

WCMHA House League Program Objectives

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This document describes the Program Objectives for House League teams within WCMHA. The purpose of the Program Objectives is to give a sense of the program intent, content, structure and commitment level required by players and parents.

MISSION: To provide a positive hockey environment for each WCMHA player.

WHO PLAYS HOUSE LEAGUE: Any registered member in good standing of the West Carleton Minor Hockey Association.

PARENTS: The primary role of parents is to support and encourage their hockey player.

ULTIMATE REWARD: To have fun and learn the game of Hockey.

WINNING: Winning is important but should remain a secondary objective.

ICE TIME: It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that a fair ice time policy is used.

SPECIAL TEAMS: Specialty units for power play, penalty killing and others should be taught and assigned to all players. Specialty teams should only be used within the framework of fair and equal ice.

DISCIPLINE: Clear rules and guidelines will be defined, applied consistently, and respected by all. Please see the WCMHA Code of Conduct.

GOALIES: It is the coach's responsibility to ensure that a fair rotation policy be used. WCMHA will supply goalie equipment up to the Pee wee level.

LEAGUE: WCMHA participates in the Lanark/Carleton league from the Novice level through to the Midget level. WCMHA Juvenile team(s) participates in the 417 Juvenile Hockey League.

LEAGUE GAMES: The number of league games is dictated by the Lanark/Carleton League Bylaws.

ON ICE PRACTICES: WCMHA strives to provide approximately 1 hour of practice ice per week.

OFF ICE TRAINING: Not applicable for house league.

TOURNAMENTS: Tournament participation is at the discretion of each team. WCMHA provides ice time during the Christmas holiday season and over March break for the

following levels to host a tournament: Initiation, Novice, Atom & Pee wee. The Bantam & Midget levels will be given \$150 to participate in a tournament.

TRAVEL: Travel will be required to participate within the associated league games. Additional travel may be required should any team decide to attend any out of town tournaments.

EQUIPMENT: Please remember that safety and protection are more important than looks and fashion and FULL hockey equipment is required at ALL times on the ice.

DRESS CODE: Coaches may prescribe in consultation with the parents a dress code for games and tournaments.

REGISTRATION: The WCMHA Executive sets the WCMHA registration fee annually. Total cost per player above the WCMHA registration is estimated at \$100.00. This additional cost would include tournament fees, exhibition games, etc. Teams may fundraise to cover the costs.

TEAM MEETINGS: It is recommended that there should be at least 2 team meetings with parents per hockey season; one at the beginning of the season and one at the end of the season.