

**Centennial/SLP Girls Hockey**  
**Centennial Girls Hockey Blue Line Club**



**Parent Informational Packet**  
**2023-24 Season**

## Welcome!

The BLC welcomes you to 2023-24 girls high school hockey season! The information within this document will help guide you through important dates, events, and fees related to the upcoming season.

### Centennial Girls High School Hockey Blue Line Club Mission:

The Blue Line Club consists of parents and guardians of children who participate in the Centennial/SLP Girls High School Hockey program. We support and encourage participation from parents and the community. We strongly encourage sportsmanship and ethical conduct. We raise funds to help provide items such as equipment, ice, coaches, and other necessities/amenities that will enable the continuing development and growth for the Centennial/SLP Girls High School Hockey program.

### Centennial Girls Hockey Blue Line Club Board Members:

Board Position	Officer
President	John Newpower
Vice President	Blair Buccicone
Secretary	Laura Ueland
Treasurer	Angie Kulenkamp
Fundraising Director	Susanne Newpower
Community Liaison Director	Brian Hemr
Volunteer Director	Angel Johnson

Scott Oberg from Spring Lake Park will represent SLP at the BLC board meetings this season.

For any questions related to the BLC, please email: [cent.ghsbcl@gmail.com](mailto:cent.ghsbcl@gmail.com)

Team Calendar: <https://www.centennialhockey.org/page/show/3404509-chs-girls-hockey>

BLC webpage: <https://www.centennialhockey.org/page/show/3513762-girls-blue-line-club>

**The CGHBLC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.**

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### **IMPORTANT DATES & NOTES**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Aug 18	Youth Girls Hockey Kickoff Event, 6-8 PM, at Centennial Sports Arena
Sep 14-Oct 29	Captain's Practice
Mid-Oct	Mandatory parent/player/coach meeting @ CHS, date/time TBD
Oct 30-Nov 1	Team tryouts, start time TBD, see website calendar
Nov 2	First team practices at Centennial Sports Center, time TBD
Nov 3-4	Duluth scrimmage weekend. Hotel information within this packet.

All players are required to have a sports physical prior to tryouts. If your player has not had one within the last 3 years, please get this completed as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye on the team page calendar for all events and updates.

TEAM PAGE (Website, not SportsEngine app):

<https://www.centennialhockey.org/chsgirlshockey>

## **FEE STRUCTURE**

Each Centennial family pays an athletic fee to ISD #12 through the Campus Portal system for the girls high school hockey program. The SLP families pay an athletic fee to ISD #16 through the FeePay system. Those fees cover the following items:

- Salaries for head coach and two assistants
- Practice and game ice time
- Bus transportation to and from games

There are many expenses not covered by the school's Athletic Fee. Therefore, the BLC steps in to raise funds to pay for those additional expenses. Below are examples of fees not paid by the school but covered by the BLC:

- Salaries for JV coaching staff & any additional varsity assistant coaches, trainers
- Duluth scrimmage weekend (transportation, hotel, partial meals, team bonding event)
- Team equipment, game socks, practice jerseys
- Team photographer
- Game day videographer
- Accounting fees
- Fundraiser expenses (Hocktoberfest, Calendar Raffle, Cash Raffle)
- Printing, copying, postage, mailing fees
- Banking charges & fees
- Locker room upkeep, upgrades, food, and beverages
- Coach apparel
- End-of-Year banquet
- Game day food
- In-season dryland workouts
- Special event nights (Girls High School Skate, Teacher Appreciation Night, Senior Night)
- Player outings
- Playoff pasta feeds
- Other team events/supplies
- Senior Night
- State tournament expenses (transportation, hotel, meals, banquet)

### **2023-24 BLC BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>Season</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2022-23	Carry-Over Balance	\$10,000
2023-24	Expense Budget	\$75,535

