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Welcome to West Salem Hockey

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Welcome

On behalf of the West Salem Hockey Association, I would like to welcome you to our organization. It is our mission to provide a positive and rewarding atmosphere where your child can grow through the game of hockey.
It is important that you feel "at home" around the rink. Feel free to ask questions of other members or contact me at any time. I encourage you to get involved by volunteering around the rink and attending general membership meetings. By doing this, you will become more comfortable in our association as well as contributing to the growth of our children. Here's to a great season and thanks for "Giving it a Shot!".

Sincerely,
Scott Schumacher
WSHA President

I would like to make your transition to becoming a hockey family as easy as possible. I am available to answer any and all questions you have about your skater, your role as a member and our association. My mission is to Grow the Game and I need you to help make that happen. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at familyrep@westsalemhockey.org.

Sincerely,
Lori Szymanski
New Family Liaison

ABOUT OUR ASSOCIATION

Welcome to the West Salem Hockey Association and thank you for "Giving us a Shot!" We are thrilled you have chosen us for your child to grow through the great game of hockey! It is our wish that you enjoy many rewarding years in our organization and develop a lifetime of memories along the way.

West Salem Hockey Association (WSHA) is a non-profit volunteer organization based in West Salem, Wisconsin established in the mid 1970's serving families in the West Salem, Bangor, and Rockland areas. WSHA is a founding member of the Wisconsin-Minnesota Hockey League (WMHL). All association activities are sanctioned by the Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA) under the national governing body of USA Hockey.

Our core values dictate the promotion of effort, teamwork, dedication, and respect in addition to physical fitness through the game of ice hockey.

UNITED STATES HOCKEY ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

USA Hockey — Founded in 1937, USA Hockey is the national governing body of hockey in the United States. Located in Colorado Springs, CO, USA Hockey is responsible for development and education programs for players, coaches and officials, determining Select, National and Olympic Teams and developing policies and procedures.

Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association — The Wisconsin Amateur Hockey Association (WAHA), an affiliate of USA Hockey, is the governing body of youth and amateur hockey in Wisconsin. Since 1930, WAHA has been providing volunteer services for the development and growth of hockey in Wisconsin. WAHA is governed by a board of directors.

WAHA Regions and Divisions — WAHA is divided into six regions based on geography. These regions are responsible for organizing, supervising and enforcing WAHA's rules and regulations. Regions are primarily comprised of representatives from local associations and each region elects one director for representation on the WAHA Board of Directors. Each association is placed in one of four divisions primarily determined by association size. WSHA is a member of WAHA Region 6 - Division 3.

Community-Based Associations — WSHA is one of approximately 100 community-based associations that serve as the base of hockey in Wisconsin. Associations create teams, develop hockey players and grow the game at the local level. They are typically managed by a volunteer board of directors. Wisconsin's community-based structure is considered to be a premier youth hockey model in the United States and across the world!

Wisconsin-Minnesota Hockey League — The Wisconsin Minnesota Hockey League (WMHL) was established in the early 1980's and largely contributed to the growth of associations in west central Wisconsin and southeast Minnesota. Today, WMHL is made up of a board of directors comprised of a member (i.e. "league rep") from each participating association. WMHL participants schedule games against one another and meet periodically to promote local hockey events.

WHAT WE OFFER

All WSHA programs are co-curricular! Depending on age and skill level, we offer curriculum to fit your family's needs. WSHA has adopted USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) that provides age-specific training based on the principles of long-term athlete development. This curriculum is based on cutting-edge childhood research and recognizes maximum development occurs through age-specific structure and content. Participation categories are based on the player's age as of December 31st of the current season.

Learn to Skate aka "Termites" (ages 4-12) - The free Learn to Skate (LTS) program is designed to teach children the fundamental progression of standing to skating forward and backwards to executing turns.
Two introductory one-hour sessions will be offered in early November culminating on National Try Hockey for Free day.

Following the initial two LTS events, WSHA offers an additional 16 free one-hour LTS sessions on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the season. None of these sessions require a commitment to play hockey.

