

DE SMET HOCKEY CLUB



**2021-2022
Players/Parents
Handbook**

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De Smet Hockey Club Practice and Game Participation Policy 9/20/2021

All players participating in the De Smet Hockey program are required to comply with this policy. Beginning with the Mandatory Meeting September 20th 2021, all players will be expected to participate with their designated De Smet Hockey team when practice is scheduled.

Exceptions to this policy include the following: Scheduled De Smet school activities, such as Kairos, Senior Projects, college visits, etc.... All activities must be discussed in advance with the coaching staff. Final approval to be excused from practice will be the sole responsibility of the coaching staff. Proper consideration of lead time in discussing these commitments is required. A minimum of one week prior to activity is expected and appreciated.

All players participating on select teams are required to attend practices as designated by their De Smet coaches. **Any player participating on a select team MUST submit, in writing to the appropriate coach, a list of all known game conflicts for the regular season NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1, 2021.**

Each player participating with any club team outside of the De Smet Hockey program must provide his respective De Smet team's coaching staff with the club team's practice & game schedule. This schedule will be reviewed by the coaching staff and player to discuss and agree upon how to manage all conflicts prior to the beginning of training camp or at the earliest possible time following the announcement of the select team's schedule.

All requests to miss a scheduled De Smet Hockey practice must be provided to the coaching staff **a minimum of one week prior to the requested day off.** Missing practice due to work commitments, unscheduled doctor appointments, or to catch up on class work or study for tests are unacceptable excuses to miss practice. Missing practice due to an illness is acceptable as long as the player communicates with the coaching staff in advance of the scheduled practice. This does not mean leaving a phone message or e-mail ten minutes prior to the scheduled practice time. Communication of an illness that prevents a player from participating in practice that day must be made as soon as possible and via email and/or text message.

All players have a responsibility to their teammates to attend practice consistently. The De Smet coaching staff is willing to be reasonable and accommodating as long as the player(s) are committed to making the effort to attend practices when scheduled and meet the necessary requirements when missing practice.

VACATIONS – Vacations during the hockey season are strongly discouraged. We will likely have games over both the Thanksgiving holiday and the Christmas/New Year holiday season. Players are expected to play in those games. Missing games due to vacations will result in reduced playing time. Further, we do not know the date for the final game at the Enterprise Center, please ensure that you are not scheduling vacations/spring break during the playoffs.

Team Meetings: All players are required to attend team meetings. The coaching staff will do its best to schedule any team meetings, including playoff scouting meetings so that everyone can make them.

Penalties for missing practice or games will be solely at the coach's discretion.

When attending a De Smet Hockey practice, all players are expected to participate with a commitment to the systems and requirements of the De Smet Hockey team. While the coaching staff respects the teaching of other coaches, all players must focus 100% of their attention and effort to adhere to the system that De Smet Hockey provides. Anything less than 100% is unacceptable. De Smet issued hockey wear is required during all De Smet Hockey functions. This includes helmet, gloves, pants, jersey, socks and any other De Smet issued equipment. This rule applies to both practice and games.

As always, the De Smet Coaching staff encourages all student-athletes who want to play hockey to fully participate in the De Smet Hockey Program. In no way do we want to discourage or prevent any student-athlete from participating. It is our commitment to continue the tradition of a hockey program that provides all student-athletes the opportunity to enjoy a positive, life-learning experience.

Player Name: (Please Print) _____

Player Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

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September 20th, 2021

Dear Parents of De Smet Hockey Players:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Coaching Staff, welcome to the 2020-2021 De Smet Hockey season. I would like to especially welcome the new parents and players who will be participating in our program for their first season. High School hockey is exciting, and we believe De Smet Hockey is the premier program in the area. Our long tradition of hockey excellence both on and off the ice is something to be proud of and that will continue for years to come.

This handbook is intended to be a useful guide for you and your son. In it you will find information on our mission and philosophy as well as practical information to help you and your son make your year as successful and rewarding as possible. I'd like to highlight a couple of things.

This year, we are again fortunate to have an outstanding coaching staff that dedicates enormous time, effort and energy to De Smet Hockey. We hope you will get to know and respect them for their contributions to your son's development as a player and as a person. We also expect that you will give them the space they need to do their job well.

