



WARREN BLUEDEVILS HOCKEY

Welcome to Warren High School Hockey.

We want to thank you for choosing Warren Blue Devils Hockey as the next step in your hockey playing/development. The goal for the Warren Blue Line Hockey Association (WBLHA) is to provide you with the best possible High School Hockey Experience.

We look to continue the success we experienced during our previous seasons. For the 2009-2010 season, it is anticipated that we will again have a Varsity and Junior Varsity Boys team as well as a Varsity girl's team. We are excited that the boys will continue to play in the very competitive Chicago Metropolitan Hockey League North Division (Metro North). The girls will once again be playing in the Chicago Metropolitan Hockey League Girls Division.

Tryouts for the girl's team will be held in late September, but note that girls have the option to try out for a boy's team if that better suits their abilities. For information on the girl's team, please contact Joan Barnash at 847-548-1552. A separate tryout package will be used for the girls program. **Accordingly, information in this packet pertains to tryouts for the boy's teams only.**

The decision to tryout for Warren Hockey is something that should be taken seriously. Playing hockey requires a significant financial and time commitment on the part of the player and their family. Anyone playing on a boy's team however is not permitted to be double-rostered on any other team. Because of the popularity and continued growth of hockey, we expect that we could be faced with the situation where some players who tryout will not be placed on a team. The fact that you played for Warren last year is no guarantee that you will make the same team, or any team for the up-coming season. We recommend that you carefully read all of the handouts before committing to the tryout process. The attached material falls into two groups:

Section 1: Forms for you to review and reference

Section 2: Forms to COMPLETE and Returned at tryouts

Before a player is allowed to step on the ice for tryouts a USA HOCKEY Registration needs to be completed and the Bar Coded confirmation printed. In addition, the online Warren Hockey registration form needs to be completed.

Tryouts will occur on 8/24, 8/25, & 8/26. **All players who submit their registration packet and fee by 8/14 will receive a \$50 discount.** Also included in the tryout fee is a Conditioning clinic dates for which will be posted on the website at www.warrenhockey.com. Players are highly encouraged to attend the clinic

After completion of the tryouts, each participant will receive an envelope including a notice as to which team they have been selected for and contact information for the coach. The player may open his envelope in private and coaches will be available for individual meetings with players regarding their team selection immediately following the tryouts. A formal list will be posted on the Warren web site within 3-5 days. Roster spots can become available if a player opts to leave the club rather than play on the team for which he was selected.

The cost for Warren hockey includes: ice time, referee costs, league fees, tournament entry fees, team equipment and coaches' salaries – which are all expected to be more than last year. The Warren Board makes every effort to keep costs as low as possible. This year our fee is estimated to be \$2,500 plus the \$300

tryout fee. The fees this year will also cover 3 or 4 local tournaments that may include an out-of-town tournament and access to a fitness facility for team workouts. Depending on the number of players, the actual cost of ice, travel, etc., the team fees may be adjusted. In addition to the team fees paid to the club, each team typically incurs other expenses for travel expenses, team events, coaches' gifts, etc. These expenses are shared equally by the team players. Finally, first time players are required to pay a \$250 Team Uniform Fee, which covers the cost of their jerseys, warm-ups and equipment bag. Team Jerseys are the property of the club. If a player finishes their Senior year on the team, they will get to keep their game Jerseys.

The fee payments schedule is projected to be as follows:

	Amount Due	Date Due
Tryout Fee*	\$300	8/21/2009
1 st Installment	\$1100	8/26/2009
2 nd Installment	\$1100	11/1/2009
3 rd Installment	\$300 (estimate)	1/1/2010

The tryout fee is discounted to \$250 if paid by 8/14 along with ALL COMPLETED registration forms. We are also offering an option to pay the entire season fee and the tryout fee at the time of registration. Families that chose to do so will receive an additional \$50 discount. If you wish to exercise this option, please submit a check for \$2700 with your registration. Families electing this option will still receive a bill for jerseys/bags in mid-October and will receive fund-raising credits and any supplemental charges that may be assessed in mid-January.

