

YELLOWJACKETS HOCKEY CLUB

2025-26 Fall Registration Packet

Important Dates

JULY 24th

Registration opens
Firewagonhockey.com

July 22nd

Jersey Fittings for CSDHL, CSDHL Prospects, NWHL players
5-7pm @ Jerry's Hockey
Carpentersville

August 4th, 7th

Checking Clinic

August 10th

"Drop the Puck/Welcome Back"

August 10th-15th

CSDHL, CSDHL Prospects, NWHL
Warm-up Skates
Squirt, Peewee, Bantam

August 11th, 12th

Midget Warm-up

August 17th, 18th

Midget U18/U16 CSDHL Prospects,
NWHL Tryouts

August 17th - 22nd

CSDHL, CSDHL Prospect,
NWHL Tryouts
U10, U12, U14

September 8th

CSDHL, NWHL Manager's meeting
@ Crystal Ice House

September 21st

Junior Jackets Evaluations

October 7th

Junior Jackets Program Begins

The YELLOWJACKETS offer the best development model for players of all ages and skill levels. Travel teams have professional skill and goalie instruction, unmatched number of ice touches, an exceptional off-ice training facility with artificial turf and shooting lane, and dedicated coaches who are committed to player development and team success! Building on this development model, the Yellowjackets will be fielding Squirt Major (2015) and Minor (2016) Central States birth year levels, and will be placing former NIHL teams in the Central States' Prospects divisions. In addition to our entry level travel teams participating in the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL), our very popular in-house Junior Jackets Development program will also provide affordable recreational hockey at all age levels for incredible return on value as well. With YELLOWJACKETS HOCKEY - fees are straightforward and clear; there are no separate tryout fees, no raffle tickets to be sold, no required volunteer hours needed, and no additional fees for payment plan option either!

JOIN YELLOWJACKETS HOCKEY - DEVELOPMENT. COMPETE. TEAM!

This season, the Yellowjackets and its 8U travel affiliate, The Stingers Hockey Club, are proud to have teams play in 4 leagues for the 2025-26 Fall Season; The Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL), the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL), the Chicago Hockey League (CUHL) for Mites, and our in-house Junior Jackets Development Hockey League (JJDHL).

The Yellowjackets are proud and excited to announce that we have added Cornel J. Montano as our new Director of Coaching. In conjunction with the Hockey Director, CJ will be responsible for the development, empowerment, and oversight of all aspects of the coaching staff; including the creation and implementation of our YJ coaching directives and manuals for all age levels, from Squirts to Midgets. Reinforcing a sequential progression of individual skills and team concepts for our players and coaches alike will ensure both short and long term Yellowjackets success for years to come!

FIREWAGONHOCKEY.COM



2025/26 USA HOCKEY AGE CLASSIFICATIONS YOUTH TEAMS

Division	Mite	Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
Age Group	8U	10U	12U	14U	16U/18U
Birth Years	2020 2019 2018 2017	2016 2015	2014 2013	2012 2011	2010, 2009/ 2008, 2007

CONTACT US:

Fire Wagon Hockey, Inc.
320 E Prairie Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Firewagonhockey.com

Program Questions:
Steve Martins – Hockey Director
Steve.martins@yjhockey.com
Phone: 847-558-9199

Registration Questions:
Laura Tomassetti – Registrar
Registrar@yjhockey.com
Phone: 815-353-6283

Financial Questions:
David Lichterman – General Manager
David.Lichterman@CrystallIceHouse.com
815-356-8500

General Questions:
Charlie Boyd – Executive President
President@yjhockey.com
Phone: 815-356-8500

USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

Prior to registering with the Yellowjackets, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAII) requires that players secure 2025/26 insurance through USA Hockey.

- 1 – Visit www.USAHOCKEYregistration.com
- 2 – Select Ice Players & Coaches and follow instructions
- 3 – USA Hockey Registration fees vary between \$17 – \$79 by age level.

*Any player who registered with USA Hockey on or after April 1st, 2025 is eligible for participation through August 31st, 2026.

