



Words for Wildcats

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Woolwich Minor Hockey Association
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we build and prepare for the 2008-2009 season, I would like to take the opportunity to thank our hard working executive, as they have put in countless hours to help ensure that this season was a great success. I would also like to congratulate the teams as they have had a great season!

The construction is now in progress for the new facility, which will be opening in Fall 2009. The planning is also underway as to how we will grow as an organization and move into the new twin pad arena. Once again this year, we have been given a substantial increase in ice cost combined with a decrease in our subsidy. We have managed to keep the registration increase to a minimum but have made a great commitment to raise money through other sources in the years to come. We have expanded fundraising and sponsorship initiatives, and with this we are in need of additional help on the executive. If you are interested, please feel free to give me a call or send an email.

For all hockey players that fall within the 1988 – 1990 age group, Woolwich Minor Hockey is excited to offer a Juvenile division for the upcoming 2008-2009 hockey season. This level has been added to our Registration Form. We look forward to offering this exciting opportunity to the young men of Woolwich!

As the population of our township continues to grow, our organization will expand along with it. Most of the teams will be at or near capacity. Please make sure you register your child soon after registration begins.

Have a fantastic summer and we will see you at the rink!

Jim Radcliffe
President

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Attention Golfers!!

Once again we are hosting a golf tournament on **Sunday, September 14th, 2008** at 11:30 a.m. at Ariss Valley Golf Course.

The past two years' events have been a great time, so mark your calendars!

Watch for more details in the June 2008 newsletter.

Thanks to Home Hardware for printing our newsletter

**CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX
CREDIT**

The proposed children's fitness tax credit will allow parents to claim a maximum of \$500.00 per year for eligible fees paid for each child who is under 16 at any time during the year. As with most other non-refundable tax credits, the credit is calculated by multiplying the eligible amount by the lowest marginal tax rate (15% in 2007).

The year in which the tax credit can be claimed is determined by the date the fees are paid, not when the activity takes place.

Receipts are available upon request by emailing woolwichmh@golden.net

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thanks to all for your participation in the WMHA New Orleans Pizza fundraising event. We successfully raised over \$10,000 for minor hockey, which goes a long way in reducing your registration fees.

As requested by many families, these fees will be payable with your registration for the 2008-2009 hockey season.

Ice rates and other costs are always increasing, so if you have any fundraising suggestions, please let us know. Your comments are always welcome. Our goal is to keep minor hockey affordable for all to enjoy.



Banquet Pictures Needed

Looking for pictures for the banquet for all to see!!!

If you have any pictures you have taken through the season, please email them to dgood@forwell.net - so that we can provide a slide show at our

Annual Banquet - April 13th.

Also to all Coaching Staff - bring all trophies and plaques as well to show off your success!!!!

Any questions call Deb Good @ 519-669-8430



Registration Fees for 2008 - 2009

The increase in registration fees that you see below is only a portion of the actual increase that was a result of increased ice cost imposed by the township. WMHA will be funding the remainder of this cost through reserve funds. We will be conducting additional (voluntary) fundraising activities this year.

As well, the old (non-voluntary) fundraising fee of \$20 you have seen the last few years, has now been integrated into the registration fee to better reflect its original purpose -- to offset our basic operating costs.

Level	Birth Year	Rate* <small>*includes old \$20 fundraising fee</small>
Mite/Mini (One ice time/week)	2005 – 2004 – 2003	\$290.00
Tyke (Two ice times/week)	2002	\$410.00
Novice	2001 – 2000	\$420.00
Atom	1999 – 1998	\$435.00
Pee Wee	1997 – 1996	\$450.00
Bantam	1995 – 1994	\$465.00
Midget	1993 – 1992 – 1991	\$480.00
Juvenile	1990 – 1989 – 1988	\$480.00

- Cheques can be post dated no later than August 1st, 2008
- Make cheque payable to **Woolwich Minor Hockey**.
- A **10%** discount applies for families with 3 or more participants.
- A late fee of **\$75** will be required if you register after May 30th 2008
(First time registrants to WHMA are exempt from this fee)
- There is an additional fee of \$75 for all non-Woolwich residents.

NOTE: If your child decides in the fall not to play hockey and you have already registered, you will receive a refund. The refund will be pro-rated and a \$20.00 administration fee will be deducted if our season has already started when the player decides to stop playing.

