

2019 20 IDHL

Ice Dogs Hockey League



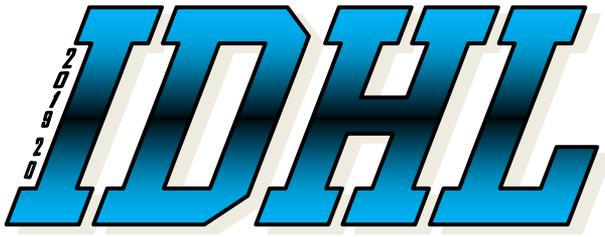
ICE DOGS in HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN - DEE STADIUM - Birth Place of Professional Hockey

2019 - 2020

BOYS & GIRLS
HOCKEY

MINI-MITE
MITE
SQUIRT
PEE WEE
BANTAM
MIDGET

SEPTEMBER
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Ice Dogs Hockey League

at the Glacier Ice Arena

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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

*****the level directors below are subject to change*****

Mini-Mite: Jeff McPherran

Mite Level: Jim Krappel & Roger Holeczy

Squirt Level: Jim Krappel

Pee Wee Level: Bobby Scott

Bantam Level: Jim Krappel

Midget Level: Scott Himley

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 has a couple of ways you can register your player:

Register directly with Sandy Anderson in the Hockey Office at sandeson@glacierskate.com or via phone at 847.996.0948 You may also Register Online at <http://glacierice.maxgalaxy.net>

Links for the online registration will be available on the Ice Dogs & Glacier Ice Arena websites

Early Registration is usually offered in July with a discounted fee. 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. All players will receive a team hockey jersey and socks once the season begins.

YOUTH PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Mini-Mite (beginner Mite)	MITE	SQUIRT	PEE WEE	BANTAM	MIDGET
2014 - 2013 - 2012 <small>Must have basic skills</small>	2013 - 2012 - 2001	2010 & 2009	2008 & 2007	2006 & 2005	2004-2002

All designated levels of youth hockey are pre-determined by the birth year of the hockey player. Players have to be members of the governing hockey institution that oversees their corresponding level. These annual memberships are done directly online and membership numbers are then kept on file in the hockey office. This is a mandatory membership and must be done annually by parents online.

Mini-Mite & Mite Levels will skate under the "Avalanche" Logo

All Mini-Mite & Mite Players must be registered with AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) *Registration Opens Aug 15th*

www.aauhockey.org

Squirt through Midget Levels - All Players must be registered with USAH (USA Hockey) *Registration Now Open*

www.usahockeyregistration.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.

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NOTE: *Mini-Mites & Mites will be known as Avalanche teams to help differentiate from the Ice Dogs registered with USA Hockey*

MINI-MITES

The Mini-Mite program is for 1st year beginner hockey players and will consist of approximately 40 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. 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 Mite Director Ken Johnson at kjohnson@glacierskate.com or 847.996.6046

MITES & SQUIRTS

The Mite and Squirt hockey season will consist of approximately 50 ice slots on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sunday's. 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. All instruction sessions and practices will be supervised by a Glacier Hockey staff professional. Each full-ice game will have referees and the score will be kept on the scoreboard. 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.

THE HOUSE PLUS PROGRAM - MITE, SQUIRT, PEEWEE

Established in 2002, the House Plus (HP) Program serves as both a means for additional instruction and games for house players, as well as a proven developmental feeder system for the Ice Dogs travel hockey teams. There are 2 Mite Teams, Mite Major & Mite Minor (**NOTE:** 2011 birth years are not eligible for this program due to CUHL Rules) We are allowed to have 1 Squirt & 1 Pee Wee HP Team.

A possible Bantam HP Team will be determined by Glacier Hockey Directors after season begins.

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 October 14th. At the Mite Level the season will begin January 2nd. Please Note: 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. **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.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS AND PARENT COACHES

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

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 are usually 2 or 3 dates per level over the course of two weekends in mid-September. **Attendance is Mandatory.** If you are unable to attend you must contact the Glacier Hockey Office in ADVANCE by email at sanderson@glacierskate.com

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 with player names will also be provided when they check-in before the first evaluation session.