All skating instructors are certified through USA Hockey and will have assistance from high school as well as Coulee Region Chill players.

Transition to Hockey – WSHA's transition to hockey program is designed for children ages 9-14 that have never played ice hockey but wish to try the sport. WSHA will assist in fitting your new player with the necessary equipment. New players will participate in skill-appropriate practices until he or she is ready to skate with their age-level outlined below.

Mites (ages 6-8) — At the Mite level, the ice is divided into smaller areas to foster age-appropriate development. During practices, players are divided into small groups and rotate through multiple stations focusing on "FUNdamentals." Skill development is accelerated as every child is provided multiple repetitions while having fun at the same time. All Mite-aged players practice together but are divided into Orange, White and Black categories for competitive purposes. These categories correspond to USA Hockey's Red, White, and Blue progressive development program. Fifty minute practices are typically held three times per week. Mites may also participate in up to 8 one-day "Jamborees" against other local teams throughout the season. All games are played "cross ice" where the rink is divided into three sections.

Squirts (age 9-10) — At the Squirt level, skaters begin playing full ice games. Basic positioning is taught yet core fundamentals are stressed. No body checking is permitted at this level. All Squirt-aged players practice together but, depending on numbers, may be divided into A & B teams for competitive purposes. Sixty minute practices are typically held two to three evenings per week. For Squirts, WSHA recommends that approximately 25 weekend games are played throughout the season. This includes mainly local games and/or tournaments and possibly a traveling tournament. Squirt games consist of three 12 minute periods.

Pee Wees (ages 11-12) — At the Pee Wee level, full ice play continues. The ADM is still incorporated into practice structure but positioning and game strategies become more featured. Concepts of body contact are taught but checking is not allowed at this level. All Pee Wee-aged players practice together but, depending on numbers, may be divided into A & B teams for competitive purposes. Seventy-five minute practices are typically held two to three evenings per week. For Pee Wees, WSHA recommends that approximately 30 games are played throughout the season. This includes mainly local games and/or tournaments and one traveling tournament. Pee Wee games consist of three 15 minute periods.

Bantams (ages 13-14) — At the Bantam level, players begin preparing for high school play. Fundamentals are still stressed but individual and team strategies begin to be emphasized. Proper body checking is taught and permitted at this level. All Bantam-aged players practice together but, depending on numbers, may be divided into A & B teams for competitive purposes. Ninety minutes practices are typically held two to three evenings per week. For Bantams, WSHA recommends that approximately 40 weekend games are played throughout the season. This includes mainly local games and/or tournaments ands and one or two traveling tournaments. Bantam games consist of three 17 minute periods.

Midgets (18U) — The Midget program is formed with high school players once their varsity season has ended. This team is team assembled strictly for tournament play.

High School — The boys' high school hockey program is operated through the West Salem School District. The girls' high school program is part of the Onalaska girls' Co-Op. Both programs are sanctioned by the WIAA, not through the West Salem Hockey Association. WSHA maintains a close partnership with these programs recognizing that our association serves as their feeder programs. All WSHA families are encouraged to attend West Salem High School and Onalaska girls Co-op hockey games. WSHA players do not have to pay admission fees to regular-season high school home games provided they wear their game jersey!

Power skating (ages 8-14) — WSHA offers Monday evening power skating sessions for all registered WSHA players age 8 and older. These sessions are an extension of regular practice but focus exclusively on fundamental skating techniques, balance and edge work. Power skating is held in a group setting and is highly encouraged for all Squirt-Bantam players. The best hockey players compete as if they had on tennis shoes!

Goalie practice (ages 9-14) — Successful goal-tending requires a very unique skill-set honed through practice and repetition. As part of its curriculum, WSHA offers goalie-specific training for all Squirt-Bantam goaltenders.

Open skate — WSHA, in partnership with the Village of West Salem, offers free open skate opportunities to the public throughout the season. A warming room is available. Check our website ice calendar for dates and times.

