



Waukesha County Youth Hockey Association Minutes – August 2017

Introductions

- President – Jason Nygard
- VP On Ice – Thatcher Sears
- VP Off Ice – Carrie Konopacki
- Treasurer – Scott Danielson
- Secretary – Susan Eutizzi
- Bantam (14U) Level Director – Jesse Wilder
- Pee Wee (12U) Level Director – Paul Kasprowicz
- Squirt (10U) Level Director – Jon Nanney
- Mite (8U) / Mini-Mite (6U) Level Director – Rich Walos

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair, Jason Nygard

July Meeting Minutes

Meeting notes are posted on the WCYHA website following the approval of the board.

- Motion was made by Thatcher Sears, and seconded to approve the July meeting minutes. Motion carried.

June/July Treasurer's Report

Treasurer reviewed report for June and July. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the Profit and Loss Statement for WCYHA, should submit the request to Treasurer, Scott Danielson.

- Motion was made by Carrie Konopacki, and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

The WCYHA fiscal year ended on June 30th and the year-end report will be submitted to the auditor this month. Bills will also be going out in the coming weeks.

Unfinished Business

Tryouts

Finalizing the tryouts, but confirmed that body contact sessions will be held on September 12 and 14th. Tryouts are scheduled to start on September 17th and end by September 26th. Both rinks will be utilized and this year, there will not be a “practice day” as part of tryouts. Dates and details for tryouts will be covered at the Parents Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, September 10th.

Open hockey sessions will be available for 10U, 12U and 14U levels – all of which is run by the County / Rinks.

Tryouts this year will not have a practice night.

All three tryout session scores will be weighted 1/3,1/3,1/3 not 20%,40%,40%.

The first night of skills and 3v3 will be scored on Skating, Drills and 3v3. Not skills, 3v3 and Coaches Score.

Coaches pick will be from a pool of players based on how many players will be on a team. For “A” and “B” coaches that have been named during or prior to the end of tryouts, the WCYHA has determined those coaches to be the best leaders for player development at a specific level, and accordingly, those coaches are afforded the option of having input into their final roster, by taking into account the on-ice tryout rankings (if coach is selected prior to the end of tryouts the coach will be allowed to attend the final tryout), assessing the makeup of the team, considering a certain player’s “body of work” or performance over the course of a past season, and assessing individual player and team developmental goals.

Therefore, after the final rank sheet for on-ice evaluations have been signed and certified as set forth above, if the WCYHA has named “A” and/or “B” coaches for that level, the coach may at their sole discretion:

- a) when applicable, determine the roster size for his/her team (if the WCYHA Board has determined, based upon the registered number of players, that available options exist to the coach regarding team roster sizing); and thereafter -
- b) agree with the evaluator’s rankings as comprising the teams’ final roster; or
- c) exercise his/her coach pick options.

If the coach selects option “c”, the coach may determine up to 25% of the final team roster (at minimum, the top 75% of players as determined by the on-ice player evaluations are secure and will make the team and are not subject to adjustments).

The following schedule will determine the maximum quantity of coach picks and the pool size from which these picks will be selected:

# of Skaters	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Coach Picks	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	5
Pool Size	4	4	6	6	6	6	8	8	8	8	10

The selection pool will be determined by final rank during the evaluation sessions. For example, for an A team with a total of 13 skaters, the coach will be allowed to select up to 3 skaters from the 6 skaters ranked at numbers 11 through 16 after the evaluation process. In this example with a roster of 13 skaters, as set forth above, the players ranked 1-10 by the evaluators have secured a spot on the team. Also, in this example, a player ranked at number 17 or above may not be considered by the coach. However, the selected coach will have the option of selecting either the evaluators selections or 2/3's Forwards and 1/3 defensemen that equal the total evaluators picks. If coaches selections are picked based on position the pool will include the remaining highest evaluated players.

Participants in the player selection process will not communicate ranking, skater's names or any other selection information to anyone not involved in the process.

An exceptional U8 player may be able to try out for the U10 (Squirt level) – The approval of this tryout must be recommended and approved by the VP on Ice, the Coaches Committee, and subject to Board approval. If approved, they must make the Squirt A team to play at the U10 level at the age of 8.

Full time goalies do not own the net, it will be coach's discretion on how he/she use their goalies in practice, power skating and games if there are one or more goalies on a team. But the understanding is that the full-time Goalie will be expected to be in net much of the time since that is the position they tried out for and made a team.

WCYHA Policies and Procedures –

The following submissions were reviewed, discussed and then voted on by the WCYHA Board of Directors.

