

IDHL

Ice Dogs Hockey League



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2023 - 2024

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ICE DOGS HOUSE LEAGUE LEVEL DIRECTORS

Glacier Hockey will be using Level Directors to better communicate with Coaches and Players as well as enhance overall player development

PLEASE NOTE: THIS BOOKLET IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION AND THE PROGRAM MAY ADJUST OR REVISE STRUCTURES BEFORE OR DURING THE SEASON

ICE DOGS HOUSE LEAGUE PROGRAM

The Glacier Hockey philosophy is simple: to develop the whole individual by improving confidence and self-esteem, in addition to teaching the sport and great game of hockey. We believe it is a necessity for all young players to receive proper instruction and in our program, all players, regardless of position or current skill, will be encouraged to carry the puck, make plays and have fun. This philosophy is instilled through the support of the Level Directors to the coaches by helping them design organized practice plans, on ice support and to be there to monitor the games to help with team play and player development.

Our professional staff of Level Directors and the volunteer parent coaches work together to give your players positive instruction and reinforcement as to their errors and for recognizing and correcting them in the future. Our approach is to focus heavily on the individual skills at every age level. Incorporated into the instruction of these important individual skills will be the basic fundamentals of team play in both the offensive and defensive zones. Your player's time on the ice will be spent both with practice and game sessions. The game sessions will be structured to promote the fun of the game. However, the primary goal of the IDHL will be player development. Players will be encouraged to take chances, overcome their weaknesses and push themselves to improve. We thank you for trusting Glacier Hockey to give your player a great hockey experience.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR PLAYER

The IDHL will be utilizing the DAYSMART PLATFORM in order to Register Online - This system will handle all house league registrations and allow a payment plan for 4 months of pre-determined automatic payments. We may offer a \$100 discount if you register by a pre-determined date. Links for the online registration will be available on the IDHL & Glacier Ice Arena websites. More info on house league payment policies can be found on last page of this booklet. By registering early you not only secure a spot for your hockey player in the program, but it also helps the IDHL staff prepare for the season in anticipating how many teams will be fielded at each level and facilitating jersey & sock orders. Players will receive a team jersey & socks once the season begins.

YOUTH PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Mini-Mite (beginner Mite)	MITE	SQUIRT	PEE WEE	BANTAM	MIDGET
2018 - 2017 - 2016 <small>Must have basic skills</small>	2017 - 2016 - 2015	2014 & 2013	2012 & 2011	2010 & 2009	2008-2006

All designated levels of youth hockey are pre-determined by the birth year of the hockey player. You must register your player in the level indicated by the birth year designated above. Players cannot "skate up" or "skate down". Players have to be members of the governing hockey institution that oversees their corresponding level. These annual memberships are done directly online & membership numbers are then kept on file in the hockey office. This is a mandatory membership & must be done annually by parents online.

Mini-Mite & Mite Levels will skate under AAU

All Mini-Mite & Mite Players must be registered with AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) *Registration Opens Aug 15th*
A reminder email from the hockey office will be sent out after the 15th with information on how to register with a Club Code.

<https://play.ausports.org/joinaa/membershipapplication.asp>

Squirt through Midget Levels - All Players must be registered with USAH (USA Hockey) *Registration Now Open*
<https://membership.usahockey.com/>

Players will NOT be able to participate in pre-season clinics or the regular season until the Hockey Office has the membership number on file for the player from the corresponding AAU or USAH programs.

