

# ***North Hunterdon Ice Hockey Club***

## ***High School Program***

### **2009/10 Season**

The North Hunterdon Ice Hockey Club, now in our seventh season, will skate a high school aged team made up entirely of students from North Hunterdon High School for the 2009/10 season. The following is our best estimate of how the program will operate, however, some changes may be made when necessary.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

The team is open to all boys and girls who attend North Hunterdon High School. Previous experience is desirable but not required.

#### **Tryouts / Evaluations**

Tryouts are scheduled for Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM, Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM and Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 PM at Aspen Ice in Flemington. The tryout fee is \$100 at the door or \$75 for those who pre-register online. Full equipment, including a mouthpiece, is required. Players who cannot attend the tryouts due to other sport commitments should contact the coach and discuss if other tryout arrangements can be made. However, all players must pay the tryout fee.

#### **Season**

The season will run from November 15, 2009 to March 7, 2010.

#### **Games**

The team will register as a USA Hockey Midget U18 team and will play an independent schedule and one holiday tournament. High school opponents include Blair Academy and West Morris Central from New Jersey, Columbia Preparatory and Monsignor Farrell from New York, Harry S. Truman, North Catholic and Pennsbury from Pennsylvania. There will be two travel midget teams; the Aviators from Brooklyn and the Hollydell Hurricanes from south Jersey. All home games will be played in Flemington. The holiday tournament will be at Hatfield, Pennsylvania. Please see the website for a complete schedule.

The team will also play one pre-season scrimmage and will play in the New Jersey End Of Winter Classic.

#### **Practices**

The team will usually practice Mondays and Fridays at Aspen Ice in Flemington for 75 minutes. On-ice practices will start promptly at 4:15 pm. There will be off-ice chalk-talks prior to many of the practices and will be held in the locker room immediately before the on-ice practice session. Therefore, all players must be dressed and ready to go 15 minutes prior to the start of the on-ice practice session. Please see the website for the complete practice schedule.

#### **Ice Time**

All skaters will get fair ice time, but this is a competitive team and players are not guaranteed equal ice time.

### **Coaching Staff / Team Manager**

Jim Schwanda will serve as head coach. Jim played his college hockey at Lehigh University (NCAA D-3) and upon graduation stayed on as an assistant coach. For the previous six seasons Jim has been head coach of the club's middle school and/or high school teams. Last year Jim coached the high school team to a 16-3-1 record and the Cross County Junior Varsity Hockey League championship. Previously Jim served as an assistant coach for Rutgers University (ACHA D-1) men's team. Jim is a USA Hockey level IV certified coach and is also a certified USA Hockey referee.

Bob Mitchell will be joining the team for the first time this year. Bob is the Coaching Director / ACE Coordinator for the Bridgewater Bears travel hockey program. Bob specializes in skills and player development and will be helping the team out when his schedule permits. Bob is a USA Hockey level V coach.

Gary Schleicher will be back for his second year as assistant coach. Last year Gary fashioned an offensive unit that averaged scoring over five goals a game. Gary has coached youth teams from Canada down to the Gulf Coast.

Dave Fischbach will be back for his third year as assistant coach. Dave handled the defensive duties last year and led the team to three shutouts. Dave is a USA Hockey level II coach.

Ed Norman will be joining the team for the first time this year. Ed comes from the Bethlehem Blast travel organization and is a USA Hockey level III coach.

Art Marchesini will serve as the team manager and is also spearheading the effort to have ice hockey sanctioned as a varsity sport at North Hunterdon High School.

We are always looking for other volunteers to help coach, take videos, pictures, plan fundraisers, purchase spirit wear, write game summaries and help run our program.

### **Player Fees**

The cost for the season is \$1,000 which includes all games and practices fees. In addition, each player is required to join USA Hockey for the 2009/10 season. New players will also have to purchase a set of home and away jerseys and socks. The uniform fee is estimated to be \$140. We realize that not all players will be able to attend all practices and / or games. Refunds cannot be given to any individual player regardless of the reason.

Registration for tryouts will be available online. Uniform purchases will also be available online. In order that we get new uniforms before our first game, it is essential that they be purchased within two days of the final tryout.

### **Captains' Practice**

There will be two captain's practices, Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, both at 6:00 PM at Aspen ice in Flemington. The captain's practice fee is \$75 at the door or \$50 for those who pre-register online. Full equipment, including a mouthpiece, is required.

### **To Register Online:**

<http://www.NorthIceHockey.org>

### **To Register With USA Hockey:**

<http://www.usahockey.com>