

Waukesha Wings Parent Meeting
Waukesha North High School Library
October 15th, 2024 at 6:00pm

Coaching Introduction-Dave Kupsky

- Head Varsity Coach and President of Blue Line Club-Dave Kupsky
- Assistant Varsity Defensive Coach-Dave Brienzo
- Assistant Varsity Offensive Coach-Jordan Keizer
- Head JV Coach-Mike Nevins
- Assistant JV Coach-Jim Behn
- Goalie Coach (Varsity and JV)-Garrett Larsen
- Two potential Assistant JV Coaches to join

2024-25 Season Schedule

-Link to schedule (games finalized and posted on Wing's website; 11 teams in conference, 4 teams out of conference, plus tournament games):

https://www.waukeshawings.com/season_management_season_page/tab_schedule?page_node_id=8789668

-Make sure to download **Sports Engine** app and search for Waukesha Wings (player will show as a fan until they have been officially rostered). Include your player's information on Sports Engine to keep them up-to-date

-Any website or Sports Engine questions can be directed to Joe Lyman:
joe.lyman@hotmail.com

-Tryouts November 11th, 13th, and 14th

-Last day of tryouts, November 14th, players will find out which team they are on, receive uniforms, and take pictures (pizza party at rink to follow)

-Tournaments

-Thanksgiving tournament (weekend prior to holiday) Varsity in Chicago and JV in Waupun/Mullet

-Wausau (not a tournament, but includes an overnight stay) Varsity and JV December 6th and 7th

-Joe Raymond tournament (following Christmas) Varsity and JV at Naga-waukee

-Sun Prairie tournament (Ground Hog weekend) Varsity only

Equipment Coordinator-Charlie Thomas

-Neck guards are REQUIRED (the team has purchased one for each player, but feel free to use your own)

-Players will receive their uniforms and equipment the last night of tryouts/picture night- November 14th

-Contact Charlie with questions: cthombs83@gmail.com

Team Manager (JV and Varsity) - Michele McHenry

- Please make sure you received correspondence from Michele regarding team hotels for Wausau (JV and Varsity) and Chicago (varsity only)
- Michele will send emails throughout the season about bus schedules, team dinners, snack bags, and other important information
- All buses will pick up and drop off at Waukesha North
- Email Michele with any questions: mecho23023@yahoo.com

Fundraising/Grout-fits/Apparel - Heidi Radomski

-Raise Right (formally Scrip) is an ongoing gift card fundraiser. Money raised by your player goes directly toward their skater fees. Note: September 30th was cut off for 2024-25 season. All money received after this date will apply toward next year's fees. Link: <https://www.raiseright.com/>

-Super fan shirts will be on sale soon. Money from sales goes toward Wings Organization

-Grout-fits (sweatshirt, sweatpants, and beanie with player's number) will go on sale soon. These are not mandatory, but highly encouraged since the kids wear these prior to most games. Cost is roughly \$80/set and Wings will cover close to \$50 of this fee

-Squad Locker is a year-round website with Wing's apparel. Link will be posted on website soon

-Email Heidi with any questions: hradomski72@gmail.com

Program Coordinator—Mandy Dosti

-The Wings print approximately 125 professional programs for the season. If your player sells an ad for the program, they receive 70% of that sale toward their skater invoice. Deadline for this season's sales is October 28th

-Attention Senior skaters, submit your player profile to Mandy ASAP

-Email Mandy Dosti with questions: mdosti@gmail.com

Donations/Sponsors—Robin Thomas

-Annual golf tournament is our biggest fundraiser. Mark your calendars for July 24th, 2025 at Morningstar for the next outing. Any company and/or family interested in sponsoring a hole, can contact Robin

-Twice a year the Wings ask families to consider monetary donations. This money is used for our Joe Raymond and golf outing raffle baskets. Money and/or items not used for these two events help support other fundraisers in our co-op throughout the year. Note: donations are NOT mandatory, but highly encouraged

-Any other fundraising ideas and/or donations for our events are always welcome

-Email Robin with questions: robin_550@msn.com

Volunteer Coordinator—Clinton Krell

-Each family must complete 40 hours (points) per season to receive their \$400 volunteer fee back. For families continuing to play, the credit is rolled over to the next season. For those families aging out, they will receive a \$400 check

-Game day volunteer opportunities coming out soon. Be on the look out for an email

-Open coordinator positions still available (20-40 points): Varsity Videographer, Waukesha North Booster Rep, Golf Outing Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator, and Joe Raymond Assistant Coordinator

-Email Clinton with questions or interest: ckrell@wi.rr.com

Joe Raymond Memorial Tournament - Brad Rzepinski

-For the past 23 years, Catholic Memorial-passed down to the Wings-have hosted a tournament in honor of a hockey coach who died tragically.

-Two years ago when the Wings took over, we lost money. Last year we netted almost \$4k

-Tournament takes place at Nagawaukee from December 26-28th

-All hands on deck. Families and players will be required to help 1-2 hours (separate from the regular volunteer hours/points) in order to make this tournament a success

Email Brad with questions: brad.rzepinski@gmail.com

Off-Ice Conditioning/Team Dinners - Jen Knuth

-Two more pre-season drylands workouts at St. John's: Tuesday, October 22nd and October 29th from 7:30-8:30pm; \$20 cash or Venmo drop-in @jen-knuth (1888 last 4 digits)

-Dryland for upcoming season (mandatory and expenses covered by Wings):

-Sunday 3:45-4:30pm JV at Nag*

-Monday 5:45-6:30pm Varsity at Nag*

-Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm JV and Varsity at St. John's gym (indoors only)

*Have players dress in layers. We stay outside unless it is frigid or icy

-Team dinners are a great way for the kids to bond. JV and Varsity combine dinners, so expect 39 players. If you have any interest in hosting, co-hosting, or contributing to a potluck, please email Jen Knuth or Michele McHenry

-Jen Knuth's email: jenknuth4@hotmail.com

Treasurer Report - Jeannie Zukaukas

-Skater invoices were issued last week from Jeannie. Please contact her asap if you did not receive an invoice. Payment in FULL is due prior to November 11th. Cash or check ONLY

- Please make sure you send cash or check for remaining captain's practices with player or you will receive another invoice
- Credits for Raise Right (prior to 9/30) and program ads can still be adjusted
- Thanks to fundraising efforts and booster club money, our skater fees are \$200 less than last season

Email Jeannie with any financial questions: jeanniezcpa@gmail.com