited from starting your Ad

Book campaign until the Ad Book Chairman distributes the official information for the current season. The reason for the restriction is that the Club has a DO NOT CALL LIST that enables current players to contact their current sponsors for the following year. Additionally, to keep club costs down, there will be mandatory fundraisers that parents are expected to participate in to ensure that the operational costs of the program are covered for each season. These fundraisers, the Ad Book campaign, as well as other information, will be explained more at the General Membership Meetings. **Each player must have a representative present at all General Membership meetings.**

All checks for assessments should be made payable to: McDowell Hockey Club

All Payments should be mailed to: McDowell Hockey Treasurer
4221 Neptune Drive
Erie, PA 16506

Volunteers: With the exception of the coaching staff, all operations of the Hockey Club are conducted through volunteers. Parents will be expected to assist the Club by volunteering their time as members of committees, participation in fundraisers, running the clock, keeping the score sheets and/or covering the penalty boxes. The time that our parents provide to our program is the very backbone of our success. Please be advised however, that failure to meet the volunteer obligations required by the club will result in additional assessments for your player's participation.

Thank you for being a part of what is next for our club. We are excited about the future. If you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me directly.

Thank you.

Tricia M. DeSanti-Boehm
McDowell Hockey Club President
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Having read the information above, I fully understand the financial requirements to play hockey for the McDowell Hockey Club. I understand that signing this commitment letter and remitting the Initial Commitment Fee of \$350.00, I am accepting a roster spot on this team. Furthermore, I agree that I will fulfill my total financial obligations to the McDowell Hockey Club as set forth herein and adhere at all times to the USA Hockey Code of Conduct and McDowell player responsibilities.

Player's Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Board Member Verification: _____