

2023/2024 WAUBONSIE VALLEY HOCKEY CLUB FALL SEASON

Dear Current and Future Warriors Families:

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer and looking forward to an exciting high school hockey season. The Warriors board has been working hard on the assembly of a great program for the upcoming year and we look forward to having you as a part of our hockey family. Our goal is to build on the success of last year and incorporate additional improvements for the upcoming year.

For the 2023-2024 hockey season, we intend to field two incredibly competitive teams, one at both the Varsity and Junior Varsity levels.

This letter explains what you need to know about being a Warrior and it is divided into 4 parts.

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The club provides a quality program for the development of your high school hockey athlete(s) at the best value. We all know the benefits this sport offers such as the meaning of teamwork, lifelong friendships, exciting physical play, and quality time together. We also recognize it is an expensive sport and work hard to keep fees down as much as possible. We continue, however, to be positioned to deliver the best possible high school hockey experience for a reasonable price. We are always open to suggestions for improvement and welcome your involvement in the club.

Part 1

What the Warriors Hockey Club Has to Offer

Besides providing each and every player the opportunity to participate in a high school sport, our Varsity and JV teams will play approximately 40 to 50 games in front of friends and peers, represent their school, and earn high school letters and numerals. Players participating in the Illinois West High School Hockey League (Varsity and JV) will have the opportunity to become an Illinois High School Hockey League All Star, be an All-State player, be eligible for a Blackhawk Scholarship, participate in the high school state playoffs, and have fun competing against other high school rivals.

In addition, the Warriors Hockey Club also has the following to offer:

- Coaching Staff - This year the club has signed an extremely qualified and dedicated coaching staff.

Jeremy Dombro will be returning to the Warriors program as the head coach for the Varsity Team. Coach Dombro has won the State Championship three times, 2016 (JV), 2019 (Varsity), and 2022 (Varsity). Coach Dombro has also received the Illinois West League Coach of the Year award three times (2014/2015, 2015/2016, and 2021/2022).

Coach Dombro will be responsible for the overall development of both the JV and Varsity players. He has an extensive coaching resume, including level 4 USA hockey certification and 10 years with the Warriors.

Chaidan Rostowski will be returning as a Varsity assistant coach. Chaidan has played a key role in developing our players such that they may advance in our program.

Dennis Lee will be returning as Varsity assistant coach. Dennis has played a critical role in developing our goalies for the past few years and will be taking those skills as an assistant on the Varsity team.

Jake Jauch will be returning as head coach of the JV team. Jake played hockey for the Warriors for 4 years, all-conference player for 2 years, and played college hockey for Northern Illinois University. Jake was a coach at the bantam and midget level for the Cyclones for 2 years. He is currently an Elementary Special Education teacher in District 204 and voluntary coach for disabled hockey.

Tyler Hilton will be returning for his third year with the Warriors, as an assistant JV coach, after a successful career playing hockey at Northern Illinois University.

Andrew Lee will be returning for his second year as an assistant JV coach, Coach Lee previously coached with the Naperville Sabers organization.

Season Practice Ice Secured - The Warriors Hockey Club has secured prime practice ice at All Seasons Ice Rinks for both teams.

All Seasons will also be a prime location for many Illinois High School Hockey League West Division league games (Varsity and JV).

The Wednesday Goalie Clinic and Skills/Systems will rotate each week with JV and Varsity.

Players not selected to one of the two teams above will be invited to join the Warriors Practice Squad. Additional ice may be purchased (if available) based on the number of players who accept the Warriors Practice Squad invitation.

Note: The Warriors Hockey Club may only select a maximum of two goalies per team. Goalies not selected will be released to AHAI for an opportunity to join another high school hockey club that needs goalies. This is a great way to continue to develop goalie skills and be ready for next season.

- Off-ice Conditioning – Garrett Krug of Champion Sports Advantage will be offering off ice conditioning this year. This will be optional for both JV and Varsity. More information about Off-ice will come at our Parent Meeting.

Go to the following link for more information: https://media.hometeamsonline.com/photos/hockey/WVHC/21-22_Warriors_StrengthFlyer.jpg

- Illinois High School Hockey League West Division Membership Renewed - At 35+ years old, the Illinois High School Hockey League is the most competitive and well-run of all high school hockey leagues in the State. The Warriors Hockey Club is proud to be one of the teams in Illinois High School Hockey League West Division again this season for our Varsity and JV teams. Naperville Hockey Club, Oswego and Neuqua Valley high school teams are also in the Illinois West Division. This year the JV and Varsity teams will both play approximately 25 regular season games, the majority of which are scheduled on weekends and at local ice rinks. JV and Varsity will, from time to time, play back to back games at All Seasons which is fun for the students.

- Fundraising - The club is dedicated to keeping costs down and making the club affordable. For the club to minimize our fees, we are planning to participate in at least two fundraising activities for this season. The primary fundraising activity is the JV Pow Wow Tournament, which we host at All Seasons Ice Rinks. This is an excellent early-season tournament that gets the bulk of our fundraising work out of the way. We intend to host 16 teams again this year, including our own JV team. This tournament will be held from September 14th through 17th. It's a great way for parents to get to know each other while working together at the rink.

