

# New Hockey Parent Guide

**Laker Mission:** *To provide for growth of Watertown Hockey Association players.*

*We do this by emphasizing sportsmanship, teamwork, respect for the individual, integrity and love of the game.*



## Welcome to Laker Hockey!

Those of us who are already part of the Laker family want you to know there is nothing like being part of the Hockey Family.

Hockey is a fast paced team sport that develops each player on all levels as well as their athletic skills. Our program is committed to building a foundation of skills for a lifetime such as promoting confidence, focus, responsibility and teamwork. Players & families build life-long friendships.

### Hockey Equipment

WHA offers an equipment rental program to make playing hockey easy and affordable.



### Items in Equipment Rental

- Shoulder pads
- Breezers (pants)
- Gloves
- Helmet with face guard
- Elbow pads
- Shin guards

### Rental Costs

Skates: \$25

Equipment: \$30



*Lakers*

### Equipment Purchase Checklist:

Buy these items for your player prior to the first practice. Watertown Lakers Facebook page is a source for used equipment. Roy's Sports and Dunham's in Watertown and Hockey Headquarters in Sioux Falls as well as numerous online vendors offer new and used equipment. Roy's carries hockey socks in Laker colors.

- \*Skates
- \*Stick
- \*Practice jersey
- \*Mouth guard
- \*Hockey Socks
- \*Protective Undergarments
- \*Hockey Bag (optional)

## How are Teams Organized?

Levels are determined by the year each player was born. The number of teams at each age level will depend on the number of players registered in that age group.

### 2018-19 Age Levels

- In-House: DOB: 2008-2014
- Mites/8U DOB: 2010-2014
- Squirts/10U: DOB: 2008-2009
- PeeWee/12U: DOB 2006-2007
- Bantam/14U: DOB 2004-2005
- Girls JV/Varsity: DOB 1998-2003



## How Much Does Hockey Cost?

The Watertown Lakers Hockey Association strives to make hockey affordable for everyone. We have an In-house (non-travel) league in order to try hockey. WHA has partnered with United Way to be able to provide scholarships for qualifying families. Registration can be set up on a payment plan

### 2018-19 Season Costs

- In-House: \$30
- Mites/8U: \$60
- Squirts/10U: \$90
- PeeWee/12U: \$185
- Bantam/14U: \$220
- Girls JV/Varsity: \$220
- Boys JV/Varsity: \$300
- All players sign up with USA Hockey for \$45.

## HOW CAN I HELP?

WHA is a parent run organization and an efficiently run season relies on our parents lending a helping hand. There are many ways parents can contribute their time and talents. The amount of time our parents contribute is measure in points. (DIBS) Points requirements grow as your player grows. Mites and Squirts have an 80 points or 16 hour time commitment. The maximum family point contribution is 240. You will use your Ngin registration account to sign up for these work assignments. Here are a few ways you can contribute:

- \*Game workers: clock, scorekeeper, announcer, penalty box. concessions, game admissions.
- \*Other: equipment checkout, rink clean-up, skate sharpening, coaching, team director.



