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Winter – 2011-2012

Registration and Team Information

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WILDCATS HOCKEY CLUB
Warwick Minor Hockey Association, Inc.
2010-2011 Board of Directors**

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****The 2011.12 Board of Directors will be elected at the Annual Banquet on 4/8/11**

Thank you for your interest in the **WILDCATS!** It is important that you understand what our club has to offer in comparison to other clubs in the area. Take the time to read our brochure and feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your cooperation, we'll see you in the fall!

Wildcats Organization

The Wildcats Hockey Club is the Warwick Minor Hockey Association, Inc. Organized in 1994, and a permanent member of the Delaware Valley Hockey League (DVHL), an organization consisting of 30 hockey clubs. Our home ice is the **Warwick Ice Arena**, located at 1621 Mearns Road, Warwick, PA The club is a 501c.3 non-profit organization. Our members vote annually for the officers and members of the Board of Directors, responsible for the operation of the Club.

Wildcats Philosophy

A safe and healthy environment for all. An opportunity for all new players to learn the basic skills of the game through qualified adult leadership, which focuses on the following:

- **RESPECT:** Treat all others as you expect to be treated.
- **SPORTSMANSHIP:** To learn a sense of fair play, become humble in victory, and gracious in defeat. We will foster friendship with teammates and unite under one club.
- **EDUCATION:** An opportunity to learn the skills of hockey and advance to become an integral part of the team.
- **TEAM WORK:** We value the strength of learning to work together. The use of teamwork is reinforced and rewarded both on and off the ice with success in the hockey club.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS

All practices will begin the week of September 5, 2011. All programs will run through February 2012.

Our goal at all levels is to provide a learning environment that offers constructive training to develop the player to his/her fullest potential. All players are expected to attend practices and games, home and away.

ALL PROGRAMS SHOWN BELOW REQUIRE FULL EQUIPMENT

The **Squirt** through **Midget 18U** program is a full travel program, with participation in the Delaware Valley Hockey League, as well as non-league games, and tournaments. The area of travel can be as far away as Harrisburg, York, and Wilkes Barre, with the majority of games in the greater Delaware Valley. Our plans include a minimum of two teams at each level, except Squirt, including a Midget 16U and 18U. Players will be evaluated during April, 2011 for all levels at the **THE RINK AT WARWICK**. All teams will assume their normal practice schedule for the fall season the week of September 5, 2011.

COACHING

A team is only as strong as the coaching staff. All coaches are accredited in accordance with USA Hockey guidelines. Our goal is to provide dedicated coaches who share the ideas of our club. Sportsmanship, teamwork, unity, and above all fair play are the building blocks to a successful organization. Although winning is important, sportsmanship and teamwork are considered to be essential to the development of the player, team and ultimately the club. It is also club policy to have our coaches in place for the new season, and announced at our Annual Banquet held in April. Every effort will be made to do this. However, there may be some situations that a coach may not be named until the beginning of the season. All Coaches must have their current USA Hockey accreditation, and be properly screened according to the Atlantic District By-Laws. Any Coach not properly accredited or screened will be asked to step aside, and could be subject to fines per District rules. All Coaches will send in a copy of their coaching card to the President of the Club to ensure all are accredited properly. All Head Coaches that are placed will be fully committed, not just for games, but practices and evaluations as well.

MEMBERSHIP

We believe that the size of the team is important to the success of the club. All our travel teams will be limited to no more than 15 skaters and 2 goaltenders, except Midget level, which may be expanded to 18 skaters, depending on the registration and number of teams filled.

Well-organized and planned practice sessions are vital to the development of all players' skills. We offer two one hour practices per week (one full sheet and one shared) for the Peewee and Bantam levels. All Midgets receive one (1) full ice practice a week (1.25 hours). **In order to conform to the USA hockey/AAHA ADM program, the Squirt level will have an expanded practice schedule, consisting of three hours of practice spread over 24 weeks, and includes one hour full ice and two hours shared ice. There will be a maximum of 30 games (15 home & 15 away).** The practice schedules for all levels may be modified during holiday weeks.

SUMMER ICE AND FREE CLINICS

There will be free clinics during the summer for all Wildcat members. The clinics will include goaltending, and power skating. There will also be summer practices in August for all levels, which are included in the ice fees.

REGISTRATION

Returning Wildcats can register for the new season at any time. Players new to the Wildcats cannot register until after the end of the USA Hockey National Championships, which end on 4/3/11. Skaters will be evaluated, and may be asked to participate in the rinks in-house/light travel programs to gain skating experience, before they are placed on travel rosters. In

accordance with Atlantic District rules and regulations, on ice evaluations will begin on 4/12/11. There will be three evaluations for each division.

All players and parents become members of the **Wildcats** and are expected to follow the club's rules and regulation including the DVHL & USA Hockey Code of Conduct. All parents are required to sign the Delaware Valley Hockey League (DVHL) Player/Parent Agreement.

FEES/RATES

A NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE OF \$300.00 MUST BE PAID FOR EACH PLAYER, REGARDLESS OF WHEN THE PLAYER REGISTERS WITH THE CLUB.

USA Hockey registration is required for all players. Your 2010-11 registration is effective through 8/31/11; however, we recommend registration with USA Hockey as early as possible. On line registration for USA Hockey starts on 4/1/11. We cannot add any players to the 2011-12 USA Hockey rosters until the new year's registration is finalized. There will be a link on the Wildcats web site to register with USA Hockey. You can also go to www.usahockey.com

The cost for USA Hockey registration is \$40.00 (\$30.00 – USA Hockey & \$10.00 - AAHA affiliate fee). This cost is not included in the fees shown below, since you are registering directly on line with USA Hockey by credit card.

A copy of a state issued Birth Certificate must accompany all applications.

Level	Birth Years	Total Cost	Registration Fee	Balance	# practices/ home games
Squirt	2001-2002	\$2144.00	\$300.00	\$1844.00	72*/15**
Pee Wee	1999-2000	\$2014.00	\$300.00	\$1714.00	48/17**
Bantam	1997-1998	\$2048.00	\$300.00	\$1748.00	48/17**
Midget 16	1995-1996	\$1923.00	\$300.00	\$1623.00	24/17**
Midget 18	1993-1994	\$1923.00	\$300.00	\$1623.00	24/17**

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**** PLUS 4 SUMMER PRACTICES, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE COST****

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The Wildcats offer a payment schedule to its membership. The payment schedule is divided into **FOUR** equal payments. The **NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fee is not part of the payment schedule. Below is the payment schedule.

- 1st Payment Due - 6/1/2011**
- 2nd Payment Due - 7/1/2011**
- 3rd Payment Due - 8/1/2011**
- 4th Payment Due - 9/1/2011**

If ice fees are not paid on a timely basis, the player may be suspended until fees are brought current. The club is bound by contract to the rink for all ice payments to be paid on time. Accordingly, we expect our members to pay on a timely basis. All members are required to pay the **NON-REFUNDABLE** registration fee regardless of sign on date.

FAMILY DISCOUNT of 10% will be offered as a discount for the 2nd oldest player and 25% off the ice fee for each additional player in the same family.

UNIFORMS - All players are required to purchase both home and away jerseys and matching socks that must be worn at all games. The cost for sets will be \$274.20 (includes tax on shell and socks), and includes home and away jerseys, shell, and socks. Jerseys are available through DEL VAL HOCKEY SUPPLY. Once teams are formed, we will hold team meetings, and have new members sized, and any replacement uniforms ordered. Order forms for the uniforms will be available at evaluations and on line on the Wildcats web site. Payment is made by the member directly to DEL VAL HOCKEY SUPPLY.