It should be clearly understood that the coaching staff makes all the on-ice decisions for our program, not the Board of Directors.

Our Directors each volunteer their time in a year-round commitment to running De Smet Hockey in a first-class way. The Board's job is to create the best environment we can to let the coaches coach and the players play. We do this by making sure we attend to such details as acquiring ice and equipment, planning tournaments, developing and overseeing an operating budget, coordinating with the school, fundraising, and managing the myriad of other details necessary to have a successful program.

In our system, the general rule is that coaches interact with players (not their parents) on individual issues relating to hockey. This arrangement will help your boys grow as young men. Please encourage your son to build a relationship with his coaches so communication becomes more natural and effective.

I'd also like to thank the parents of our players for your many contributions of encouragement, support, and attendance at games where we can all have fun supporting our coaches and players. We plan to have specific events and activities that will allow each family to get to know each other and I encourage you all to participate in as much as possible, creating a positive community environment. We also ask parents to volunteer their time and assist the Board in the various activities throughout the season. You'll hear about specific opportunities to get involved.

Here's to a safe and successful 2021-2022 season! #GoSpartans!

Tyson Davenport
President
De Smet Hockey Board of Directors

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ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND

Mission Statement

Our mission is to offer a competitive and rewarding hockey experience where players develop individually *and* work together as a team, while growing as leaders and respected young men on and off the ice (in keeping with the principles of De Smet Jesuit High School).

Core Values

We believe in:

- Developing young men to their fullest potential.
- Teaching and learning “The Lessons of the Game:”
 - Self discipline
 - Hard work and dedication
 - Sacrificing individuality for the betterment of the team
 - Respect for the game
- Having fun and developing relationships as part of the overall experience
- Giving back to the school and the community

Role of the Board of Directors

The role of the Board of Directors of De Smet Hockey is to provide structure and leadership to the De Smet Hockey Club. The Board of Directors will support and reinforce the objectives of De Smet High School and build “Men for and with Others” as well as provide the direction and structure necessary to comply with USA Hockey and Mid-States Hockey rules and regulations. The board is composed of elected volunteers, the Varsity Head Coach / Director of Hockey Operations, and will meet consistently throughout the year.

Purpose of the Manual

The purpose of this manual is to provide players and parents with insight and information about the De Smet hockey program and how the club operates. It is a guide for parents and players to address questions, as well as communicate expectations. This manual **is not** intended to be a vehicle so rigid that the board cannot be flexible and humane when addressing specific issues as they relate to the operation of De Smet Hockey. This manual does not replace the existing bylaws under which the De Smet Hockey Club is governed. This handbook is distributed to the parents and players in order to help them see the scope and vision of the De Smet Hockey Club. By disseminating this information, the parents and players should have a clear understanding of the structure of the hockey club, as well as parent and player conduct and expectations.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2021-2022

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS – JOB DESCRIPTIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

President

The President presides over Board Meetings and the daily business of the De Smet Hockey Organization. Appointment will be for a year after being elected by the general membership of the De Smet Hockey Organization during the Spring Banquet. The President will also be charged with the duty of preparing an agenda and chairing the monthly board meetings. The President, in concert with the Varsity Head Coach, will be the liaison between the Club and De Smet High School. An At Large Director designated as the School Liaison will coordinate with various school administrators and departments as necessary.

Vice President

The Vice President presides over the board meetings in the event of the absence of the President. This person will shadow the president with the goal to fill that role in future years. The Vice President will also manage team photos and game day needs such as, music for home games, announcers and other miscellaneous needs as they arise. Team liaisons will report to the Vice President.

Secretary/Webmaster

The Secretary/Webmaster keeps the overall records of the organization and minutes of the board meetings. The Secretary prepares general correspondence and manages all marketing efforts to promote the club. This includes managing the Communications committee, maintaining and updating the website and overseeing social media.

Registrar

The Registrar is responsible for registering all team members and coaches with M.S.C.H.A. and ensuring that rosters are obtained for all De Smet Spartans Hockey Club teams. This person also coordinates the execution of game programs and works directly with the Equipment Manager to fulfill needs. The Registrar also handles updating team documents/manuals as needed.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial health and record keeping of the De Smet Hockey Organization. This person is also responsible to the general membership and will assure that all the financial responsibilities of the individual parents and the organization are met. A monthly financial report will be prepared and presented to the Board of Directors at their monthly meeting. This person will conduct the financial transactions for the board and will act on their general and specific directives. Tax reporting will also be the responsibility of the treasurer.