If a player drops out after the registration process has been completed, but before tryouts begin, there will be a \$50 charge to cover administrative. Any player not offered a spot on either team would be given a refund of their tryout fee. The first installment is due at the Mandatory Player/Parent meeting that will be scheduled after tryouts, please check the website for details.

No player will be allowed to practice with the team without paying the first installment.

Any revisions to the projected tournament and travel expenses will be included in the 3rd installment. In addition, any credits for fund-raising activities will be applied to the 3rd installment. Please note that Warren policy requires that payments must be made by the appropriate due date unless an alternate payment plan has been established. Failure to pay on a timely basis may result in suspension until payment is made or a payment plan negotiated. If for any reason, you need to make special payment arrangements, please contact Rich Yocius (Treasurer). Such a request will be kept confidential.

Warren High School and the Warren Hockey program share the same athletic and academic codes. A copy of the codes is included in the registration packet. To ensure that everyone understands the codes and the consequences for violations, a mandatory Player/Parent session will be held for each team after tryouts. Parents and players will be required to attend. Each player, along with at least one of his parents, will be required to sign the Code of Conduct and the Player/Parent Contract before they can join the team.

If you have any questions about the registration process or forms, please contact Doug Coutts at 847-244-1889. If you know of any player who is interested in playing hockey for Warren and did not receive a registration packet, please have them contact any of the board members or go to our web site:

www.warrenhockey.com

We look forward to another great year of hockey for Warren High School.

Sincerely,



Doug Coutts
WBLHA President

Section 1

**Please read these forms and
keep for your reference**

- **What you need for Tryouts**
- **USA Hockey - Zero Tolerance Policy**
- **Fund-Raising**

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What you need for Tryouts!

1. Have a current sports physical on file. (The physical required of all freshman/transfer students covers this, but for freshman/ transfer students only.) Sports physicals are good for one year. If you had a sports physical after September 1 last year, it will cover you through tryouts, but you will need to get one that will be in force through March 2010. Sports physical forms are available in the main office.

2. Complete a WTHS Athletic Permission Form -- also available in the main office signed by your parents/guardians. Check Hockey, which is listed under “winter”, sports.

Mr. Pos or his assistant will check your grade report (not freshmen) and give you the blue slip, which you must turn in at or before the first evaluation session you attend. *If you turned in your blue slip in order to tryout for another sport this fall, you don't need a second slip.* We will, however, check on to make sure this is the case.

3. Check for Evaluations Fee/Tryouts – Personal check for \$300.00 – made out to WBLHA.

4. USA HOCKEY Registration Confirmation – Once you complete the USA Hockey registration online (\$43), you will get a Bar Coded Confirmation.

****NOTE** If any of the above items are not complete,
You will not be allowed on the ice to tryout.**

USA Hockey Association Zero Tolerance Policy

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In an effort to make ice hockey a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, AHA has instructed the Officiating Program to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, coaches, officials, team officials and administrators and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all USA Hockey sanctioned games. Thus, the following points of emphasis must be implemented by all On Ice Referees and Linesmen:

PLAYERS

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.

COACHES

A minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision including standing on the boards or standing in the bench doorway with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.

OFFICIALS

Officials are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. On ice officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS/SPECTATORS

The game will be stopped by on ice officials when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The on ice officials will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the local governing body. This inappropriate and disruptive behavior shall include:

- Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at anytime.
- Taunting of players, coaches, officials or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or physical violence.
- Throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, players' bench, penalty box or on ice surface, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

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Fund-Raising

To help defray our costs, the organization typically provides a couple of fund-raising events throughout the season. Our goal is to provide opportunities for families to reduce their fees without overly burdening them with mandatory selling/begging. We are always open to new ideas, so feel free to forward them to a board member.

