



**THE WILDCAT WRAP AROUND
NEWSLETTER**

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WHERE THE WILDCATS ARE

Teams are back on the road to tournaments this weekend, best of luck:

Squirt A is in Wausau for the Badger State Games

Squirt B is in Waupun

Squirt C2 White is in Menomonie

Friday January 7

Waupun Ice Arena

6:15 pm Squirt B vs. Fond Du Lac

Saturday January 8

Baraboo

10:00 am Squirt C Yellow vs. Baraboo B

Fanetti Ice Arena

4:15 pm Squirt C2 White vs. McFarland

Harris Park Ice Arena-Dodgeville

5:30 pm Bantam C vs. Dodgeville

Madison Ice Arena

11:30 am PeeWee C2 vs. Madison Polar Caps

Marathon County Ice Arena

9:30 am Squirt A vs. Waupaca

Reedsburg Area Community Arena (RACA)

9:15 am PeeWee C Black vs. RWD B

Stoughton, Mandt Center

10:30 am PeeWee B vs. Stoughton

UW Shell

11:00 am Bantam A vs. Elmbrook

Waupun Ice Arena

2:15 pm Squirt B vs. Monroe

Sunday January 9

Fanetti Ice Arena

10:30 am Squirt C2 White vs. Onalaska

Hartmeyer

9:30 am PeeWee C2 vs. Patriots

The Ice Pond

8:45 am PeeWee C Black vs. Patriots C1 Red

10:15 am PeeWee A vs. Middleton

11:45 am PeeWee B vs. Middleton

1:15 pm Squirt C2 Black vs. Madison Polar Caps C

McFarland Community Ice Arena

1:15 pm PeeWee C Yellow vs. McFarland B

Sauk Prairie Ice Arena

8:00 am Bantam A vs. Sauk Prairie

Uihlein Ice Arena

1:15 pm Bantam C vs. Winter Club

3:30 pm Bantam A vs. Winter Club

UW Shell

12:15 pm Squirt C Yellow vs. Madison Polar Caps

3:15 pm Bantam B vs. Sauk Prairie A

*Please remember, all games are subject to last-minute changes, so while an effort is made to make this list accurate, you should always use your team's communications for the most up to date information on your team's game schedule.

PICK UP NOTES FROM THE ICE POND

Spring 2022 Programs

Mighty Mites

Development Program for U6 and U8 mites!

Coach Kevin's Mighty Mites is a fun way for your mite player to stay on the ice this spring and get some additional skill development instruction. Cross-ice games and unique skill stations that incorporate multiple fundamental skills into each rep including skating, balance, stickhandling, passing, and shooting fill these one hour sessions.

Power Skating

Improve and Develop better skating mechanics to take your game to the next level!

Focus on honing your skating skills in this 10 week power skating camp. Edge control and use, stride mechanics, and quick starts are emphasized as all being the most important aspects of good skaters. These one hour sessions are coached by Amy Claggett.

Stickhandling & Shooting

Learn to take your puck skills to the next level!

Stormy's Stickhandling focuses on the value of stickhandling, puck protection, and shooting. Stickhandling is about controlling and feeling the puck on your stick, being able to control the puck while skating and transitioning, maneuver in small and large spaces, and shoot in uncomfortable positions. Develop your stickhandling and shooting skills to take your game to the next level!!

[Super Squirts](#)

Skill Development Program for Squirt players!

Stations to teach rules and fundamentals of game situations. Small Area Games to teach ice awareness and puck support. Skill Development stations to improve fundamental skills like passing, stickhandling, and shooting.

Wildcat Apparel from Trending Now

You can find all your Wildcat gear options [here](#).

Making Hockey Happen

Given the current surge of COVID-19 cases, we want to remind Wildcat families about our Return to Play policies.