- Tournaments - Both the Varsity and JV teams will participate in tournaments throughout the season, including the Illinois West League Playoffs and the State Finals (Blackhawk Cup). Tournament costs, excluding travel expenses, are included in the player fees.

The Varsity team may participate in a few local tournaments:

- Wheaton West Pre-Season: Center Ice, Glen Ellyn, (Sept 7th-10th)
- Stevenson Thanksgiving Tournament (Thanksgiving weekend)
- The Varsity team will also be participating in an out-of-state tournament (TBD)

The JV team may participate in a few local tournaments:

- Warriors Pow Wow tournament: All Seasons, September (Sept 14th-17th)
- Stevenson Thanksgiving tournament (Thanksgiving weekend)
- The JV team will also be participating in an out-of-state tournament (TBD)

Additional opportunities, both local and out of state, will be evaluated once the season starts. Each team may individually decide to attend one or more additional in-town or out-of-town tournaments based on their individual needs and interests. Please note these additional tournaments would be funded in coordination with the individual team's manager and are not included in the club fee.

- Non-League Games – This season we plan to schedule a few exhibition games against competitive clubs in addition to the Illinois High School Hockey League West Division schedule. The result should add a few games to our season against well matched competition, with no additional impact on fees.

- Other Activities – The Warriors Hockey Club is comprised of great families. In addition, to the many weekend games, we will also be gathering for our formal Meet the Coaches

- Parent Meeting (Tentative - Metea Valley HS) date and time will be announced once it is available. This will be followed by our traditional Holiday party and we will conclude our regular season with a Year End Banquet. These activities bring the club together and give us an opportunity to recognize the hard work put in by the players and coaches and distribute awards, numerals, and letters.

- Giving Back to the Community – The Warriors Hockey Club strives to make a difference off the ice by participating in various activities that serve the surrounding community. Each year, players volunteer with the Noon Lions Club to prepare for the Turkey Trot just prior to Thanksgiving. Both teams will also contribute to families in need around the holidays by donating funds and shopping for families within the Trinity Services program. These two events really bring the players and families together for a greater cause!

Part 2

Important Dates

Following are some key dates leading up to the beginning of the 2023-2024 hockey season:

Tryouts & Pre-Season Conditioning

- Pre-Season Conditioning - The Warriors Hockey Club will be running a pre-season once conditioning clinic on the following dates and times at All Seasons Ice Rinks:

- o Monday, August 14th 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- o Wednesday, August 16th 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- o Thursday, August 17th 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

This conditioning clinic is for all Warriors Hockey Club players. It is strongly recommended that all players attend the conditioning clinic prior to tryouts. All players will need to register for tryouts prior to taking the ice.

- Tryouts - The Warriors Hockey Club will be conducting tryouts on the following dates and times at All Seasons Ice Rinks.

- o Monday, August 21st 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- o Tuesday, August 22nd 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- o Thursday, August 24th 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM

- Team Selection - The Varsity Head Coach will select our Varsity and JV teams as soon as possible following the completion of our tryouts. Rosters will be posted on our website immediately thereafter. Players will have to commit to the team assigned before the first scheduled practice. Positions will not be held for players after the first practice date. All Players will be rostered with AHAI upon acceptance, which will be the official roster.

Part 3:

What you need to do to Register Your Player(s)

All forms and first payment of \$400 are to be submitted to Registrar Jeff Klimes. Please make all checks payable to WVHC.

First payment and all forms must be submitted on or before August 14th, which coincides with our first ice slot for the Pre-Season Conditioning Clinic. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Klimes at wvhc.registrar.2021@gmail.com or at 630-320-9509.

The following forms will be signed as part of the registration online:

Waiver and Release of Liability Form

Rules and Ethics Form

Tryout policy

The following forms/paperwork is due at the first conditioning camp/tryout and must be signed by the Player (s) and Parent. All can be found on the "Forms" tab of the main website.

1. Copy of Birth Certificate (New Players Only)
2. Medical Authorization & Indemnification Agreement
3. Direct Debit Form
4. Player (s) Code of Conduct
5. Financial Agreement

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR PLAYER WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE ICE WITHOUT PAYMENT, CONFIRMED USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION FOR 2023/2024 AND ALL FORMS COMPLETED APART FROM THE IHSA PRE PARTICIPATION EXAMINATION WHICH IS DUE BY SEPT. 7TH).

In addition, if your player is a 2006 birth year or earlier, they will be required to take the SafeSport Core Training or Refresher Course prior to participation for the 2023-24 season. Players will be ineligible to participate in any on-ice or off-ice training with the Warriors Hockey Club until this training is complete. This must be completed prior to our first conditioning session on August 14th. To access the training via USA hockey website:

<https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttrainingall> players required to take the

Certificate of completion must be submitted to Jeff Klimes before taking the ice on August 14th.

