



**Wildcats Hockey Booster Club**  
Supporting Suffield, Windsor Locks & Granby  
High Schools Co-op Ice Hockey

## Q&A Information Sheet

### **What is Wildcat Hockey?**

The Suffield Wildcats hockey program is a three-town high school, pay to play, cooperative program serving the communities of Suffield, Granby, and Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

### **Where is our home rink?**

Enfield Twin Rinks (ETR), 1 Prior Road, Enfield, CT

### **Do we have a website for the team?**

The Booster Club maintains a website for the team with the most current information at [www.suffieldhockey.org](http://www.suffieldhockey.org).

You may also follow us on Twitter @WildcatsPuck

Additional information can be found on the CIAC and MaxPreps websites:

[http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/suffield-granby-windsor-locks-wildcats-\(suffield,ct\)/ice-hockey/home.htm](http://www.maxpreps.com/high-schools/suffield-granby-windsor-locks-wildcats-(suffield,ct)/ice-hockey/home.htm)

[www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org)

### **Can a student play for another team once the high school season starts?**

No – The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) Handbook, does not allow students to participate on another team during the high school season (Reference Appendix B, Section II. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY, Subsection F).

### **When do players sign up for hockey?**

At the orientation meeting held in October.

### **Who should go to the orientation meeting?**

The coaches and booster club encourage both parents, and both current and prospective players to attend to learn about the team.

October 8, 2019

## What is the agenda for the orientation meeting?

- Introduction
- Coach(s) Introduction
- Team Rules Distribution
- Commitment Letter signing
- Pay to Play details:
  - Cost, How to pay, Who to pay, When to pay
- Booster Club Information:
  - Volunteering, Team dinners, Fundraising, Team Budget
- Ordering and payment of team game jerseys, warm-ups (jackets & pants), hockey bags, etc.

## How do we order team items, i.e. uniform jerseys, warm ups, hockey bag?

Orders for items will be taken at the orientation meeting. There will be sample sizes available for warm-ups. Players are required to purchase game jerseys. Warm-Ups and bags are optional however recommended. Warm-Ups have typically been worn to away games and most players do use our bags to carry their equipment.

## What completed paperwork is needed before hockey tryouts/evaluations?

Players must have physicals prior to the start of the tryout/evaluations on file with school nurse. *No player will be allowed on the ice if there is no physical on file.*

## Who are the coaches for Wildcat Hockey?

Varsity Head Coach - Jake King  
Assistant Coaches - Rich Doane, Jon Cieri

## When are assessments/evaluations?

The first day of Wildcats Hockey will be on or around **November 26, 2019**. More details to follow. Assessments last about a week.

## How do we know what team we made?

After evaluations, the coaching staff will meet with each team member to discuss team placement. The coaching staff is continuously evaluating players, so there is opportunity to move up during the season.

## **How often do we have practice?**

In general, practice is held 5 days a week.

## **What time do we have practice?**

Practice time is usually from 3:40PM or 3:50PM and lasts for one hour.

## **How do we get to the rink after school?**

You may ride the dedicated school bus from Suffield High School - Bus departs the school at 2:15 pm and then picks up players at WLHS and continues to the rink.

Bus from Granby Memorial: Last year the AD sent a weekly email with bus times. The bus usually left between 2:20 pm and 2:40 pm

Suffield/Windsor Locks students: upon presentation of a Signed Athlete Transport Form, see below, you may receive a ride from a parent. Granby students are expected to ride the bus unless you are excused from the bus by the Granby AD.

## **How do we get home from the rink after practice?**

For Suffield and Windsor Locks there is no bus transportation after practice; you are responsible for your own transportation home. Suffield/Windsor Locks Parent Pick-up from ETR: after 5:00pm

Granby Players are bussed back to Granby Memorial High School for pickup after practice.

## **Do we practice during the holidays?**

Yes – we practice during the week between Christmas and New Year's and February vacation. There is no bus transportation to practice for Suffield/Windsor Locks students during school vacations. Granby students will receive transportation from the high school.

## **Is there a place to store hockey sticks and bags at all of the high schools?**

Suffield: There is a designated closet in the gymnasium.

Windsor Locks: There is a designated area, see Mr. O'Brien.

Granby: There is a designated closet in the gymnasium.

## **Is there a location for players to leave their bags/equipment at the rink?**

Yes, the Wildcats Hockey Program has a locker room at Enfield Twin Rinks. All players are allowed

to leave their equipment in the locker room.

## How do we get the varsity game schedules?

Once official, the schedules will be accessible as a link from the Wildcats Booster Club website [www.suffieldhockey.org](http://www.suffieldhockey.org) or you can go directly to the CIAC website. You can also sign up at [www.casciac.org](http://www.casciac.org) for email or text alerts for any schedules changes. This is a very helpful tool since schedules often change.

## Is transportation provided for away games?

For away games both the JV and Varsity teams take a team bus.

**For Suffield and Windsor Locks students the game bus pickup and drop off is at Suffield High School. Granby students have a bus provided at Granby High School that takes them over to Suffield High School where all players ride together to the game. So, Granby student pickup/drop-off is based at Granby High School.**

A family may choose to transport their student home after an away game using an **Athlete Transport Form** (links available on our website's FORMS page or look for the form on your school's website). The form must be filled out, signed by the parent and the Athletic Director and given to the coach 24 hours in advance. (these requirements may vary by school).

*Note:* Each of the three schools has individual policies, so it is important to make sure you are aware of the latest policy for your school.

## Can you tell me more about the Wildcat Hockey Booster Club?

The Wildcat Booster Club oversees the program budget and coordinates the payment of most program fees, uniform purchases, schedules required police coverage at home games, coordinates fund raisers, organizes ticket sales and plans team events including team dinners and the end of the year banquet. All player parents are automatically members of the booster club and are encouraged to take an active role.

**The Board Members for the 2019 -2020 season are:**

President:	Greg McWhirter	gregmcwhirter@ogind.com
Vice President:	Wendy Stone	stonewend@hotmail.com
Treasurer:	Diane Becker	beckerstur10@yahoo.com
Secretary:	Christine Martineau	c_martineau@att.net

**Are there other booster club positions?**

There are many positions and committees within the booster club and they are continuously evolving during the year as needs arise. We encourage all families to become involved with the team. Areas of need are listed below. Please contact the Board president if you would like to volunteer!

<b>Refer to the CONTACT area on our website for the most recent volunteer listing.</b>	
<b>Treasurer Assistant:</b> <b>Windsor Locks Town Rep.:</b> <b>Granby Town Representative:</b> <b>Suffield Town Representative:</b> <b>Sponsor Drive:</b> <b>Uniforms/Apparel Coordinator:</b> <b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b> <b>Website Coordinator:</b> <b>ETR Coordinator/bulletin board:</b> <b>Team Photographers:</b>	<b>Team Videographer:</b> <b>Home Game programs:</b> <b>Bus Meal coordinator for selected away games:</b>  <b>Year Book Coordinator:</b> <b>Senior Night Coordinator:</b> <b>End of Year Banquet Coordinator:</b>  <b>Ticket sales</b> at home games: <i><b>all players' families</b></i> are required to volunteer with ticket sales. It is critical to our program that we have enough volunteers staffing both doors for ticket sales for all home games. We will have online signups for ticket sales.

**Team Dinners: TBD**

Often a group of families **from each town** will host one of these dinners for all players and coaches.

[Please see our website for past history and details.](#)

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