

FAQs for the transition to WIAA

- Why has Manitowoc Youth Hockey made the change to WIAA?
 - In order to grow our program it is necessary to become WIAA so that our athletes can play against all the other school programs in Northeast Wisconsin. At this time, there are only a handful of WAHA programs left. There are 4 WIAA teams in the Green Bay area alone.
- How many practices will be scheduled each week? How long will practice be? Any dryland training?
 - Varsity will practice 3 times per week, JV twice, which is the same as last year. Dryland practice is permissible. The only restriction on practice is that the players must not play hockey more than 6 consecutive days without a day off. The times will be determined by the scheduler.
- When does the season start and end?
 - The season begins the week of November 10 and ends with the State Tournament on March 7. There must be a minimum of 10 practices before the first scheduled game.
- Will we have JV and Varsity?
 - Yes, the teams will be determined through tryouts, and both will be WIAA
- Do we still need to register for USA Hockey?
 - No
- How is the cost determined?
 - The cost is determined by the board based on the projected budget.
- Can the BlueLine Club give scholarships to players who can't afford to play hockey?
 - No. This affects the player's amateur status. No player can receive compensation in any form for playing hockey.
- Can girls play on the WIAA team?
 - Yes, since Manitowoc does not offer a girls' team.

- Will there only be games against WIAA teams?
 - Since this is our first season, we will be allowed to schedule some games against WAHA teams if we can't fill our schedule, but for the 2010-2011 season it is likely all our opponents will be WIAA.

- How will tournaments be handled?
 - Tournaments are scheduled through John Johnson, the Lincoln High School Athletic Director and are sanctioned by WIAA.

- Do coaches have to be Lincoln faculty?
 - No. Currently the job openings are posted on the school's job listing page. Any qualified candidate can apply. Interviews will be conducted by the Athletic Director and his committee.

- What will the team name be?
 - Manitowoc United

- Do the players have to have matching uniforms?
 - Helmets, breezers, socks, and jerseys must match. We will keep the current jerseys. Players must have blue helmets and blue breezers. Breezer covers are also available. Gloves and sticks do not need to match. Goalies don't have to match, but must wear a neck dangler.

- Can we still give the Jacobi Scholarship to seniors?
 - Yes

- Who will supply the equipment?
 - Jerseys and bags will be supplied by MCYHA, all other equipment must be provided by the family. MC Sports in Manitowoc is working with us to keep our required gear in stock.

- Do they need to have a physical?
 - Yes. The physical requirement is the same as any other HS sport and must be submitted to the school.

- How many games are allowed?

- The season consists of 20 games, including tournament games. New for 2009: Of the 20 contests currently allowed, two contests may be designated as multi-games between another school or schools, which will count as one of the maximum total contests provided no members of the team are dismissed from academic classes in order to play or travel.
- Can the athletes earn a High School Letter?
 - Yes, they are eligible for a letter from their registered school.
- Who determines the Code of Conduct?
 - Each student will play under their registered school's athletic code of conduct. It will be up to the coach to communicate with the appropriate Athletic Director regarding any conduct issues.
- How many schools are participating in Manitowoc United's co-op?
 - Currently seven. They include Manitowoc Lincoln, Roncalli, Lutheran, Two Rivers, Valders, Mishicot, and Denmark. If any other schools have athletes that want to participate in hockey in the future, we can apply to have them join our co-op. It is very possible that each year, the makeup of our program may change slightly.
- What conference will we be in?
 - For our first year, we will be independent, in October John Johnson will apply to have us admitted to the Badgerland Conference.
- Can we still have 50/50 raffles at High School games?
 - Yes. You can also have shootouts, if none of the athletes participate. You can't have any contests that are determined based on the performance of the athletes, i.e. prizes for goals scored.
- Will the players be bussed to away games?
 - Yes. The athletic director will schedule transportation on school busses. If JV and Varsity play back to back, they will

share a bus. MCYHA will reimburse the school district for this expense.

- Will the Manitowoc Youth High School Hockey continue to be funded by the families or by the school?
 - The funding will remain as it always has been, the program will be self-funded. There is no money in the district's budget to take on a new sport at this time.

- When is registration?
 - Registration is in August and will be posted on the MCYHA website.

 - Can a player play on JV and Varsity teams in the same week?
A student may be a member of two different school level teams in the same calendar week. When a student plays in 2 different levels of competition on the same day, they may not participate in more than 5 periods in any single day.

 - Can practice be held during the off season?
So long as practice is voluntary and available to all interested students, there shall be no restrictions on assembling in the summertime, for up to 5 days which do not need to be consecutive for all WIAA sponsored sports. Days must conclude before July 31.

- Where can I go if I have more questions?
 - Dianne Mayer is the WIAA liaison for the hockey program. You can e-mail her at mayerj1@comcast.net. You can also find information on rules and regulations, as well as more FAQs on the WIAA website at www.wiaawi.org.