Lottery Tickets

The biggest single group fund raising activity we have budgeted is a raffle based on the Illinois Evening Lottery Pick-Three numbers. Numbers are valid for the months of November and December. Each player will be responsible for selling tickets that are distributed based on their participation in pre-season activities (Gurnee Days and Warren Registration). The more events you help out with the fewer tickets you need to sell. The number of tickets that an individual will need to sell will approximately range from 20 to 35. All players benefit from this since the proceeds reduce the operating deficit that is otherwise funded by player fees for the season. In addition, players will be allowed to request additional tickets to sell and will receive direct credits to their season fees. More details and the distribution of tickets will occur in September.

Car washes, Pancake Breakfasts and Warren concession stands

All net proceeds received during these events are distributed back to the players who work them. The distribution is based on the hours worked and is applied toward the players final installment due in January.

Warren Athletic Booster Assistance

The Warren Athletic Booster Club has been very supportive of our program. They have donated thousands of dollars over the last few years. In return we will typically have parents work at one or more home football games. Once a date(s) has been selected, we will look for volunteers.

Section 2

Complete these forms and submit with Tryout Payment

- **WBLHA Waiver Form**
- **Player/Parent WBLHA Contract**
- **Player/Parent Code of Conduct**
- **Chicago Metro Participation Form – This is a two-part form that will be Due by 9/15 and must be signed by your Doctor. See a board member if you need a copy**

WBLHA Liability Waiver

Hockey is a contact sport and skaters participating in WBLHA-sponsored activities will be subject to injury as they would be in any other skating/hockey situation. The Warren Blue Line Hockey Association (WBLHA) will use all prudent care to minimize the risk of such injury, but, with their signatures below, the skater and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) acknowledge that they assume full responsibility for the skater's injuries, as well as the skater's conduct and any injury or damages resulting from that conduct, on or off the ice, while at any WBLHA-sponsored activity.

Furthermore, the skater and his/her parent(s)/legal guardian(s) agree by their signatures to hold harmless the WBLHA, its officers, members, employees and volunteers, and the staff of any facility being utilized by a WBLHA event for any and all such on- and off-ice injuries and damages.

Any skater exhibiting conduct, on or off the ice, detrimental to the orderly conduct of any WBLHA-sponsored activity will be asked to leave the ice and the facility's property without refund of any money paid.

The skater must be covered by his/her own health and accident/liability insurance, as none is implied or provided by WBLHA or the facility being used. **Please note:** USA Hockey individual membership accident-liability insurance may not cover all WBLHA-sponsored activities.

Must be signed by the skater and at least one parent or legal guardian.

Skater's name (print): _____

Skater's signature: _____

Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) signature(s):

(1) _____

(2) _____

Date: _____

Contract Between Player/Parents/WBLHA

Warren Blue Line Hockey Association (WBLHA) is committed to offering the best possible high school hockey experience to students attending Warren High School. WBLHA will work to ensure that practices are well organized, emphasizing improvement of both the team's and individual's skills. The need for player safety and the desire to involve each player in all practice activities are among our highest priorities.

WBLHA will strive to offer a competitive game playing experience, in terms of both the number of games played and the level of competition.

WBLHA will offer a program that adheres to the ideals and goals of Warren High School's "First Class" Program. To the greatest extent possible, practices, games and tournaments will be scheduled so as to accommodate other WTHS academic, social and sporting activities/events. The goal of all WBLHA programs is to make hockey an integral part of each player's high school experience, rather than a program apart.

Taking into consideration the fact that academic performance and good citizenship are paramount in the life of a high school student, WBLHA's Rules, Responsibilities and Procedures (RRPs) will incorporate, as much as possible, WTHS's policies that govern extracurricular activities.