TUITION INFORMATION

Tuition for first time hockey players is free. The Learn to Skate Program is always free and a great way to introduce your child to skating and hockey. Returning families from the Mite level and above will pay the lowest fees for hockey in the area. Current registration costs are as follows:

LEVEL	BIRTH YEAR	FEE
Learn to Skate	2012 and younger	FREE
Mites	2010-2011	$110
Squirts	2008-2009	$220*
Pee Wees	2006-2007	$275*
Bantams	2004-2005	$355*

Tuition includes a $50 USA Hockey fee with $10 of that amount covering WAHA registration fees. Additional registration information can be found on our website. *Receive a $50 discount for Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams if registered prior to September 30th!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Need-based scholarships are available and discretely reviewed by WSHA to facilitate player participation. To request a scholarship, contact the WSHA board of directors at *scholarships@westsalemhockey.org*

EQUIPMENT

Full hockey gear is required for all Mite through Bantam players to participate in practices and games. This includes a HECC certified helmet, mouth guard, neck guard, shoulder pads, elbow pads, protective cup, breezers, shin guards, hockey gloves, hockey sticks and hockey skates. Hockey equipment can be obtained at a relatively low cost through local resale shops, on-line ads and fellow association members. A limited amount of WSHA owned equipment is available upon request. An equipment-use agreement form must be completed prior to borrowing WSHA gear. It is expected that equipment is brought back at the end of the season with only normal wear and tear. For more information, contact our association's equipment manager.

TEAM FORMATION/TRYOUTS

Mites — During the first two weeks of practice, skaters at the Mite level are evaluated by coaches and grouped into one of three categories – orange, white and black. These categories correspond to USA Hockey's Red, White, and Blue progressive development program. The purpose of these groupings is to allow like-skilled players to develop and compete together. A player may be moved into a different group later in the season based on the coaches' discretion.

Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantams — Players at these age-levels may be split into A and B teams per an early-season tryout process. WSHA policy mandates team splits when the number of registered players for a specific age-level is 20 or greater. The board of directors in consultation with team coaches reserves the right to request early-season tryouts and team splits regardless of the number of registered players at any given level. Once a team is split, players remain with their respective team for the entirety of the season per WAHA rules.

SKATE-UP POLICY

Skaters may petition the WSHA board of directors to tryout for a team one-level ahead of their current age-level at the beginning of the season (i.e. skate-up). As a small association, WSHA may utilize the skate-up policy to provide flexibility in forming and/or splitting teams. However, all players are encouraged to participate at their own age level to foster team camaraderie and refine age-specific skill sets. Visit the WSHA Info/Policies and Bylaws section of our website to view the complete skate-up policy.

PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

The head coach for each team selects a parent representative (i.e. parent rep). The purpose of the parent rep is to act as a contact person between the association and the team. The parent rep is responsible for recruiting team volunteers for association events, communicating association functions to team families, assisting the team with hotel accommodations for travel events, collecting tournament fees, game scheduling and facilitating team family's participation in concessions, open skate and rink clean-up.

RINK CALENDAR/ICE SCHEDULE

WSHA appoints an individual who is responsible for managing WSHA's ice use schedule. Practices, games and open skate times can only be altered by this appointee.

PRACTICES

Practice schedules — Practice schedules are determined at the beginning of the season in a meeting between coaches and the association's ice scheduler. Practice times are posted on the association's website ice calendar. Although the association does its best to maintain a consistent practice schedule, practice schedules are subject to change depending on high school games, weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Practice format — Practice formats are guided by USA Hockey's long-term development principles and decided upon by the association's coaching staff with input from the WSHA Association Coaching Educator (ACE) and American Development Model (ADM) Coordinator. Typically teams practice two to three times on weekday evenings @ 1-1.5 hours per session. It is expected that coaches incorporate an age-appropriate development process when designing practices.

SAFESPORT

USA Hockey's SafeSport is the organization's program related to off-ice safety. The USA Hockey SafeSport Handbook covers USA Hockey's various policies to protect its participants from all types of misconduct and abuse. All WSHA coaches and parents with routine team interaction are required to become SafeSport certified.