Director of Fundraising

The Director of Fundraising is responsible for all fundraising events and ensuring that the events in place deliver on the goals set forth in the yearly budget. Management of various fundraising committees such as hoodie sales fall under the Director of Fundraisings responsibility.

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Director of Hockey Operations

The Director of Hockey Operations manages all on-ice and off-ice player/team needs. This position also coordinates and manages all coaches, determines ice times and purchases all ice. The Director of Hockey Operations also manages getting game footage, video for film session and as well as the summer training and team building camp.

School Liaison/Communications:

The School Liaison shall provide all communication with the school regarding the hockey club, working with the school club moderator for the Hockey Club, admissions and marketing/communications. Any hockey communications for the school is coordinated by this person. This person also provides communications to the club in conjunction with the Secretary/Webmaster. The goal of this position is to continually strengthen the connection between the school and De Smet Hockey Club.

Special Events:

The Special Events Manager will oversee all events unrelated to fundraising for the hockey club. This includes parent socials, the Jesuit Cup, Senior Night, Winter Classic and the Year-End Banquet. This person will coordinate all volunteers and provide direction and guidance for each event.

Merchandise Director

The merchandise director / equipment manager is responsible for managing, ordering, distributing, and collecting club equipment including game / practice jerseys, socks, shells, as well as items available for parents/players to purchase (hockey bags, swag). The equipment manager also works with the coaching staff to order team merchandise each year and maintains the storage room at Spartan Hall.

Non-Board Positions

Team Liaisons/Coordinators

These are volunteers from the general membership who have a son playing on one of the De Smet hockey teams. This person is responsible for individual team needs and primarily coordination of social events before or after games. They will also assist the Equipment Manager with their respective team's uniform dispersal and collection if needed. They will act as the liaison between their respective team parents and the Board of Directors as needed reporting to the Vice President.

Alumni Liaison

This role will be held by a De Smet Alumni. Their role is to cultivate the clubs Alumni relationship. They engage in an exchange of information between Alumni and the board to strengthen that relationship. The Alumni Liaison works with the appropriate board members to execute on the annual Alumni event and provide Alumni content to the Communications committee for marketing needs.

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COACHING STAFF

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TEAM RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

General

The team and players represent De Smet High School at all times and De Smet is often judged by the actions of a few. "Men for and with Others" should remain the overriding credo as it relates to interpersonal relationships and a sense of fair play. Team and program unity is of paramount importance and the Board of Directors is entrusted with the preservation of the unity.

Appropriate behavior and conduct is learned and practiced and continually being evaluated. Breaches in this behavior and code of conduct will be addressed on an individual basis with the discipline being in accordance with the offense. The Board of Directors and Coaching Staff reserve the right to implement the discipline in these cases.

Hazing

Hazing will not be tolerated as this does not fit into the school's motto or display behavior conducive to team unity. Demeaning actions will be dealt with on an individual basis or group basis depending on the numbers involved. Examples of such actions are shaving of heads of new team members and other initiation activities, and are all banned.

Attendance – Regular Season & Playoffs

All players are expected to communicate an absence from a team function (practice, game, trip, etc.) directly to their particular head coach.

- This communication should be at least one day to the anticipated absence when possible.
- Communication through another player often times fails to be delivered to the head coach and the absence then becomes unexcused.

The De Smet coaching staff expects **ALL** players to attend **ALL** team functions, respectively. When conflicts occur, or are anticipated, it is ESSENTIAL that communication among players, parents and coaches take place well ahead of the conflict.

Four **UNEXCUSED** absences from any combination of games, practices, or team functions will result in a player's removal from the program. **NOTE:** An unexcused absence is defined as any UNAPPROVED ABSENCE from a planned team activity in which no PRIOR APPROVAL was given by the player by the coach.)

Player Dress Code – Regular Season

De Smet hockey players represent a proud tradition associated with the Club and De Smet High School. Therefore, their appearance should reflect their pride and unity.