The Warriors Hockey Club offers a "pay as we go" installment plan.

- Season Fee - \$5,100 per player. This fee includes the non-refundable pre-registration fee

of \$400 that covers the pre-season conditioning clinic and tryouts.

- o 1st payment of \$400 per player is due on August 14. No one will be allowed

to skate without a check for \$400 and the draft form signed.

- o The remaining fee of \$4,700 will be disbursed over 7 payments by Direct Debit

on the following dates:

- 2nd payment of \$674 per player due August 29
- 3rd payment of \$671 per player due October 16
- 4th payment of \$671 per player due November 15
- 5th payment of \$671 per player due December 15

- 6th payment of \$671 per player due January 15
- 7th payment of \$671 per player due February 15
- 8th payment of \$671 per player due March 15

The first payment must be made prior to any player participating on the ice. All checks are to be made payable to the Waubonsie Valley Hockey Club or WVHC.

THE FEES WILL INCLUDE TWO TICKETS TO THE END OF THE YEAR BANQUET

GOALIES:

Goalies are required to pay one-half of the regular player fees \$2,550.00. This fee includes a non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$400 that covers the pre-season conditioning clinic and tryouts.

o 1st payment of \$400 per player is due on August 14th, no one will be allowed to skate without a check for \$400 and the draft form signed.

o The remaining fee of \$2,150.00 will be disbursed over 7 payments by Direct Debit on the following dates.

- 2nd payment of \$308 per player due August 29
- 3rd payment of \$307 per player due October 16
- 4th payment of \$307 per player due November 15
- 5th payment of \$307 per player due December 15
- 6th payment of \$307 per player due January 15
- 7th payment of \$307 per player due February 15
- 8th payment of \$307 per player due March 15

The cost of our home and away jerseys is included for all NEW players (returning players will use their existing Jerseys from 2022/2023 season unless they purchased a replacement jersey) New players will also receive an equipment bag and a logo shell at no additional cost. Warmups, however, will need to be purchased separately and will cost approximately \$120 for all new Warriors players.

All new Varsity players will be required to purchase the Varsity third "Green" jersey at an estimated cost of \$150.

Home and Away Socks and practice jerseys are included in our season fee for all players.

All Warriors players are required to wear the same color hockey helmet (Black) and gloves (Black) The helmet must have a decal that illustrates the expiration date, or the player must provide supporting documentation validating the helmet is in compliance and this documentation will be kept with the team manager/coach. Note: It is the player's responsibility to demonstrate compliance with helmet requirements.

Part 4:

What is Expected of Warriors Hockey Club Members

Many parents and players come to the Warriors Hockey Club from large hockey organizations like the Sabres, Huskies, or Cyclones. At these clubs, there may be little opportunity to be actively involved or have knowledge that your efforts and fees are going directly to your player rather than subsidizing a large club infrastructure. At the Warriors Hockey Club, we operate on the dedication of our parents and families and all are involved in the success of the program.

We recognize high school memories are forever and we want our players to be able to get the credit they deserve for participating in the toughest of high school sports in an area with exceptionally large participation.

All Warriors Hockey Club families participate in our volunteer efforts and this maximizes what we get for our player fees. Volunteer efforts consist of participation at our Pow Wow Tournament to run the clock, keep score, sell concessions, collect the gate fees, wear the yellow Illinois High School Hockey League West Division representative jacket at our regular season games or participate on the board to help organize these events. A volunteer sign-up list will be provided at our first club meeting.

In conclusion, the Warriors Hockey Club offers a great opportunity for your hockey player to participate in the sport they love at the school they attend. The Warriors Hockey Club prides itself on contributing to the development of quality student athletes. This year we have made significant improvements and are looking forward to a great season! If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the following Board members and look to our website, waubonsiehockey.com for updates.

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IMPORTANT ELECTRONIC FORMS

The following 3 forms are in the footer of this registration.

1. Release, Assumption of Risk & Indemnity Agreement
2. Rules and Ethics Form
3. Tryout policy

By providing your initials you are agreeing to these forms electronically for you and your player. These forms DO NOT need to be printed or turned in.

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IMPORTANT PRINTED FORMS

The following 4 forms listed below need to be printed, signed and brought to your first preconditioning camp or tryout which ever one is attended first.

1. Direct Debit Form
2. WVHC Hockey Player Code of Conduct

3. Player Financial Agreement

4. Medical Authorization Form

These forms can be found at:

<http://www.hometeamsonline.com/teams/?u=WVHC&s=hockey&p=custom&pagename=Forms>

*****NEW PLAYERS*****

For new players (1st Fall Season 2023-2024 with the WVHC) please bring a copy of your Birth Certificate

The complete welcome letter can be found in the link below:

https://media.hometeamsonline.com/photos/hockey/2023-2024_WVHC_Welcome_Letter.pdf

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Sincerely,

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