



First Year Parent Meeting

The Ins and Outs of Being a Warjack Parent

Equipment Needs



- Where to get gear
 - WYH Swap (each September)
 - Donate or Consign your outgrown items
 - Goal Line
 - Sideline swap
- Skates
 - Sharpen your skates!
 - Recommend sharpening after every 4-6 hours or as needed
 - Goal Line
- Sticks
 - Progress to curved stick
 - Have questions - ask the coach!
- Label EVERYTHING, including bag and sticks!

Jerseys



- Mites
 - Practice jerseys - allows color coordination of teams and easy team changes
 - The practice jersey your skater has now, will be collected, washed and another practice jersey will be passed out
 - Game jerseys- Get to keep! Number personalization
- Squirts and above- personalized jerseys

Mites- Red/White/Blue



- Red, White, Blue are USA hockey classifications of Mites Skaters
 - Top level mite team is Red, then White, and Blue
 - Practice jerseys may not match Red, White or Blue classification.
 - We plan to have multiple teams at each classification
 - Teams will be given a Fun Name.
 - Example: Stars, Sharks, Jets, Penguins, Kraken

U6 & U8 Mites



- U6 Mites
 - Generally are first year mites
 - Will attend jamborees (more on jamborees coming up)
 - Will be Blue
- U8 Travel Mites
 - Generally second to fourth year mites
 - Will participate in Sunday afternoon Mite league games + jamborees. Furthest anticipated travel is Waupaca
 - Will be Red, White & Blue teams
 - Require parent help with rink setup and running the clock when home games

Practices

- Practices: twice a week, 50 minutes
 - Full ice practice with stations
- Importance of attending practices



Jamboree



- What the #@\$^ is it?
 - Multiple Wausau teams, lots of nearby area teams play games against each other
 - May be against another Wausau team
 - Same/similar format as league games
 - Generally a morning session and afternoon session, skills challenge in between
 - Skills challenge is individual based and tests the player's abilities
 - Wausau Hosts Holly Jolly Jamboree on December 2, 2023
 - Responsibilities include: Setting up the ice, running the clock, gathering gift bags for players, raffle baskets, decorating
 - Start thinking now about raffle baskets... maybe team up with another family? BIG FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!

Volunteer Obligations aka DIBS



- Dibs are volunteer hours
- 1 Mite Skater: 16 hours (4 dibs)
- 1 Squirt or Above Skater: 24 hours (6 dibs)
 - Multi skater discount
- Sign up through Wausau Youth Hockey website
 - Must be logged in
- Generally running concession stand
 - Fulfills our contract with Marathon County Parks Dept

Concession Stand

- Recommend NOT opening for your first session
- Manual available
- You can always ask experienced parents for help



Raffle tickets



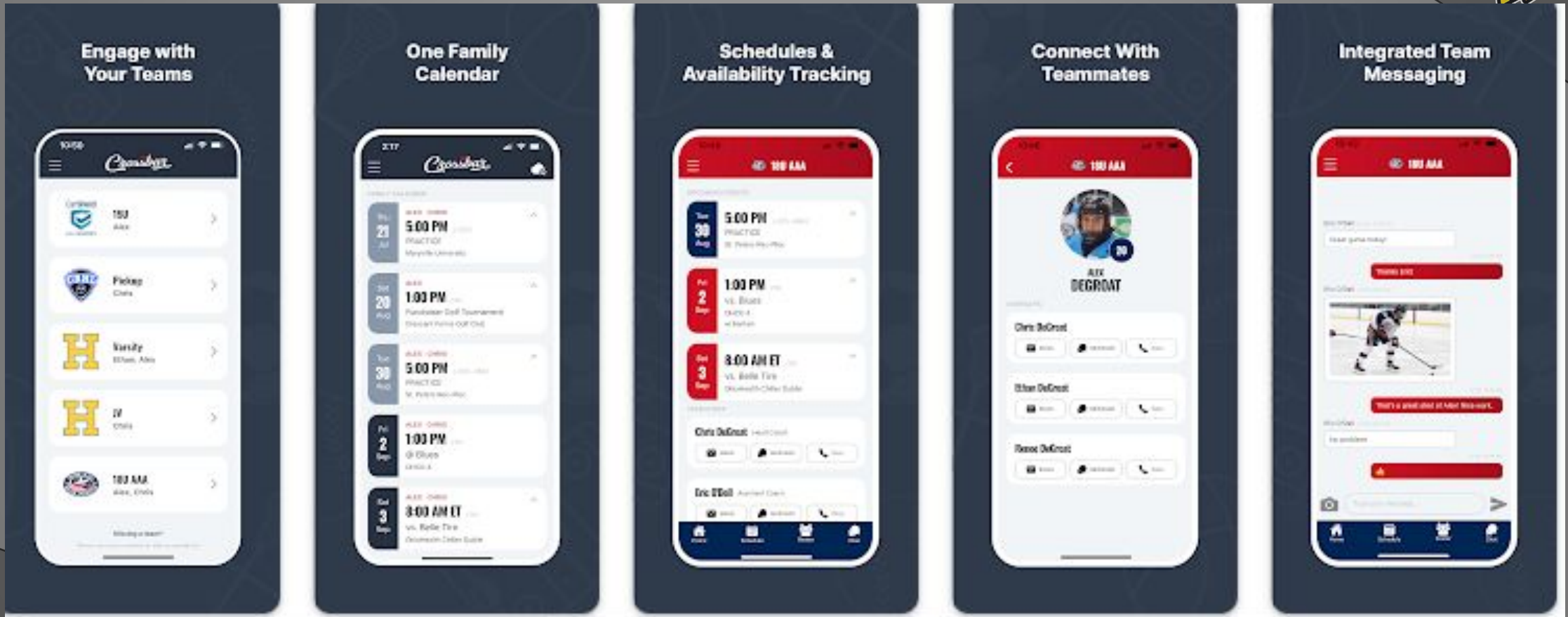
- Responsible for \$300 of raffle tickets
 - Give a post dated check
 - Keep whatever funds you raise from selling
- Winners drawn at IceBreaker event
 - Save the Date - Saturday, February 3, 2024
- Ideas to sell: Parents, grandparents, social media post, video of your kids, work, all the poeple you have bought girl scout cookies from in the past

Crossbar and WYH website



- Most communication handled through Crossbar App on smart phone
 - App is VERY useful for team communication & schedule, once teams have been picked
 - Web Page is more useful for signing up for volunteer shifts/DIBS
 - Feel free to approach seasoned parents for help with this!
 - [Apple -Crossbar](#)
 - Website has good reference material - www.wausauhockey.org
 - Board members and various contacts
 - WYH Code of Conduct
 - Demo

Crossbar App Features



Thank you!



- Thank you for choosing Wausau Youth Hockey!
- Coaches and the organization are here to support you!
- Please reach out with questions!