WBLHA, through the signature of its authorized representative, acknowledges its commitment to deliver on the above stated objectives. **Each player and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s)** acknowledge, through their signatures, that they have read this contract and all the materials referred to in it, and further acknowledge that they agree to comply with all the rules and regulations as set for by WBLHA and the head coach. In particular, each player and his/her parent(s) or guardian(s) affirm, through their signatures, that they:

1. Have read, understand and agree to comply with the WBLHA RRP's that were included in the packet of information given to each player at or prior to evaluations.
2. Have read, understand and agree to comply with the payment of player fees as outlined in the "Player Fees" handout that was included in the packet of information given to each player at or prior to evaluations.
3. Prior to tryouts, have turned in to the athletic director of WTHS a copy of a current physical and signed copy of the WTHS Athletic Permission Form, and have received from the athletic director a permission slip that will allow the student to participate in extracurricular activities and have/will turn in this permission slip prior to their first evaluation session (unless they have turned one into another coach of a WTHS sport).
4. Have read, signed and turned in the WBLHA and USA Hockey liability waivers, and the USA Hockey Consent To Treat form, that were included in the packet of information given to each player.

Player/Parent Contract (cont.)

5. Understand that a violation of WTHS policy regarding the academic and citizenship standards required for athletic participation, and/or a violation of WBLHA RRP's can and will have an impact on a player's practice and/or playing time, and may result in suspension or removal from the team without refund of any fees.
6. Acknowledge that once on a WBLHA roster a player is responsible for all fees due for the year, even if suspended or removed as noted in point #5 above, except in cases approved by the WBLHA Board.
7. Will be ready for each practice and game in terms of being on time, having the proper equipment in good working order and keeping up with all their classroom work.
8. Will conduct themselves in a "first class" manner at all times as defined by WBLHA policy, WTHS "First Class" Program and the Player & Parents Code of Conduct that was included in the packet of information given to each player.

Agreed to by:

Player: _____
Print full name

Player: _____
Signature Date

Parent or guardian: _____
Signature Date

Parent or guardian: _____
Signature Date

For WBLHA: _____
Signature Date

Note: Whenever possible and applicable, parents or legal guardians of each player must sign this contract. A player may attend evaluations with one parent's/ guardian's signature, but he/she cannot play unless both have signed, if applicable.

Warren Blue Line Hockey Association Player & Parent Code of Conduct

Warren Blue Line Hockey Association is dedicated to providing players and fans with the best possible high school hockey experience. Its purpose is to provide constructive activity and training, under good leadership, in an atmosphere of positive community participation. We are dedicated to helping players build character and develop skills to the best of their ability. We strive to promote participation, teamwork, respect and fair play.

Each player and members of his/her family are part of WBLHA. The following expectations for your behavior are essential to the success of your player, his/her team and the WBLHA.

1. Maximize praise and minimize criticism in all dealings with team members.
2. Stress participation and hard work for the self-satisfaction of achieving your best effort and winning, rather than winning itself.
3. Exhibit a positive attitude toward coaches, referees and other parents. Most people involved with the WBLHA are volunteers, who are trying to do their best. We are all in this together.
4. Be an understanding and enthusiastic spectator. Applaud good play regardless of the team.
5. Treat the referees with respect, no matter what the call, because we will most likely see them many times over the course of the season. Complaints from the bleachers and the bench rarely, if ever, change a call. Remember that both teams play with the same officials.
6. Family members' conduct at the rink and on road trips should be a model for the players. Shouting negative comments, abusive language and vulgarity have no place in our association.
7. Parents are responsible for the appropriate conduct of their other children at the rink and on Road trips.
8. Help your player observe curfews and other training guidelines set by his/her coaches.
9. Parents and other spectators during and after USA Hockey sanctioned games will avoid displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior that interferes with the game and other spectators' enjoyment of it.

If identified as a violator of this USA Hockey Zero Tolerance Policy, a spectator will be asked to quietly exit from the stands and rink area. Violations of this policy may be subject to local authorities as well as further disciplinary action by the WBHLA Board.

10. If you perceive that there is a problem, talk it over with your player first. Situations can be far different than they appear from the stands. Your next step is

to follow the grievance procedure as described in the WBLHA Rules, Regulations, and Procedures.

Repeated or serious violations of the Code of Conduct may result in a parent or other spectator being banned from all WBLHA-sponsored practices, games and other activities. Please help us prevent such a situation from occurring.

Agreed to by:

Player: _____
Print full name

Player: _____
Signature Date

Parent or guardian: _____
Signature Date

Parent or guardian: _____
Signature Date