- Players' uniforms and sweaters (jerseys) should always be clean and without tears.
- Games, tournaments and road trips require collared shirts with a tie, dress pants (no jeans) and dress shoes for all teams.
- This dress code may be relaxed for specific cases at the discretion of the head coach.
- The team captains are expected to help the coaching staff with communication and enforcement.

All players will be expected to conform to the uniform set by the Board. This includes: a helmet, gloves, pants/shell, mouth guards, protective equipment, and skates (all to be furnished by the player). Socks and shells are provided by the De Smet Hockey Club (purchased by the player). The jerseys provided are to be maintained appropriately during the season and returned at the end of the year, laundered.

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Alcohol and/or Drugs

De Smet Jesuit High School has a clear and unequivocal policy on student substance abuse. (See parent student handbook). This policy will be supported and enforced by the De Smet Hockey Club and the Board of Directors.

Out of Town Trips

De Smet Hockey teams will not be participating in any out of town trips during the 2021-2022 Hockey Season (as of this time).

Players Participating on Other Teams

See Parent/Player Club Agreement – Front of Book

Discipline Involving Practices and Games

Discipline during practice is mandatory if a team is to effectively use and benefit from the practice time. Distracting activities should be avoided. This includes talking, shooting pucks after the whistle and inattentiveness. Proper equipment should be worn at all times.

Bench and team discipline is imperative during games. This begins in the pre-game by arriving on time with the appropriate uniform and equipment. During the game, team and individual discipline is extremely important. Excessive penalties, retaliations, and unsportsmanlike conduct penalties detract from the overall team effort, spirit, and momentum and also reflect poorly on the school.

Disrespectful attitudes and conduct toward fellow teammates, opposing players, coaching staff, fans and officials will not be tolerated. The head coach will deal with unacceptable behavior accordingly.

Resolutions of Disputes or Problems

Since the primary purpose of the De Smet Hockey Club program is the development of young men with good character and judgment, the provision of opportunities to learn and play hockey, and to learn good sportsmanship in team play, our methods of problem resolution should be models of good practice. **Therefore, when players present problems to parents, or parents perceive a potential problem affecting their son, the first step should be to encourage the player to discuss the problem with the coach or other team representative.** He should be counseled as to how to do this most effectively. In return, the De Smet Coaching Staff will follow an open-door policy, ensuring that all players know when and how coaches will be available for private discussions of concerns. Players should be counseled regarding the appropriate timing and preparation for such discussions, and how to present their concerns in an assertive but gentlemanly fashion. If the player, having spoken to the coach, requests his parents' involvement, the parent should reach out to the Board President and explain the concern of the player and parent, including the steps already taken. The Board President will consult with the Vice President and parent on a course of action and time frame for execution.

<p>IN ALL CASES, THE PROCESS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE PLAYER TO PRESENT ANY CONCERNS TO THE COACH. IF THE PARENT REQUESTS THAT THE COACH BE NOTIFIED OF SPECIFIC CONCERNS, THE BOARD PRESIDENT SHALL DO SO. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS A PARENT AUTHORIZED TO RAISE A COMPLAINT OR QUESTION TO THE COACH DIRECTLY. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT UNDUE PRESSURES ARE NOT PLACED ON THE COACHES. PARENTS ARE TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CLUB PRESIDENT.</p>
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FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2021-2022 BUDGET

Revenues

Club Membership Fees	\$85,850
Off-Season Programs (Prospects camp)	\$4,750
Fundraising and Events	\$14,500
Merchandise and Equipment	\$18,000
Revenue Share and Contributions	\$8,000

Total Revenues **\$131,100**

Expenses

Ice Costs	\$34,015
Coaches' Salaries	\$25,000
Uniforms and Equipment	\$44,410
League and Tournament Fees	\$12,400
Photos	\$5,000
Membership Events	\$11,500
Other Expenses	\$4,350

Total Expenses: **\$136,675**

Net Surplus/Deficit: **-\$5,575**

Player Fees:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
First Installment	\$800	October 1st, 2021
Second Installment	<u>\$800</u>	November 1st, 2021