### **TOP 10 BUDGETED EXPENSES**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Assistant Coaches Stipends	\$11,600
2	Team Travel (Busing, Lodging, Meals)	\$7,000
3	Year-End Banquet	\$6,000
4	Calendar Raffle/Cash Raffle Payouts	\$5,700
4	Game Day Food	\$5,000
5	Off-Ice Training	\$3,200
6	Hocktoberfest	\$3,000
7	Gifts (Coaches, Adopt-a-Family)	\$2,550
8	Printing & Copying	\$2,500
9	State Tournament	\$2,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,050</b>

### **2023-243 Program Wide Player/Parent/Family Participated Fundraising Need: \$75,535\***

\*Does not include captains practice fee income and CYHA donation. This gets us to a balanced budget for the season.

#### **Budget Notes:**

Each year the BLC plans to carry-over \$10,000 - \$15,000 for the following season to cover early season expenses, such as captains practice ice time, dryland facilities, Duluth trip etc.

The remainder of the carry over balance is reserved for “Legacy” expenses that will serve more than just one season, such as uniform replacement, facility upgrades, unbudgeted expenses, and contingency funds for the unknown.

Fundraising is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the program. The BLC has worked very hard to set up the fundraising events and opportunities that will meet the needs of the program. But we need all families to participate to reach our fundraising goal. The BLC will track fundraising results for each family throughout the season and may ask families that come up short of their goal to make up the difference near the end of the season.

## **FUNDRAISING & EVENTS**

All families in the program are responsible for fundraising. The BLC determines the budget each season and plans all fundraising events to cover expenses. We have different fundraising activities in two categories. The first is considered “expected”. The “expected” fundraisers require all families to participate and generate as many dollars as possible to help us reach our expense budget target.

The second fundraising category is considered “supplemental”. These are additional fundraising activities that are not required but are available to all families to help raise additional dollars for the program.

### **EXPECTED FUNDRAISERS**

<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Media Guide	Brian Hemr and Angie Kulenkamp will lead the tracking of all media guide business ad ownerships and organize the printing of the guide. See additional details below.	Aug 1-Oct 9
Warm-Up Jerseys	The jerseys will be worn by the varsity players for warmups at each home and away game. At the end of the year, the sponsors will receive the jersey and the media guide. A \$500 sponsorship is needed for each jersey.	Aug 1-Sep 9
Hocktoberfest	Held at the Boulevard Bar & Grill in Lexington that raised over \$10,000 for the team last year. We feel we can increase this amount this year. Need each player to sell a minimum of 20 tickets for this event. We are also asking each family to donate an item or basket or solicit such an item for this event. <b>The donation form can be found on the team website.</b> Please notify Amy Wolter at amy.wolter@gmail.com regarding any items that you donate.	Oct 7
Calendar Raffle	We will have 30 calendars per family available for pick up at the parent/coach meeting in <b>mid-October</b> . The winners will be announced each day in December.	Nov 6-27
Cash Raffle	Packs of 50 tickets available for purchase at the mandatory parent/coach meeting in <b>mid-October</b> . Each player is required to purchase a minimum of \$250 in tickets (\$5 per ticket).  Prizes: \$750, \$500, \$100, \$100, \$50	Drawing is last home game of season

## **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDRAISERS**

<b>Fundraiser</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Fall Gertens	Players will be able to sell poinsettias and wreaths during the winter holiday season and spring flowers (baskets & potted plants) for planting season. These are two separate fundraisers that will be online. Centennial will have a website code you enter when going online to order. The wreaths, poinsettias and spring flowers have been great quality. Delivery date is Nov 20.	Sep 22- Oct 23
Spring Gertens	Delivery date is May 9.	Feb 12- Mar 25
Butter Braids	Butter Braids are a pastry that come in a variety of flavors. Each player will set up their own online store and forward the link to that store to their family and friends. Instructions on how to set up the store will come out closer to fundraising date. Delivery date is Nov 20.	Oct 16- Nov 6

All fundraising sign-up opportunities are listed on Sign Up Genius (link on our website). No formal fundraiser should be planned unless authorized and communicated by the BLC. For fundraising questions, please email Susanne Newpower, Fundraising Director, at [smnewpower@gmail.com](mailto:smnewpower@gmail.com).

