



West End Hockey League AGM 2026

May 7, 2026

AGENDA

- Season Re-cap Reports
 - Junior, Intermediate & Senior
 - Operations
 - Volunteer
 - Communications
 - Risk & Safety
 - Ice
 - Registrar
 - Treasurer
 - President
- Election of Directors

Junior Report

U7 (2019, 2020 & 2021)

(U5) Convenor - Kimberly Laurysen

(U6) Convenor - Cindy St-Amour

(U7) Convenor - Heather Squires

- 144 players
- 4 Teams (U5, U6, U6/U7, U7)
- Given numbers, a U6/U7 team was created
- Excess demand so interested players were transferred to Nepean for one year
- 36 extra spaces tentatively planned for next season
- U7, U6/U7 & U6 had games, 67s experiences and jamborees
- U7 and U6/U7 tried out goalie gear

U9 (2017/18)

Convenor - Holly Kardish

- 151 players (88 2017s; 63 2018s)
- 14 Teams (3A, 8B, 3C)
- Half ice “regular” season which included regular BMHL games on Sundays, tournament and exhibition games.



Intermediate Report

U11 (2015/2016)

Convenors - Eric Macramalla & Mike Wallace

- 134 players (67 2015s; 67 2016s)
- 9 teams (2A, 5B, 2C)

Highlights:

Playoff Pool A Champions - U11B (B4)

Playoff Pool B Champions - U11B (B2)

Playoff Finalists - U11C (C2)

U13 (2013/2014)

Convenor - Drew Kuntze & Mary Peeling

- 152 players (71 2013s; 81 2014s)
- 10 teams (2A, 6B, 2C)

Highlights:

Playoff Champions - U13B (B2)

Playoff Finalists - U13C (C2)

Playoff Finalists - U13B (B3)



Senior Report

U15 (2011/2012)

Convenor - Stephanie Moores

- 104 players (34 2011s, 70 2012s)
- 7 teams (1A, 4B, 2C)

Highlights:

League Champions - U15B (B4)

Playoff Champions - U15A, U15B, U15C

Tournament Champions U15 A1

U18 (2008/2009/2010)

Convenor - Chris Simmons

- 128 players (31 2008s, 49 2009s, 47 2010s; 1 2011)
- 8 teams (2A, 6B)

Highlights:

Playoff Champions - U18B7 and U18B2

Tournament Champions U18A1



Operations Report

- Development sessions (Sunday nights) continue to be well attended - added one session this past season
- We're Lovin' It: Moving away from U11 McDonald's jerseys
- Ordering this summer:
 - U13 & U15 Game Jerseys
 - Blue IP7 to IP5 Jerseys for new players only
 - Practice jerseys for U9 and up
 - Pucks (limited order)
 - Socks (blue for next season)



Volunteers Report

Activities this past season:

- Teen volunteers used for various activities, including jersey distribution, U5-U11 Year End Party, and at the Ottawa Year End Tournament
- Volunteer Appreciation Night held on April 20th (80 attended)



Communications | U5-U11 Year-End Party

U5-U11 Year-End Party

April 18, 2026

- ~ 450 attendees, incl. parents & siblings.
- Gift: Grip tape in WEHL colours
- Activities: Two (2x) inflatable structures, mini sticks, lawn games, basketball and raffle
- 12 x U18 WEHL player volunteers
- Raffle raised \$184 for Local Food Bank



Communications | Bursary



Julie Dunnigan

Julie Dunnigan Memorial Bursary

- In honour of a dedicated WEHL volunteer
- \$500 Bursary
- Recognizes community involvement, leadership and sportsmanship
- Eligibility: Registered WEHL U18 player pursuing post-secondary studies
- Two applications were received for the 2025-26 (deadline was May 1, 2026)
- Recipient to be announced this summer
- Details → <https://www.westendhockey.com/julie-dunnigan-bursary>