Players who are 17 years old need to contact YJ registrar Laura Tomassetti regarding USA Hockey Safesport requirements

Information Needed to Register for YJ Hockey
– Emergency Contact name and phone
– Credit Card or Checking Account Number and Routing number (E-check) for payment

Go to www.Firewagonhockey.com to register.



YJ HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Junior Jackets Developmental Hockey League

The Junior Jackets Program is a recreational "in-house" hockey league for boys and girls 5-18 years of age. Junior Jackets is a great option for skaters currently in, or who have completed Hockey 3, Hockey 4, and/or Excel Crystal Ice House Hockey classes who want to learn the game and experience being on a team. All Junior Jackets teams have one practice and one game (all played at the Crystal Ice House) every week. Mandatory evaluations will be held on Sunday, September 22nd, with practices and league games to begin the first week of October. All practice and games schedules will be finalized and announced once team rosters are made. Junior Jackets jerseys and socks are included in the price and do not need to be ordered in advance.

Fees*	8U	10U	12U	14U	16U/18U
Birth years	2020, 2019, 2018, 2017	2016, 2015	2014, 2013	2012, 2011	2010, 2009/ 2008, 2007
Registration Pay in Full or Payment Plan Player Fee	\$1364	\$1464	\$1528	\$1628	\$1628
Full Time Goalies, 10U and Older only (paid in full or payment plan)	N/A	\$1167	\$1218	\$1292	\$1292

*** Tryout Fee**

- All fees include \$275 non-refundable tryout fee.

**** Payment Plan** - Payment plan participants pay the \$275 non-refundable tryout fee separately at registration, with the remaining balance (minus tryout fee) paid automatically in 6 equal installments on 9/5, 10/5, 11/5, 12/5, 1/5 and 2/5.

REGISTER HERE



JUNIOR JACKETS DEVELOPMENT HOCKEY LEAGUE INFORMATION

Evaluations:

Sunday, September 21st

8U 1:30PM 10U/12U 3:00PM 14U/16U/18U 4:30 PM

Schedule

Each team will have one practice and one game a week

Practice and game schedules to be determined based on enrollment, and published after rosters and teams are officially announced.

Game Format

- Mites U8 - half ice, two 25 minute halves, running clock, 90 second shift changes.
- Squirt U10/Peewee U12/Bantam U14/Midget U16/U18 - full ice , three 15 minute periods, running clock.
- All Junior Jackets levels of play are **non-checking**

Required Equipment

- Helmet with full cage/shield
- **Neck Guard (REQUIRED)**
- Shoulder pads
- Elbow Pads
- Gloves
- Mouthguard
(12U/14U/16U/18U)
- Stick
- Jock / Jill
- Pants (breezers)
- Shin Guards
- Skates
- Jersey & Socks (provided)

Need Equipment?

email
Steve.Martins@yjhockey.com
or call Steve @ 847-558-9199



YJ HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Northwest Hockey League (NWHL)

The Northwest Hockey League was formed to provide a safe, competitive, entry level recreational youth hockey for all ages. Member organizations agree to open registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis with balanced ice times and balanced teams. NWHL teams are a great introduction for players looking to get additional practices and games against other local hockey clubs in the greater Chicago area. All players that register are accepted to play on Northwest Hockey league teams; there are no "tryouts" or "cuts." Unlike our Junior Jackets Hockey Development Program, NWHL teams get professional skills instruction, off-ice workout sessions, and have 3 -4 ice touches per week. Player evaluations are in mid August, with practices and league games beginning in September and ending in early March.

Fees*	8U	10U	12U	14U	16U/18U
Registration Pay in Full or Payment Plan Player Fee	N/A	\$3745	\$3885	\$4025	\$4025
Full Time Goalies, Pay in Full or Payment Plan Goalie Fee	N/A	\$2721	\$2952	\$3055	\$3055

*** Tryout Fee**

- All fees include \$275 non-refundable tryout fee and require no raffle tickets to be sold, no required volunteer hours needed, and no additional fee for opting for payment plan either.

