**2017-2018 Warburg Minor Hockey Association**

Important WMHA Information:

1) **RESPECT IN SPORT** - Hockey Alberta requires each parent and/or coach to complete the **Respect in Sport** Program and present their completion certificate as a condition of playing hockey/or coaching within the Warburg Minor Hockey Association. Failure to complete this program will prevent your player from being added as a team member and registered player.

**\*\* IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE PROGRAM IN A PREVIOUS SEASON YOU DO NOT NEED TO TAKE IT AGAIN\*\***

Please contact the registrar if you are uncertain of your program completion.

***For information***:

http://www.hockeyalberta.ca/members/respect-sport/ - contains both parent & coach info

http://respectgroupinc.com/questions/ - Respect in Sport FAQs

To complete the **Respect in Sport** program please visit the appropriate website and follow the instructions to complete the program:

https://hockeyalbertaparent.respectgroupinc.com - Parent Program

https://ha.respectgroupinc.com - Coach Program

2) **Criminal Record Checks (Vulnerable Sector Checks)** – are required prior to the beginning of each season for all persons who will be working directly with the players on any teams within WMHA. This includes all coaches, managers or any other persons registered to the team that will be serving on the bench or helping on ice.

The request for a CRC application is available and must be requested from the registrar. These applications must be personalized so be prepared to provide your full name and date of birth.

The checks take approximately 2-3 weeks for completion and sometimes longer if fingerprints are required. Therefore please DO NOT leave this until the last minute. All persons interested in coaching in the 2017-18 season should be going in for these CRC checks in July/August and prior to the beginning of the season. **Deadline is Nov 15, 2017.**

3) **Financial Assistance Options** – There are several options for financial assistance through various programs offered in our area. These programs are for those families who need assistance to help their child(ren) participate in sport.

(a) **Canadian Tire Jumpstart** – Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national charitable program that helps financially disadvantaged kids participate in organized sport and recreation. They help cover registration, equipment and/or transportation costs. http://jumpstart.canadiantire.ca/en/ Contact Tiffany Torkelson (registrar) for an application form.

\*\* Please note if you apply for the Jumpstart Program, your application must be filled out in full (including endorsement) and returned to the registrar to arrange for approval with the program.

(b) **Warburg FCSS** – The Village of Warburg FCSS program has funds available also to those Warburg area families with financial difficulties that prevent them from registering their child(ren) in organized sports. Contact the Village at 780-848-2828 to inquire.