

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Hockey Parents,

Since we sent out the letter on Sunday, I have received several questions and wanted to send out some clarifications.

We are committed to providing as many opportunities as possible to help develop our players and teams. We are also committed to making sure that playing hockey in WHA is affordable and attainable for all. With those two objectives in mind we decided to hold an additional fundraiser to cover expenses associated with these additional training opportunities. This raffle will be in addition to the “in-season” raffle that we normally conduct.

Questions I have received:

- **Question:** Are we required to sell these tickets?  
**Answer:** Nobody is being required to sell these tickets. This fundraiser is optional for all families. However, for those families that sell 5 tickets (per player) the training programs discussed will be available at no extra charge. Those that do not sell tickets will be required to pay for the additional training(s). The board has worked hard to create additional opportunities for your players but is not making these training sessions mandatory. The coaches at each level however may make participation a requirement for their players. That will be at the discretion of the coach.
- **Question:** Are Squirts and Mites required/eligible to participate?  
**Answer:** The intention is to have ice time and training available for all age levels, including mites and squirts. Parents are free to sell tickets or “pay to play”. Players at these levels will not be required by coaches to participate in the training sessions.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [eric@crestonebuilders.com](mailto:eric@crestonebuilders.com), our secretary Kristie Evans at [lakerhockeysec@gmail.com](mailto:lakerhockeysec@gmail.com) or the director at your level.

On another note, you have probably seen in the news that the city council has voted to put \$8.7M in the budget for the construction of a new two-sheet, ice arena. This is great news for our hockey families! This vote shows that the city council and the mayor are committed to building a new two-sheet arena in Watertown! The \$8.7M that is being budgeted is enough money to build a facility that is designed to have two sheets of ice. The building is designed so that the amenities that are desired by our association and our community can easily be added at a later date or included in the original construction project as more funds become available. The message was clear from the city council that it is important to them that this be done right, when it is built. When you see our city council members, please thank them for their support and encourage them to continue their commitment to building a facility that Watertown can be proud of and that will generate revenue for the city for years to come.

Thank you all. We are looking forward to the 2018/2019 hockey season! Thank you for participating!

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