



Westmoreland Hockey Association 2017-2018 Season



WHA Families,

Thank you for another wonderful season here at WHA. Just wanted to provide some information regarding the upcoming tryouts for the 2018-19 season. The board and I strive to provide a place where all players will be treated fairly when they walk into our rink. We have had many discussions and decided for this year's tryouts, we will be using outside evaluators. You will see that many organizations in the area are moving towards this system. The board member's roles will also be limited as to provide fairness with the process. We are lucky enough to have a few board members that will not have or don't have returning players and they will be instrumental during tryouts. Our goalie coach will be heading up the entire goalie portion to ensure a fair evaluation for those players as well.

Registration will be open on April 1, 2018 via our registration software. We will provide links and more info when the system is ready. You must obtain a new USAH number for the 2018-19 season to register your player(s) for WHA tryouts. You will also be required to pay the nonrefundable \$100 registration fee.

Please become familiar with our website: www.westmorelandhockeyassociation.com as all info regarding tryouts will be posted on our page. The tryout schedule is currently listed there. This will also be where you will find the results of tryouts/the announcement of teams. Info will also be shared on our Facebook page.

The night of tryouts, please have with you all of your forms that we asked to be filled out (i.e. signed policies) and your \$200 commitment fee check. Please make sure your player brings a white and black jersey to tryouts (typically white jerseys for forwards, black for defense). This could change for the scrimmage portion of tryouts, but the players will be notified as to what jersey color to wear.

8U: in the past, families did not think it was necessary to come to tryouts as a formal process takes place at the start of the new season. We have had one of the biggest groups of in-house players in quite some time. We would really like to get a number of how many mites we will have going in to next season. By coming to tryouts and registering your player, you are guaranteed a spot with us for next year. As much as we like our organization to grow, we are limited with ice time and the numbers of players on the ice during practices.

16U/18U: There has been dialogue of whether or not we would field a U16 team next year, we would consider it IF we have the numbers and players in this age group attend tryouts. Please pass the word along if you know anyone at this level.

Girls: We have had much success with our girls program over the years and we would like to see this continue. Again, please spread the word and attend tryouts so we can gauge what this is going to look like for next year.

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns. I am always available, as well as our board members. Also remember to sign your players up for our WHA Try Out Camp on March 26, 27, 28. Please see Trudy for camp information!

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