**** Payment Plan** – Payment plan participants pay the \$275 non-refundable tryout fee separately at registration, with the remaining balance (minus tryout fee) paid automatically in 6 equal installments on 9/5, 10/5, 11/5, 12/5, 1/5 and 2/5.

REGISTER HERE

FIREWAGONHOCKEY.COM



YJ HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Central State Development Hockey League (CSDHL) - PROSPECTS DIVISIONS

Tier II travel hockey represents the second highest level of competition in USA Youth Hockey. This season, all Yellowjackets Tier II teams will compete in the Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL), now the largest and most competitive youth hockey league in Illinois. At the direction of the Hockey Director, teams are made through evaluation selection committees during tryouts. Highest rated players make the 1st team, with the next level of players making the 2nd team and so forth. Individual player ice time is at the discretion of the coaching staff and will be decided with the ultimate goal of improving both YJ player and team development. CSDHL Teams can expect to be on the ice 3 to 5 times per week and include off ice workouts and skills sessions with professional coaches. Tryouts are at the middle of August, with practices and games beginning in September, and ending in February.

Fees*	8U	10U*	12U	14U	16U/18U#
Registration Pay in Full or Payment Plan Player Fee	N/A	\$4340	\$4650	\$4790	\$4790#
Full Time Goalies, Pay in Full or Payment Plan Goalie Fee	N/A	\$3284	\$3351	\$3586	\$3586#

CSDHL PROSPECTS 12U and 14U Top Teams*—After YJ CSDHL PROSPECTS Tryouts, players that are selected to our highest CSDHL PROSPECTS teams (team # 1) at the 12U, and 14U levels will be required to pay an additional \$510 on 9/20/25

MIDGET 16U and 18U PLAYERS WANTING TO “DOUBLE ROSTER” with an APPROVED HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY PROGRAM NEED TO CONTACT HOCKEY DIRECTOR STEVE MATINS DIRECTLY FOR INFORMATION. 847-558-9199. FEES FOR DOUBLE ROSTERED MIDGETS WHO QUALIFY ARE \$1500

*** Tryout Fee**

- All fees include \$275 non-refundable tryout fee and require no raffle tickets to be sold, no required volunteer hours needed, and no additional fee for opting for payment plan either.

**** Payment Plan** - Payment plan participants pay the \$275 non-refundable tryout fee separately at registration, with the remaining balance (minus tryout fee) paid automatically in 6 equal installments on 9/5, 10/5, 11/5, 12/5, 1/5 and 2/5.

REGISTER HERE

FIREWAGONHOCKEY.COM



YJ HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Central State Development Hockey League (CSDHL) Birth Year Teams

The Yellowjackets 10U Squirt Minor team (2016 birth year) and Major team (2015 birth year) will be competing in the Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL). At the direction of the Hockey Director, the CSDHL team will be made through an evaluation selection committee during tryouts. Highest rated 2015 and 2016s players will make the CSDHL major and minor teams respectively. 2015 and 2016 players not selected will automatically be placed into the pool of players selected for CSDHL Prospects Division teams. Individual player ice time is at the discretion of the coaching staff and will be decided with the ultimate goal of improving both YJ player and team development. CSDHL Major and Minor teams can expect to be on the ice 3 to 5 times per week and include off ice workouts and skills sessions with professional coaches. Tryouts are at the Middle of August, with practices and games beginning in September, and ending in February.

Fees

10U (2016s, 2015s CSDHL)

Registration Pay in Full or Payment Plan Player Fee

\$4340

Full Time Goalies, 10U (2015, 2016 CSDHL)- Pay in Full or Payment Plan Goalie Fee

\$3415

* Tryout Fee

- All fees include \$275 non-refundable tryout fee and require no raffle tickets to be sold, no required volunteer hours needed, and no payment plan fee either.