Anna Stevenson
2024-25 Recipient &
first-ever female



Communications | Golden Award

2nd Annual Golden Award

- In honour of Griffin Bell
- Recognizes teams that go beyond the rink to engage in initiatives that promote team spirit, inclusivity, and support for local causes.
- Nominations are open
- Winner to be announced this summer
- Details → <https://www.westendhockey.com/about-wehl/golden-award/>



Griffin Bell

U9-B4 Golden Knights
2024-25 Recipient



Risk & Safety Report

Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) - Taken Over by HEO/OHF

- **Pros:** Some reduction of manual effort for Registrar and VP Risk
- **Cons:** Delays at season start (initial growing pains) prevented some teams from rostering efficiently.

Suspensions:

- 2024-2025 → 16 suspensions totalling 37 games
- 2025-2026 → 29 suspensions totalling 62 games

Infractions:

- U13 (1); U15 (6); U18 (21); U21 (4)
- Suspensions for conduct toward officials involving bench staff on 3 teams
- **Reduction** in Discriminatory Slur penalties



Risk & Safety Report

Lessons Learned

- VSC Reminder emails sent early (and often?)
- OPP VSCs take a **long** time.
- Targetted communication to U15, U18, and U21 coaches regarding:
 - Leaving the bench penalties
 - Discriminatory slur penalties
 - Decorum with officials



WEHL Strategic Planning 2025-2026

Strategic Planning 2025-2026

- Board-led consultation process with member input:
 - One-on-one board member interviews
 - Mid-season survey questions
 - 2 x board strategic planning workshops
- Themes from interviews were cross-references with survey results
- The board used those findings to identify and prioritize the league's strategic choices



WEHL Strategic Plan 2027-2030: Four Priority Areas

1

Clarifying our mission and brand

We will:

- Clearly define what we stand for
- Build pride in being a Wolverine
- Integrate branding with fundraising
- Seek opportunities to grow our player base

2

Strengthening development

We will:

- Create a development strategy
- Invest in coach development
- Explore the potential for a new role:
Director or VP of Coaching & Player Development

3

Supporting our volunteers

We will:

- Create meaningful volunteer opportunities
- Modernize our volunteer infrastructure
- Update our bylaws

4

Improving access & retention

We will:

- Launch initiatives to reduce cost barriers around equipment and costs
- Create opportunities for new member segments (e.g., expanding IP; creating U18C)



WEHL Strategic Planning 2025-2026

Priorities for 2026-2027

- Expanded volunteer recruitment
 - Special directors
- Player development strategy
- Coach development strategy
- Explore new revenue streams
- Updated corporate purpose & bylaws



Ice Report

2025-2026 Season Report and ice related issues

- First year of new, online platform for ice scheduling and sharing of team schedules (both games and practices)
- Positive feedback received on the rollout of the new platform as it provided greater transparency to parents and coaches on game and practice schedule
- Availability of extra ice continues to be an issue across the city.

Next season (2026-2027)

- Cost of ice increase from \$231.44/hr to \$238.26/hr
- Budgeting for 2 hours of half ice per week for each team - same
- Several hours / week will be set aside for development sessions
- Continue using new scheduling platform for ice allocation and game scheduling



Registrar Report

Division	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24
U7	144	124	127
U9	151	157	154
U11	134	146	137
U13	152	145	120
U15	104	94	105
U18	128	133	152
U21	18	8	0
Overall	831	807	795



Registrar Report

Registration 2026/2027 Season

- Opens June 15
- Early Bird registration will run from June 15-28, 2026.
- Players trying out for Rep B are **NOT** eligible for the discounted early bird fee.

U5

- A once-a-week session (Saturday mornings) is planned for U5s (kids born in 2022); however, like recent years, it will depend on registration and volunteer numbers, so interested families should get the word out.