If you have any questions please contact:

Gord Maier
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 Email: gord@maierweb.ca



WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION INC.

24 Snyder Ave. S. (Elmira Arena), P.O. Box 204, Elmira, ON N3B 2Z6 (519) 669-2789

Player Registration Form For WMHA 2008-2009

Player name _____ **Date of Birth** _____
Surname First Day/Month/Year

Parent (or Guardian) Name _____

Home Address _____
Street number and name Apartment

_____ Town Postal Code

Telephone _____
Home # Other (Please Specify)

Email Address _____

By providing your email address you are consenting to receive communications from WMHA via email. WMHA will not sell or make its email list available to 3rd parties, our goal is simply to improve our communications, reduce cost and minimize the environmental impact of our organization.

Are you a new Registrant (birth cert must be attached) **Circle One**
Y N
If this is the first time that this player has registered with WMHA please attach a copy of the player's Birth Certificate.

Is this player's principal residence in Woolwich Township? Y N
Non Woolwich residents will be charged an additional fee of \$75 and will be placed on a waiting list, as space on some teams may be limited.

Late registration fee of \$75 will apply to registrations received after May 30, 2008.

Make Cheque payable to Woolwich Minor Hockey (postdated cheques are acceptable dated no later than Aug 1, 2008)

Amount Paid: _____ **Number of cheques enclosed:** _____

AAA TRYOUTS - All players must be registered with WMHA prior to receiving a Permission to Skate form for AAA tryouts in Waterloo or Guelph (Forms can be obtained by contacting Registrar Gord Maier). A full refund will be given once notified that your child has made the AAA team.

Woolwich Minor Hockey Association Inc. (WMHA) is an Ontario not-for-profit corporation.

1. WMHA expects all children to enter fully into the hockey team's activities and cooperate with coaching staff. For the general welfare of all players, WMHA reserves the right to dismiss any player whose conduct or influence, in the opinion of WMHA, in their absolute discretion, is harmful to others or detrimental to the best interests of the team. Should this be the case, I understand that a refund will not be given.

2. As a parent and/or legal guardian, I do herewith authorize the treatment, by a qualified trainer, of any child named below in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending trainer, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. This authority is granted after a reasonable effort has been made to reach a parent and/or legal guardian. My signature also indicates my willingness to take full medical insurance responsibility for the child and release WMHA from any liability due to any injury sustained while involved in hockey activities.

3. The parent and/or legal guardian agrees to ensure that the player is properly equipped, including a C.S.A. approved helmet and facemask, neck guard and mouth guard, at all times while on the ice. I clearly understand that the player will not be permitted to go on the ice unless the player is properly equipped.

4. I give permission for photos or videos of my child to be taken which might be used in WMHA reports, information and website promotion. (No Names will be used)

5. Personal information provided will remain confidential and only be used for WMHA related communication and medical emergencies.

6. I hereby certify that I have read and accept all the above conditions.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Please send completed registration to:
If you have any questions, please contact:

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gord@maierweb.ca Home# 669-9253

Coaches' Corner

As the playoffs are continuing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all coaches, trainers and managers for their dedication and commitment towards the players of Woolwich Minor Hockey Association. Without your tireless efforts, we would not have such an awesome Association.

Coach's applications for the 2008 – 2009 season are available on the website www.woolwichminorhockey.ca, at the hockey office, or from myself - 91 Sugar King Drive, Elmira, 519-669-3774. All applications should be returned by April 30, 2008 to the address indicated on the application.

Mandatory credentials required to Coach, Train or Manage for the 2008-2009 season:

Coach

- 1) Coaching Certificate Level #1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check
- 4) C.H.I.P.S Certified (Novice Level and Lower)

Trainer

- 1) Trainers Certificate Level # 1 or greater
- 2) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 3) Police Check

Manager

- 1) Speak Out Certificate (also called Prevention Services)
- 2) Police Check

For information on upcoming clinics please check the Woolwich Minor Hockey website as we will be posting our local clinics shortly or on the OMHA website. I encourage everyone who has considered being involved with a team to apply.

The 2007-2008 Coach Evaluation Form is attached to this newsletter and available on our website. Please take time to fill the form out with your son or daughter. Whether your hockey player had a great year or not so great year, we need to know. All positive and negative feedback helps us improve this organization. Please sign the evaluations.

Good luck with the rest of the season. Win or lose, remember the main goals are to improve and have fun!

