



WPB&GC - STREET HOCKEY

DON'T MISS ALL THE SUMMER FUN!!!!

ABOUT THE GAME:

- Street Hockey is a **NON-CONTACT** sport
 - Unlike Ice hockey body checking is not permitted nor tolerated
 - Slap shots are not permitted
- Played in sneakers (not roller blades or skates)
- Game consists of three periods (15 to 20 minutes in length)
 - Clock runs except for time outs and between periods
- Each Team fields 5 players plus 1 goaltender
 - Substitutions permitted at any time including during play
 - Required equipment to play - Stick with a taped end, Hockey Helmet with protective full face mask, Hockey shin/knee pads, Protective athletic cup (boys only)
 - Protective gloves (optional but recommended)
 - Hockey, lacrosse, and field hockey gloves all permitted

WHO CAN PLAY:

- Open to boys and girls of West Paterson starting at Age 5 thru the summer following 8th grade
- Split into two divisions (Registration permitting)
 - K/Pre-K thru 3rd/4th grade and 4th/5th grade thru 8th grade

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- REGISTRATION – Middle April thru Middle of May (Look for flyers sent home with school)
- PRACTICES BEGIN – Middle to Late June (Immediately following Baseball and Softball Season)
- SEASON – Last week June Thru Early/Mid August – Monday Thru Thursday nights
 - Friday, Saturday and Sunday avoided for family trips (Weather Permitting)

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **Do the younger kids play at the same time as the older kids?**
 - On occasion; however coaches try to limit this. In most cases the older kids spend more time trying to help the younger players learn and score rather than score themselves. Our older players have been great in helping the younger ones learn the game
- **Do Girls and Boys play together?**
 - Yes. In 2007 over 30% of our players were girls.
- **Does Hockey interfere with any other program?**
 - At the start and end of the hockey season, there is a slight overlap with other sports but all the commissioners involved work very closely to try to limit any conflict.
- **How does the hot weather affect the game and the children?**
 - I won't kid you, it does get hot; however we only start our games after 6:00 PM as it begins to cool down, and shade protects most of the rink. Coaches pay very close attention to the players, and make frequent substitutions. As long as the children drink plenty of water/Gatorade there shouldn't be any problems.
- **How expensive is the equipment?**
 - On average you are looking at around \$70.00 to \$80.00, for a stick, helmet and pads. Equipment can be purchased as any sporting goods retail outlet like Dick's Sporting Goods, Sports Authority, or Modell's. The equipment can be reused each year, and as most pieces are adjustable in size, they last a while.
 - All Goaltender equipment is provided by the program.

Please sign up on our e-mail list so we can contact you directly for season updates and registration dates.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or telephone.

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