



Junior Women's Hockey League

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PROSPECTIVE MEMBER INFORMATION

The JWHL is pleased to provide information to prospective teams interested in joining either the Major Junior or Junior Divisions of the JWHL. Our goal isn't to become the biggest league, but to be a league of teams of similar mindset and philosophy, committed to the development of the girl's/women's game and the young women who participate.

Teams interested in applying for consideration for the 2011-2012 season should submit a letter of intent as well as the information outlined below by March 15, 2011. We are already in the planning stages for the coming season, and decisions on the structure of the league will take place soon after that.

We strongly urge teams interested in applying to become thoroughly acquainted with the league through the documents posted on line, past years schedules and information, and talking to current teams, coaches and league administrators.

As stated in the JWHL By-Laws, here is the Application procedure:

Application for Associate Membership:

Procedure for Considering Prospective Members: Financial strength of the organization and ability to make a long term commitment to the league, the league schedule and special events.

Commitment to JWHL Philosophy (see Policy I)

Prior history of the team/organization: strength of the teams (schedule, results, tournaments); awards and accomplishments; sportsmanship of the team, coaches and organization; other information as requested by the JWHL

JWHL Application for New Membership Checklist:

- Letter of Intent
- Statement of Financial strength of the organization
- History of the Organization and demonstration of ability to make a long-term commitment to the league. Include in the historical perspective information to clearly demonstrate the competitive level of the Organization, awards and accomplishments, sportsmanship, coaching and organization personnel, and contact information
- Statement of Commitment to attend all JWHL events as scheduled each season
- Demonstrate how the Organization's procedures, organization structure and plans, are in line with JWHL's Philosophy
- Return this information to billdris@winter-hawks.org



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Frequently Asked Questions

Cost to be in the league?

Each team will forward a payment of \$1000 as a league deposit and to offset pre-paid expenses during the season such as venues, referees as well as to cover operating costs such as website, accounting and clerical fees. Costs for JWHL weekends will be expensed evenly to the attending teams and billed, net 15. At the end of the season any surplus funds remaining will be used to reduce the cost for the JWHL teams at the Challenge Cup.

What will the League Schedule and events be like for 2011-2012?

The JWHL will again have an East and West Division for the Major Junior Division. There will be three All-JWHL Weekends which all JWHL teams will attend, and three Divisional weekends, where only the Division teams attend. There will be a Playoff Weekend with all teams at a site to be determined. There will be the Challenge Cup Weekend with all teams as well as invited non-JWHL teams over President's Day Weekend in Washington, DC. All JWHL Teams are required to attend all events.

The Junior Division plans will be announced upon formation of that Division for 2011-2012.

What age groups comprise the various JWHL Divisions?

The Major Junior Division is a USA U19 or Canadian Midget/Intermediate Division.
The Junior Division is open to USA U16 or U19 teams, and Canadian U17 teams.

Who do you have on the list to join next season?

Prospective team information is confidential.

What about next season's venues?

In 2010-2011 the JWHL hosted many weekends at: University of Minnesota, Colgate, Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University, Brown University, University of Connecticut, Union College, RPI, and the University of Wisconsin.

We feel that playing league games on college campuses is a defining characteristic of the league, and plan to continue that as much as possible next season.

What's the number of games on a weekend? Weekend format?

Divisional League Weekends consist of four games. Interdivisional Weekends (East and West) consist of 5 games. Each game is played with 3 twenty minute stop time periods with ice cut in between the 2nd and 3rd period.

How many colleges scout the JWHL?

The number of college scouts in attendance is excellent at all eastern venues, the All-JWHL weekends, the JWHL Playoffs and the Challenge Cup. In our estimation there were 25+ colleges represented, often much more. These were mostly Division I coaches, but at the East and West All-JWHL weekends there were many DIII coaches who were scouting; this happens often and is due to the lack of recruiting budget at the DIII level to travel.

Who do we contact for more information?

If your team is interested in joining the JWHL, please contact either of the leagues founders below:

- Bill Driscoll (billdris@winter-hawks.org) – North American Hockey Academy
- Kush Sidhu (Ksidhu35@mac.com) - Washington Pride