

FAQs for WIAA Hockey in Manitowoc County

1. Will we have Varsity and JV?
We will continue to have two high school teams as we always have.
2. Can there be a WIAA Varsity and WAHA JV?
No. JV and Varsity will both be high school affiliated.
3. If there are two teams, will there be tryouts or will class rank have anything to do with it?
Kids will be placed based on ability.
4. Regarding beginning players;
According to the WIAA, this has never happened. It is a non-issue.
5. How was the cost determined?
The cost is simply a “working figure” based on nearby programs. This remains to be negotiated, but it is my understanding that it will work as it always has in the past, with the MCYHA determining which portion of the season’s expenses will come from fees and which will be made up through fundraising. The main difference being that the registration fees will be paid directly to the school district, and the remaining costs of the program will be invoiced to the MCYHA.
6. Will the fee be \$1100 for both Varsity and JV?
Again, the MCHYA can determine where the funds will come from to support high school hockey.
7. Regarding scholarships:
Again, according to the WIAA, this has never happened. Hockey players always find a way to pay for hockey. You can not offer a scholarship to a WIAA player because it affects his or her amateur status.
8. Can girls play on a WIAA team?
Yes, if we don’t have a girls’ team.
9. Will there only be games between WIAA teams?
Games will be scheduled against WIAA teams. In order to play outside of your conference, you must obtain a waiver. As a practical matter, there will be virtually no WAHA teams left to play. Oshkosh, Sheboygan, and Shawano will be WIAA next season, and Appleton is eliminating their WAHA team and fielding only a WIAA team next year.
10. How will tournaments be handled?
Tournaments are scheduled through the AD and are all sanctioned through WIAA. Again, any event that is non-WIAA would require a waiver.
11. Do coaches have to be Lincoln faculty?
No. However, coaches will be school district employees. Jobs will be posted and anyone can apply. The contract salaries for high school coaches apply.
12. What will the team name be?
Probably Manitowoc Ships or Manitowoc United.
13. Will new jerseys or bags be needed?
No. Our current uniform is an appropriate color and doesn’t carry the “Breakers” name, so it will continue as is.