* SQUIRT 10U Major (2015) and Minor (2016) birth year teams will both be required to pay an additional \$510 on 9/20/25

** **Payment Plan** - Payment plan participants pay the \$275 non-refundable tryout fee separately at registration, with the remaining balance (minus tryout fee) paid automatically in 6 equal installments on 9/5, 10/5, 11/5, 12/5, 1/5 and 2/5.

REGISTER HERE

FIREWAGONHOCKEY.COM



YJ GOALIE INSTRUCTION

Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL) and Northwest Hockey League (NWLH) GOALIES

All goalies rostered on CSDHL or NWHL travel teams will be under the guidance of Yellowjackets goalie director Bradley Neal. The Yellowjackets goalie program includes weekly small group goalie training on the studio rink and/or on skills ice sessions directly with coach Bradley. Unlike any other goalie instruction program in the area, the Yellowjackets will continue to offer five (5) full hour one on one private/personal instruction lessons for each goalie. These one on one private lessons will maximize full potential, using the latest in goalie skill training techniques under the guidance of YJ goalie instructor Bradley Neal. ***Junior Jackets goalies will also have bi-monthly small group goalie instruction with coach Bradley starting in October.



CHECKING CLINIC INFORMATION

CHECKING CLINIC - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th and 7th 7:20- 8:20pm

USA Hockey mandates that all **Bantam 14U and Midget 16U/18U players (CSDHL and NWHL only)** attend an accredited 2 hours of checking clinic. The 2025-26 Yellowjackets Hockey Fall Checking Clinic will ensure players are prepared to both receive and deliver a check on the ice. Players must be pre-registered at firewagonhockey.com. The 2025-26 checking clinic fee is \$100. Players who have already completed a prior checking clinic in past years or in the spring do not need to register or attend.

REGISTER HERE

FIREWAGONHOCKEY.COM



WARMUP SKATES FOR CSDHL & NWHL

Warmup Skates for CSDHL and NWHL

Once registered, all CSDHL and NWHL players are welcome to the warmup skates in efforts to get ready for tryouts and evaluations. Please note that all player **MUST BE REGISTERED FOR CSDHL or NWHL PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING IN ANY WARMUP SKATE SESSIONS.**

CSDHL, NWHL WARM UP SKATE SCHEDULES

Division	Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
Age Group	10U	12U	14U	16U/18U
Birth Years	2016, 2015	2014, 2013	2012, 2011	2010-2007
Sunday, August 10 th	9:00 AM (2016) FE 10:10 AM (2015) FE	11:20 AM (A-M) FE 12:30 PM (N-Z) FE	1:40 PM (A-M) FE 2:50 PM (N-Z) FE	6:00 PM 16U, 18U FE
Monday, August 11 th	5:00 PM (2016) FE 6:10 PM (2015) FE	5:00 PM (A-M) W 6:10 PM (N-Z)) W	7:20 PM (A-M) FE 8:30 PM (N-Z) FE	7:20 PM 16U W 8:30 PM 18U W
Tuesday, August 12 th	X	X	X	X
Wednesday, August 13 th	5:00 PM (2016) FE 6:10 PM (2015) FE	5:00 PM (N-Z) W 6:10 PM (A-M) W	7:20 PM (N-Z) FE 8:30 PM (A-M) FE	X
Thursday, August 14 th	X	X	8:30 PM (ALL)	X
Friday, August 15 th	5:00 PM (2016) FE 6:10 PM (2015) FE	7:20 PM (N-Z) FE 8:30 PM (A-M) FE	X	X

*ALL times and dates subject to change based on registration enrollment



TRYOUT/EVALUATION INFORMATION

Skater Tryouts (CSDHL) and Evaluations (NWHL)

ALL players must attend Tryouts and Evaluations in order to be placed on a team.

Player Evaluation Committees

The Hockey Director will designate player evaluation committees at all levels which will be tasked with evaluating players during the tryout process. In coordination with these committees, the Hockey Director has sole discretion as to all player and team placement decisions.

