

WISCONSIN ELITE HOCKEY LEAGUE GIRLS

Attention: WIAA Girl hockey players,

We are excited to announce that will operate a 4 team “**before only**” Girls Division in the WEHL this year as a result of receiving such a positive response from coaches, parents and players to the idea.

What is the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League (WEHL)

In short the WEHL was put together to supplement the Wisconsin High School hockey season while focusing on 4 primary objectives; keep impact on the players HS fall as low as possible, focus on skill development in prep for the HS season, enhance character, and keep expenses to a minimum. It should also be said that the WEHL places HS academics and sports as the athletes’ highest priority.

If you are interested in getting more information about the Elite Leagues please visit our [website](#) and read some of the biography and new releases.

ELIGIBILITY –

Only players playing hockey on their WIAA hockey teams are eligible for this league. **We cannot accept National bound players or WAHA Club team members due to USA Hockey double roster restrictions.**

All players must register with USA Hockey for the 2009-10 season before being allowed to register for the tryouts. Please remember these points when registering;

- It is very important to use the same name as is on your ID card or birth certificate when registering
- You must forward your USA Hockey insurance registration confirmation to the WEHL Registrar to be eligible for tryouts - hcranston.wehl@gmail.com

Tryout Registrations will open on May 31st

Regional tryouts will be held in 4 locations; Eau Claire (North West Region), Stevens Point (North Central), Madison, and Milwaukee on or around the first week in August. Check the [Website](#) for your regions tryout locations and times. The cost for players is \$50 to tryout.

Selections will be made by an independent group of evaluators located with the region and is gathered by the Regional General Managers.

Division Coordinator – Jason Woods, USM Girls Head Hockey Coach, has stepped up to get this division off the ground. He is working with individuals in each region. Having said that if you are interested in getting involved please contact Jason via email at jwoods@usmk12.org and he can put you in contact with your regional GM. To make this work we will need people to step up if you want it to succeed.

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Head Coaches, in most cases, will be non-parent coaches and will receive a small stipend to off-set their expenses. This gives our players the opportunity to work with some very good coaches as well as play at a very fast pace. Coaches must be certified level 3 with USA Hockey and are selected by the regional GM. Check the website for your regions coaching staff.

2009-10 Girls Practice Schedule will consist of 13 hours total and is set up locally to help off-set any local issues. Again check the [Website](#) for your regions schedule.

2009-10 Girls Game Schedule

We have had great success in the WEHL by playing 2 games in one day and leaving the rest of the weekend free. The girls will play their games on Sundays and typically will have a late morning and early afternoon game. In some instances we will have 3 teams meet in a location and play a short round robin however this is unlikely for the girls this season with only having 4 teams in our inaugural season. The schedule has some flexibility built in to work around some normal school events but these adjustments are left to the Regional GM's and arenas to work out. We will end the fall season with the 4 teams competing in a league championship tournament.

Cost

The individual cost per player will be \$400 per player. This will include roughly 13 hours of practice, 16 games, a jersey and socks, and all other related expenses.

Post season play

In this first season we looked into options and found that there will be a new USA Hockey Tier 2 Tournament but felt that we should get our league up and running before jumping into that. This also gives USA Hockey the opportunity to get the bugs worked out of their new initiative as well. Therefore, as I stated, we will not do post season this year but will evaluate this season and if there is interest we will consider in year 2. However this would be an added expense.

Players interested in participating in these programs must be a Wisconsin resident. Players must also consult the Regions Chart for girls below as they are different than for the boys on the registration page.

Again if you have questions please check the Website for your regional GM's contact info or email Jason at jwoods@usmk12.org. The Website is constantly being updated so you should also check back from time to time.

In sincere hopes of success on the ice,

Rene Cranston
WEHL Commissioner

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Note – all communication of WEHL programs are done by e-mail so make sure you provide a good email address when registering. 600 players were without email contacts so please forward to your friends to ensure everyone is aware the program. For those who have spam filters please ensure webmaster@wahahockey.com is on your safe list should you like to receive current information

North Central:

Northland Pines
Lakeland
Rhineland
Tomahawk
Wausau
Appleton
Green Bay
Wisconsin Rapids

North West:

Superior
Webster
Hayward
New Richmond
Hudson
River Falls
Menomonie
Chippewa Falls
Eau Claire
Marshfield

Madison:

Onalaska
Viroqua
Reedsburg
Baraboo
Middleton
Sun Prairie
Stoughton
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