



JERSEY SHORE WILDCATS 2021 – 2022 Registration Booklet

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Program Overview

The Monmouth Youth Hockey Association travel hockey program, doing business as The Jersey Shore Wildcats (“The Wildcats”), is a very competitive level of hockey play and requires a strong time commitment by both the player and the parent. **It is very important that the player and parent understand and accept the time commitment of the travel program and that they are expected to make the travel team a priority (see “Attendance Policy” in Travel Program Policies).** Parents and players should be prepared to accept this level of commitment.

Planned Teams - Youth 6U to 18U

For the 2021 - 2022 season, based on the player’s age as of December 31st, 2021, the The Wildcats plan to field the following teams. The number of teams at each competitive level of play (AA, A or B, American or National) will be determined by the skill level of players trying out.

YOUTH – Boys and Girls can tryout for these teams

6U/8U (Mites)
10U (Squirt)
12U (Peewee)
14U (Bantam)
16U/18U (Midget)

AGES BIRTH YEARS

6-8 2013 & Younger
9/10 2012/2011
11/12 2010/2009
13/14 2008/2007
15-18 2006/2003

National Bound Teams:

14UAA, 16UAA, and 18UAA Youth Teams will be National Bound. Parents must understand that upon accepting a spot on a National Bound team, players must be prepared to attend the State/Atlantic District tournament typically held in March and if successful, the National Tournament typically held in early April.

Based on the number of players and the skill of the players trying out, The Wildcats reserve the right NOT to field a team at any level.

Roster Size

At all levels, only players qualified to play at that level will make a travel team roster. During and immediately after ***the April and*** May tryouts, roster spots may be filled by the most qualified players attending the tryouts. The Wildcats anticipate that all spots may not be filled after tryouts and that some number of players may be added by the Hockey Director’s discretion without having participated at tryouts.

Program Features

All Youth teams will receive the following:

- Full Season in NJYHL League – exact # of games determined by the league based on Age Level & Division
- Full Season in AHF – All Youth teams except 6U/8U
- Spring/Early Summer Practices – 2 practices per week thru June for all Youth teams, 6U/8U will have 1 practice per week
- Summer Goalie Specific Training Camp by Bosak Goaltending. (dates and times TBD).
- Summer Training Camp to be held in August (dates & times TBD)
- New Enhanced Video & Chalk Talk Sessions
- Weekly Goalie Clinic by Bosak Goaltending



Practices

6U/8U Youth teams – will have two practices on ice per week.

10U Youth teams – will have three hours on ice practices per week.

12U Youth teams – will have three hours on ice practices per week.

14U Youth teams – will have three hours on ice practices per week. Some full ice some joint practice ice.

16U/18U Youth teams – teams will have two practices per week of some combination of joint and full ice through approximately November 1, 2021. Full season 16U/18U teams will have one practice per week from approximately November 1, 2021 through end of 2021/2022 season.

These are typical weekly practice schedules. Holidays and ice considerations may result in only one practice per week for some weeks for those teams who normally get 2 per week and possibly no practices in some weeks.

Games

All Wildcats teams will play in both the New Jersey Youth Hockey League and the Atlantic Hockey Federation (6U/8U will not participate in AHF).

New Jersey Youth Hockey League - NJYHL

NJYHL teams are located throughout New Jersey. The NJYHL season usually consists of approximately 20 league games at all youth levels and season-ending playoffs of 1 to 2 games for eligible teams that qualify. Results of NJYHL playoffs determine advancement to Atlantic District playoffs for eligible teams.

Atlantic Hockey Federation - AHF

The AHF games are in a Showcase weekend format (two showcases totaling 8 games for all levels) plus for all teams 8 head-to-head games with selected opponents. Teams playing in the AHF may have overnight travel for the showcase events and possibly the head-to-head games.

Tournament Travel Games

Based on the decision of the parents and the team's coaching staff, teams may participate in additional tournaments to be paid by the parents. The Wildcats do not schedule or pay for any tournaments for any team.

Budgeted Game Counts: per current plan, subject to change.

Budgeted game counts for all Youth travel teams in the 10U through 18U is approximately 50 games. 16U/18U Half season midgets will be approximately 35 games, 6U/8U Mites will be approximately 30 games (including showcases).

Coaching Staff

The Wildcats plan to announce coaches in advance of tryouts; however coaching assignments are subject to change.