MINI-MITES (this is the Moniker given to our Beginner Mite Hockey Program)

The Mini-Mite program is for 1st year beginner mite hockey players and will consist of approximately 45 ice slots that will be split between skills stations and cross-ice games. The MM ice slots will usually be on Saturdays & Sundays throughout the season. All MM teams will be on the ice together but will stay in their team group. Focus on repetition of skating & skills, plus small area game play will develop beginner hockey players and help them transition to the Mite Level the following season. If you are unsure of whether your player should be in the Mini-Mite or Mite Level, contact House League Director Bobby Scott at bscott@glacierskate.com or 847.362.1222

MITES & SQUIRTS

The Mite and Squirt hockey season will consist of approximately 50 ice slots on Saturdays and Sundays. These slots will be split between evaluation sessions, practices and games. Beginning towards the end of February the season will end with play-offs and final tournament games in mid-March. **Teams will typically have a practice on Saturday and a game on Sunday.** Some Friday's may be rotated into the schedule depending on ice scheduling. Please Note that for game play, our Mite Level will include both half-ice and full-ice formats. All full ice games will be scheduled with referees. All practices will be shared ice with 2 or 3 teams on the ice. There will also be skill sessions worked into each schedule for each level at various times in season.

PEE WEES & BANTAMS

The IDHL Pee Wees & Bantams will consist of approximately 50 ice slots encompassing games, practices and instruction. These teams will participate in the North Shore Youth Hockey League (NSYHL) and may include teams from Evanston, Glenview, Northbrook, Wilmette, Winnetka, Twin Rinks and Highland Park. Most games will be scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays, but there is a possibility of weeknights.

MIDGETS

The IDHL will field one (1) Midget team and will consist of approximately 50 ice slots. Team will participate in the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL). The NWHL is comprised of teams from Glen Ellyn, Addison, Elmhurst, Bensenville, Franklin Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Niles, Barrington, Naperville. Practices & Games are usually on the weekends, but some games may be scheduled on weeknights.

****NOTE: Midget team formation is dependent on a volunteer coach & minimum of 15 players and 1 goalie registering for season. If unable to field a team, fees will be refunded after notification.**

PLAYER EVALUATIONS & TEAM ASSIGNMENTS

In September, prior to the start of the fall hockey season, ALL players will be required to attend evaluation sessions in order for their individual skills to be assessed for proper placement on a team. The goal of the Ice Dogs Hockey League is to have parity from team to team, so it is vital for the hockey staff to observe all of the players during these evaluations. There will be a designated weekend for evaluations. **Attendance is Mandatory.**

There will be a check-in procedure for each evaluation and it is recommended players wear a jersey that has their last name on the back. Helmet Labels w/ player names will also be provided.

After the evaluations, the Glacier Hockey Staff Coaches will assign players to their respective teams for the upcoming Fall-Winter Season. These teams will be posted on the IDHL Website typically within 4-5 days and parents will be directed via email to the website to find their players' team and the team page calendar which will contain the upcoming schedule. Schedules are posted in 1-2 month increments throughout the season due to fluctuating ice arena schedules and contracts. PLEASE NOTE: To help with parity, the IDHL Directors reserve the right to MOVE players within the first 4-6 weeks of the season. Parents cannot request their player to be moved to a different team nor decline a player placement on a different team if it is deemed necessary to help with parity of the level.

HOUSE LEAGUE COACHING - ALL VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER PARENT COACHES - PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING!!

The continued success of the Ice Dogs House League is due in part to the many volunteer coaches who dedicate a lot of time and effort in helping their children and their teammates learn and improve their skating, skills and game play. Parents who have played hockey and want to pass along their knowledge and passion for the game are encouraged to help as volunteer coaches. *We need you!!* No matter your playing experience. If you have a passion for the game, and want to share it with these young hockey players, we welcome your participation. Email Sandy BEFORE Evaluations start & let us know you are interested in being a volunteer coach! sanderson@glacierskate.com There is a certain amount of time and dedication required to help coach your child's team. All volunteer coaches must have a membership in their respective governing body (AAU or USAH depending on level.)