The Executive Board

APPROVED - Add language: *The President will generally refrain from voting on Board decisions except (i) when the vote is by ballot, or (ii) whenever his or her vote will break a tie – Submitted by Thatcher Sears*

NOT APPROVED - Add language: *Add language that an executive board member may not serve more than one term in any executive board member position. Submitted by Jim Bartnik*

Coaching Committee

APPROVED - Clarify language: *Revise language to reflect that qualifications for the Coaching Committee does not require both one year of head coaching and two years of coaching experience to qualify. It should be OR, plus an exception is made for mini-mites. – Submitted by Jason Nygard*

APPROVED - Clarify language – *Revise language to reflect that the coaches need only their USA hockey coaching (not based a specific level) certificate as outlined by USA Hockey and WAHA to be qualified – Submitted by Thatcher Sears*

Coordinators

APPROVED - Add position: *Add the position of Goalie Coordinator as a designated volunteer position for the WCYHA – Submitted by Sara Wilder*

Releases

APPROVED - Change language: *Members must disclose the organization that the player is going to be registering with, if released from WCYHA, at the time the release request is submitted. Remove the indication that it must be a hardship. Add language that the parents and/or player requesting the release may be given the opportunity to speak with the board in closed session regarding their reasoning for the release request. Not required, but an option. Barring extenuating circumstances, the board will notify requester of decision within 72 hours of the July board meeting. – Submitted by Jesse Wilder*

Team Officials

APPROVED - Add language: *If there are 2 or more assistant coaches on a team, it is recommended that one of the coaches will be designated to the goalies. – Submitted by Sara Wilder*

Coaches

APPROVED - Add language: *Applications for A level coaches (U14, U12, U10) will be accepted between the April-May board meetings prior to the upcoming season. Appointments of A level coaches will be made in May, based on the applicants, and decisions will be made within 10 days of the May board meeting. B & C level coaches will continue to be selected out of a pool of applicants immediately following tryouts, per current process. – Submitted by Jason Nygard*

APPROVED - Add language: *The head coach selection process will be done with the Level Director assigned to that level and in counsel with the Ace Coordinator. – Submitted by Thatcher Sears*

Section in P&P - TBD

APPROVED - Add language *that aside from normal coaching one-on-one interactions with a player, the coach must have another adult present for off the ice one-on-one player contact. Add language that if a one-on-one coach/player conference is requested, the coach must conduct the conference with the knowledge and permission of the parent with a mutually agreeable date/time/location, and in a public area in view of other adults and/or other players – Submitted by Sara Wilder*

Moving Up to a Higher Age Level Classification

APPROVED - Remove language: Remove the language that the skater must have played their prior season at a 1A level to qualify for playing up an age level. Also, remove the language that indicates that U8 are unable to play up an age level and update it to read that an exceptional U8 player may be able to try out for the U10 (Squirt level) – The approval of this tryout must be recommended and approved by the VP on Ice, the Coaches Committee, and subject to Board approval. If approved, they must make the Squirt A team to play at the U10 level at the age of 8.

Number of Games

Two requests were submitted to increase the number of games allowed per level. – One change submitted by Jason Nygard and One change submitted by Jim Bartnik, the following was **APPROVED**:

U14 (Bantams) can play up to 55 games per season, which includes up to 4 tournaments

U12 (Pee Wee) can play up to 50 games per season, which includes up to 4 tournaments

U10 (Squirt) can play up to 45 games per season, which includes up to 4 tournaments

U8 / U6 – can play up to 35 games per season, which includes up to 2 tournaments and travel up to 60 miles from Eble Ice Arena for games

New Business

2017-18 Season Registration Update

245 registrations and growing every day. More accurate registration counts will be reviewed at the September Board Meeting.

WCYHA Scholarships

The WCYHA Board reviewed and approved the continuation of awarding three scholarships, each in the amount of \$250, to WCYHA skaters based on the existing scholarship guidelines. Timing for submissions will be finalized and communicated in September.

- Spirit of Sport Scholarship - Open to All
- Joe Raymond Scholarship - Open to 10U and 12U
- David Maurin Scholarship - Open to 14U

Corporate Sponsorships

Reminder that Corporate Sponsorship information is available on the WCYHA website.

Parents Meeting

The mandatory WCYHA Parents meeting for the upcoming season will be held on Sunday, September 10th at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center. An equipment resale will also be held that morning.

WAHA Annual Meeting

The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) held its annual meeting in early August and members of the WCYHA board of directors were in attendance. Any changes, along with USA Hockey rule changes will be reviewed at the Parents and Coaches meetings held prior to this season.

President Update

WCYHA will be submitted a grant request for the WAHA Grass Roots campaign.

VP On Ice

Working on recruiting a goalie instructor for the Association. Intermediate nets are in.

VP Off Ice

The WCYHA golf outing was a success, generating \$6,700 in profit for the Association. Additionally, WCYHA will be participate in the 2 v 2 challenge.

14U Update

Reminder about the on and off ice sessions.

12U Update

Reminder about the open hockey sessions.

10U Update

Reminder about the open hockey sessions.

8U / 6U Update

No Update

Open Forum

Inquiry regarding WCYHA participating in the Great Lakes Script Program. The Board supports this type of initiative, but would need a volunteer from the Association to initiate our participation and then oversee the administration of it.

Meeting Adjourned.

Thank you to the following members for attending the August meeting:

- *Desiree Allen*
- *Jim Bartnik*
- *Kim Carney*
- *Ryan Johannsen*
- *Jon Keller*
- *Clinton Krell*
- *Douglas Kuhl*
- *Chad Muchow*
- *Dan Snider*
- *Sara Wilder*
- *Bob Ziemanski*