Steve Hanley
VP Coaching



**WOOLWICH MINOR HOCKEY
"2007 – 2008 SEASON"
EVALUATION**

Woolwich Minor Hockey values our participants and the atmosphere in which they play, learn & develop in the sport of hockey. We strive to ensure that our coaching staff is the best possible and to provide developmental opportunities that meet the expressed needs in a fun, safe environment while enhancing the individual's personal skills & ability.

Your feedback is extremely IMPORTANT to us!

Please take a few minutes to complete the following evaluation with your child. Your comments and constructive feedback will enable us to continually improve, while striving to provide the best program(s) possible. Please return evaluations to the hockey office or in the comment box located at either Elmira or St. Jacob's Arenas by April 16, 2008.

Thank-you,
Woolwich Minor Hockey

The Player

Please indicate the number (1 to 5 or N/A) which best reflects your feelings about the statements:

Strongly Agree

1

2

3

4

Strongly Disagree

5

Not Applicable

N/A

- My child has fun playing hockey and is excited about going to the rink
- My child is developing and maintaining self-confidence
- My child shows respect for his team-mates and opponents
- My child wants to play hockey next year
- My child's skill level has increased this season

The Association

- WMHA is responsive to its members concerns
- WMHA responds quickly to expressed member concerns
- WMHA does a good job in providing this sporting activity
- Members feel comfortable in expressing concerns
- Development programs are adequate
- There is a reasonable balance between games and practices
- The Executive & committees communicate effectively
- WMHA does a good job selecting coaches & team staff
- WMHA does a good job supervising coaches & team staff
- WMHA does a good job evaluating coaches & team staff













Comments/Suggestions:

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – EVALUATIONS

 Needs Improvement

 Meets Expectations

 Exceeds Expectations

RATING ⇒⇒⇒												
PROGRAM	Pre Season Skating			Body Contact Clinic			Skill Development Program			Goalie Clinic		
Registration Process												
Instructor												
Approachable												
Knowledgeable												
Prepared												
Provided participant feedback												
Enthusiastic about program												
Ratio of instructor to participants (1:10)												
Ensured participant safety												
Program Format												
Program met participant needs												
Learning components												
Session time slot												
Session time length												
Class Size												
Cost in relation to value												
Great Workout												

Comments/Suggestions: _____

Team Name: _____

Division: _____

Name (optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

Please complete the survey and return it to the hockey office or comment box at either Elmira or St. Jacob's Arenas, Attention Steve Hanley. All surveys are to be in by April 16, 2008.

Thank-you for your support & assistance!

Thanks for your input!

Signature _____

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LOCAL LEAGUE

The Regular Season is completed and we're already halfway through the playoffs as I write this. I am always surprised with how quickly the time goes or does it just seem that way when you've tied on a pair of skates?

The words 'Thank You' do not seem to be adequate for all the time and energy the volunteers and Coaches give to make Woolwich Minor Hockey a success!

They work very hard to make the hockey season enjoyable for the players and parents alike. I personally, have enjoyed meeting with and talking to the coaching staff from each of the teams throughout this season. Please take time to add your thanks and appreciation for the commitment they have shown for your own team and minor hockey. Without them, we couldn't run a quality program.

I wish all the teams the best of luck in their remaining games. I'm certain that along with the experience gained and skill development that the players have had a great year. If asked about this past season, I hope that each player would respond that one of their best memories is that they had fun!

After all, that's what this league and game is all about!

Rick Cressman
VP Local League Convener

WOOLWICH WEEKEND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The 32nd annual Woolwich Weekend Hockey tournament was held November 16, 17 & 18, 2007. We had 22 teams participate in the Pee wee and Bantam divisions. We raised \$5,000 through the tournament, which was presented to the executive of Woolwich Minor Hockey.

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the tournament committee, parents, players and any other volunteers who helped make this tournament such a great success!!

Karen Ziegler
Tournament Coordinator



5th Annual Hockey Banquet
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!
SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2008
LIONS HALL



JUNIOR BANQUET (Mini's - Major Atom)
12:30 pm TO 2:30 pm
FUN ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

SENIOR BANQUET (Minor Peewee - Midget)
4:00 pm TO 6:00 pm
GUEST SPEAKER AND AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

**PIZZA AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AT BOTH BANQUETS
TO PLAYERS AND COACHES AT NO CHARGE
(OTHERS CAN PURCHASE THEM)**



**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
THERE!!!!**