CSDHL TRYOUTS, NWHL EVALUATIONS SCHEDULES

Division	Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
Age Group	10U	12U	14U	16U/18U
Birth Years	2016 2015	2014 2013	2012 2011	16U - 2010/2009 18U - 2008/2007
Sunday, August 17 th	9:00 AM (2016) FE 10:20 AM (2015) FE	11:40 AM (A-M) FE 1:00 PM (N-Z) FE	2:20 PM (A-M) FE 3:40 PM (N-Z) FE	7:10 PM - 16U FE 8:20 PM - 18U FE
Monday, August 18 th	5:00 PM (2016) FE 6:10 PM (2015) FE	X	7:20 PM (A-M) FE 8:30 PM (N-Z) FE	X
Tuesday, August 19 th	X	5:00 PM (A-M) FE 6:10 PM (N-Z)) FE	X	7:20 PM - 16U FE 8:30 PM - 18U FE
Wednesday, August 20 th	5:00 PM (GR 1) FE 6:10 PM (GR 2) FE	7:20 PM (GR 1) FE 8:30 PM (GR 2) FE	X	X
Thursday, August 21 st	X	5:00 PM (GR 1) FE 6:10 PM (GR 2) FE	7:20 PM (GR 1) 8:30 PM (GR 2)	X
Friday, August 22 nd	5:00 PM (GR 1) FE 6:10 PM (GR 2) FE	X	7:20 PM (GR 1) 8:30 PM (GR 2)	X



CRYSTAL LAKE STINGERS – 8U MITE TRAVEL HOCKEY

The Crystal Lake Stingers Hockey Club

A member of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) mite travel hockey division and the AAU affiliate, Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL), the Crystal Lake Stingers offers both a Fall and Spring season of full-ice mite (6U-8U) travel hockey. Stingers Tryouts are on August 16th, 17th, and 23rd. The official season (with practices and games) begins in September and concludes with playoffs in March. Under the guidance of Hockey Director Steve Martins, the Stingers is designed to have young hockey players develop a love and passion for the game of hockey through skill development, practices, and full ice games.

STINGERS FREE SKATE AND TRYOUT SCHEDULE

Division	MITE
Age Group	8U
Birth Years	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
"MITE NIGHT"	AUGUST 4 th 6:00pm
FREE Open House Skate (Full equipment required)	AUGUST 9 th 9:00am
Stingers Tryouts	Saturday, August 16 th 9:00am, 10:10am (player groups TBA) Sunday August 17 th 4:50pm, 6:00pm (player groups TBA) Saturday August 23 rd 9:00am, 10:10am (if needed)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

STINGERSHOCKEY.COM



JERSEYS AND EQUIPMENT

TRAVEL PLAYER JERSEY ORDERING GUIDELINE

All Yellowjackets CSHDL and NWHL travel players are required to have home and away jerseys, YJ pant shells and socks for all hockey games. Player Jerseys are \$125 each, pant shells are \$65, and socks are \$27 per pair. (Taxes not included)

In order to ensure timely jersey delivery for fall teams, registered travel players that need new jerseys **must** attend "YJ HOCKEY FITTING DAY" at JERRY'S HOCKEY. **Their store location is located at 2257 Randall Road, Carpentersville. ALL LATE ORDERS WILL INCUR AN UP CHARGE.

**** ALL CSDHL AND NWHL TRAVEL PLAYERS NEED TO ATTEND YJ HOCKEY FITTING DAY TO PURCHASE REQUIRED PANT SHELLS AND JERSEYS IF NEEDED.**

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND 6:00–8:00PM

NUMBERS CAN BE SELECTED ONCE PLAYERS ORDER AND PAY FOR THEIR JERSEY – NUMBERS ARE BASED ON AVAILABILITY BY BIRTH YEAR. PLAYERS NEED TO BRING BOTH SHOULDER PADS AND HOCKEY PANTS TO JERSEY FITTING DAY.