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. Please email Sandy: sanderson@glacierskate.com in the Glacier Hockey Office BEFORE Evaluations start, and let us know you are interested in being a volunteer coach!

There is a certain amount of time and dedication required to help coach your child's team.

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 we endorse you take time to complete.

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. For coaches at these levels, you must partake in USA Hockey's Coaching Education Program (CEP). There are actual classroom sessions coaches must attend to qualify as a volunteer coach beginning at Level 1 and continuing through Level 4. These classrooms are limited in dates & enrollments, so it is highly recommended you sign up for a classroom as soon as possible. **The Dates and Times of these classrooms are found on the USA HOCKEY Website - times vary from year to year, but the information usually comes out mid to late July. Please visit www.usahockey.com**

A valid CEP number is needed before a volunteer coach can be on the ice with the Ice Dogs House League. Classrooms usually take place in September or early October depending on the Level required. ALL Coaches must wear certified HECC helmet at all times when on the ice.

Due to AHAI 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 parent 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 Assistant Hockey Director Ken Johnson at 847.996.6046

ICE DOGS HOUSE LEAGUE FEES & PAYMENT POLICIES

The Ice Dogs House League strives to keep fee increases to a minimum each season. **Listed below are the IDHL EARLY REGISTRATION FEES for 2019-20 that offer you the opportunity to register for the season at last year's cost. THIS IS ONLY IN EFFECT UNTIL JULY 15th!!!** While the discount may not be substantial, registering your player early will guarantee them a spot in the program and it will help the hockey staff plan for the upcoming season. Fees WILL increase by \$100-\$200 on July 16th so take advantage of this small savings opportunity.

Mini-Mite (beginner)	MITE	SQUIRT	PEE WEE	BANTAM	MIDGET
\$855	\$1050	\$1275	\$1275	\$1275	\$1275

Submitting Registration and Payment for the IDHL Fall | Winter Season:

The Ice Dogs House League offers multiple ways to register your hockey player(s).

- ♦ Walk-In Registration at the Glacier Ice Arena with Sandy Anderson in the Glacier Hockey Office.
- ♦ Registration via phone with the Glacier Hockey Office: 847.996.0948
- ♦ Online Registration at <http://glacierice.maxgalaxy.net> The House League Registration will be found in the left-side registration menu under "League Registration" This Max Galaxy online system went into effect April 2015. It requires a customer account to be created. Follow the prompts for creation.

IDHL Fee Payment Options:

Early Registration Option:

For a limited time every summer, we will offer an EARLY REGISTRATION OPTION that offers a small discount on the upcoming fees. There will be a minimum payment option online that will be no more than 50% of the discounted fees. A smaller minimum payment can be arranged with Sandy Anderson in the Hockey Office if you prefer. A minimum payment must accompany early registration of each player.

You may also opt to pay more than the required minimum or the full fee at the time of early registration. Submitting payment with early registration locks in the discounted fee. Season fees will increase in the online store on July 16th.

ALL FEES ARE DUE TO BE PAID IN FULL BY NOVEMBER 30th - NO EXCEPTIONS

Payment plans are available with the Glacier Hockey Office

You can set up automatic payments through Sandy Anderson in the Glacier Hockey Office. A valid credit card number is required (Visa | MC | Discover) and bi-monthly or monthly payments can be arranged beginning in July and continuing through November. **All Fees are to be Paid In Full by November 30th**

If you need additional time for payments, you must set this up at the time of arranging for payments.

Sandy Anderson is more than willing to work with parents on extending payments, but waiting until November and the approaching final due date is not acceptable.

PLEASE NOTE: Players can and will be suspended from play if fees are not paid. You will be notified by the Glacier Hockey Office via email of a pending suspension. Payment must be made immediately or the affected player will be asked not to participate in any upcoming games or practices.

Registration and Payment after Early Registration has expired:

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. A full refund will be given if we are unable to place your player on a team due to late registration & full rosters.

