

WEST MORRIS CENTRAL ICE HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB 2009 – 2010

The objectives of the WMC Ice Hockey Booster Club are to help promote and fund the West Morris Central High School varsity and junior varsity ice hockey program for any qualified student athlete attending West Morris Central High School. The Booster Club's primary function is for fundraising purposes. The program further aims to encourage character development, sportsmanship, responsibility, leadership, team building, commitment, and respect for others and for rules and regulations.

It is important to remember that this is a high school program and strives to be competitive with other teams throughout the State. Although the program is partially funded by the Club members, it is insured by the West Morris Regional Board of Education and, therefore, the Head Coach, at his discretion, will make the determination as to which qualified players will make the team as competitive as possible, at both varsity and junior varsity levels.

The purpose of this document is to inform the parents of the specifics of the program. The following is a summary of guidelines:

COST

Because this program remains only partially funded by the West Morris Regional Board of Education, the balance of the WMC Ice Hockey budget for the varsity and junior varsity teams for the upcoming 2009-2010 season will again be subsidized by the Club's membership.

The families of the players on the hockey teams will provide the funding (known as "player's fees") for the balance of the expenses generated by the ice hockey program. The player's fees for this season are yet to be determined. The Executive Board, comprised of elected Club members, shall determine the player's fees based on the state of the budget and projected expenses for the upcoming year only. Once established, each family must pay that amount in full by December 1st, 2009. The Club may hold specific fundraisers that would offset some or all of the player's fees. The first deposit of \$250.00 is collected in September and is non-refundable, but may be offset through those specific fundraisers.

Required paperwork for each player must be completed before the season begins. There are several forms, including a yearly physical approved by the West Morris School District's physician. These forms will be provided in the Player Packet

REFUNDS

The refund policy is as follows:

Payments will be refunded if any of the following occurs, namely that the player either

1. quits before the November 15th start date, OR
2. does not make the team (i.e. is cut)

Please note: Once the season starts, there will be no refunds if your child gets hurt or sick and must miss some or all of the season, or is released during the playing season for such reasons as disciplinary actions or failure to comply with team rules.

TEAM INFORMATION

PLAYING TIME

All players may not get equal playing time. It is the policy of the WMC Board of Education that athletic coaches will determine the playing time of each player and will put together the teams they feel will have the most successful season

GAMES

The season typically runs from November 15th through the end of February, not including League or State Playoffs. Varsity and JV schedules will not necessarily be of equal length. Schedules are finalized in the fall and distributed accordingly.

PRACTICE AND GAME ICE

Practices will be held at Chill Out Ice Arena in Hackettstown. Varsity team games within the Morris County Division will be held at Mennen Arena. JV league games will be at Aspen Arena in Randolph.

EQUIPMENT

The WMCHS Board Of Education will supply home and away jerseys, practice jerseys, game socks, shells and a navy blue Bauer 4500 helmet with chrome face cage for each player, which must all be returned at the end of each season for professional cleaning. Players may choose to purchase a different helmet, but it must be navy blue with a chrome cage (no grey cages). The helmet must be less than four years old, and the Athletic Director would require proof of age. All players are responsible for supplying their own remaining hockey equipment, including: shoulder pads, elbow guards, shin guards, neck guard, mouth guard, skates, gloves, and athletic supporter. All equipment must meet NJSIAA and USA hockey standards and be approved by the Coach.

Jerseys, shells, game socks and helmets, which are the property of the West Morris Central Board of Education, will be distributed and accounted for by the coaches under a sign in/sign out program. The coaches will collect all equipment at the completion of the season.

MANDATORY GAME NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Please take a moment to sign-up, using the link below, for our game schedule notification system. Game notification including scheduling, canceled games and game changes will be provided by the Athletic Director through an online notification system. In the event a game is canceled you will receive an instant text message and email notification.

Access to this system is available through the high school web site: www.wmchs.org .

Under athletics and then click on athletic schedules. This brings you to High School Sports.net.

After entering the site, click on My Account located on the top menu bar; click on Join Today and follow prompts to set-up your account. You will be given options to include multiple email addresses and cell phone numbers.

You also can sign-up by using the link below:

<http://www.highschoolsports.net/myaccount/signin.cfm?CFID=35320077&CFTOKEN=33027786>

VOLUNTEER DUTIES

The Club needs its members to volunteer for a number of fundraisers and club activities. Please consider participating in one of the activities listed below.