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

WSHA has five rooms designated for practice and game preparation. One locker room is designated for female players only. Most of our teams are co-curricular. Therefore it is important that the privacy rights of all of our players are given consideration. WSHA requires male and female players to change in separate designated locker rooms and then convene in a single locker room before the team meets. Once the game or practice is finished, the players may come to one locker room for a team meeting and then return to their respective locker rooms to change. WSHA provides locker room assignments and coaches are tasked with directing players to the appropriate room.

Cell phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the locker rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the locker room. Coaches are authorized to collect these devices prior to teams entering the locker room and will return them upon completion of the activity.

LOCKER ROOM MONITORING

While constant monitoring inside of locker rooms and changing areas might be the most effective way to prevent problems, we understand that this would likely make some players uncomfortable and may even place our staff at risk for unwarranted suspicion. WSHA personnel conduct sweeps of the locker rooms and changing areas before players arrive and, if the coaches are not inside the locker rooms, either a coach or voluntary locker room monitors (each of which has been screened) will be posted directly outside of the locker rooms and changing areas during periods of use so that only participants (coaches and players), approved team personnel and family members are permitted in the locker room. Team personnel will also secure the locker room appropriately during times when the team is on the ice.

PARENTS IN LOCKER ROOMS

Except for players at the younger age groups (Learn to Skate and Mites), we discourage parents from entering locker rooms unless it is truly necessary. If a player needs assistance with his or her uniform or gear, the player is or may be injured, or a player's disability warrants assistance, then we ask that parents let the coach know beforehand that he or she will be helping the player. Naturally, with our youngest age groups it is necessary for parents to assist the players getting dressed. WSHA encourages parents to teach their players as young as possible how to get dressed independently. In circumstances where parents are permitted in the locker room, coaches are authorized to ask that the parents leave for a short time before the game and for a short time after the game so that the coaches may address the players. As players get older, the coach may use discretion to prohibit parents from entering a locker room.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Each family is required to sign and adhere to WSHA's parent and player code of conduct. Violation of these terms results in WSHA Discipline Committee review and applicable consequences dictated by the BOD.

HELPING OUT

For all WSHA and high school home games, it is expected that WSHA families assist as needed with concessions, score keeping, penalty boxes, ice-resurfacing, announcing and music as assigned by the team's parent rep. Each association team is responsible for managing their team's home games as well as designated high school games.

CONCESSIONS

The WSHA concession manager is responsible for inventory and stocking of the concession area. This individual also maintains the association's cash box. On game-day, the cash box and keys are delivered to the rink by the concession manager. Persons working the final game of the day are responsible for returning the cash box to the concession manager. Only family members aged 14 years or older are eligible to work in the concession area.

SCORE KEEPING

The scoring area is located across the rink from the bleacher between the player benches. This is where the scoreboard is operated and official score sheets are completed. Both of these activities require training via the rink manager or an experienced parent. No family members under the age of 18 are allowed in this area.

ANNOUNCING

Parents and fans appreciate a game where scoring and penalties are announced over the rink's PA system. A microphone is stored in the concession area and may be used for announcing games. In the home penalty box, there is a microphone jack. Announcers are required to be professional and inclusive of home and away teams.

MUSIC

Adding to the game-day feel is the incorporation of music during games. In the home penalty box, there is an aux cord available to play music through the rink's sound system. Appropriate music may be played as a reasonable sound level prior to and following games, during game stoppages and in between periods.

WORK HOURS

To maintain our exceptionally reasonable participation fees, WSHA requires each family to contribute 25 work hours annually to the support and growth of our youth hockey program. Work hours may be completed by any family member age 13 years or older.

A minimum of 8 work hours need to come from rink set-up and 4 work hours during spring rink tear down with the remaining hours (referred to as "general hours") devoted to rink maintenance, certain in-game activities, committee service and sanctioned hockey-related event participation.

