

February 2, 2012

Dear WSC Member:

As WSC Jr. Hockey teams play their way through the 2011-2012 season, the Junior Hockey Committee wanted to inform the membership of a few key dates and provide a reminder to parents and players about the USA Hockey Codes of Conduct. These last two months of hockey will be filled with excitement as several WSC teams vie for post-season DVHL play and others head out for year-end travel tournaments.

Upcoming Junior Hockey events:

#### **2012/2013 Player Evaluations**

- Player evaluations for next season will be held on Tuesday, April 10 through Saturday, April 14. The evaluations take place after the USA Hockey National Championships conclude and are consistent and competitive with other area hockey clubs. Each team will have two evaluation dates and players are highly encouraged to attend both sessions. A detailed schedule will be provided as the dates approach.

#### **2011/2012 Coaching Evaluations**

- Coaching evaluations are available on-line. We have revised the on-line form by including several new questions. Last year we had more than 70 percent participation. Your input is important to the continuing growth of our coaches, the Junior Hockey Committee and our program. Access to the form can be found at the WSC website, under the junior hockey tab ([www.wissskating.com](http://www.wissskating.com)). Participating only takes a few minutes so please provide your thoughts and complete the forms by February 10.

#### **2012/2013 Coaching and Manager Opportunities & Team Projections**

- If you are interested in coaching or managing a team next year, please contact Gump Whiteside by Friday, February 10 to discuss opportunities. The JHC has discussed with select coaches and is considering the possibility of several AA teams for next season. Advertisement and evaluations may occur for AA teams, but the final decision will not be made until evaluations are complete and a full assessment on the skill level of the players present for evaluations has occurred. Ice slots will be reserved for girls' non-league games in 2012/2013. The team will be comprised of existing WSC skaters rostered on other teams. Potential teams for next year include:
  - Mite A, B & C
  - Squirt AA, A/B & C
  - Pee Wee AA & A/B
  - Bantam AA & A/B
  - Midget U16A & U18A
  - Girls U12 Non-League

### **Summer Camps**

- WSC is again proud to host four summer camps. Additional information will be provided as soon as it is available at WSC and on our website.
  - WSC All-Girls Ice Hockey Camp: June 18 – 22
  - Germantown Academy Hockey Camp: June 25 – 29
  - 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Colgate Hockey Camp: July 23 – July 27
  - Holy Ghost Prep Hockey Camp: August 6 – 10

### **Spring Clinics**

- WSC will be facilitating spring hockey clinics focusing on power skating, puck and stick handling and goalie instruction. The clinics will be held on Sundays beginning in mid-April. Additional information will be available at WSC and on our website in early March.

### **Learn To Play Hockey**

- These sessions are designed for beginner boys and girls ages 5 through 10 and are open to members and non-members. Participants can attend single sessions or the entire series. Additional information can be obtained at WSC or on our website. The sessions are scheduled for Sundays from 12:15 – 1:00 p.m. on the following dates:
  - April: 15, 22, 29
  - May: 6, 13, 20
  - June: 3, 10, 17, 24

Lastly, I want to remind players, parents and coaches about the USA Hockey Code of Conduct. WSC teams continue to represent the Club extremely well both on and off the ice by displaying good sportsmanship and skilled play in tournaments and league competition. Although an enormous amount of time, energy and money is devoted to facilitate this sport, we cannot forget that in the end it is a game played by kids. Let's remember that our conduct and interactions with skaters, referees and parents make an impression on our players. Please strive to keep those impressions positive. Before you act, consider the impact that you'll have on others. If you are not familiar with the Code of Conduct Policy, please visit the WSC website found under the junior hockey tab and review the contents.

WSC currently has more than 170 skaters in the junior hockey program comprising eleven teams. This is an increase of more than 15 percent from the previous year and only manageable by the efforts of great volunteers. We look forward to continuing the growth of the program and providing a skilled and fun hockey environment. Please continue to "tell a friend" about our special place, including the many opportunities in our Learn to Play Hockey program, upcoming clinics and summer camps.

Thanks again for your continued support of our Junior Hockey Program and WSC. Feel free to call the WSC office at 215-247-1759 VM #17 with questions about the upcoming events, etc.

Sincerely,

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WSC Junior Hockey Committee Chair