The Club's activities include:

Face-off Dinner - held in high school cafeteria in November
Face-off Dinner Player Photos – Pictures of the players are taken for use in programs.
Pasta Parties - for Varsity and JV
End of Season Banquet
Banquet Photo Boards – for JV and Varsity
Banquet Videos – for JV and Varsity
Recording of statistics from games
Senior Night Coordinator
Spring League Coordinator
Spirit Wear Coordinator
Alumni Game

The Club's fundraisers include:

ShopRite and A&P gift cards
Restaurants Nights – Local restaurants donate a percentage of one night's income.
Beefsteak Dinner

These and other fundraisers will be discussed at upcoming meetings. Each fundraiser requires a chairperson to organize a group of volunteers. A fundraiser will be dropped if it does not have a chairperson.

PARENT CONDUCT

As parents or guardians we must be positive in our attitudes toward the game of hockey and emphasize the cooperative nature of the game. Negative and rowdy behavior in the hockey arena reflects directly and poorly on the whole organization. We must foster good relationships between our young players, within the League and with our competitors as well. The WMCIH Executive Board, in accordance with USA Hockey policy, has set a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for the following actions:

- Yelling at or threatening referees, opposing players or coaches before, during, or after games or practices.
- Direct confrontations with parents or players.
- Demonstrations of frustration or anger after a game loss.
- Unnecessary or exaggerated celebration of a goal scored or game won that would embarrass or demean the opposing team.
- Any physical abuse of any other person.
- Approaching the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a player or coach.
- Disruptive or abusive parents may be asked to leave the arena and compliance is expected.

CLUB FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Face Off Dinner-Chairperson-This is a pot luck dinner for all the players and their families to meet each other and the coaches.

- Contact school to reserve the cafeteria and cafeteria worker for night of dinner.
- Decide what each grade will bring for dinner (i.e. main dish, salad, dessert)
- Send Face-Off Dinner flyer to club president to forward to players and parents
(You will just have to change the date and possibly what each grade is responsible to bring to the dinner.)
- Receive responses from parents.
- Buy paper goods, coffee, tea, etc (first check supply club has on hand)
- Set up & decorate, put out food & clean up with your committee

Stats (Varsity & JV)-Need back up for games you can not attend.

- Record shots on goal, and plus and minuses during the games.
- Tally for each player at the end of the season.

Spirit Wear

- Decide what items to sell
- Send flyer to club president to forward to players and parents
- Distribute clothing

Pasta Dinner Coordinators (Varsity & JV) Separate dinners are held for Varsity and JV. Host a dinner at your home for the players or you can treat the boys to pizza @ Franks. Traditionally baked ziti, meatballs, salad, garlic bread & dessert are served, but you can serve whatever you think the boys would like. You can do it alone or with another parent or two. The boys are always very well behaved and no one's house has ever been damaged!

- Choose dates for parents to sign up to host pasta dinners at face off dinner.
- Send schedule to club president to post on web site and distribute to parents.
- Send out reminder emails.

Pictures (Varsity & JV)

-Take pictures at face off dinner, games, & pasta parties for end of year video and to be posted on the web site.

Beefsteak –We hire a company that will do most of the set up, all the cooking, serving, and cleaning up of the food.

-Chairperson & committee-reserve hall, reserve beef steak company, advertise dinner, sell tickets to dinner, solicit donations, purchase drinks & paper goods, set up, sell tickets for 50/50 & tricky tray at the dinner, clean up.

Senior Night-This is a night to recognize the seniors.

-Purchase bouquets of flowers for senior boys to give to moms. Take pictures of players with parents.

Banquet

-Chairperson & committee-send flyer to club president to forward to players, collect responses and payment, reserve hall, order food from caterer, purchase paper goods, drinks, cake & other desserts, order senior & player gifts, order plaques for coaches, set up & decorate room, clean up.

Spring League Coordinators – WMCIH Vice President coordinated this with 2 members as assistants.

-Get information on league (We have participated in the Aspen Spring League for the last 2 years).
-Send out notification to existing players and incoming freshman.
-Get coaches, order jerseys

Alumni Game

-Chairperson & committee – arrange for refreshments. Coordinate date and invitations with WMCIH board secretary. Snow date must be scheduled for this event.