Total Player Fees..... \$1,600

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Payment of Fees

All payment of player fees and jersey fees must be paid by due dates set by the Board of Directors. Payments are made to the club's Treasurer. If other payment plans or options need to be discussed, parents should contact the club Treasurer directly. The Treasurer is the first and only point of contact regarding any financial need. The Treasurer can be contacted regarding the following:

- Payment plans – if required/needed
- Reimbursements
- Refunds or credits
- Financial hardship inquiries
- Ad sponsorship payments and personal or corporate donations

If a family is not current with their fees, the player will not be allowed to continue with practices or games until account is current. Failure of any payment to clear through a financial institution when deposited by the club treasurer will trigger the same action. Individual coaches will enforce this policy with the board of directors' consent.

NOTE: In no circumstances should a family approach a coach concerning any club financial matters or collection of fees. This enables the coaches to focus on on-ice issues and player development. Likewise, to avoid conflict of interest, no coach or board member is permitted to provide financial assistance to the club for the benefit of a specific player.

Financial Hardship

The Board of Directors realizes that financial hardship can unexpectedly occur and impact a family's ability to pay applicable fees. Hardship issues could include, but are not limited to, a primary earner's loss of job/income, loss of home, major medical illness and/or bills, for example. The process regarding financial hardship is as follows:

1. Contact the club Treasurer to notify them of the situation
2. Complete the Financial Hardship form found on De Smet Hockey website under the Resources tab and submit to the club Treasurer
3. Information/form to be reviewed by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board. The Board of Directors will review the information provided and communicate a response to the family within a week. A simple majority of the Board will determine any applicable financial resolutions concerning the case.

Refund/Credit Policies

In any given year, club membership fees are responsible for paying between 50-60% of all expenses required to operate the hockey club. Accordingly, each season these fees are tightly monitored *and budgeted for*. As club members can understand, each request for refund or credit must be carefully considered and addressed to achieve fairness, not only for the requesting party, but also for the membership as a whole.

The process for refund/credit requests:

- Contact the Treasurer to notify them of the request
- Provide information in writing noting the request and the reason (to the Treasurer)
- The Board will review each situation individually and notify the family accordingly

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Refund/Credit Policies (continued)

The board of directors will address various extended absences or early terminations to a player's season, such as serious hockey-related injuries, long-term illnesses, academic ineligibility, and other unforeseen hardships. Voluntary withdrawals from the hockey program are generally not considered\

The club does not reimburse for a player's individual travel expenses to team games or sponsored activities.

Jersey Purchase Program

- Home and Away jerseys are provided to all players for the season.
- Varsity players will receive a 3rd Jersey
- All players and parents must sign the Jersey Agreement stating they will return the jerseys at the end of the season laundered, after the last game and no later than the spring banquet.
- If the jerseys are not returned by the end of the DeSmet school year the board will report the player to Missouri Hockey as financially delinquent.
- Note: If you are awarded a C (Captain) or A (Alternate Captain), these patches must be hand sewn and **NOT IRONED ON** the jerseys according to the direction of the Equipment Manager.
- If a player is a swing V/JV player he will be required to maintain 2 sets of jerseys, as well as the 3rd Varsity jersey.
- On select occasions, we may issue a vintage jersey that will fall under the "loaner agreement"

Additional Equipment

- Each player is required to purchase socks and a shell.
- JV and B team - Maroon helmets are required for games.
- Varsity - Yellow helmets are required for games.
- Maroon gloves are required for all V/JV players, and suggested for B team players
- Optional hockey bags and various other swag items will be available for purchase.

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Ad Sponsorship Program

Players will be able to receive \$0.50 credit per \$1.00 raised against their fees by selling ads for the club website and game programs.

- The details about the sponsorship options are on the De Smet hockey website under the Sponsors tab.
- Sponsorships should be solicited before the start of the season if at all possible and communicated by Nov. 1st. We will need logos and proper information for use on the program and/or website. This will be the responsibility of the player or family obtaining the sponsorship.
- Credit will be given after sponsorship fees have been collected and after all player/jersey fees have been paid and cleared for deposit.
- All sponsorship agreements and payments should be managed through the Treasurer.

