



2021-22 Hudson Raider Hockey Parent Information Meeting Notes

CONGRATS to your boys & WELCOME to the 2020-2021 HHS Hockey Season!

What/Who is THE BLUE LINE CLUB:

Hudson Blue Line Club is a 501c3 non-profit organization led by parent volunteers focused on providing support for Hudson Raider hockey players, teams, families & coaching staff, included but not limited to:

- Organizing food for away games, snacks for buses, pre-game pasta meals and more
- Coordination of special events: game nights like teacher night, senior/parent night
- Funding for expenses not covered by district: equipment, supplies, rink fees, facility needs (ex: locker room updates) food, alumni boards & travel fees
- Organizing community outreach/volunteer events - for players to support others
- Planning and arranging team & parent travel
- Assisting the coaching staff & Raider hockey families with communications, volunteer coordination & resources to ensure the season runs smoothly
- Providing an avenue for scholarship/financial aid opportunities to players in need

To do the items above... Fundraising & Volunteering is critical (ex: program/streaming ad sales, golf tournament, corn feed event, meat raffles, various donation/sales drives) Please join us by helping!

Communications:

Most communications will come through our BLC Secretary email account for ease of finding/identifying messages. Sometimes we will send a message with one topic only, to control searches, "reply" chains, and updates. You can also find a lot of helpful information on the website, which is where most transactions will take place.

*Note: communications between players/coaches should be directly between player/coach, not the BLC. Anything on ice is off limits for us.

Link to website: [Hudson Blue Line Club \(HUDSONBLUELINECLUB.COM\)](http://HUDSONBLUELINECLUB.COM)

Email Address: BLC Secretary HUDSONBLUELINECLUBSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM

Special thanks to Rick Pottratz (VP), Dani Ross (Secretary), Lynn Robson (Treasurer), Jamie Schultz, Meagan Kochendorfer, our partners on the girl's side & *many* others for their hard work

to keep the program organized & positive for our kids! Also, shout out to the “leads” who take on committee roles.

Our goal is to provide the best possible hockey season for our players, coaches, parents & fans... and to honor our graduating Seniors!

NEXT STEPS / ACTION NEEDED:

- 🍏 **Pay Season Fees BY Monday 11/15** - so we can order team jackets & minimize supply issues, etc.
 - **Team Fee \$100 Varsity/\$75 JV** Covers: post-game pizza for ~1 hour bus trips, sanitizing service for equipment/locker room, misc. equipment such as tape, sharpening wheel, etc. game day/bus snacks, beverages, rink pasta feeds, additional expenses not paid by district.
 - **Game Photo Fee: \$50 Varsity/\$30 JV** Professional photographer will send link of game photos including action shots & special game night shots so you can enjoy the games! Total cost offset by BLC.
 - **Apparel Fee \$300** Includes team outfit (CCM Winter jacket, joggers, hoodie) Retail Value > \$420 - BLC covering the difference & personalization fees
 - *Had to forego shoes & specified formal wear (polo) due to supply issues & cost avoidance
 - **Add on options:** Backpack same as last year and hat is the same as last year (new members or those who need replacement can order online through during team fee process)
- 🍏 **Submit Sandwich Orders for away games (optional)**
Players have the *option* to order sandwiches from The Subhouse for away games. Please fill out the online sandwich order form and payment.
- 🍏 **Place Optional Team & Fan Apparel order Closes 11/22:** Please be patient as there have been countless supply chain challenges. Orders will be placed via online store w/ St. Croix Sports
**** Link will be added ASAP ****
- 🍏 **Team Shoes:** The boys historically ordered team shoes and have typically chosen all white. In lieu of selecting a specific item that can be costly and may not be a good fit, we simply recommend the boys choose an all-white tennis shoe that is in clean/good condition to wear on game days.
- 🍏 **Pictures:** Pictures will be completed Sunday, Nov. 14 - Please submit order forms & payment *directly to Amy Wagner* on picture day but no later than November 19th (form on blc website)
- 🍏 **SENIORS ONLY-** please submit your senior player ad for the program by Thur. 11/18 (details in email sent on 11/10)

TEAM TRAVEL

The coaches are excited to announce that games are scheduled between Edgewood and Verona in the Madison area over the Thanksgiving break! This is a great opportunity for teambuilding for the boys by traveling together early in the season. This is historically a highlight of their season; we're excited this is possibility again!

