



WHAM C DIVISION NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2010

“A goal is something you see long before you ever touch the puck.”

- Bauer Hockey -

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

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).

IMPORTANT: REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALING UPDATE FOR UPCOMING SEASON

For the 2010-2011 season, all WHAM teams will register as “recreational” vs. “traveling” in MN and USA Hockey. All A1 teams will register as traveling due to the fact that a majority of their players participate in Nationals. This was a decision that was not taken lightly by the Board. After much consideration of options/alternatives, it was determined that registering as “recreational” was in the best interests of the majority of WHAM players. Per Carol Carlson from USA Hockey, changing the WHAM registration status involves a few minimal changes for WHAM members and teams:

1. Credentialing would be eliminated for all “recreational” teams. A1 teams and players would remain the only division to credential due to a majority of their players participation in Nationals.
2. It is *recommended* by MN Hockey that teams registered as “recreational” limit their events to two per week in order to stay within a true “recreational” league status. This recommendation is intended to protect the interests of youth “house league” hockey players who also register under the “recreational” status within MN and USA Hockey.
3. Teams under the WHAM league would play solely within the league to remain covered by USA Hockey insurance.
4. There will an end of season tournament, but it will be put on by WHAM, not MN Hockey.
5. Teams who choose to participate in USA Hockey-sanctioned tournaments will need to credential and submit a roster to the associate registrar, Sue Sentieri at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament to ensure coverage by USA Hockey insurance. Instructions for submitting tournament rosters will be on the WHAM website.
6. Teams who choose to participate in Nationals must credential with the associate registrar, Sue Santieri as well as participate in 14 games as a team (minimum of 10 games per player) against other credentialed women's teams. This can be accomplished through sanctioned tournaments, playing A1 teams, or other USA Hockey credentialed teams. Special instructions will be provided to teams wishing to declare for Nationals at the WHAM Fall Meeting.



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Because WHAM will be registering under the “recreational” status in USA Hockey, which does not require credentialing, WHAM will be able to produce and verify all rosters (vs. having to be approved by USA Hockey registrar) which will mean faster turnaround of rosters.

Registration will begin on September 11^h. PRIORITY registration will open on September 11th and close on September 24th. Watch for more details.

WHAM –VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This organization could not operate without the generous donation of time and talents by its membership. Please consider helping out in the following ways:

Division Stat Coordinator

Many thanks to Donna Leicach for fulfilling this role last season! The league is seeking a volunteer from the C Division to take on the role of Division Stat Coordinator (DSC) for the A and B Divisions. A volunteer from the A or B Division will function as the DSC for the C Division. The two DSCs will work under the supervision of the Stat Program Administrator, Ginny Anderson.

As in seasons past, the winning team (or home team in the event of a tie) will still be responsible for going into the web-based stat program and entering game stats for both teams. Score sheets will then need to be mailed to the DSC and be postmarked within seven days of the game, or scanned and emailed within seven days.

Duties of the DSC:

The DSC will be primarily responsible for receiving score sheets from teams and checking to make sure that they are received within the required time frame following the game. Any late score sheets will be reported to the Stat Program Administrator, who will assign penalty points, if necessary, as permitted by WHAM Operating Rules. Each week, the DSCs will verify a sampling of the scores and statistics entered by teams. The DSC will field all protests or disputes by teams relating to score sheets and will elevate the issue to the Stat Program Administrator as necessary. Last season this position required, on average, two hours per week, with the time being extremely flexible and the only requirement being able to have reliable email access and a willingness to receive mailed score sheets.

Please contact Terry Provo **ASAP** at c_vicepresident@whamhockey.org if you would be willing to volunteer for this important opportunity.

President

Beth Larson was appointed interim President following the resignation of Sara Reisdorf earlier this Spring. As mentioned at the Spring meeting, the plan was to open up the position to nominations and then vote on the position at the Fall meeting. For a description of the President’s job duties please see the bylaws section of the league handbook posted on the WHAM website. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please email your nomination to the League Administrator, Erika Hockinson-Spande, by September 6, 2010 at leagueadmin@whamhockey.org.

Women’s Hockey Committee

Nancy Wefler, Minnesota Hockey Women’s Director is interested in forming a Women’s Hockey Committee. This would be a Minnesota Hockey committee to serve the interests of women hockey players in Minnesota. She is seeking interested players and coaches to serve on the committee to discuss topics of interest (e.g. tournaments, recruitment & retention). Please email Nancy at MHWomenDirector@aol.com if you are interested.

SWINGING A BIG-STICK GOLF CLUB

On July 20th WHAM sponsored a four-some for the recent Minnesota Hockey Benefit Golf Tournament, which raises money for youth scholarships. Many thanks to veteran Beth Champlin (C2 - The Cardinal), Kimm Deline (C2 – Brooklyn Bombers), Tom Scott (coach of C1 – Tracy's Saloon) and Wendy Taylor (B2 – Cougars) for so aptly representing WHAM at the tourney.

REFEREE MENTORING PROGRAM

Based upon the feedback received following a description of the USA Hockey Referee Mentoring Program in the June 2010 newsletter, the C Division will participate in this program, which is designed 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. This means it's possible that a small percentage of C Division 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. If you have further questions about this program please contact Terry Provo at C_vicepresident@whamhockey.org. 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
- ☞ **Wednesday, August 25, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 6:50 – 7:50 pm; Charles M. Schultz/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.
- ☞ **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.
- ☞ **Saturday, September 11, 2010:** Opening of Priority Registration
- ☞ **Monday, September 20, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 8:00 – 9:00 pm; Charles M. Schultz/Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Friday, September 24, 2010:** Last Day of Priority Registration
- ☞ **Sunday, September 26, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 8:20 – 9:20 am; Charles M. Schultz/Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **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.
- ☞ **Sunday, October 17, 2010; C Level Assessment;** 5:40 – 6:40 pm; Charles M. Schultz/Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Friday, October 22, 2010:** Season begins; first day games may be scheduled.



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- ☞ **Sunday, December 5, 2010; Combined A/B/C Level Assessment;** 8:20 – 9:20 am; Charles M. Schultz/Highland Arena (St. Paul); North rink. Must register online for this session.
- ☞ **Monday, December 20, 2010:** Registration closes; last day to register in WHAM for season.
- ☞ **Monday, February 28, 2011:** Season closes: last day games may be scheduled.
- ☞ **Thursday, March 17 to Sunday, March 20, 2011:** WHAM League 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

C1 Commissioner: Gina Ryan	Email: c1comm@whamhockey.org
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