



Dear Wolf Pack Players and Parents,

With the success of the 2008–2009 season, Wolf Pack hockey continues to grow!

The time is upon us to register for the fall 2009-2010 hockey season.

The Wolf Pack hockey program's philosophy is to provide a great opportunity for children to learn and contribute to the game of hockey. We are committed to teaching children the proper skating skills and techniques needed to excel in the game of hockey as well as teaching the fundamentals of good sportsmanship. We are also committed to providing a relaxing and fun atmosphere for the players to gain the knowledge of the game.

The Hoffman Estates Park District (HEPD) Wolf Pack hockey program participates in the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL). The HEPD Wolf Pack will be represented in 6 divisions: silver mites, gold mite, squirt, pee wee, bantam and midgets.

- Silver Mites: Birth Dates 2002 and younger and have not played Gold Mites
- Gold Mites: Birth Dates 2001 - 2003
- Squirts: Birth Dates 1999 - 2000
- Pee Wees: Birth Dates 1997 - 1998
- Bantams: Birth Dates 1995 – 1996
- Midgets: Birth Dates 1990 - 1994

The fall season will start approximately on August 28th, 2009 and will run through approximately March 21st, 2010. Each team will have approximately 40 on ice practice sessions, off ice training, on ice special skills training sessions with our professional **SUMO** skills instructors and 18 NWHL league games (silver mites play in six games plus playoffs). Each team will also have additional practice sessions at the end of the season to prepare for the NWHL tournament. In addition, each team will be encouraged to participate in 1-2 independent hockey tournaments.

The HEPD Wolf Pack hockey program is excited to show their continued support for USA Hockey's program: "RELAX, it's just a game". The HEPD Wolf Pack hockey program also supports the "Zero Tolerance Policy". These programs have been implemented to assure everyone that the main focus of youth hockey is on fun and development instead of winning at all costs. We must all realize that winning is

important to some extent, but above all, we must be sensitive and look at what is beneficial for the self-esteem of every child. We must also make sure that players, parents, coaches, officials, and opponents are respected and treated with dignity at all times. We need to focus on teaching our children how to win with honor, lose with dignity and play with pride.

Parent involvement and cooperation are essential to the success of the HEPD Wolf Pack hockey program. Therefore, parents are required to attend a “Relax, it is just a game” / “Zero Tolerance” meeting. The meeting will be about 45 minutes long. Parent meeting sign-up sheets will be available at the player evaluation sessions.

IMPORTANT:

In order for players to participate in NWHL games, parents must participate in a “Zero Tolerance” parent meeting.

The Wolf Pack will follow the evaluation guideline of the NWHL for selecting the teams. Players will be evaluated according to their hockey skills. Individual player evaluations will help to create teams of equal skill levels. The players will be divided into balanced teams based upon these evaluations. Players will not be allowed to move up or play in an older division without the permission of the HEPD Director of Hockey. Additionally, we cannot guarantee friendship requests due NWHL draft rules.

Registration and jersey forms will be present at the registration dates listed below.
(Note: jersey costs are not included in the registration fee)

In order for registration form to be completely processed, all past due fee's need to be paid in full at the time of registration.

USA Hockey registration will be required to register. www.USAHockeyregistration.com

For your convenience, there will be an automatic payment plan available. Details of the payment plan will be available at registration. A \$300.00 deposit and completed EFT form must be completed at registration to qualify for this plan.

Registration for the upcoming 2009 – 2010 Wolf Pack hockey season will be held on the following dates and times at the HEPD Ice Arena:

Saturday July 18, 2009 -- 9:00 am – 11:00am

Monday July 27, 2009 -- 6:00 pm – 8:00pm

Returning HEPD Wolf Pack hockey players from the 2008-2009 season, participants in the 2009 spring hockey clinic, and Development program members (registering by July 27), will get first consideration for roster spots. All other players will be considered on a first come first serve basis. (The HEPD is limited in the number of teams in each division due to ice time restraints so please register early.)

If you are unable to attend registration please contact Randy Jordan at 847-885-7500 or e-mail at rjordan@heparks.org.

Fees for the 2009-2010 HEPD Wolf Pack hockey season are:**Silver Mite – fees to be determined****Mite - \$875****Squirt - \$1,000****Pee Wee – \$1,090****Bantam - \$1,225****Midgets - \$1,225**

Each player must order a set of jerseys if they do not own one (Costs are approximately \$100 for the set). The set of jerseys includes one home and one away jersey. Requests for specific player numbers will be honored whenever possible. However, if a requested number is not available, another number will be assigned. Numbers are assigned on a first come first serve basis. Sample jerseys will be available for fitting and order forms will be available during registration. It is recommended to bring players shoulder pads to assist in jersey fitting. Warm-up suits will also be available for sizing and ordering during registration. Warm up suits are recommended to show team spirit, but are not mandatory.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

1. The Wolf Pack Hockey program is excited to announce the formation of tournament teams at the Pee Wee/Bantam (possibly Squirt) levels. Additional fees will be required (approximately \$200.00).
2. SUMO CLINICS- Extra Sectional 5 Skill and small game training for the Highly Focused player
 - Mite /Squirt # 242129-A-Runs Tuesdays Sept 15 to Dec 15 (no class Oct27)
 - Pee Wee/Bantam #242129-B Runs Thursdays Sept 10 to Dec 15 (same # sessions as above –No class Oct 22 and Nov 26)

Price for Wolf Pack Members: \$150.00

Price for non Wolf Pack Members: \$190.00

We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer.**We are looking forward to another exciting season of hockey.**

Sincerely,

Randy Jordan
HEPD Assistant Manager Ice Operations
HEPD Wolf Pack President

Joe Calabrese
HEPD Wolf Pack Hockey Operations Coordinator

Pete Ripoli
HEPD Wolf Pack Coach/Player Development Coordinator