- Games currently scheduled:
 - Friday November 26th vs. Edgewood and
 - Saturday, November 27th vs. Verona
- Team bus departs FRIDAY morning (day after Thanksgiving) Time TBD and communicated to boys by coaches
- The boys will have lodging/meal arrangements made for them.
- Parent hotel block for Madison **closes Mon. 11/15** refer to email sent 11/11 for details.

There's an additional travel date scheduled for a game vs. University School of Milwaukee (USM) on Saturday, February 5th. The team will travel on Friday, February 4th, stay overnight, play Saturday and return to Hudson Saturday night.

- The boys will have lodging/meal arrangements made for them.
- There will also be a separate hotel block for parents who choose to travel to Milwaukee to cheer on our Raiders! More information to follow.

PRE-GAME PASTA FEEDS:

Pasta fees are back for the 2021-2022 season! YAY... these are a favorite for the boys and we'll have a combination of team meals at the rink for JV and Varsity players and, due to numbers, "in-home" meals for the JV team and "in-home" meals for the Varsity team.

Alexis Fremling has graciously offered to be the coordinator for pasta feeds (JV & Varsity.) **She'll need an assistant/co-lead, though.**

- Please consider hosting, helping and/or donating
- For the meals held at the rink, Pasta will be coordinated for both JV & Varsity dependent on schedules.
- The BLC will continue to cover the cost for *some* dates, and details of roles/expectations will be outlined in a SignUp Genius which will be sent out ASAP (time will be staggered for Varsity & JV.)

GAME SCHEDULES & DETAILS:

- Game schedules & updates are posted on <https://www.bigriversconference.org>
- **Fan Attendance:** Normal per guidelines as we understand today
- **Game Photography:** In years past, we've been fortunate to have Amy Wagner photograph games and provide links to action photos. The BLC covers a number of the games each year, but there is an additional fee for the rest. It's a great way to get keepsakes and memories of very high quality. She will do roughly 8-10 games and the fee is \$50/Varsity and \$30 for JV. You will love having these great shots!

LIVE STREAMING:

Most Varsity home games and some away games will be live streamed thanks to the continued partnership with the talented Ken Coenen of Raider Streaming, sponsorship support, and BLC funding. Games can be streamed at www.raiderstreaming.com and the River Channel Locally 6 or 15. Streaming schedule will be posted on the HHA website under the HS Hockey Teams tab and here on <https://raiderstreaming.com/schedule> .

GAME DAY DRESS CODE TRADITION for players:

Players wear dress clothes to school *and* to games on game days. This includes shirt, tie, dress pants & nice shoes (jackets optional.)

SPECIAL EVENT HOME GAMES (subject to change)

- Tuesday, January 11, v Menomonie - **Teacher Night**
- Saturday, Jan 29th v. Wausau West January 29- **Cancer Game**
- Tuesday, January 25 v. River Falls- **Senior/Parent Night**

Pre-Game Parent Team Building 😊 parents will be updated on pre-game locations ahead of the games, and all are welcome! We try to rotate through our sponsors before AND after games!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

A sign-up genius on the website (and the link is here, too, [2021-2022 Volunteer Opportunities](#)) for parents to volunteer for a variety of tasks throughout the season. **Please take a moment to review the list and sign-up** for any roles you'd be willing to help with. Questions about any of the tasks listed can be directed to any of the BLC members - examples: social coordinator for parent pre-game, banquet committee, fundraising coordinator, etc.