## **MEDIA GUIDE & SPONSOR JERSEY DETAILS**

Brian Hemr is our media guide lead. Brian will lead the tracking of all media guide business ad ownerships and organize the printing of the guide.

The media guide form will include an option for a business or individual to sponsor a jersey. These jerseys will be worn by the varsity players for warmups at each home and away game. Jerseys not worn during warmups at home games will hang on the glass during the entire game. At the end of the year the sponsors will receive the jersey and a copy of the media guide.

- On August 1st an email will be sent out with a link to a Google Sheet that will contain our master list of business ads.
- Open or unclaimed business ads (past senior's ads or unclaimed from previous season) are open for anyone to claim. Please feel free to add new businesses!
- Ads owned by current/returning players are not available to other players.
- Starting at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, August 2nd, a Google Form for claiming open business ads will be sent out.
- The claimed businesses will be first come first served based on the time of your Google Form submission, you will receive an email from Brian Hemr confirming your approved businesses. Please wait to contact the business until you have been confirmed.



- Jersey sales end on September 9th. Media Guide ad sales end on October 9th. All ads need to be confirmed, check mailed, and electronic artwork files sent to Brian Hemr at [cghblc.media@gmail.com](mailto:cghblc.media@gmail.com).

For the media guide to create revenue, we STRONGLY encourage a \$300 minimum in sales per player.

**Media guide and warm-up jersey sponsorship forms can be found on the team website at <https://www.centennialhockey.org/chsgirlshockey>.**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED/SIGN -UP LINKS**

CYHA Kick Off Event:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-youth1>

Game Day Cougars:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-game>

Game Day Food Pick Up & Delivery:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-subway>

Hocktoberfest Planning Committee:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-hocktoberfest>

Hocktoberfest Bean Bag Sign-Up for Youth Players:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-girls>

Hocktoberfest Bean Bag Sign-Up for Adult Players:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-adult>

Adopt-a-Family Holiday Committee:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-adopt>

Hocktoberfest Donations:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-hocktoberfest1>

Hocktoberfest Volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a4a728a3f8cf8-hocktoberfest2>

Pasta Feeds:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-senior>

Senior Night Committee:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-senior1>

Girls High School Skate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-skate>

Teachers Appreciation Night:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-teacher>

Year-End Banquet:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44A4A728A3F8CF8-year>

**VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

The team would like to participate in two community outreach/volunteering events. In the past the team has participated in events such as blanket making for Children's Hospital (or similar hospital), Feed My Starving Children, and Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. These are in-season events. Dates will be added to the team calendar and further messages will be forthcoming when these event dates are solidified.

Parent involvement is required for many events throughout the year. Your help is needed to ensure the success of each event. Some of these events include Teacher's Night and Senior Night. Volunteer positions will be posted through the SignUpGenius website, and opportunities will be posted at the Parent/Coach meeting in mid-October. More information will be provided as we get closer to the event dates.

## **CAPTAINS PRACTICE**

The cost for captains practice will be \$300 per player for 14 hours of ice and 10.5 hours of dryland training at Centennial Sports Arena. Nick Kulenkamp will run all dryland sessions and Sunday on ice practices. We are adding a skating instructor this year. Katie McDonough will provide skating instruction every Thursday. Amanda Leveille will be our goalie instructor and will also attend every Thursday session. Participation is encouraged!

Sign-up forms are available at the parent meeting and on the team website at <https://www.centennialhockey.org/chsgirlshockey>.