THE IDHL WEBSITE - TEAM SELECTIONS & TEAM PAGES

The Ice Dogs House League utilizes their website for posting teams following the evaluations, and having team pages for each team with a calendar access for parents and players to retrieve practice & game schedules. **www.icedogs.info** (select the house league banner) or **www.house.icedogs.info/** Team assignments will be made by the Glacier Hockey Staff based on evaluation results and an attempt to balance the teams as evenly as possible. Teams are posted online within 5 days of the final evaluation session & parents will be directed to the website via an email from Sandy Anderson in the Hockey Office. There will be a Team Page for every team in the IDHL. Each page will have a calendar which will display your teams' practices and games. Schedules are always subject to change and are typically posted in 4-6 week increments. These team pages will also be available to you as a mobile download - the mobile app information for this handy feature will be available on the website and noted in communications from the Hockey Office. Look for the "Team ID" on individual team pages for the Sport NGIN Mobil App.

HOCKEY EQUIPMENT - TEAM JERSEYS - PLAYER MEMBERSHIP

The Ice Dogs Hockey League does not have an equipment rental program. All players who participate in our hockey programs are required to provide their own equipment.

Equipment list: HECC Certified Hockey Helmet with facemask, shoulder pads, elbow pads, hockey gloves, under-armour hockey wear with athletic cup and Velcro for hockey socks adhesion, hockey pants, shin-pads, socks, skates, hockey stick, jersey. Also mandatory for Squirt Level and above, players need neck guard & mouth guard. While it is not mandatory at the younger Mite Level, we do recommend them.

Team Jersey: IDHL Players are given a team jersey and set of matching socks. This typically happens at the first team practice but is subject to change. Jerseys are handed out by the teams' volunteer coaches. Coaches will be notified when they are available for pick up. Players CANNOT request a jersey number.

It is important to understand that the Directors may move players until November 1st in the effort to further balance the rosters. Parity between teams is important, but not a perfect science. Level Directors may shift players if there is a need after observing several games during the beginning of the season. While having player names put on jerseys is part of team unity, the IDHL does **not** allow this until all player movement has been completed. A target date for parents to be given the "green light" for having names put on their player's jersey is mid-November. Some years the IDHL will make arrangements for jersey names to be done with a particular vendor and provide parents with information. This is put in place after all player movement is done and communications will be issued by the hockey office.

- - *If you have your player's name put on their jersey before approval is given and your player is moved to a different team, you will be charged the cost of ordering a replacement jersey.*

MANDATORY PLAYER MEMBERSHIP WITH HOCKEYS' GOVERNING BODIES

The Annual Membership that is mandatory for all hockey players can be confusing because we utilize different programs for different levels within our platform. Please email Sandy Anderson in the Glacier Hockey Office if you are not sure which program you need to procure membership with. sanderson@glacierskate.com

All Mini-Mites & Mites MUST have an annual AAU membership number for the current season. Registration is done online by parents at www.aauhockey.org Registration opens online August 15th

All Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget players MUST have an annual USAH membership number for the current season. Registration with USA Hockey becomes available every April and is done online by parents at www.usahockeyregistration.com

It is the parents responsibility to provide the Hockey Office with the player's membership number BEFORE evaluations. **Players will not be allowed on the ice if a membership number is not confirmed and on file.**

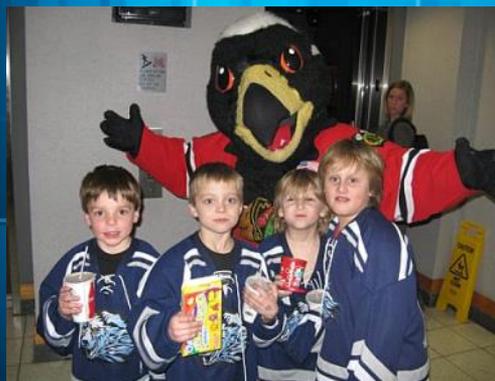
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