Competitive Tryouts

- WEHL catchment players intending to try out for Rep B (Ottawa West Golden Knights) are not required to pay any fees to WEHL before their Rep B tryouts.
- Ottawa West Golden Knights is planning to use Spordle for registrations this season. Therefore WEHL catchment players trying out for Rep B no longer have to register for WEHL competitive through the WEHL registration system in addition to their WEHL House Registration. **Only register with WEHL if you are playing WEHL, i.e., after you are released from OWGK tryouts.**
- If your player is trying out for Ottawa West Golden Knights, please register with OWGK before their registration deadline. If players are unsuccessful in competitive tryouts, players must be registered and have fees paid for WEHL (House League) before attending WEHL sortouts.



Registrar Report

Hockey Canada Registration (HCR) Profiles

- WEHL members (players, parents and volunteers) continue to be responsible for completing their qualifications, updating their HCR profiles, and completing mandatory fields in order to be eligible for rostering.

Volunteer Qualifications

- Members who intend to volunteer for the 2026/27 season should ensure that they have the following qualifications at a minimum (trainers/coaches require more):
 - **Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC)** completed on or after November 15, 2023
 - If VSC was completed prior to November 15, 2023, it may expire prior to the completion of rostering. VSCs are only valid for three years and will need to be updated mid-season if they expire. Email VP Risk to request a letter that waives the fee with the City of Ottawa Police.
 - **The Shift Forward: Evolving Hockey Culture (Replaces Respect in Sport for ACTIVITY LEADERS) - all volunteers must complete before the beginning of the 2028-2029 hockey season - DO NOT COMPLETE if your youngest player is born in 2010 or earlier as they will age out before mandatory**
 - More information to be sent by email during the summer
 - **Gender Identity and Expression Course**
 - This course needs to be completed and showing under the volunteer's Qualifications tab in their Hockey Canada profile prior to the start of the season.



Registrar Report

Registration Fees for 2026/27 Season

Division	Registration Fee	Early Bird Fee
U5	\$410	\$390
U6	\$630	\$600
U7	\$630	\$600
U9	\$815	\$775
U11	\$815	\$775
U13	\$815	\$775
U15	\$815	\$775
U18	\$815	\$775
U21	\$645	-



THANK YOU!

SEE YOU NEXT SEASON



Treasurer Report

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2024-2025 Season

- ▶ Unqualified Audit
 - Revenue \$767,169
 - Expenses \$705,872
 - Surplus \$61,297