- Rink maintenance general hours include cleaning, shoveling, sweeping, warming house maintenance, equipment upkeep and ice resurfacing.
- In-game general hours can include score keeping, penalty box and time clock operation. Tasks that do not count towards general hours include PA and music operations.
- General hours can include participation in one of many WSHA sanctioned committees developed to enhance the mission of WSHA.
- Hockey-related event participation includes one of several off-season opportunities to fundraise or otherwise promote WSHA activities (i.e. Face-Off, Slapshot Open, June Dairy Days, Oktoberfest races, Parades)

Parent head-coaches are exempt from work hour requirements; however, parent head-coaches are strongly encouraged to participate in the maintenance and upkeep of the rink their teams rely on for practices and games.

Elected WSHA board members service time and parent assistant coaching hours count toward general hours and half of required rink setup (4 hours) and tear down (2 hours).

Work hours are submitted via the association's website by family members. If 25 hours are not completed annually, the remaining hours are billed @ $30/hour to that family. Payment must be received prior to their skater's first practice the following season.

WSHA recognizes that special situations may exist for certain families that prevent them from fulfilling the work hours in the ratios outlined above. In those particular cases, the board of directors will review requests for deviation from the ratios outlined above.

ICE RESURFACING

Ice resurfacing may be conducted by designees of the rink manager. At least one adult family member from each team is encouraged to learn how to operate the Zamboni. For more information, contact the rink manager.

GET INVOLVED

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

WSHA holds general membership meetings on the third Monday of every month throughout the calendar year. General Membership meetings occur at the Village Hall downtown West Salem beginning at 7 p.m. and are run by an elected board of directors following "Roberts Rules of Order." All association members are provided with an agenda prior to the meeting and are strongly encouraged to attend to provide guidance to association operations. All current and past adult family members in good standing are entitled to participate and vote at any general membership meeting or other WSHA proceeding. Other special meetings may be called from time to time throughout the season.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Annual elections are held during the general membership meeting in March. Open positions are advertised in advance of the elections. All current and past adult family members are allowed to vote during the annual elections provided at least one adult family member has attended at least two (2) general membership meetings in the preceding 12 months. Elected directors are installed during the April annual banquet.

COORDINATORS AND COMMITTEES

WSHA has a number of coordinator positions and committees necessary to carrying out association functions. Most positions and committee chairs are appointed by the BOD. Committee members are assembled on a volunteer basis. To inquire about these opportunities, please contact a WSHA BOD member. We always welcome your help!

OPERATIONAL COSTS AND FUNDRAISING

Annual WSHA operating expenses are approximately $65,000. WSHA's largest annual expenses are as follows:

Utilities - $17,800

Repairs and Maintenance – $6,200

Referee and Coaching Related - $6,300

Supplies - $5,900

Registration fees DO NOT cover our expenses. Fundraising activities help offset the difference between operational costs and registration fees. Without WSHA member participation in these events, tuition would be MUCH higher, approximately @ $600 per skater!

WSHA has several fundraising activities critical to the operation of the association.

Slapshot Open Golf Outing is a long-standing WSHA tradition established in 1995. This family friendly event is currently held at Fox Hollow Golf Course in Barre Mills on the third Saturday of August. Four-person teams begin in a shotgun start and compete in a "best ball" format. The entry fee entitles each person to 18 holes of golf including a shared cart, lunch and additional raffle opportunities throughout the day.

Face-Off Party is WSHA's largest fundraiser taking place just prior to the season's start. Established in 2010, the event is highlighted by multiple musical artists, food, drink and the awarding of cash prizes. WSHA members are required to sell tickets. Other raffles and prizes are promoted at the event. Numerous volunteer opportunities are available and assigned by the Face-off committee.

Calendar sales are an annual WSHA fundraiser designed to promote our youth teams and sponsors. Each calendar serves as a raffle ticket with an opportunity to win cash prizes during monthly drawings. At registration, WSHA families are required to submit a post-dated check for the value of the calendars that are allotted. Families can then turn in calendar sale proceeds to WSHA and their post-dated check will be returned to them. If a family does not turn in its proceeds, the post-dated check will be cashed and deposited into the calendar fund.

