

WILDCATS ICE HOCKEY



2018-19 Season

Registration and Team Information

Warwick Minor Hockey Association

Home Ice: Bucks County Ice Sports Center

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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 more than 30 hockey clubs. Our home ice is the Bucks County Ice Sports Center, located at 1185 Old York Road, Warminster PA 18974.

Depending on the number of teams being fielded by the Wildcats and the preferred ice slots available at Bucks County Ice Sports Center, some off site practice and game slots may be needed. Teams may have one of their practices at the newly renovated Wintersport Ice Arena, 551 York Rd. Willow Grove, PA 19090. The majority of games will be played at Bucks County Ice Sports Center. Depending on the number of teams, some games may be scheduled at Wintersport.

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 3, 2018. All programs will run through February, or early March, 2019.

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 Wildcats will be fielding Mite teams. All practices and games will be cross ice or half ice. The Mites will receive two hours of practice each week, and will play a maximum of 20 games (including 10 games at home). Games will be scheduled by the DVHL, and minimal travel will be required. Half ice tournaments will be permitted.

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 teams at each level. Additional teams will be formed based on player registration. Mite, Squirt, and Peewees will begin evaluations March 26, 2018. Bantams and Midgets will begin evaluations April 16, 2018. All evaluations will be held at Bucks County Ice Sports Center. All teams will assume their normal practice schedule for the fall season the week of September 3, 2018.

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 and the Pennsylvania Act 153 regulations. Any Coach not properly accredited or screened will be asked to step aside, and could be subject to fines per District rules.

MEMBERSHIP

We believe that the size of the team is important to the success of the club. Mite teams will have a maximum of 12 players. Squirt through Peewee will be limited to no more than 15 skaters and 2 goaltenders. The Bantam, Midget 16U and 18U can carry a maximum of 18 skaters, and 2 goaltenders, depending on the number of registrations and number of teams fielded.

Well-organized and planned practice sessions are vital to the development of all players' skills. We offer two one hour practices per week (full and shared on a rotating basis) for the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels. The Mites will have two half sheets of practice each week. Because of high school (Varsity and JV) conflicts, our Midgets receive one (1) full ice practice a week (1 hour). The practice schedules for all levels will be modified during holiday weeks.

SUMMER ICE There will be summer practices in late July and August for all levels, which are included in the ice fees.

REGISTRATION

Returning Wildcats can register for the new season at any time for any level. New members, not previously Wildcats, registering for Bantam, Midget 16, and Midget 18 cannot be registered until after the end of the USA Hockey National Championships, which end on 4/10/18. New members, registering for Mites, Squirts, and Pee Wees, can register on 3/26/18. Skaters will be evaluated, and, if deemed necessary, light travel programs will be recommended, 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 3/26/18, for Mites, Squirts, and Peewees, and on 4/16/18, for Bantam, Midget 16, and Midget 18. There will be a minimum of three evaluations for each division.



All players and parents become members of the **Wildcats** and are expected to follow the club's rules and regulations 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. EXCEPTION – IF A MIDGET 16/18 PLAYER IS NOT SELECTED FOR A TEAM, THEY WILL RECEIVE A REFUND OF \$225.00, WITH THE BALANCE GOING TO THEIR TRYOUT FEE. IF THE PLAYER IS SELECTED FOR A TEAM AND CHOOSES NOT TO TAKE THE ROSTER SPOT GIVEN TO HIM, THE FULL \$300.00 IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

USA Hockey registration is required for all players. Your 2017-18 registration is effective through 8/31/18; however, we recommend registration with USA Hockey as early as possible. On-line registration for USA Hockey starts on 4/1/18. We cannot add any players to the 2018-19 USA Hockey rosters until the 2018-19 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 \$50.00 (\$40.00 – USA Hockey & \$10.00 - AAHA affiliate fee). This cost is **not** included in the fees shown below, since you are registering directly online with USA Hockey, and the AAHA, by credit card.

The Wildcats will offer a “Goalie Discount” of \$300 for all full time goalies from Squirt through Midget 18. The discount is to be deducted from the “balance” portion of the fees, after the registration portion is paid. The intent of the discount is to encourage goalies to work with outside goaltending coaches of their choosing. In addition, there will be goalie clinics throughout the season. The cost of these clinics is included in the ice fees.

For all new members, a copy of a state issued birth certificate, or passport face page may be required if the USA Hockey database does not contain confirmation that these documents have been verified in the past.

Level	Birth Years	Fee	Registration	Balance	# practices/ home games
Mites	2010 & younger	\$1475.00	\$300.00	\$1175.00	44/10
Squirt	2008-2009	\$1800.00	\$300.00	\$1500.00	48/15
Pee Wee	2006-2007	\$2000.00	\$300.00	\$1700.00	48/17
Bantam	2004-2005	\$2125.00	\$300.00	\$1825.00	48/17
Midget 16	2002-2003	\$2000.00	\$300.00	\$1700.00	24/17
Midget 18	2000-2001	\$2000.00	\$300.00	\$1700.00	24/17

**PLUS 4 SUMMER PRACTICES, WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE COST
 \$300 Goalie Discount for Squirt through Midget 18
 Goalie Clinics are included in cost**



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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

1st Payment Due	6/1/2018
2nd Payment Due	7/1/2018
3rd Payment Due	8/1/2018
4th Payment Due	9/1/2018
5th Payment Due	10/1/2018

If ice fees are not paid on a timely basis, the player may be suspended until fees are brought current. Players in arrears may be reported to the Atlantic Affiliate (our local governing body), to be added to the outstanding debt list for the 2019-20 season. To do so, the player's ice privileges must be suspended by 2/1/19. The club does want to suspend any player, but failure to make timely payments may force our hand. 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 when they register.

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 approximate cost for sets will be \$330.00 (includes tax on shell and socks), and includes home and away jerseys, shell, and socks. The cost for Mites will be \$272.00. 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 the supplier.

To keep the costs at a minimum, the shells for the Mites and Squirts are optional. We will work with both the Mite and Squirt levels to determine what they want to do. Once we have finalized our needs with our supplier, the order blank and cost will be distributed.

