



MWC HOST 2012 SQUIRT C STATE TOURNAMENT MARCH 3-4 AT USM RINK

Winter Club is hosting the 2012 Squirt C Tournament on March 3rd and 4th. This is a unique opportunity to show off our club and raise additional funds that can contribute to the long-term improvement of our facilities and program. We will also be hosting the Bantam A tournament in 2013.

Hosting a state tournament is a significant project and requires a lot of coordination, donations and volunteer support. I am hopeful that every team in our club is able to contribute to hosting this tournament by volunteering (before or during the tournament), donating raffle items or advertising in the

tournament program. There are 7 volunteers needed for each of the 12 games, or 84 total one hour slots, plus all the work to prepare for the tournament. Most of the preparation work is being handled by the Squirt families; it is our hope that each family in the club can contribute 2 hours of volunteering during the tournament.

Dan Carey,
Squirt C State
Tournament Director

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Volunteers are needed to make this tournament a success.

Please see the link below for volunteer needs:

[http://
www.app.volunteerwiz.com/
calendar/milwaukeewinterclub](http://www.app.volunteerwiz.com/calendar/milwaukeewinterclub)



CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT TO THE STATE TOURNAMENT

We are happy to announce the following teams are representing Winter Club at State!

Squirt Gold • Pee Wee A • Pee Wee B • U12 Girls

LOOKING TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN WINTER CLUB?

Volunteer and payed positions available for the 2012-13 hockey season

Rink Snack Bar Worker: 15 years of age or older. Contact Heidi Cranston for details Heidicranston@gmail.com

Manager Coordinator, Team Photo Coordinator and Team Manager/Scheduler volunteer positions available. Contact Angela Vogel if interested at avogel@wi.rr.com



DAVID STECKEL TO COACH USM SUMMER HOCKEY CAMPS

David Steckel of the Toronto Maple Leafs will be directing the USM Summer Hockey Camps 2012. He played his youth hockey (mite through peewee) for Washington County Youth Hockey Association in West Bend. In his first year as a bantam he elected to join the Pettit National Select Team in Milwaukee, where he played through his Midget Major year. Following that season he was selected to join the U.S. National Team in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Steckel was drafted by the Los Angeles Kings in the first round, 30th overall, in the 2001 NHL Entry Draft. He played four seasons at the Ohio State University before joining the Manchester Monarchs of the American Hockey League in the 2004-05 season.

Steckel signed with the Washington Capitals as a free agent on August 25, 2005. He made his NHL debut with the Washington Capitals in the 2005-06 season, appearing in seven games. After appearing in five more games with the Capitals in 2006-07, he made the team's opening night roster in 2007-08.

After playing 291 games with the Capitals over six seasons he was traded at the deadline to the New

Jersey Devils in the 2010-11 season. He appeared in 18 games with the Devils.

Before the 2011-12 season began Steckel was dealt to the Toronto Maple Leafs, where he currently plays center. Through the 2010-11 season, Steckel has amassed 24 goals and 35 assists over 309 games.



USM Summer Hockey Camp with David Steckel

Mites (U8)

(For boys and girls ages 7-8)

Wk 1: July 23 – July 27 • Wk 2: July 30 – Aug. 3
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Squirts (U10)

(For boys and girls ages 9-10)

Wk 1: July 23 – July 27 • Wk 2: July 30 – Aug. 3
10:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Bantam (U14)

(For boys and girls ages 13-14)

July 23 – July 27
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Pee Wee (U12)

(For boys and girls ages 11-12)

July 30 – August 3
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Per-Week Pricing: **\$335** (by 7/5) **\$360** (after 7/5)

Go to winterclub.com and click on the **Summer Hockey Camps** tab for registration forms.



USM Summer Off-Ice Stick Handling and Shooting Clinic

4 weeks/15 session - June 18-July 12 (closed 7/4) for the aspiring hockey player.

Reach your highest potential with hard work and intense drills.

Join Coach Woods and staff at our first off-ice stick handling and shooting camp!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

U10 9:00-10:25am • U12 10:30-12:00pm • U14 12:30-1:55pm

\$228 (by 5/16) \$238 (after 5/16)



WINTER CLUB SPRING CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR ALL MITES AND SQUIRTS

This spring we are going to run a new program for the Mites and Squirts called Conference Championships. This is designed to coincide with the start of the NHL playoffs. We will divide mites and squirts into six teams each, made up of a mix of kids from different teams and named after the NHL teams that make the playoffs. Mite Red, White and Blue will be mixed together and Squirt A, B, Blue and Gold will be mixed together to allow for equal teams and for the kids to play with different teammates.

