

2021–2022

JR. MAVS HIGH SCHOOL



TRYOUTS

September 14th and 16th
4:40 pm - 6:10 pm

PRACTICES (Held at Cable
Dahmer Arena - Independence)

Starting September 20th
Mondays/Wednesdays
4:20 pm - 5:50 pm

*(Please note – times and days may
change)*

GAMES (Regular Season)

Varsity: Approx. 22 games
Jr. Varsity: Approx. 22 games

MAHSHL

Pre-Season Jamboree:

October 29th - 31st OKC

Regular Season:

Begins November 5th

Alumni Game:

TBD

Championships:

Feb 19th - 21st (location TBD)

COACHING STAFF

Mike Kempkes (Head Coach)
Nate Widman (Assistant Coach)
Zack Nicholson (Manager)

FEES

\$1,950 + cost of Jerseys/socks



The Jr. Mavs Youth Hockey Organization is excited to be kicking off our 13th season of High School hockey. Both Varsity and JV participate in the Mid America High School Hockey League (MAHSHL). The number of teams formed, and the division they play in, will be determined on player registrations. Most games are played here locally in the Kansas City area, but some travel is required.

Both Varsity and Junior Varsity:

- Approximately 34-38 practices per season
- Compete in a pre-season jamboree & post season championship
- Starting line up will be announced at every league game
- Three USA Hockey certified officials per league game
- Off-ice officials provided for keeping score/working the game clock
- Jr. Mavs Senior Night with recognition of players and parents

Registration:

Registrations will open on August 1st and close on September 12th. There will be an additional \$50 charge for any registrations received after September 13th. All players will register through the KCYHA website (www.kcyouthhockey.com). Every player must have a current USA Hockey number to register (must be renewed annually). You can register or renew your USA Hockey number at www.usahockeyregistration.com

Equipment:

Full protective hockey equipment is required to participate. Returning players may use their jerseys from last year. If your player is new or has outgrown their jerseys, they can attend one of the jersey fittings days to order. Please see the Jersey/Equipment Informational sheet for more details. Our final jersey fitting day will be September 12th.

Coaches Bio's 

High School Coaching Staff

Mike Kempkes (Head Coach):

This will be Coach Kempkes' first season with the Jr. Mavs School Team. A native of Kansas City, Mike started playing at the age of 6 through the Jr Hockey ranks, and was a bantam draft prospect of the Regina Pats WHL. Played midget hockey in Omaha where he started his Jr career with the Omaha Lancers USHL. Mike finished his hockey career with the Columbus Crush CSHL. After playing he began his coaching career with the Lincoln Jr Stars as the Varsity Coach IHSHL for 2 years 02-04. Omaha Jr Lancers Varsity Coach 04-06. KC Stars Bantam AA 06-08. Russel Stover AAA Tier 1 Coach U14 and U16 Coach 09-13. Mavs Elite AAA Tier 1 Coach u16 13-15. KC Mavs U18 AA Coach 15-17. KC Jets U16 Coach 17-18. Kansas City Mavericks ECHL Hockey Ops and Strength & Conditioning Coach 15-20. Mike currently holds a Level 4 USA Hockey Certification and has worked with/under coaches such as Pat Ferschweiler (NHL/NCAA), Mike Hastings (NCAA), Richard Matvichuk (WHL), Jason Herter (NCAA/NHL), and JS Dickson (ECHL). Mike attended UNO where he studied finance, and fire science through the fire academy at Hutchinson CC and University of Kansas. He resides in Greenwood Mo with his wife Kelsey and 3 kids Leilani, Noah and Baylor.

"I look forward to working with these HS aged players, bringing a more competitive and development minded hockey culture to the Jr. Mavericks high school hockey program."

Nate Widman (Lead Skills/Assistant Coach):

This will be Coach Widman's first season with the Jr. Mavs HS as Assistant Coach. Nate is originally from Naperville, Illinois. He played AAA growing up and finished his AAA experience winning a National Championship with the Chicago Mission. Following midgets he was drafted by the Omaha Lancers of the USHL and played one full season before being traded to the Cedar Rapids Rough Riders the following year. His collegiate hockey experience includes playing one year at Brown University and three years for the Saint Cloud State Huskies where he served as a team Captain his second and third year. Widman then went on to play two years of professional hockey with the Kansas City Mavericks. Widman's coaching experience includes being a skill coach with the Northern Edge Elite Hockey Schools, a skill instructor with Read React Hockey out of Stillwater, Minnesota and coaching Bantam Elite League teams in Minnesota.

Micah Robbins (Lead Goaltending/Assistant Coach)

This will be Coach Robbins first season with the Jr Mavs. CPT Micah N. Robbins hails from Mackinaw City, Michigan. He played youth AA with the 1986' Midget AAA Honeybaked organization from 2001-2002 as a part of the Midwest Elite Hockey League. He then continued Midget AAA Major Hockey in the MAHL with the Ojibwa Eagles in Houghton, Michigan from 2002-2003. In 2003, he played for the Capital Centre Pride Midget AAA Major team at the beginning of the 2003 season and subsequently completed from 2003-2006 in Tier I, II, and III Junior Leagues in the United States ranging from the Chicago Steel USHL, Bozeman Ice dogs AWWHL, Williams Lake Timberwolves BCHL, Spokane Chiefs WHL, and the Kootenai Colts NPHL. His training led to selection to the Comox Valley, British Columbia conditioning camp hosted by various NHL teams during the summer of 2004. He then continued to Ljungby, Sweden as a part of the North American Select Team to compete against the top Swedish Jr. A teams (Mora IK, Modo, Frolunda). After selection for the 2006 NPHL All-Star team, he signed with Robert Morris University D-1 ACHA where he spent his collegiate career from 2006-2010 and made the CSCHL All-Star team at Ohio University in 2007 and a National Championship appearance in 2010. After attaining a Business Degree in Health and Fitness Management, he attended pre-season in the SPHL (A) with the Mississippi Surge and Augusta Riverhawks, finally landing in Troy, Ohio in the AAHL (A) league. He began coaching ACHA D-2 hockey and continued his instruction in Midwest Goalie School from 2006. In early 2012, he was selected to be the full time practice goalie for the Chicago Wolves of the American Hockey League (AHL) and the Chicago Blackhawks (NHL). His playing career ended in 2013 as he commissioned into the United States Army as a Military Police Officer and attained his Masters Degree in Business and Organizational Security Management. He then was selected in 2020 to play on the All Army Men's Hockey Team out of Fort Drum, NY which traveled to Riga, Latvia to play in the 7th Open Baltic Winter Military Games, taking Silver. Later in 2020 he accepted the position as the emergency backup goalie for the Kansas City Mavericks and continues to coach youth programs in the Kansas City region.