*****MIDGET PLAYERS*****

MIDGET JERSEYS ARE INCLUDED IN FEES FOR ALL MIDGET PLAYERS – MIDGETS STILL NEED TO ATTEND FITTING DAY



In an effort to present a standard, consistent appearance for all teams, the Yellowjackets equipment color schemes for ALL CSDHL and NWHL TRAVEL TEAMS :

Helmet: Black (required)

Pants: YJ Shells (required)

Gloves: Black (required)



Junior Jackets Development Hockey League teams will be outfitted in JUNIOR JACKETS JERSEYS and SOCKS!

(NO FITTING DAY REQUIRED– Junior Jackets Jerseys and socks are included in player/goalie fees)

Contact YJ Hockey Director Steve Martins @ 847-558-9199 or Steve.Martins@yjhockey.com for more information.



PAYMENT AND DISCOUNT INFORMATION

Registration Payment Plan Details

After non-refundable try-out fee is paid, the remaining balance will be divided over six (6) installments. Payment due dates are 9/5, 10/5, 11/5, 12/5, 1/5, and 2/5. Goalies are not eligible for this discount.

Late Registration Fee

If registration for any travel team (CSDHL) occurs after August 17th, 2025, a late registration fee of \$100 will be assessed to your account.

Additional Fee for players selected for top CSDHL Prospects Teams at U12 Peewee, U14 Bantam and both U10 CSDHL Squirt Major (2015s) and Squirt Minor (2016s) teams

After Yellowjackets Team Rosters are announced, players/goalies making the **top teams at the U10, U12, and U14 NIHL levels, as well as players on U10 2015 Major and 2016 Minor CSDHL teams** will be required to pay an additional \$510 on September 20th, 2025. This fee will be irrespective of team qualification into the Premier Select Level.

Financial Commitment & Refund Policy

All refund requests must be submitted in writing to George.Wenneman@CrystalIceHouse.com. Requests received prior to warm-up skates will receive a refund of amounts paid less a 3.5% of total refund amount per participant for cancellation fee. Requests received after warm-up skates have begun and prior to the team roster posting, will receive a refund amount for any amounts paid less the \$275 non-refundable registration deposit plus 3.5% of total refund amount per participant. Families requesting a refund after the official team selections have been posted are responsible for the full program fees and no refunds will be given. For information on partial credits for injuries, please refer to Document Hub at firewagonhockey.com.

Scholarship Assistance

Scholarship assistance is available to assist with the costs of the Yellowjackets youth hockey program. If you are interested in inquiring about assistance, please click on the **Document Hub** on our home page for the scholarship procedures and application.

The application is used to identify those in need of assistance with the cost of the Yellowjackets fees. Application deadline for Scholarship assistance is **August 5th, 2025**.

Years of Service Discount & Fall Credit Program

Second year Bantam and all Midget age players, excluding the Junior Jackets and scholarship programs, are eligible for a Years of Service Discount. The discount is based on the number of official fall years having played for the Yellowjackets. Discounts will be applied by September 29th, 2025. The discount cannot be combined with any other discounts or offers. For details, please visit "Document Hub" – Years of Service discount at firewagonhockey.com. The Fall Credit Program is offered to all rostered 2nd year Bantams and all Midget aged players that were registered in the 2025 Yellowjackets Spring Hockey Program. Once 2025-26 Fall rosters are posted, those players that were registered for Spring programs will receive a maximum credit of \$300 towards the 2025-26 CSDHL fall season fees. The Fall Credit has no cash value and must be used toward CSDHL fall 2025-26 fees. The Fall Credit cannot be combined with any other fall discounts or financial scholarship assistance, except for the Length of Service Credit or Fall Goalie Discount program. For details, please visit "Document Hub" – Fall Credit Program at firewagonhockey.com.

Multi-Participant Discount

Families who register three or more children in Yellowjackets programs during the same registration period will be eligible for 5% discount off the total purchase price. Some restrictions apply. Discounts will be applied by September 29th, 2025.

