



NCCYHA Fact Sheet

1. The Northern Chautauqua County Youth Hockey Association has been operating for almost 40 years, providing area kids with the opportunity to play hockey right here at SUNY Fredonia.
2. NCCYHA is a parent-run organization. Board members, coaches, and managers all volunteer their time to help players develop skills and have a positive hockey experience..
3. We have a Learn to Play Hockey program that is open to players of all ages and ability levels. For LTPH, full equipment is required and the organization has a limited supply that can be loaned to players to reduce the initial financial commitment. Upon LTPH program completion, players may be offered the opportunity to join a team at their age and ability level, as long as it is prior to rostering deadline, and for an additional fee.
4. We offer teams at every age level from 8U to 16U, as well as Modified, JV and Varsity High School teams.
5. All practices and games take place at Steele Hall on the SUNY Fredonia campus, home of the NCAA Division III Fredonia Blue Devils.
6. Our teams compete with other organizations in Western New York Amateur Hockey League (**WNYAHL**). In addition, players will have the opportunity to participate in tournaments. Some of the places we've played include Cleveland, Detroit, Erie, and Washington, DC!
7. We understand that hockey is a significant financial commitment and the NCCYHA has sustained many efforts to provide competitive and affordable youth hockey programming. When comparing registration fees with other surrounding organizations, we find that our fees are lower while offering comparable (or better!) ice times and development programming.
8. Our Board of Directors meets once a month and dates are published on the NCCYHA website. Each meeting has time set aside for the public to address the Board.
9. To contact our Board, the email is nccyha.steelers@gmail.com
10. Our Board of Directors are provided below:

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Registration Information

Your registration fee covers 50+ hours of ice time, administration costs for running the organization, a new pair(s) of hockey socks based on your division, and fees for the WNYAHL'

- 1) Registration can be found on the Steelers home page at www.nccyha.com
- 2) Is important to register by June 1st as we need to make certain declarations to the WNYAHL for the number of teams at each age level and level of play no later than June 15. Families that register after the June 1st deadline will incur a higher registration cost due to additional administrative costs which affect our mission to offer competitive and affordable programming.
- 3) **NEW THIS YEAR:** Registration fees now include a new pair of hockey socks. 10U players will receive a new pair of blue hockey socks. 12U and older will receive a new pair of white and blue hockey socks. You will be required to select a size of hockey socks when registering.
- 4) If you need a new jersey for your child the cost of the jersey can be added to the registration fee and be paid through the payment plan. Jersey orders are due by July 15th.
- 5) Each age group has the option of paying in full or using a payment plan as presented in the **"2023-2024 Registration Fees"** table on the next page. Each payment plan has (1) an \$100 initial registration fee and (2) five installments starting September 1, 2023 and ending January 1, 2024. Payment plans have a small fee due to SportsEngines payment processing fees..
- 6) The 6U/8U registration is lower due to the cross-ice programming having reduced costs for referees, game ice, and league fees, while providing a comparable amount of ice time.
- 7) PLEASE NOTE: An hour of ice time at Steele Hall means 60 minutes of on-ice time! Most other rinks give 50 minutes of actual ice time and 10 minutes for resurfacing. With about 45 practices a season, that equates to an extra 7 ½ hours of ice time, providing more bang for your buck!

2023-2024 Registration Fees

Age group	Register by June 1st	Register after June 1st
8U	\$515 total \$100 by June 1st registration and \$415 Pay in full on September 1st or \$87 per month Sept.-Jan.	\$615 total \$615 pay in full upon registration or \$127 upon registration and \$127 per month Oct.-Jan.
10U	\$670 total \$100 by June 1st registration and \$570 Pay in full on September 1st or \$118 per month Sept.-Jan.	\$770 total \$770 pay in full upon registration or \$158 upon registration and \$158 per month Oct.-Jan.
12U, 14U, 16U	\$690 \$100 by June 1st registration and \$590 Pay in full on September 1st or \$122 per month Sept.-Jan.	\$790 \$790 pay in full upon registration or \$162 upon registration and \$162 per month Oct.-Jan.
High School	\$790 total \$790 pay in full or \$198 per month for four months Oct.-Jan.	\$890 total \$890 pay in full or \$223 per month for four months Oct.-Jan.

Travel is the new MOHL

MOHL stands for Multi-Organizational House League. The MOHL program was created to give an opportunity to play competitive league games against similarly skilled teams in Western New York. It was designed for smaller organizations that could not simply have a House league of their own. Over the years, we have observed reduced MOHL league participation with the formation of multiple new travel teams at other organizations. This has also affected the range and level of play over time. Playing on a travel team does not necessarily mean that you are traveling more than you would in the MOHL league. Playing on a mixed travel team simply means that you are playing at the next skill level up from MOHL.