June Dairy Days is held annually on the first weekend in June at the West Salem Village Park. WSHA members work the Saturday evening entertainment tent with a portion of the profits coming back to our association. Work-shifts are available and assigned by the June Dairy Days committee.

Oktoberfest races are held annually during the first week in October at the La Crosse Interstate Speedway. WSHA members assist with checking-in event campers with the association compensated for their efforts.

All Learn to Skate (Termite) families and first year families (new to hockey) are exempt from fundraising and work hours. All returning and transfer skater families are required to participate in all work hours and mandatory fundraisers at a rate of 100% of the full requirement. We encourage all families to volunteer and learn the various roles necessary to make our organization successful.

MEET YOUR COACHES

LEARN TO SKATE / MITE COORDINATOR

Jamie Weilandt – is a 2014 West Salem High School graduate where she played youth hockey with WSHA and high school hockey with the Onalaska Hilltoppers Girls Co-op. Coach Weiland was a three time WIAA state girls' hockey runner up. Coach Weilandt is also a long-time youth hockey referee and is in her fourth season of coaching youth hockey.

MITES

Peter Meyer – grew up in the Madison area where he played competitive sports throughout high school. This is Coach Meyer's second season coaching youth hockey. Coach Meyer is married to Leah and they have two sons, Conley (Mite) and Laken (3), and a daughter, Isla (Termite). When not at the rink in the winter, their family enjoys spending the summers in Northern WI water skiing.

Chris Meyer – is a 1996 Bangor High School graduate. This is Coach Meyer's sixth year coaching hockey. Coach Meyer is married to Denise who is WSHA's registrar. Together they have two sons, Tyler (Pee Wee) and Derek (Mite) and a daughter, Alexandra (Girls 14U).

SQUIRTS

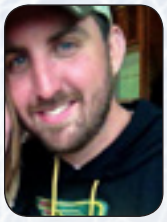
Pete Belling* – is a 1989 West Salem High School graduate and played youth hockey with WSHA. This is Coach Belling's 11th season coaching youth hockey. Coach Belling is married to Stephanie and they have two daughters, Abby (15) and Sophia (Squirt).

Alex Koonce – is a 2006 West Salem High School graduate and played youth hockey with WSHA. Coach Koonce has coached Mites, Pee Wees and Bantams along with officiating youth hockey. Coach Koonce is married to Samantha and they have a son, Aiden (Squirt).

SQUIRTS *(continued)*

Zach Scovell – is a 2006 West Salem High School graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. This is Coach Scovell's second season coaching. Coach Scovell is also a graduate of Madison Edgewood College and Viterbo University (MBA).

Jason Lassen – is a 1994 Winona, MN high school graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. This is Coach Lassen's 0th season coaching youth hockey. Coach Lassen is also a WSHA board member, officiates high school, college and junior hockey and mentors young referees. Coach Lassen is married to Gayle and they have two sons, Abram (Bantam) and Oliver (Squirt).



Jared Tabor – is a 2006 West Salem High School graduate where he played youth hockey. This is Coach Tabor's second season coaching. Coach Tabor is also a UW-L and WWTC graduate.

PEE WEES

Elgin Brown – is a 1997 West Salem High School graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. This is Coach Brown's 12th year coaching youth hockey. Coach Brown is married to Kim and they have two sons, Connor (freshman) and Jaycob (Pee Wee).

Tyfanny Gasper – is a 1991 Markesan High School graduate. This is Coach Gasper's fifth year coaching youth hockey. Coach Gasper is married to Matthew and they have a son, Josepf (Pee Wee), and a daughter, Marin (9).

Caden Hoag – is a 2015 West Salem High School graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. This is Coach Hoag's second year coaching.

BANTAMS

Dan Odenbach – is a 1991 Hastings, MN High School graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. Dan has two sons, Jackson (Junior) and Sam (Bantam) and a daughter, Madison (Girls 14U). This is Coach Odenbach's third year coaching.

Cole Karczewski – is a junior at UWL. He played hockey for 14 years in Sheboygan and Green Bay before coming to La Crosse where he became the treasurer the UWL Club Hockey team. This is Cole's first year coaching.

