

# **HARTFORD BOYS' HOCKEY TEAM EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES**

## **Team Staff**

**Todd Bebeau** - Head Coach **Erin Stevens** - Assistant Coach **Greg Balsam** - Volunteer Coach **Nathan Robinson** - Volunteer Coach

## **Team Selection**

Each year, the team selection is based on different circumstances, mainly numbers. The first one to two days of practice will be dedicated to evaluating potential players interested in being on the team.

## **What It Means To Be A Varsity Hockey Player**

It's a **privilege** to be a member of this program — this needs to be earned daily. Each player must understand one's priorities: FAMILY FIRST, SCHOOL SECOND, HOCKEY THIRD. A player must understand how to balance all three entities to succeed on this team.

## **Season Commitment**

The season consists of a fourteen-week regular season and a potential two-week postseason. All players who wish to be a team member must be willing to meet this time commitment.

## **Constant Goals For The Season (Non-Negotiable)**

1. Understand what we can control vs. what we can't.
2. Learn how to practice.
3. Learn how to compete.
4. Learn how to put ourselves in a position to win.
5. Learn how to win.

## **Communication**

An email list will be created to notify parents of any schedule changes, practice cancellations, or other beneficial items. Email is an acceptable way to inform me that your son is absent from school or to ask general questions. If you have a concern or issue that you need to address with me, you may email me to set up a meeting or call to discuss it.

### **Practice Requirements**

Players are required to attend all practices. Sickness, family emergencies, and college visits are considered excused absences. Doctor's appointments, although excused, should be avoided during practice times. Each player is required to give ample notice of any upcoming absence. Vacations and professional sporting events are not excused absences.

### **Play Off Requirements**

To qualify for post-season play, we must win or tie 40% of our games against Division II opponents. We must perform at a certain standard to have the privilege of participating in the post-season tournament.

### **Transportation Guidelines**

Part of being a varsity athlete is riding to and from away games on the bus with your teammates. If this is a hardship for your family, it can be handled individually. Convenience is not an example of a hardship.

### **Playing Time**

Playing time is not equal and is not guaranteed. Players will be evaluated daily to determine who is best suited to play at the varsity level. There are no entitlement issues regarding playing time. ABILITY, WORK ETHIC, and COACHABILITY (WILLINGNESS TO LEARN) are key components that will be evaluated throughout the season.

## **Academic Eligibility**

Any player who becomes academically ineligible will not be allowed to participate in games during their ineligible period. The individual can appeal to the principal for an acceptable plan to regain playing privileges.

## **Skate Sharpening**

Skate sharpening will be offered at \$50.00 for the season. Skates are typically sharpened at least twice weekly.

## **Final Thoughts**

The coaching staff will continue to challenge your son to become a better hockey player and, more importantly, a better teammate, person, and community member. The coaching staff will strive to help players better understand why being part of this program is special and unique. Although roles and playing time vary, each individual will be valued and respected throughout the season.

## **Contact Information**

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