The format will be 4 on 4 in a cross-ice format, with 3 games occurring simultaneously. With about 8-10 kids per team and 3 games each day, the kids will get plenty of ice time. The coaches will referee, but will purposely not provide coaching to the kids, as

we want to assess their progress this year and allow them to be creative.

The **Mites** will play on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (March 5, 7, & 9) with the Friday games followed by a pizza party in the USM Middle School Dining Room.

The **Squirts** will play on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday (March 6, 8, & 10) with the Saturday games followed by an ice cream party.

All games will be played at USM around 5:30pm; the schedules will be updated after playdowns with the exact times.

Stay tuned for more details!!



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROFILE FOR OFF SEASON

We get lots of questions this time of year regarding off-season training for hockey. The ADM Model from USA Hockey recommends playing sports other than hockey and we strongly encourage this as well. Strength, agility, coordination and speed can all be developed by playing other sports. We also view the off-season as the time for hockey players to work on their individual skills in areas of skating, stickhandling and shooting. Your team coaches and level coordinators will go over with you in the next few weeks the details of what we recommend for each level and team; what follows is a general overview and various options for your child. It applies to both boys and girls.

Mites (2004 and higher birth years):

- Take a break from hockey until July
- Summer program for either 1 or 2 weeks.
- Once-a-week skating programs in August and September can be very positive for development of kids that show significant interest, but beware of starting your season too early. USM will offer September clinics.

Squirts (2002 and 2003 birth years)

- The most important point for Squirt age kids is to use common sense with regard to participation. Let their passion for the game guide you in choosing off-season participation. If you feel as if you are pushing and they are resisting, it's likely you are overdoing it.
- Spring programs for kids that want more hockey are okay; they usually end in mid-May. Several rinks and programs offer these, including Ozaukee, Washington County and the Jr. Admirals (caution: expect heavy sales pressure to join their \$5,000+/year program if you choose Jr. Admirals). You can also visit Peter Dale's farm in Pewaukee at www.usaclinics.com.
- Skill development in the summer for kids looking to play on Squirt A and B is a necessity. For those entering Squirts or playing recreationally, summer programs are optional based in interest. We are looking for the kids to make significant strides in their stick skills and skating skills during the summer. Street hockey and rollerblading are great ways to develop on your own, while there are camps available for more serious instruction.
- USM will offer an off-ice shooting and stickhandling program 4x week for 4 weeks starting June 18th that will be great for stick skills. USM Summer Hockey School for one or two weeks will be the last week of July and the first week of August.
- Fall clinics start in September and can help prepare for tryouts. USM will host a Turcotte Stickhandling School in September as well.

Pee Wee (2000 and 2001 birth years)

- Players in Pee Wee have generally made more of a commitment to the sport and their participation will reflect that. For players looking to play on A teams or even B teams, off-season training is crucial to skill development. For recreational players that intend to keep playing in Pee Wee, off-season programs are still optional but expectations for the fall season should be managed appropriately as others will make significant strides during the off-season.
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- Summer programs are very important at this age. A plan for off-ice training in shooting and stickhandling should include multiple repetitions every week. 5,000 shots is a reasonable goal for summer shooting development.
- The USM shooting and stickhandling school beginning June 18th is a great way to start summer development and will give players a set of drills to work with all summer.
- Summer hockey school for one or two weeks is recommended, either at USM or other program.
- Fall clinics are offered at USM to prepare for tryouts and there will be a Turcotte Stickhandling School at USM in September.

Bantams (1998 and 1999 birth years)

- Most Bantams looking to play on A teams are strongly considering playing high school hockey. There are several options available to these players for off-season development, including participation in the Wisconsin Elite Hockey League. Recreational play is still offered and encouraged, with the understanding that others will be much more serious about development and there may be significant differences in skills by the following season.
- Spring clinics and tournament teams are encouraged. Multiple options are available and should be discussed with the coaching staff.
- Summer programs are now a prerequisite. A rigorous off-ice program should be supplemented with a summer camp. The USM Shooting Camp and Summer Hockey camp should both be considered.
- Fall clinics should be strongly considered, along with Turcotte stickhandling school for players not playing on fall elite teams.