For the Mini-Mite & Mite Levels, volunteer coaches must have an annual membership with AAU. This is done online and in registering as a coach, there will also be an automatic background check done before the AAU issues you a membership number. This can take up to 24 hours. The AAU website also has several recommended coaching programs online that all AAU Coaches must take & complete. Coaches are responsible for confirming completion of courses to the hockey office. For Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam & Midget Levels, volunteer coaches must have an annual membership with USA Hockey - this is also an online membership process, similar to registering your hockey player. PLEASE NOTE: There are several steps a volunteer coach at these levels must complete. You will find all coaching information on the USA Hockey Website. For coaches at these levels, you must partake in USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program (CEP). There are classroom sessions that may be offered virtually or in person and coaches must qualify as a volunteer coach beginning at Level 1 and continuing through Level 4. These CEP courses are limited in dates & enrollments and registration begins September 1st, so make sure you find the correct CEP course you need and register. **Link for clinic webpage** <https://www.usahockey.com/coachingclinics>

Also required are annual online registrations & completion of the USAH Background Screening: <https://www.usahockey.com/backgroundscreen>

Also Mandatory is USAH Safe Sport Program. <https://www.usahockey.com/safesporttraining>

Please note that if you have done Safe Sport for a different youth program, it does not transfer to hockey. You are required to complete Safe Sport through the USA Hockey portal.

For each level a coach volunteers at, there is an additional requirement: they must also complete the online age-specific module provided by USA Hockey which is done online in video/test form. A valid CEP number and proof of all other certifications is needed before a volunteer coach can be on the ice with the Ice Dogs House League. (background check receipt, safe sport & age specific certificates)

ALL Coaches must wear certified HECC helmet at all times when on the ice.

NOTE: Due to AHA! rules & regulations, siblings of a player or a non-registered coach are NOT allowed to assist with practices or games at any time. *NO Exceptions.*

IDHL coaches are expected to reinforce the philosophies and strategies of the IDHL as determined primarily by our professional staff. In order to improve the Ice Dogs Hockey League, the League Coordinator will be communicating on a regular basis with coaches throughout the hockey season.

All Coaching Questions can be answered by Director Bobby Scott. bscott@glacierskate.com

HOUSE FULL ICE GAME FORMAT - MITE THRU MIDGET

For House League games played at Glacier that are not part of the NSYHL or NWHL (these 2 leagues will publish their own rules & game format)

Games are full ice w/ 1 or 2 Referees (exception is Mite cross-ice games which will be done differently)

Start the clock with a 3 minute warm-up.

Penalties: Mite through Bantam, are 1 minute & 30 seconds.

All full ice games will be 12 minute stop time for period 1 and 2.

To start the 3rd period the scorekeeper will match the time left in their ice slot and the game clock.

The 3rd period will be running time regardless of the score, penalties or injury. The clock will run no matter what, unless a Glacier staff professional determines it to be necessary to stop.

Example – Your slot is from 10am to 11am. If the 3rd period starts at 10:40am the 3rd period will be 20 minutes running time. If the 3rd period starts at 10:50am the 3rd period will be 10 minutes running time.

NOTE - THERE ARE NO TIME-OUTS. There can be one, 30 second, strategy session allowed to a team that is losing by 2 or less goals, in the 3rd period, with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game.

This will NOT stop the game clock from running.

Scoresheets: for House League Games there are designated scoresheets found in the rack outside the Hockey Office in the North Rink. These are NOT the triplicate scoresheets - those are reserved for travel hockey games and league games where both teams require a copy. House teams do not need triplicate scoresheets. Stats are NOT kept during the season for players or teams.

Volunteer Parents to run the clock and the scoresheet during games: We ask that all parents try and volunteer at least once to be in the scoreboard to either run the clock or fill in the scoresheet during house league games. Team coaches will ask for volunteers throughout the season - help them by being an easy volunteer so that the coach does not have to beg for help.

Completed Scoresheets: Return to rack located by the Hockey Office in the designated space.

SKILLS SESSIONS & OFF ICE TRAINING

ON-ICE SKILLS & OFF ICE IN THE IMPACT TRAINING CENTER

Mite through Midget IDHL teams will participate in monthly On-Ice Skills with a Glacier Staff Professional. Several teams will share the ice for these skills sessions and there are no ice cuts before the next skills session begins. Off-Ice Training Sessions will be in the Impact Training Center, the off-ice training facility at the Glacier Ice Arena. Off-Ice Training is designed to focus on the basic skills a hockey player needs to be successful. This facility offers a variety of training tools including; synthetic ice, plyometric stations, shooting ranges, and the newly added state of the art skating treadmill. House League will not be using the Treadmill but a program is offered - see Glacier Ice Arena website for details. Parents are not permitted to enter the Impact Training Center to watch their players, but can stand outside the glass walls to observe the session.