The ice time and dryland schedule for the 2022-23 season can be found below.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Dryland Times</b>	<b>Ice Times</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sep 14	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Sep 17	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Sep 21	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Sep 24	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Sep 28	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Oct 1	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Oct 5	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Oct 8	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Oct 12	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Oct 15	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Oct 18	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Oct 22	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena
Oct 26	8:00-8:45 PM	9:00-10:00 PM	McDonough/Leveille	Centennial Arena
Oct 29	6:50-7:35 PM	7:50-8:50 PM	Kulenkamp	Centennial Arena

## **DULUTH SCRIMMAGE WEEKEND – Friday & Saturday (Nov 3-4)**

At the start of each season, the girls high school hockey team travels to Duluth to play in a series of Varsity and JV scrimmages vs other high schools attending the event. This is the first and arguably one of the best team bonding events for the season. This also gives parents time to meet and greet before, during, and after games. Below is a rough outline or example of how past weekends have proceeded over the years:

### **Friday, November 3**

7:00 AM – Full team meets at Centennial Sports Arena for individual and team pictures.

9:00 AM – Players and coaches board a coach bus for travel to Duluth. Player vehicles cannot be left in the school parking lot overnight. Make arrangement for vehicles to be moved off school grounds.

10:00 AM – Team usually stops briefly in Hinckley for a small meal before proceeding.

Midday – Team arrives in Duluth. Depending upon game schedule, the team may go straight to the rink or check-in to the team hotel first.

Day and early Evening – One or possibly two hour-long scrimmages (two 25 min running time halves).

Evening – Team will eat dinner together with the coaches.

11:00 PM – Typically lights out in player hotel rooms. The coaching staff will outline all final rules for the team. There are typically 4 players to each room.

### **Saturday, November 4**

TBD – Remaining game schedule. This will also dictate if/when an additional team bonding event can occur.

Evening – Return to Centennial Sports Arena, with another potential stop in Hinckley for a quick meal.

## **DULUTH SCRIMMAGE WEEKEND – PLAYER AND COACHES HOTEL**

Coaches, players, chaperones, and the bus driver will stay at The Inn on Lake Superior Hotel. DO NOT make reservations for your player – the BLC has already booked their rooms. The hotel room rental cost is covered by the BLC. Additional fees such as movie rentals and room service are not covered by the BLC. Parents will be asked to cover extra charges.



ADDRESS: 350 Canal Park Drive, Duluth, MN 55802  
(218)726-1111 or (888)668-4352

## **DULUTH SCRIMMAGE WEEKEND – PARENT HOTEL**



The BLC has set aside a block of rooms for parents at The Suites Hotel at Waterfront Plaza.

ADDRESS: 325 Lake Avenue S, Duluth, MN 55802.

ROOM TYPE	RATE
Two Bedroom King Suite	\$200.00
Two Bedroom Whirlpool Suite	\$239.00
Studio double beds Suite	\$159.00
Studio King Suite	\$159.00
One Bedroom king Suite	\$169.00
One Bedroom Whirlpool Suite	\$190.00

**Group Name – CSLP**

**Arrival: Friday, November 3, 2023 | Departure: Saturday, November 4, 2023**

Reservations must be received by **10/03/23**. After this date reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Individuals will call the hotel directly at (218)727- 4663 or toll free at (800)794-1716 asking for group name "**CSLP**".

Both the player and parent hotels are in the Canal Park district of Duluth.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
**YOUTH GIRLS HOCKEY**  
**KICK-OFF EVENT**

**AUGUST 18 6PM-8PM**  
**CENTENNIAL SPORTS ARENA**

**TRY HOCKEY FOR FREE**

**FOOD TRUCKS**  
**BOUNCY HOUSES**  
**DJ**  
**DUNK TANK**  
**MEET HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS**  
**DUNK HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS**

RETURNING PLAYERS: 30 MINS OF FREE ICE TIME

FOLLOW THE SCHEDULE BELOW

COUGAR CUBS / MITES FROM 6-6:30  
U8 FROM 6:30-7  
U10 FROM 7-7:30  
U12 / U15 FROM 7:30-8



QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY COACHES, GIRLS DIRECTOR, MITE DIRECTOR

VENDORS WITH APPAREL AND HOCKEY EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

ALL PLAYERS TO BRING HELMETS, STICKS AND SKATES.