Military Discount

50% discount for players who parents/guardians are currently serving or are on Active Duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. A valid Active Duty Card is required to receive the discount. Email George.Wenneman@CrystalIceHouse.com to request discount. Discount will be applied by September 29th, 2025. Military discounts cannot be combined with any other discounts or offers. Junior Jackets strives to keep hockey accessible to everyone, and volunteers are an integral part of achieving that mission.

YELLOWJACKETS – Central States Development Hockey League

With the Yellowjackets transitioning all our former NIHL Squirt 10U- Midget 18U travel teams to the Central States Hockey League Prospects Division, we have included some questions and answers below in efforts to help our families better understand and prepare for the changes coming this fall.

1. What is the Central States Development Hockey League?

- CSDHL is a Tier II sanctioned USA hockey league that organizes teams into three primary divisions:

Major: Typically comprises older players within the USA Hockey birth year playing divisions

Minor: Generally includes younger players within the same USA Hockey birth year playing divisions

Prospects: A developmental division that combines players from both Major and Minor levels, focusing on skills development and competitive play.

2. Does a Hockey Club need Major/Minor teams to compete in the Prospects Division?

- No. All Hockey Clubs that request entry into the Prospect Division for all Squirt 10U -Midget 18U teams will be admitted.

3. Will Yellowjackets Prospect teams be divided by birth year like our current Major and Minor Squirt 10U teams that have been accepted into the Central States Major and Minor DivisionS?

- No, while all considerations will be made to ensure the best development path for all Yellowjackets players and teams, except for our Squirt 10U 2016 and 2015 birth year teams, all Yellowjackets Prospects teams will **not** be divided by birth years.

4. How many levels will there be in the Prospects Division?

- The Central States Development Hockey League Prospects Division will have three levels (Red, White and Blue) that will essentially mimic NIHL divisions of Gold, Silver, and Bronze. These colored divisions, also like NIHL, will have multiple tiers within each level as well. For example, Red Prospects Tier I will be the highest competition level in the Prospects Division.

5. Will the Prospects Division have a "Peoria Rule"?

- Yes, the Peoria Rule will be applied to all tiers of White and Blue (not RED) levels and for all teams within those levels at Squirt through Midget. Note that the application of the Peoria Rule to Bantam and Midgets is different from NIHL. If an out-of-state club is accepted into the Prospects Division and did not compete in NIHL during the 2024-2025 season, the Peoria Rule will be applied to them for at least the 2025-2026 season. The Peoria Rule means that certain teams competing in the Prospects Division will be required to play their home games at an opposing team's rink if the opposing team does not wish to travel to their home rink. The opposing team pays for the ice under the Peoria Rule.

6. How many games will teams in the Prospects Division play?

- Prospects teams can expect a 28-game season: 8 seeding round games, followed by 20 regular season games. The deadline to complete the 8 seeding round games will be October 26, 2025. Regular season play will begin on November 8, 2025 and end on January 24, 2026.

7. Will the Prospects Division have playoffs?

- Yes – playoffs will begin on January 29, 2026. The top 8 teams in each Tier will participate in playoffs – Round Robin play followed by a championship game.

8. How will games be scheduled for the Prospects Division?

- An initial grid to schedule seeding round games will be released to clubs on September 5, 2025. A second grid will be released to clubs on November 1, 2025 to schedule all regular season games based on final placement after the seeding round, very similarly to how NIHL set up their final team divisions for Gold, Silver, and Bronze brackets.

9. Will there be an official scheduling meeting for the Prospects Division?

- No – club representatives (ice scheduler, team manager or coach) are responsible for scheduling all games based on the grids released by CSDHL on September 9 and November 1. This can be done via phone, email, Sign-Up Genuis, etc.

10. What are the time rules for games played in the Prospects Division?

- Visit the CSDHL website at <https://www.csdhl.org/> for information on times for periods, penalties, overtime, ice cuts (for Midget level) and referees.

11. How will games be scored in the Prospects Division?

- Ipad with the *Gamesheets* app will be used for all Central States Prospects Division games. More information and training videos can be found at <https://www.csdhl.org/team-manager-resources/game-sheet-training/44969>.