Program Policies

Checking policy:

Checking and slap shots are not allowed in Travel games at the 12U and younger levels. Checking and slap shots are permitted at the 14U and 16U/18U levels.

Line Changing Policy:

All Travel games include changing on the fly.

Ice Time Policy:

Club policy for 10U levels, and all other "A" and "B" levels, is that all players should have equal ice time except in the last 5 minutes of the game. For 12U "AA" the policy will be equal ice time except the last 5 minutes of the game and during penalties and power play situations when the coach will have the prerogative to play the players of his choice. For 14U "AA" and 16U/18U "AA", the coach will have the prerogative throughout the game to play the players of his choice. However, barring any disciplinary actions, the club does expect that all players will play in every period.

Attendance policy:

The Wildcats require that Travel players not miss more than one (1) practice and one (1) game per month on an unexcused basis. Occasional absences, approximately once a month, for illness, school obligations and family obligations will be considered excused absences. However, these absences will only be considered excused absences if the head coach or team manager is informed in advance and Sports Engines has been updated to reflect the impending absence. If no advance notice is given, the absence will be considered unexcused.

If a player has 2 unexcused absences in any month as outlined above, the following shall occur:

If a second practice or game in any month is missed, the player will be required to sit out one (1) period of the next game.

If a third practice or game in any month is missed, the player will be required to sit out two (2) periods of the next game.

If a fourth practice or game in any month is missed, the player will be required to attend but not dress and sit out the next game. In addition, there will be a discussion with the player and his/her parents as to the athlete's commitment to the program.

Tryout Schedules and Fees

Tryouts will start on April 19 for 6U/8U, 10U & 12U and May 10 for 14U & 16U/18U. Tryout fees are \$150 for all teams, please refer to the tryout flyer posted for any early-bird discounts. Tryout schedules for each level will be posted on www.jerseyshorewildcats.com

This tryout fee will be non-refundable in whole or in part regardless of the number of tryouts attended by the player. This tryout fee will not be applied towards the yearly registration fee. NO Exceptions.

Yearly Fee for the Program

The yearly fee for the Travel program will ONLY include:

- Items in the Section "Program Features".
- Sessions as noted in the Section "Practices".
- NJYHL and AHFL league fees.
- All games as noted in the Section "Games".
- **Coach Stipend.**

The yearly fee at all levels does NOT include:

- Player/parent expenses
- Any additional tournament fees.
- Player's jerseys, shells, bags, warm-ups which The Wildcats may require all players to purchase.



The Travel Yearly Fee Schedule for the 2021 – 2022 season will be:

AGE LEVEL	PLAYER FEE		GOALIE FEE	
	Pay in Full Season Fee (NOTE 1)	Payment Plan Season Fee (NOTE 1)	Pay in Full Season Goalie Fee (NOTE 1)	Payment Plan Season Goalie Fee (NOTE 1)
6U/8U Youth Teams	\$1,890	3 payments of \$680	\$1,890	3 payments of 680
10U Youth Teams	\$3,750	3 payments of \$1300	\$3,200	3 payments of \$1120
12U Youth Teams	\$4,050	3 payments of \$1400	\$3,400	3 payments of \$1180
14U Youth Teams	\$4,090	3 payments of \$1410	\$3,450	3 payments of \$1200
16U/18U Youth Teams – Full Season	\$3,790	3 payments of \$1310	\$3,250	3 payments of \$1130
16U/18U Youth Teams – Half Season	\$2,790	3 payments of \$980	\$2,200	3 payments of \$780

Note 1: Credit card customers will be charged an additional credit card processing fee to their card.

Registration for all Youth teams must be complete (defined below) in full per the below schedule. If registration is not fully completed by the below dates, ALL Season Fees shown above will be increased by \$400.

- All 6U/8U, 10U & 12U Youth teams by April 25th
- All 14U, 16U & 18U Youth teams by May 25th

Complete registration includes:

- USA Hockey on-line registration. You must complete USA Hockey registration before registering with The Wildcats on-line. The Wildcats registration system will prompt the user for his/her new USA Hockey number. Registration cannot proceed without the correct number.
- On-line Wildcats registration.
- Full Payment received by The Wildcats.