GOALIES

Julian Grosskopf – is a 2014 West Salem High School graduate. Coach Grosskopf played youth hockey with WSHA and was a four year starting goaltender with the West Salem/Sparta Vipers high school co-op. In 2012, Coach Grosskopf helped lead the Vipers to a berth in the WIAA boys state hockey tournament. Coach Grosskopf is currently attending UW-La Crosse majoring in biomedicine with a minor in chemistry.

POWER SKATING

Joe Belling – is a 1987 West Salem High School graduate where he played youth and high school hockey. This is coach Belling's 18th season coaching hockey. Coach Belling also instructs checking clinics. He is a WSHA past president and a long-time board member. Coach Belling is married to Lisa and they have two hockey sons, Noah (2014 WS alumn) and Nathan (2017 WS alum).

***Pete Belling – see bio in Squirts section**

COACHING REQUIREMENTS

All of our coaches are nominated by the WSHA coaching committee and approved by the BOD. Each coach is certified via USA Hockey's coaching education program that includes classroom and age-specific on-line training. In addition, all coaches undergo a professional background screening and must become SafeSport certified. To be considered for a coaching position, please contact our coaching (ACE) coordinator.

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

WSHA has an elected board of directors (BOD). Directors serve two-year staggered terms. Presidents serve three years. In addition, a number of critical positions are appointed by the BOD or otherwise filled by volunteers. Please contact us with any questions or concerns or send an inquiry to the BOD at bod@westsalemhockey.org

ELECTED POSITIONS

RESPONSIBILITY	CONTACT	EMAIL
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Work Hours Coordinator	Vacant	workhours@westsalemhockey.org

GOVERNING BOARD

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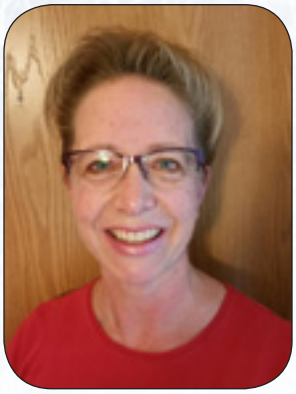

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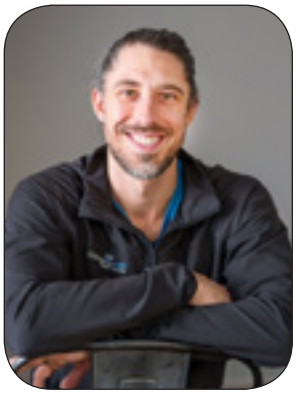

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In addition, a number of critical positions are appointed by the BOD or otherwise filled by volunteers.
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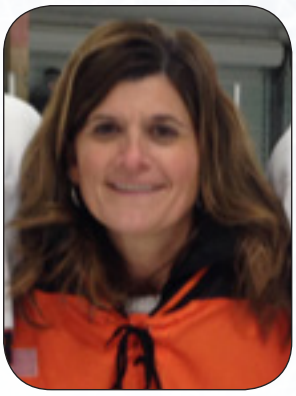

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2018-19 KEY DATES

August 24th – Faceoff Party (Features)

September 1st – Registration begins

September 26th – Hockey Sports Meeting (Elementary School)

October 20th – Practice begins for Squirts, Pee Wees and Bantams

November 12th – Practice begins for Mites

November 14th – Learn to Skate sessions (continuing on Wednesdays and Saturdays)

February 1st, 2nd, and 3rd – Region 6 Playdowns (Squirts, Pee Wees, Bantams)

February 9th – WSHA Home Mite Jamboree

February 15th, 16th and 17th – Annual WSHA Squirt Frozen Tundra Tournament

March 2nd and 3rd – Squirt 3A state tournament (Sauk Prairie), Squirt 3B state tournament (Merrill), Bantam 3A state tournament (Amery)

March 9th and 10th – Pee Wee 3A state tournament (Oshkosh), Pee Wee 3B state tournament (Rhinelander)

March 18th – WSHA Board of Directors' elections

April – WSHA Adult Banquet

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