

## Washington Wolves 2009/10 Season

### Team Composition

- Full Time (FT) Players:
  - The club/team assumes participation at all games & practices. FT players get first priority for regular playing positions, as determined by the coach. FT players should indicate, as early as possible, any games they are not able to attend, in order to properly plan for subs.
  - Dues for FT players: **\$TBD**
- Subs:
  - Will be called on as needed, and will fill in “the holes” as necessary, and positions will be determined by the coach &/or the Captains. Full Time players will not be bumped from their positions. Subs will stay on the distribution lists to keep up with the team activities. Subs should indicate availability whenever possible. Subs may increase their participation by becoming a FT player. The board may request that a Sub become a Full Time player based on attendance and other factors as the board sees fit.
  - Dues for subs: Games: **\$TBD** (Home and away) Practices: **\$TBD**
- In exceptional situations, a player may petition the board for a determination of an alternate playing arrangement (more than Sub but less than Full Time), with according financial responsibility, based on specific circumstances.
- If any player’s status changes throughout the season (i.e., a serious injury, relocation, family matters, etc.) – a player must petition the Board to request a determination of financial responsibility or relief of both the individual and the club.
- Failure to pay dues will result in a player's removal from the Wolves organization and a notice of non-payment being sent to MAWHL. Pursuant to MAWHL rules, a player who has failed to pay her dues will be banned from playing for any other MAWHL affiliated team. Please direct any questions or issues that may arise to the Club Treasurer and/or President.
- All dues checks should be paid to WWIHC, and given to the Club Treasurer. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required after the team summer meeting to secure a place on the team for the upcoming season. The deposit will be returned to the player only if the player is not selected to play on either Wolves team. *The initial payment for FT players is \$TBD, and is due by the first practice after the team rosters have been posted. Subs must bring cash or check payment for the practice or game they choose to attend prior to the event, or they will not be able to play.*
- A payment structure can be set up for those desiring to spread out the cost of their dues. This should be arranged with the Club Treasurer. However, the entire club dues must be paid by Full Time players by January 31 of each season.

### USA Hockey

- Each player, regardless of status (FT or sub) is required to have a USA Hockey registration. There is a \$35 fee that you are responsible to pay for to USA Hockey. Register on their website ([www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com)). Please pass along your confirmed registration form to the Club President.
- USA Hockey fees are not included in the team dues.

## **Uniform**

- Jerseys – Each FT player is required to have a set of jerseys, home (white) and away (blue). The cost is \$60 for each jersey, \$120 total and the jerseys become the property of each player. The Club will not buy back jerseys. Please request jerseys through the Club President, who will tabulate the needs for both teams. Subs are not required to purchase Wolves jerseys, but if you have them, that is great. There will be only a few extras at the games. These are to be returned immediately following the game.
- Socks – Each FT player is required to have a set of socks, home (white) and away (blue). The cost is \$12 per pair, \$24 total. Please request socks through the Club President, who will tabulate the needs for both teams. Subs are not required to purchase Wolves socks, but if you have them, that is great. There will be only a few extras at the games. These are to be returned immediately following the game.

## **Practice**

- Practice is essential to building strong hockey skills for use in games. Through practice we will improve and become comfortable with playing with our teammates. A goalie for each team at each practice is helpful. Many drills require an ending shot on net and typically, the remaining fifteen to twenty minutes of each practice is devoted to scrimmaging.
- It is understood that all of us work, have families and have a life outside of hockey and therefore can not always make practice, but we do ask each player to make her best effort to attend as many practices as possible. If weather becomes a factor, traveling to practice is at the discretion of the individual. If the rink is closed for any reason, efforts will be made to contact all players prior to the practice.
- Guests are permitted if they are invited or cleared by the Coach or the Captains. They must be USA Hockey registered. Any guest players must pay the Sub fees for practices.

## **Playoffs**

- In some cases, making the playoffs requires an extra fee to be picked up by the team. This will be explained at the time, should this situation occur.
- Playoffs will be comprised of the following players:
  - Full time players (who have satisfied the MAWHL game requirements – one half of all league games)
  - Subs – if the status changes to part time (1/2 games or close) a discussion with the treasurer should be had regarding financial responsibility.
  - Injuries: If a player is injured but has participated regularly in games and/or practice prior to the injury, all efforts will be made to ensure eligibility for playoffs. This will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the Captains in conjunction with the Board.

## **Comments on Dues**

- On extremely rare occasions, due to changes in ice fees, league fees, and ref prices, a small adjustment to the dues for the season may be necessary. This is only in dire circumstances and has not been a problem in the past. We just want to make sure you are aware of this rare but potential occurrence.

- Where do your dues go? Good question. These are a few of the many areas where your dues are directed: MAWHL league fees, rink fees (Fort DuPont & Ballston), and referees. The Treasurer will produce a monthly and end of year financial status report available for members review
- If anyone has questions in regards to where the dues money goes, the Treasurer will be happy to give a break down of the club's financial responsibilities.
- If you have ideas on how to fundraise, gain sponsorship for teams, etc., please pass along your ideas. This has the potential to lower dues for us all.

### **Having FUN ☺ Good Sportsmanship**

- On-and off-ice behavior: It is the expectation of the club and your teammates that we represent not only ourselves individually, but the Wolves club and team as well. Any issues that arise as a result of poor, disrespectful, or dangerous conduct will be dealt with swiftly, but obviously, not unilaterally. All problems should be directed first to the team Captains, who may then go to the coach and club leadership, if so deemed, to assess the situation. Keep in mind that our fans are representatives of us as well. The purpose of this club and team is to have FUN. Playing hockey at all levels should be FUN, and we will all work to make it that way.
- On that note, it is the expectation of our team, Club, MAWHL and USA Hockey as a whole to promote clean games by all teams we play as well. If you witness or experience a problem from another team we play, please bring it to the attention of the Captains and Club Leadership, who will, depending on the severity, report it to MAWHL League Officials, as well as future referees for those games.