THE HOUSE PLUS PROGRAM - MITE, SQUIRT, PEEWEE

NOTE: at time of this publish, it has not been determined if the IDHL will be doing the House Plus Program. Information provided is not indicative of a promise to field HP Teams and is only for informational purposes only. The House Plus (HP) Program serves as both a means for additional instruction & games for house players, as well as a proven developmental feeder system for the Ice Dogs travel hockey teams. We can field 2 Mite Teams, Mite Major & Mite Minor, and at the older level we are permitted to have 1 SQ & 1 PW HP Team. A possible BAN HP Team will be determined by Glacier Hockey Directors after season begins - this team is determined by numbers of players in the program.

Participation on one of these teams is IN ADDITION to the player's participation on their IDHL team. Each team will have a regular weekly practice, usually on Friday evenings, and participate in 2 or 3 Tournaments. House Plus Teams at the Squirt & Pee Wee Level will begin on or around mid-October. At the Mite Level the season will begin January 2nd due to AAU rules and teams will do 1 tournament. **ALL House League players are considered for the HP Program during September evaluations** and coaches will contact parents of selected players, who will then have the option of participating for an additional fee on the House Plus Team or declining. Fees for House Plus will be in the range of \$350 for Mites to \$1250 for other Levels.

Please Note: Because this program is in addition to the regular house league program, there will be conflicts with regular season team schedules, but there is an effort to keep it to a minimum. All HP teams will finish late in February to avoid conflict with end of the season play-offs in the House League.

ICE DOGS HOUSE LEAGUE FEES & PAYMENT POLICIES

For the 2023-24 Season The DAYSMART PLATFORM

Because the Max Galaxy system previously utilized by Glacier Ice Arena no longer exists, Glacier Ice Arena is now using the DaySmart Recreation Platform.

All House League Registrations will be done in DAYSMART

If you did not play house league last season or did not do any other programs offered by Glacier Hockey your first step is to create an account. Customer Accounts will be created directly by the parents - this interface is user friendly and easy to navigate.

Once you have created your customer account you will be able to select the level you are registering for your player or goalie.

IDHL Fee Payment Options:

There are 2 options available to parents to pay the house league fees.

- ◆ You may choose to do a full fee payment for the season.
- ◆ You may choose to do an initial payment (amount may vary by level but will be in the \$200-\$400 range) and your balance will then be divided into 4 remaining payments. Your 4 payments will be automatically processed electronically on the 15th of Sept./Oct./Nov/Dec. If you need different monthly dates, you must contact Sandy in the hockey office within 5 days of your registration to have the dates adjusted.

Special Notes & Considerations for House League Registration:

Registrations can be submitted up until the start of the season evaluations in September - however, the risk of enrollments being closed is a possibility. **Some levels will close based on numbers.** While it is the intention of the IDHL to provide a place for all hockey players to play in the league, please be aware that as we get closer to the start of the season, additional registrations may not be able to be added if the numbers do not allow it. If the necessity of turning away players becomes necessary, the criteria will be the actual date of the player's registration being submitted to the Hockey Office via the Daysmart Platform with a PAYMENT APPLIED.

FOR THE MIDGET TEAM: We ONLY field 1 Team at this level. There are 18 player registration spots available and 2 goalie spots available. Once all spots are taken, registration is closed. If we do not meet a minimum required to field a team, registrations will be refunded.

We reserve the right to suspend a player from participation in the program if the fees are not paid on time. If the system cannot process your automatic payment and an alternative payment method is not made, the IDHL Directors can notify parents that their player is suspended until rectified.

If you have questions about the registration structure, contact Sandy in the Hockey Office for help.

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Hang out with your teammates and get the finest instruction from the Ice Dog professional staff!