Payment Schedule

When a player is selected to play for a team, the yearly fee can be paid by:

- Full payment of the **“Pay In Full Season Fee”** above at the time of registration by one check or one credit card payment for the full amount. Note: Credit card customers will be charged an additional credit card processing fee to their card.
- 3 equal payments by 3 checks or credit card of the **“Payment Plan Season Fee”** shown above. All three checks must be submitted at time of registration. One check dated as of the registration date for 1/3 of the fee, One check dated July 1 for 1/3 of the fee and one check dated September 1 for the remaining 1/3 of the fee. Credit card customers will be charged an additional credit card processing fee to their card.



Refund Policy

Upon written request, any player may request to withdraw from The Wildcats and receive a refund for any reason of their paid registration fee minus the fee in the schedule below **until 10/15/2021**. The fee withheld will be determined by the date of receipt of the request for withdrawal NOT the date the player could no longer participate. For example, if a player decided in August not to play but the request for refund was not received until September 14, then the September 15 fee will apply.

Fee Withheld from Refund When the Withdrawal Request for any reason is received by:

AGE LEVEL	PLAYER FEE			GOALIE FEE		
	8/15	9/15	10/15	8/15	9/15	10/15
6U/8U Youth Teams	\$600	\$900	\$1,200	\$600	\$900	\$1,200
10U Youth Teams	\$1200	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,300
12U Youth Teams	\$1200	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,300
14U Youth Teams	\$1200	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,300
16U/18U Youth Teams – Full Season	\$1200	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,300
16U/18U Youth Teams – Half Season	\$1200	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$1,600	\$2,300

After 10/15/2021, there will be no refund or credit of any amount for withdrawal from The Wildcats for any reason.

Requests for all refunds by must be submitted by email to Fred Bryant at fred@jerseyshorearena.com. The date of the e-mail will determine which administrative fee is withheld. No refunds will be made if the refund request is by fax, phone call, message, etc.

Tryout Policies for Programs

The Club has adopted the following policies for the team tryout eligibility, which will apply for the upcoming season.

1. Open Eligibility for Team Tryout.

- A) It is the Club's policy to give every player the opportunity to tryout for the age-appropriate team of his or her choice, regardless of where or at what skill level the player may have played in the prior year.
- B) Roster spots will be open to any players who attend tryouts. Prior playing experience with The Wildcats will not be a factor in determining which players make a Travel roster. No number of roster spots on a Travel team will be reserved for The Wildcats players.

2. Number of Tryout Sessions Prior to "Cuts".

There will be no cuts until after the second scheduled tryout. The Hockey Director will be responsible for developing tryout evaluation procedures and providing evaluators and Club coaches with adequate direction relating to this matter.

3. TryOut Procedures.

- A) Each player will be assigned a unique tryout number and jersey that MUST be worn at each evaluation.



- B) An Evaluation Committee shall be organized by the Hockey Director and will be comprised of the Hockey Director, and no less than two (2) other disinterested, qualified evaluators, to be selected by the Hockey Director. This committee shall organize the drills and objectives for each level and shall evaluate at as many evaluation sessions as possible. The committee shall work with the coaches throughout the tryouts. At the conclusion of each tryout session, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Head Coach of the appropriate team shall conduct a roundtable discussion to gather and review the tryout results. At least one member of the Evaluation Committee shall attend the round table discussion.
- C) At the conclusion of each session, the Head Coach upon approval of the Hockey Director shall be allowed to make selections to the team, thereby waiving attendance at the remaining tryout sessions for those selected players.
- D) All players, whether they are being placed on a team or cut from the tryout process will be notified by e-mail..
- E) Goalies shall be evaluated by Bosak Goaltending evaluators. The goalie evaluations will take place during the regular tryout sessions.

4. Addition of a Player to the Roster after Tryouts.

A player may be added to any team at any time up to 12/31 without attending any tryouts by coach's selection only after approval by The Wildcats Hockey Director. However, this will be the exception and the vast majority of player's will be placed on a team right after the tryout sessions.

5. Player playing at a higher level than his/her USA Hockey defined level.

A player shall **only** be allowed to play at a level above his regularly slated USA Hockey level as determined by his birth date, (i.e. 10U, 12U, 14U, and 16U/18U), if the Hockey Director determines that the player demonstrates skills such that at the higher level he will be one of the top six players (i.e. a first line player or starting goalie) on the higher level's top team. For example, a 14U would have to be in the top 6 to make the 16U AA team.