NCCYHA has always strived to provide the appropriate level of hockey for all of its players. For many years this meant MOHL first as this met the development needs for most of our players. For the 2023-24 season, we've decided that MOHL is not the appropriate level of play for age levels with only one team. We've summarized certain information which factored into our decision-making process below.

2022-2023 Season

- 14U team played at the MOHL level going 18-0 and outscoring their opponents by an average of 8.3 goals per game.
- 12U team played at the travel level in a major division going 17-4 and outscoring their opponents by 3.28 goals.
- 10U team had to barnstorm games because the MOHL league didn't exist. They were successful in beating other travel teams in exhibition games.

2021-2022 Season

- 14U team played at the MOHL level going 15-5 and outscoring their opponents by an average of 5.7 goals per game.
- 12U team played at the MOHL level going 19-1-1, won the MOHL Championship, and outscored their opponents by an average of 10.6 goals per game
- 10U team played MOHL level going 13-1-1, won the MOHL Championship, and outscored their opponents by an average of 6.6 goals per game.

2020-2021 Season

- Did not occur due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Additional facts from pre-covid seasons:

- 1) In 2018-2019 season we initially had 2 teams playing at the MOHL level. WNYAHL requested that we create a travel team and a MOHL team early in the season given the higher level of play of the NCCYHA teams.
- 2) Playing travel does not necessarily reverse the fate of our teams. Generally, our pre-COVID travel teams have won about a third of their games, lost a third of their games by three or less goals, and lost the other third of their games by 4 or more goals.

Equipment Requirements and Recommendations

Every skater is expected to have the following equipment when stepping on the ice. When purchasing and fitting hockey equipment, remember two important factors: (1) make certain the player is adequately protected and (2) be sure the fit allows freedom of movement so the player can properly perform the necessary skills.

- 1) **Skates** - Purchase skates that will fit your child today with no more than ½" allowed for growth. Seek adequate protection in the ankle, toe, and instep area. Poor fit will hamper your child's ability to skate.
- 2) **Helmet** - Must be approved by the Hockey equipment Certification Council ("**HECC**"). Must be sized at the time of purchase to fit properly. The chin strap must always be fastened.
- 3) **Facemask** - must be approved by the HECC
- 4) **Mouthguard** - Required by USA Hockey for all players at the 12U level and above. Recommended for all players below the 12U level.
- 5) **Neck Guard** - USA Hockey recommends that all players wear a neck laceration protector, choosing a design that covers as much of the neck as possible.
- 6) **Stick** - Length should generally extend from the ice to the player's chin (with skates on).
- 7) **Shin pads** - Check for proper length so they protect the knee and shin completely.
- 8) **Groin protection** - essential protective equipment.
- 9) **Gloves** - Check for proper fit with good finger and hand mobility.
- 10) **Shoulder Pads** - Adjust to fit the individual at the time of purchase. A fiber cap is extremely important in preventing shoulder separations and should extend to the tip of the shoulder.
- 11) **Pants** - Held in proper position by suspenders. Provide protection for the lower spine, hips, and thighs.
- 12) **Elbow pads** - Properly fitted so they do not slide.
- 13) **Hockey socks** - To be provided at certain age levels by NCCYHA
- 14) **Hockey jersey** - Please see the following "Jersey and Apparel" section

For goaltenders, special equipment is necessary such as a catcher, blocker, chest and arms protector, goalie skates, goalie stick, and leg pads. We have a limited supply of goalie equipment for our LTPH and 6U/8U programs.

A complete set of equipment can be purchased for a relatively reasonable cost. Shop around for the best values and remember that you do not have to buy the most expensive equipment. Springtime is a great time to get deals on equipment needed for next season. Buffalo Sports, located at 3840 McKinley Parkway, offers some great used equipment as well as new equipment. They offer a discount to NCCYHA families so just let them know you play for us and you will receive between 10%-15% off depending on if it is used or new equipment. When buying equipment please consider the color. We like to have either black or navy blue when it comes to the helmet, gloves, and hockey pants.

Jersey and Apparel Requirements and Recommendations

The jersey's that are needed for each team somewhat changes over the course of your child's hockey career. Reminder that socks are now a part of the registration cost and your child will be provided with the size that you ordered upon registration. Here is what is needed at each level:

8U - Timbit jersey's are provided

10U - Need a blue jersey

12U, 14U, 16U, and High School - Need a Blue and White Jersey

Jersey orders are due by July 15th to ensure that the order will be in on time for the start of the season. Any orders after the July 15th deadline will result in a possible up charge for the order as we may not reach the minimum number of orders for free shipping. Additionally, any orders after the July 15th deadline can not guarantee that your jersey will be in on time for the season.

We are working with a new company to provide an opportunity to hopefully order steelers apparel two times a year. If your team wishes to fundraise and order apparel through another location that is perfectly fine.