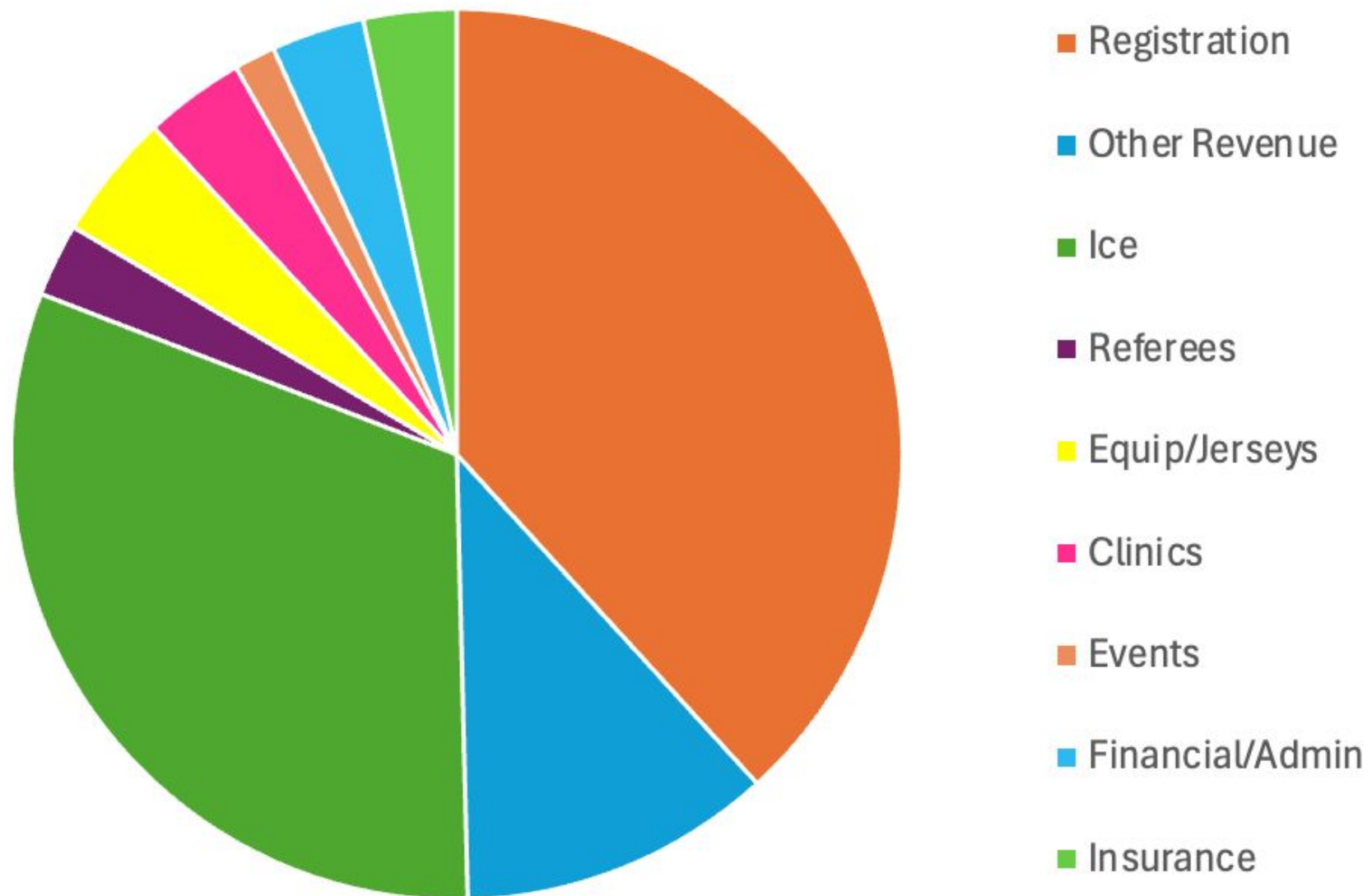
2025-2026 Season

- ▶ Preliminary and unaudited
 - Revenue \$773,525
 - Expenses \$831,005
 - Deficit of \$57,480 (Last year's surplus used to replace jersey sets)



Treasurer Report

2026-27 Budget



2026-27 Budget Overview

- Revenue \$807,000
- Expenses \$826,000
- Deficit -\$19,000



Treasurer Report

Motions

1. Acceptance of the 2026-2027 season budget, as presented

2. Appointment of Auditor
 - a. Hendry Warren LLP
 - b. Fixing of remuneration to be approved by the WEHL Executive Committee



President Report

Thank you to the long serving departing volunteers:

- Robert Johnson - Secretary (previously President & VP Admin)
- Kerrienne Carrasco - Treasurer
- Ben Lee - President
- Rob Zsigo - VP Senior
- Drew Kuntze - VP Intermediate
- Alicia Rosborough - VP Junior
- Rhett Titus - Goalie Convenor
- John Bejjani - Web Manager (previously VP Ice)
- Holly Kardish - U9 Convenor

**We're grateful to
all the
volunteers who
contributed this
season.**

**Your ongoing
support will play
a key role in
making next
year even more
successful.**



Election of Directors – 2026-2027

- ▶ President - Allan McDougall **NEW**
- ▶ Treasurer - Stephanie Moores **NEW**
- ▶ VP Risk & Safety - Mary Peeling **NEW**
- ▶ Secretary (1year) - Leslie Morrow **NEW**
- ▶ VP Junior - VACANT
- ▶ VP Intermediate - VACANT
- ▶ VP Senior (1year) - VACANT
- ▶ VP Volunteers - Heather Squires
- ▶ VP Ice & Scheduling - Mike Wallace





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