Tips on Where to Find Information:

Throughout the season, we'll post information on the BLC website, the HHA site and on social media. Critical information will be sent out from the BLC Secretary email, which Dani Ross manages.

- [Hudson Blue Line Club \(hudsonblc.com\)](http://hudsonblc.com)
- **Social Media Links:** Please "like" and share so we can generate support for the team!
*Help spread the word of our generous sponsors by sharing with your network .
 - FaceBook - Hudson Boys Varsity Hockey (@hhsboysshockey);
 - FaceBook - Raider_Streaming (@RaiderStreaming)
 - Twitter - (@hhs_boysshockey);
 - Instagram - (@hhs.boysshockey);
 - Snapchat - (hhs_boysshockey)

- **Big Rivers Conference Website** - Schedules can be found at: <https://bigriversconference.org>. You can subscribe to the calendar to sync with your own calendars.

Other Misc. Info / Helpful Reminders:

- REMIND is the primary method of communication from coaches to players. Changes to practice schedules (which aren't posted on district website) may occur, *and typically are NOT sent by BLC*. Coaches handle communications directly to players (at times through Captains/other players) **NOT the BLC**. We often learn of changes and updates from our players at the same time you do!
- There are a lot of boys who drive from school to the rink. If your player needs a ride, please encourage them to ask an older teammate. They are always willing to help!
- For long distance games, it's not uncommon for players to bring pillow/blanket - it's a *long* bus ride! It's also common to wear casual clothing for the ride and bring dress clothes to change into.
- The team likes to gather @Applebee's or @Jonesy's after home games. It's fun team building! Just have them keep in mind they're representing the Hockey Team. Word gets out when there is observance of good or negative behavior!
- **Please support & thank our local sponsors by supporting their businesses!** You'll find their ads in the program & live stream games. Their support is crucial, so please express gratitude from the Hockey program so they know their investment in Raider Hockey pays off with loyal Raider Hockey fans!
- Our goal is to make this the best hockey experience possible for our boys and that relies heavily on everyone helping to make that happen. Also please remember, BLC is a volunteer organization so please offer to help, be flexible & try to understand. We'll make mistakes, but we ask for your patience and understanding as we're doing our best! :)

PARENT SEASON KICKOFF CHECKLIST SUMMARY:

- 🍏 Process payments/fees/orders online (on website under **boys program**)
 - a. Team, Apparel, Photography fee (combined into one transaction) **by 11/15**
 - b. Place sandwich order for away games - *optional* **by 11/15**
 - c. Order any additional team/fan apparel **by 11/22**
- 🍏 Visit the Volunteer Sign-Up Genius for roles needed (on website under **boys program**) **by 11/22**
- 🍏 Ensure your player has navy blue hockey gloves by SUNDAY **11/14** for pictures
- 🍏 Book hotel for Madison Travel (parent block) **by 11/15**
- 🍏 "Like & Follow" Hudson Hockey social media accounts above!
- 🍏 Please let us know what questions you have!
- 🍏 Order Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards! Details below...
- 🍏 Have a great Raider Hockey Season!!!

KWIK TRIP Car Wash Card Sale is live again! We ask each player in the Girls/Boys programs to sell 5 cards per family (min.) Orders can be placed directly online at: [Store | Hudson Blue Line Club \(hudsonblc.com\)](https://store.hudsonblc.com) We *really* need everyone to do their part in this! Promote online to

family/friends or purchase directly on the site to sell in person. Easy stocking stuffers & great deal - typically \$50/card for \$36!) - *be sure to share the link to order with others!*

We're all in this together so if you or your players have a question, please ask! Let's have a GREAT Season!

2021-2022 Team Captains:

- Max Giblin
- Zach Kochendorfer
- Carter Mears
- Ben Parent

Blue Line Club Members:

Marit Mears – BLC President
Rick Pottratz – BLC Vice President
Dani Ross – BLC Secretary
Lynn Robson (girls program rep & BLC Treasurer)
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