



WHAM C DIVISION NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2010

“Life takes on meaning when you become motivated, set goals and charge after them in an unstoppable manner.”

- Les Brown -

2010 – 2011 SEASON PLANNING

Even though summer has barely begun, many are beginning to think and plan for the upcoming season. For those buying ice, the number of games played will not be determined until the Fall meeting, shortly after all teams have declared for the season on Sept. 1st, but it's probably safe to assume that the number of games will be similar to last season. Also, USA Hockey (\$30), Minnesota Hockey (\$10) and WHAM (\$15) fees will not change for the upcoming season. Referee fees for all games (exception: Duluth area; yet to be determined) will be \$35/referee for games beginning at 9:30 pm or earlier, and \$40/referee for games beginning at 10:00 pm or later.

RULES COMMITTEE

Every summer WHAM revisits its current rules and league handbook to see if changes or improvements are warranted. If you are interested in having input in this process, there will be a meeting to discuss potential rule changes and revisions to the league handbook on **Monday, June 28th at 7:00 pm** at ACSI (1905 County Road C West, Roseville). Everyone is welcome; please RSVP to Terry Provo at c_vicepresident@whamhockey.org. If you can't make the meeting and would like to offer suggestions for the committee to consider, please email them to Terry at the email above by the end of the month.

WHAM BOARD UPDATE

At the Spring meeting on Saturday, April 24th, the membership voted in a new Treasurer – Lori Jorgensen from the C1 Division. A new B Division Vice President – Carrie Peterson, and a new Minnesota Women's Director – Nancy Wefler, were elected. At the May WHAM Board meeting, Beth Larson (C1), Secretary, was appointed interim WHAM President until an election can be held at the Fall meeting and Sandi Wewerka (C2) was appointed Secretary to fill the position vacated by Beth. It's exciting to have new blood on the Board!

We say goodbye to Sara Reisdorf, who stepped down as WHAM President in May, and to Susan Welles, who had been fulfilling the remainder of the Minnesota Women's Director term vacated by Patt Ligman. Both Sara and Susan have played in the C Division and both have contributed an extraordinary amount of blood, sweat and tears over the past years in service to WHAM. They have helped grow, develop and mature the league and their expertise and experience has been invaluable and will not soon be forgotten.

TEAM DECLARATION

The deadline to declare your team's intention to play in WHAM next season is Wednesday, September 1st. To declare, you must email your division commissioner the following information:

- ⌘ Team name and division
- ⌘ Contact information (name, phone, address and email) for TWO team managers/contacts



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For new teams or teams changing names, remember the team name must be non-offensive and uniquely different from existing team names. For example, there cannot be both a “Penguins” and “Penguins II” even if they aren’t in the same division. If you have questions about what team names are acceptable, please contact your commissioner EARLY and BEFORE ordering jerseys, etc.

If you had a team in WHAM last season and the team has dissolved, please notify the commissioner. Also if the team is changing divisions (e.g. moving up) please notify both commissioners (previous and new).

C LEVEL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2010 – 2011 SEASON HAVE BEGUN

Like last season, skill assessments for the upcoming season will be split into two groups:

- ⌘ Those who will likely assess at the C level, and
- ⌘ Those who will likely assess at the A or B level (JV/varsity or higher skating experience)

If you are new to WHAM and have never played organized hockey at the high school (JV or varsity) or collegiate levels, then you should probably attend a C assessment. You must attend an assessment if you’re new to WHAM, if you’ve taken more than two seasons off from playing in WHAM, if you want to play a new position (goalie or skater) that you haven’t played at before, or if you are ≤ 39 years and want to move down a level. The first C Level assessment will be held in June. There will be more in July and August, as well as others in the fall. Dates and online registration information will be posted on the website (www.whamhockey.org) as soon as dates are confirmed. You must register online for these sessions.

IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALING UPDATE FOR UPCOMING SEASON

It is looking more and more likely that registration and credentialing will remain pretty much the same as last season (☺). As the details are confirmed we will keep you posted but summer is a good time to prepare if you need to track down documents. To complete registration, all registrants to WHAM (skaters, coaches and managers) will need to produce one (1) of the following four (4) forms of government-issued identification:

1. Current (non-expired) **Passport** or **Visa** (photocopy is acceptable);
2. **Birth Certificate** (must be government, not hospital, issued) (photocopy is acceptable);
3. **Military ID** (photocopy is acceptable); or
4. **Birth Verification Record** issued by the state in which you were born. Not all states issue these but the State of Minnesota does for a fee of \$9.00. You can obtain one from any Office of Vital Statistics but the Edina office is very familiar with issuing these for USA Hockey members and they are typically issued within a day of when they are received. The form to request these, “WHAM Official Birth Verification Request Processing Form”, is posted on the WHAM website. This form contains the name and phone number of a contact and the address of the office.

As a reminder, driver’s licenses and student IDs will not be accepted. If you do not produce one of the above forms of identification your registration in WHAM will be delayed.

Special instructions for people with name changes: If you’ve legally changed your name (e.g. marriage) and your current name is not the same as the name on your birth certificate, you will be credentialed if your current first name and birth date (as verified by a driver’s license) match the birth certificate.

WHAM CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE OR WANTED

Summer is the time when players and coaches start thinking about next season. If you are looking for a team to join, have openings on your team for players or coaches, have equipment to buy/sell, or want to check out tournament or clinic opportunities, check out the classifieds at:

<http://www.whamhockey.org/page/show/114145-teams-looking-for-players-in-c-divisions>.

The C2 Brooklyn Bombers are looking for a goalie; if interested, please contact: Janet Lewis (jlewis@ci.crystal.mn.us) or Janet Miller (miller.janet@comcast.net).

REFEREES: KEY PARTNERS IN THE GAME

Just like the C Division in WHAM serves to develop women hockey players, Minnesota Hockey (which supplies USA Hockey-certified referees for our games) has a program to develop and train both male and female hockey referees. This mentoring program matches up newly trained officials with an experienced mentor who attends the game with the new referee and provides on-ice feedback and guidance. Dennis Alm, who will be Referee Liaison for WHAM this coming season, has inquired about whether the C Division in WHAM would be interested in supporting and participating in this mentoring program for the upcoming season. If the C Division participated, then it's possible that a small percentage of games may be attended by three certified officials: one experienced/certified referee, one newly trained/certified referee, and a non-uniformed, experienced mentor who also skates on the ice. The non-uniformed mentor/official does not make calls, but rather coaches and mentors the new referee during the game. There is no extra charge to the home team for this third official. We're seeking input from the WHAM membership in the C Division to see if they would support or be opposed to supporting such a program. I'd love to hear your feedback. Please email (C_vicepresident@whamhockey.org) Terry Provo if you have feedback or questions about this developmental program for officials.



If you are interested in becoming a referee, please look for more information on seminars at the Minnesota Hockey website (www.minnesotahockey.org) or contact Dennis Alm at dennisalm@live.com.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ☞ WHAM Board meetings; held monthly; see website for dates, location and times
- ☞ **Monday, June 21, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 6:30 – 7:30 pm; Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Monday, July 26, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 6:50 – 7:50 pm; Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Wednesday, August 25, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 6:50 – 7:50 pm; Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Wednesday, September 1, 2010;** last date to register a team for the 2010 – 2011 season

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- ☞ **Saturday, September 11, 2010: Fall Meeting;** 9:00 to 11:00 am; Schwann Center in Blaine. All teams must send one representative to avoid a \$50 fine.
- ☞ **Sunday, October 3, 2010: Scheduling Meeting;** noon to 4:00 pm; Schwann Center in Blaine. All teams must send one representative to avoid a \$50 fine; however, two are recommended.
- ☞ **Friday, October 22, 2010:** First Day of League Play
- ☞ **Monday, February 28th, 2011:** Last Day of League Play
- ☞ **Thursday, March 17 to Sunday, March 20, 2011:** WHAM State Tournament; Super Rink in Blaine
- ☞ **Saturday, April 23, 2011: Spring Meeting;** 9:00 to 11:00 am; Schwann Center in Blaine. All teams must send one representative to avoid a \$50 fine.

C DIVISION CONTACTS



Please extend your congratulations to C2 Commissioner, Erica Hoffmann, who recently got married and is now Erica Weiler. Thanks to all the commissioners for the wonderful job they do. Your commissioners are your first point of contact for issues or questions.

C1 Commissioner: Gina Ryan

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C2 Commissioner: Erica Weiler

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