In an effort to keep our players healthy and playing through this season safely, here is how to handle a player testing positive:

Members must inform their player's ALD or ALA if a player tests positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone with a confirmed case of COVID-19, or if someone in their household tests positive. **CDC defines an exposure as being within six feet of a person with confirmed COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period.** Members who test positive or are exposed to COVID-19 will be instructed to quarantine according to CDC guidelines. **The ALD, ALA, WYHA COVID-19 advisor, WYHA board and local authorities will assist to trace and determine the extent of the exposure and provide recommendations.**

One of the most important things you can do to limit exposure is to ensure your skater is wearing a mask. Right now, Public Health Madison and Dane County has an indoor mask requirement in place, and there are no exceptions listed for hockey. For us, this means that everybody in the rink is required to wear a mask. While many of you are traveling to counties without mask requirements in place, you are strongly encouraged to wear masks regardless.

Here's why: If a skater or coach with COVID-19 wears a mask at all times (i.e. in the rink, on the bench, locker room and on ice) a quarantine will not be required. If an unvaccinated skater or coach is an exposed close contact (i.e. due to locker room or bench contact) they can be required to quarantine for five days per the current CDC guidelines. However, if an unvaccinated skater or coach wears a mask at all times (i.e. in the rink, locker room, on the bench and on ice) this can be avoided.

For further information, please read our guidelines [here](#).

COACHES CORNER

This week, the Wraparound caught up with Wildcats power skating coach Amy Claggett.

What teams are you coaching? For the Wildcats, U8 Red and U6, as well as power skating for all teams Squirt through Bantam. Also Madison Capitols U12 girls coach, power skating for all Squirt-U18 Madison Capitols teams and Moms hockey:). (See above for more information about power skating with Coach Claggett at the Ice Pond this spring.)

What's your connection to hockey? I played growing up and also in college. I have always loved the game and the opportunities it provided me as a kid and adult.

What do you like most about coaching? The smiles, watching kids' and adults' confidence grow, development and just having a ton of fun.

What's been your favorite part of the season so far? Being part of the kids' lives and inspiring them to continue the love of the game. Watching the kids whom I have coached since they were young now compete at very high levels (and they are still smiling).

What are your goals for the second half of the season? Development as far as the game and skating, to keep building confidence, getting kids ready for the next level and helping moms understand how they can catch up to their kids :). For older teams, increased knowledge and making sure kids are aware of the biomechanics required to excel in their skating and game.

COMMUNICATION METHODS

The Wildcat Wrap Around Newsletter will come to you in weekly installments and will be archived on wildcathockey.org.

Hopefully this effort will help you see fewer emails throughout the week, and you will be able to find all of our updates in one place.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WYHA Board Meeting, January 13

Board Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. Any member is welcome to attend. There is a member open forum at the beginning of each meeting -send open forum topic to the Secretary & President prior to the meeting.

Final Fee Payments, January 15

Final balances on all hockey fees are due January 15. Please login to the website to make sure that your account is up to date.

January 24, Wildcats Practice with UW Men's Hockey Team

January 24, 2022, LeBahn Arena, approximately 12:30-2:00 pm.

This unique opportunity is for Wildcats who are currently in 6th grade or younger! Due to NCAA rules, they cannot have anyone older than 6th grade.

Any skater who signs up must have an adult that will be responsible for them, to stay and watch them that day. So you can carpool with friends, but the adult that drives them takes responsibility for all the kids they bring. They also ask that only adults stay to watch because this is still practice for the UW Men's Hockey team and the atmosphere does not allow for younger kids running around. So this opportunity is not a drop off situation.

Sign up [here](#) by January 15th!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Concessions

[January](#) sign up!

If you have not completed your 25 volunteer hours by 1/15, you will be charged \$25/hour for the remainder of your incomplete hours. **You can receive a refund of the charged hours at the end of the season when you complete your volunteer hours from the program.** We will be opening up the schedule soon for volunteer hours to be earned for the 2022-2023 program - we'll let you know when that happens.

Outdoor ice rink

The outdoor rink should be ready for skating by the end of the weekend — keep an eye on the Wildcat Hockey Facebook page for updates ! We still need help maintaining it, so please let us know if you can devote some time shoveling and flooding — this time can count toward your family's volunteer commitment. Please contact Joe Kaiser at josephkaiser01@gmail.com if you're able to help.

HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY

You can find their calendars here:

[Cap City Cougars Hockey](#)

[Norski High School Hockey](#)

[Waunakee High School Hockey](#)