Parent Donations or Sponsorships:

Parents are able to purchase a sponsorship for their personal business. The same information should be utilized as the Ad Sponsorship program. Any sponsorship will be dollar for dollar and families will be reimbursed accordingly.

The club welcomes any personal donations above and beyond the annual fees to help support the club, specifically financial hardship situations along with varsity yellow helmets and 3rd/4th jersey expenses.

COMMITTEES AND EVENTS

Team Liaisons

- One per team – Varsity, JV and B team
- Responsible for general team information or requests – be the “go to person” for that team
- Primarily responsible for coordinating and communicating social events before or after games (or separately) to create community among the families.
- Assist equipment manager with team needs

Hoodie Sales

- Coordinate orders and confirmations
- Communicate order needs to Equipment Manager for hoodie purchase
- Sort orders
- Set up distribution plan through players and pick up days

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De Smet 2021-2022 Hockey Programs

- Game programs for each team – Varsity, JV and B team
- Need volunteer to create for each game (using format provided). Need to update roster for each game and add opposing team roster.
- Also seeking sponsors for the program (see Ad Sponsorship info)

Marketing Committee

- Capture photos of all team events, games, socials etc
- Develop social media plan and execute
- Build graphics package for consistent use of De Smet Hockey brand
- Coordinate student representative to provide in-game updates / posts

De Smet Hockey Fundraiser Event

- Organize and execute on agreed fundraiser event for the year.
- Various volunteers to make the night successful – silent auction, set up, general coordination,
- We are encouraging ALL families to participate at some level in the trivia in order to be successful for the year.

Jesuit Cup

- Coordinate the Jesuit Cup dinner and plans including finding the venue, selecting the meal, managing communication to the club and RSVPs

Winter Classic – Not currently scheduled for 2021-2022

- Responsible for coordinating needs for the Winter Classic game.

Senior Night

- This committee of Junior parents will coordinate the events of the Senior Night at Queeny park.
- Will be determined once the schedule is provided (typically last home game of the year)

End of Season Banquet

- This committee will organize the end of the year banquet held to recognize players, coaches and the overall season
- Responsibilities include determining the menu and working with De Smet staff on food, set up, etc., purchase of team gifts, coordinating senior gifts through senior parents and communicating with the club for the invite as well as managing RSVPs.

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TEAM OPERATIONS

Weekly Practice Schedule

Listed below are the practice hours that the organization has secured for the 2021-2022 season:

Day	Rink	Time	Team
Monday	Creve Coeur	3:30-4:50pm	Varsity only
Tuesday	Creve Coeur	5:00-6:00pm	JV1/JV2
Wednesday	Creve Coeur	3:30-4:50pm	Varsity/JV
Friday	Mills or Centene (Maryland Heights)	4:30-5:50pm	JV1/JV2

SPECIAL NOTE: THE PRACTICE SCHEDULE IS AN EVER-EVOLVING SCHEDULE. COACHES WILL TRY TO MAINTAIN SOME CONSISTENCY TO EACH TEAM'S PRACTICE TIMES BUT DUE TO CONFLICTS (ESPECIALLY GAME DAY CONFLICTS) IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CHECK YOUR TEAM'S PRACTICE TIMES ON THE WEBSITE ON AN ON-GOING BASIS.

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COMMUNICATIONS

There is a lot of communication throughout the season and it is expected for both players and parents to review all information provided. All communication is electronic – via email or social media.

- Primary parent communication – Email via Constant Contact
- Primary player communication – School email (from coaches) and Group Me or texts (from captains)
- Secondary communication (parent and player) – Social media channels (Facebook and Twitter)
- Check that all emails have been provided correctly as well as cell numbers (for both players and parents)
- Most information is also posted on our De Smet website via the ice hockey tab,
- It is the players' responsibility to check all communication vehicles to get game or practice updates and requirements. We also encourage players to additionally "spread the word" at school as they see their fellow teammates.

IN CLOSING

We look forward to the upcoming hockey season where all of our teams – Varsity, JV and B team – should compete at high levels and be a strong contender this year. We are looking forward to seeing what we can do on and off the ice. We would like to express our most sincere thanks to our ever-dedicated coaching staff who continue to spend hundreds of hours of their personal time for the development of our sons in the tradition of De Smet Jesuit High School.

The De Smet Hockey Board