

## **IMPORTANT: ABOUT WILMETTE HOCKEY TRYOUTS**

Please keep in mind our Wilmette Hockey Association goals. In the big picture, we are attempting to "teach kids through hockey" and provide long lasting, important, life skill lessons.

Additionally and importantly, travel hockey is competitive hockey. Individual players have ambition and want to make the highest playing level team possible. Players that earn that opportunity will be provided that opportunity. Thus, at each tryout, the opportunity to make the highest playing level team is afforded to all players--equally. Finally, using all of our multiple resources, our coaches will attempt to choose and place the most competitive team as possible.

### **Factors we considered when evaluating a player:**

#### **•Productivity:**

Does the player make effective hockey plays that contribute to team success at that level?

#### **•Skills:**

Does the player demonstrate the core skills, speed and strength necessary to be effective at that level?

#### **•Coach-ability:**

Does the player listen and respond to coaching instructions? Does the player value feedback? Does the player willingly make sacrifices based on the coach's instruction?

#### **•Character:**

Does the player behave, communicate and respond in ways that contribute to team success?

#### **•Hockey Sense:**

Does the player make choices that are consistent with winning hockey at that level?

#### **•History:**

Has the player historically performed at a level equivalent to the team's projected playing level and the team's players?

#### **•Team Roster Balance:**

Does the player provide unique qualities the team needs in order to succeed against any opponent's playing style?

The competition for team spots will be vigorous.

We look forward to seeing the results of hard work and placing players according to their performance.