



White Plains, NY

# WHITE PLAINS HOCKEY CLUB

October 2018

Greetings from the Plainsmen Organization! We hope you enjoyed the last few days of summer. As the weather is finally starting to break, the crew at Ebersole is making final preparations to get the rink ready in time for the Oct 15th opening date. We want to provide you with several updates from our recent board meeting, what is happening across the organization, and some last comments as we get ready for the start of our hockey season.

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**Facebook** - Social media is cool, just ask your kids. You know what else is cool? All the updates we provide on Facebook so that we don't overwhelm you on email. If you haven't "liked" WP Plainsmen Hockey Club on Facebook yet, please take 30 secs now to pick up your phone, get on Facebook and follow us. Please be sure to send us any great photos that you might take so that we can post them to Facebook - email them to [WPPlainsmen@gmail.com](mailto:WPPlainsmen@gmail.com)

**Code of Conduct** - The White Plains Rec will be providing all players, coaches, managers and parents with a Code of Conduct that will need to be signed. It covers the basic standards of behavior for all members of our organization both at our home and away rinks. For those over-achievers out there, USA Hockey provides several memos detailing their code of conduct with the links below.

Code of Conduct Link: <https://www.usahockeyrulebook.com/page/show/1015129-codes-of-conduct>

In addition and in conjunction with our volunteer coaching staff, we want to highlight several things that we expect from all hockey players and parents which are briefly outlined below.

- ❖Electronic Devices: At no time are electronic devices such as cell phones allowed to be used in the locker rooms.
- ❖Locker Rooms: Locker Rooms are for the players (Squirt Level and up) and coaches only. All coaches have undergone USA Hockey designated SafeSport Training and Background Checks and have been designated on official rosters by USA Hockey as Coaches. This is a USA Hockey Rule but also just makes sense.
- ❖Pre-Game: At a minimum, all coaches expect their players to be dressed and ready 15 minutes prior to games. Coaches can increase that time by age level at their discretion.
- ❖24 Hr Rule: Any discussion with coaches regarding playing time or decisions will need to be done no later than 24 hours after the previous game. This provides all parties the opportunity to take a step back, re-evaluate the situation, and discuss it in a professional manner.
- ❖Open Door Policy: The Board has an open door policy. We've been working to be visible at all teams events and will continue to do so. So say "Hi" to DJ, Lisa, Rob, Doug or any of the other Board members and provide feedback on what you think can make the organization and experience more rewarding for our hockey players.



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**Fundraising** - What does the Plainsmen Organization really do? Our mission is to raise money - from either people within the organization or the community - and use that money to help defer the cost of hockey, specifically tournaments, extra ice time, coaching clinics, etc.

There are two important things to remember in fundraising. First this money is essential to our operation as an organization and Pepe Rodriguez and John Muzzio have been spear-heading that effort this year. To date, they have secured commitments from many small businesses and individuals in the community. The second, it is our responsibility as an organization to turn around and support those that have supported us. So when you have a choice of a vendor, please consider using one of the businesses below and make sure to say "Thank-you" to them for supporting Youth Hockey in the community.

### **Donations (as of Oct. 1st):**

#### **Playmaker (\$1000 +)**

RKB Materials

#### **Team Players (\$500-\$999)**

Dick's Sporting Goods

Parkview Plumbing

Cambria Suites

Artisan Foods

#### **Fans (\$100-\$499)**

Lombardo's Pizza

Brazen Fox

Hawthorne Wine & Spirits

DJS Auto Clinic North

Broadway Pizza

NuWay Cleaners

**Labor Day Tournament** - Four Plainsmen Teams headed to Philly over the Labor Day weekend (18U, 16U, Bantam TB and Pee-Wee A). To say it was a successful trip is a bit of an understatement, as collectively our hockey players went 15-3-1 with the 18U and 16U teams going undefeated (5-0 each). The Bantam TB team lost a tough match in the semi-finals vs. Valley Forge (who ended up winning in the finals) and the Pee-Wee A team made it to the finals, before losing to a Flyers Youth team. Not a bad way to start the season!

**Preseason Ice** - For the first time, we will have every team across our program on the ice before October 15th. As an organization and as coaches, we believe committing to this helps make our players more competitive vs. other organizations while still building the character that comes with being one of the only teams in the region to play on an outdoor facility. So when it gets to be January and you hear others complain about it being cold outside, you can smile, nod your head, and just say yes - knowing that they really have NO IDEA what being cold really means.

**Pecks/Preseason Checks** - If you've made the trek up the back steps to Peck's Skate Shop less than five times so far this fall, your head probably isn't fully in the hockey mindset. No worries though, as you will soon catch-up. A reminder to everyone in the program that Peck's is our preferred provider of hockey equipment, clothing, and bags.

**Dicks Coupon** - As a sponsor of the program, Dick's has provided coupons for all families in the organization to use ahead of the season. Please feel free to use the 20% coupon off for all items in the store coupon is valid ONLY Oct 13th to buy additional warm weather gear or other items.

**Campbell Family**- A quick update. The Campbell Family is very appreciative of the support from the Plainsmen Organization, and we want to pass that on to those who have donated. If you would like to make a donation, checks can be made payable to the WP Hockey Club or through Venmo @WPPlainsmen-Hockey - please note your name and "Campbell Donation" and we will pass them on. We have been providing the family Seamless Web gift cards so they can order food as best fits with their schedule.