Jersey Shore Wildcats Codes of Conduct

Players and parents should read and discuss together the following rules of conduct of the Club. Remember, each player is representing the Club not just on the ice during practices and games, but also in the locker room both home and away, in the hotels on road trips, at restaurants when dining together, etc.

Jersey Shore Wildcats Code of Conduct for PARENTS

1. I agree that, "**Kids play sports for their own enjoyment, not mine.**" I will encourage my child to play by the rules of the game, I will teach my child that **winning games** does not make a winner and **losing games** does not make loser, and I will teach my child that good sportsmanship and having fun are truly the most important parts of sports.
2. I agree that officials are an important and integral part of the game. I accept the premise that each official has integrity and is trying to call a fair and equitable game. I understand that referees are human and subject to make mistakes just as I am. If I disagree with an official's call, I will express my disagreement without verbally abusing the officials or demeaning them in any way.
3. I will applaud good plays from our team and from opponents', and avoid criticizing children (mine or others') if they fail. I understand that children respond positively to positive encouragement and negatively to negative comments. I will remember that my activities and actions can either enhance or demean the efforts of my child as well as all other participants. The choice is mine. The benefit (or harm) is always the child's.
4. I will at all times act like an adult, cheering when appropriate and refrain from making loud, abusive, demeaning, or vulgar comments toward officials, other team members, parents or other team's coaches and will remember that such actions can cause serious embarrassment to my child and damage to the reputation of the team and the program.
5. I will support my coaches and will refrain from criticizing them in front of my child or other players. I will treat the coaches and team officials with respect and insist that my child does likewise. I will explain to my child that the coaches are unpaid volunteers and that I greatly appreciate their efforts.
6. If I have a disagreement with a coach, player, parent, referee or club official, I either approach them in a calm, reasonable manner or will use the club procedures for resolving this conflict.



7. I will volunteer my services when needed.
8. I will ensure that my child abides by the rules of the team, USA Hockey and Monmouth Youth Hockey Association, and will ensure that my child doesn't disparage other participants concerning their skills, race, ethnic background, sex, religion or national origin.
9. I will ensure that my child is on time to team practices and games and that his/her behavior is not disruptive to the other members of the team.
10. I will not knowingly participate, instigate or pursue any course of action that could reasonably be expected to lead or cause physical or emotional harm or legal action to or against any minor participant including, but not limited to providing of controlled substances or alcohol.

Jersey Shore Wildcats Code of Conduct for PLAYERS

1. **Rules:** Follow the rules. Each player agrees to abide by all of the published and non-published rules and regulations of USA Hockey, Atlantic District and all leagues the team may play in, and The Wildcats.
2. **Respect:** Be Respectful. The Wildcats expect players to be respectful of all referees and refrain from any negative communication with the referees. The Wildcats expect all parents, players and coaches to show respect to the referees, opposing team, parents, and other coaches.
3. **Behavior:** Watch the language, horseplay, gestures, attitudes, etc. Be respectful of others and the property of others. Always be a good sport and set a positive example for others, particularly younger players.
4. **Sportsmanship:** Practice teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline. Demonstrate mature behavior on and off the ice. Participate, with grace, in end of game hand-shake line. Learn to win and lose with the same amount of sportsmanship and dignity.
5. **Adults:** No Insubordination. Follow the directions given by the coaches, The Wildcats staff, rink officials and referees. Please note the Zero Tolerance posters in all rinks. Play for FUN and enjoy hockey.
6. **Illegal Activities:** Any activities/situations that are illegal (possession or use of cigarettes, alcohol or drugs, shoplifting, stealing, vandalism, etc.) will not be tolerated. Illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities. Demand a drug- and alcohol-free sports environment for your team.

The consequences for violating the above-referenced rules are varied, depending on such factors as whether this is a first time offense or part of a pattern or practice, the seriousness of the offense, the potential for or actual harm to the player or other players, and whether or not the behavior is illegal (this list is not exhaustive). The coach may determine the appropriate punishment or may refer violators to The Wildcats disciplinary committee. Consequences of violations may range from suspension for a period or two of a game, to a single or multiple game suspensions; to expulsion from The Wildcats (this list is not exhaustive).

Suspensions or expulsions will not entitle any family to a refund of any kind. In fact, parents are responsible for the player's actions and will be held financially liable for them.