



White Plains, NY

WHITE PLAINS HOCKEY CLUB

After some balmy weather for most of the winter, we finally got the cold spell that we were all hoping for at Ebersole. Our favorite quote came from a practice last week where one of the coaches said "OK everyone, lets get off the ice and warm-up inside" with the response from one of the players being "But Coach, there is 15 minutes left." Ahhhh, so goes the love of hockey and the ignorance of youth. The positive was all age groups practiced during the week and besides some rose colored cheeks and runny noses, everyone got off the ice safely and had a fun, energized practice.

So with that out of the way, straight into the key things to keep on your radar screens as the program moves into the last 1/3rd of the year, with playoff's on the horizon, the March Meltdown Tournament firmly in focus and finally...a reminder on our end of Year Banquet.

- 1) League Playoff's
- 2) State Tournament (TB Teams)
- 3) March Meltdown Update
- 4) Year End Banquet
- 5) Skiing Opportunity - Endless Adventure Camps
- 6) Try-outs WARNO (for non-military types WARNO = Warning Order)
- 7) Coaches Corner
- 8) Coaches vs. Rink Staff Game (March 30th)
- 9) Wine Tasting Recap

League Playoffs: The following teams have qualified for the playoff's in their respective leagues and it is a pretty extensive list. Mite A, Squirt B, Squirt A, Pee-Wee A, Bantam B, 16U and 18U. Playoff games will be played over the next couple of weeks (remember that league games have precedence over non-league games), so you may see some schedule changes as we ask other teams to accommodate getting those games in.

State Tournament: Two of our Tournament Bound Teams (16U & 18U) have qualified for the State Tournament during March. While we don't think ANYONE is excited to go to Buffalo at this time of the year for the weather, we know our teams are! We will provide you with updates as it gets closer, but make sure you say congratulations to the coaches and the skaters when you see them.

March Meltdown: March Meltdown will be held for 3 weeks from March 4th to March 24th with the Bantam B, Pee-Wee A & B, Squirt A & B, and Mite A & B all hosting tournaments. Most of the teams are set but we are still looking for a couple at various age levels and we are also looking for volunteers to run fun things like: "Chuck a Puck", 50/50 Raffles, Clock Management (who doesn't love getting yelled at for forgetting to start/stop the clock), and scoring.

Year-End Banquet: We are just reminding everyone that the Year-End Banquet will be held at Doral Arrowood on March 31st from 1-4pm. We will be going out to managers on what each team provides for the silent auction and look forward to seeing ALL of you there. More details will follow but please ensure that it is at least on your calendar...or if you are incapable of managing your family's calendar, please mention it to the responsible person in you live with who tells you when & where to go, so that you can be there.

Skiing Opportunity: Endless Adventure Camps is hosting a ski trip to Bellayre on March 3rd with registration currently open. We know that this is right around League Championships, but would be a great opportunity to get all of our kids out doing something that is kind of related to skating, but isn't actually skating. And if your hockey player has never been skiing, just tell them that its like skating except the skis are longer and gravity does all the work.



White Plains, NY

WHITE PLAINS HOCKEY CLUB

Try-Outs: Yes, it is that time of year where we all start stressing about next year. We recently sat down with the Rec and went through the try-out schedule. Our collective goal is to have all coaches for all teams identified ahead of the try-out dates, with defined team sizes by age group. More information on that will be forthcoming, but for now the tentative dates for try-outs are:

Team/Level	April 9 th	April 10 th	April 11 th
Mites/U8	5:00pm – 7:00pm		
Squirts/U10	7:15pm – 8:15pm	6:00pm – 7:00pm	
Pee Wees/U12	8:30pm – 9:30pm	7:15pm – 8:15pm	6:00pm – 7:00pm
Bantams/U14		8:30pm – 9:30pm	7:15pm – 8:15pm
Midgets/U16 & U18		9:45pm – 10:45pm	8:30pm – 9:30pm

Coaches Corner:

Squirt A went 5-2-1 in the month of January.

Pee-Wee B: Chris Accordino scored a natural 1st period Hatrick in a January game. Pretty neat to see that happen and they won 4-2.

Coaches vs. Rink Staff: The annual grudge match has been scheduled and will be March 30th in the evening (we think 7pm-8:30pm). Last year the coaches took the W despite playing the 3rd period with no skaters on the ice due to physical limitations and some impressive goal tending from our own Rob D. Feel free to come and cheer on your favorite coach as they try to practice what they preach to our kids.

Wine Tasting: Nearly 50 families attended the Wine Tasting put on by Pepe Rodriguez, Vino 100 and Lilly's. While it would have been great if that number was 150, all that attended had a great time and raised nearly \$3k for the program. As a reminder, Vino 100 will continue to donate 20% of proceeds from Winebow wine sales to the program. The full list of wines is available in the attachment or on our Facebook page. As we always say, when you have a choice, it is great to support the businesses that support our hockey players. So if you need wine or want to grab drinks/food and are cruising down Mamareoneck Avenue looking for a place to spend your money, stop by Lilly's or Vino 100.



Thank you - and GO PLAINSMEN!!





White Plains, NY

WHITE PLAINS HOCKEY CLUB



Ebersole Ice Rink
Stick-time
Sundays
7am-8:15am
\$10 Full gear

February Break
Erik Nates Clinic
Playland Ice Rink
2/19 – 2/22
Ages 7-17
11:30am – 2:30pm
\$460

<https://nateshockey.com/february-clinics/>

