



2025 – 2026 Season Forms

If everything was as easy as scoring goals on the ice... we wouldn't have all this paperwork to fill out.... But you can help make this a much smoother process by taking a few minutes to fill out the attached forms for our records.

We realize that the forms can be overwhelming and there is a lot to cover. If you need any assistance with these forms, we will certainly help you. Due to recent changes in our insurance and a new federal law, all forms must be filled out and returned prior to participation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at icehousehawks@gmail.com

Attached you will find:

- Participants Information Form (Must be filled out for Introductory Sessions)

If signing up for the season please return the following:

- Athlete Participation Agreement & Code of Conduct
- Proof of ASHA Registration (SpecialHockey.org)
- Fees and Deposits

Binghamton Hawks 2025-2026 Season Athlete Participation Agreement

The Binghamton Hawks are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for every athlete, volunteer, coach, official, and family member. Participation in our program is a privilege—not a right—and with that privilege comes the responsibility to uphold the highest standards of conduct both on and off the ice.

These codes reflect the core values that guide everything we do: safety, inclusion, respect, and joy. Whether you're playing, coaching, volunteering, spectating, or simply supporting a Hawks athlete—we expect your behavior to uphold our mission and contribute to a welcoming, positive experience for all. These expectations are not just about following rules—they're about protecting our athletes, supporting their growth, and fostering a positive culture. Violations of these codes may result in disciplinary action, including removal from practices, games, events, or the program.

ATHLETES

As a Binghamton Hawk, you are part of something special. You are expected to:

1. Show up on time, ready to play, and with a positive attitude.
2. Be kind to teammates, coaches, opponents, and yourself.
3. Listen to your coaches and follow the rules.
4. Support your teammates and celebrate each other's efforts.
5. Trust that coaches will place you in the right group or team.
6. Play safely, have fun, and help others enjoy the game too.

PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Our parents and guardians are essential to every athlete's experience. When acting in a registered role—as a screened and SafeSport-compliant volunteer—you help create a safe, structured, and supportive environment for our team. When not in a registered role, you are considered a spectator and must follow all spectator guidelines, including those related to locker room access and restricted areas.

You are expected to:

1. Prioritize your athlete's effort, enjoyment, and growth over competitive outcomes.
2. Stay at the rink for practices and games, or assign a responsible adult to remain on-site.
3. Uphold team policies and decisions with respect and understanding.
4. Communicate concerns privately and appropriately with team staff.
5. Avoid disruptive behavior or sideline coaching.
6. Celebrate the progress and contributions of all athletes.
7. Follow all locker room and supervision rules, including respecting restricted areas.
8. Support safe and fair athlete leveling.
9. Learn about special hockey and engage in volunteer opportunities when possible.
10. Encourage and appreciate coaches, officials, and volunteers.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are part of the Binghamton Hawks community and help create a positive atmosphere. Any parent, guardian, or guest who is not a registered and compliant volunteer is considered a spectator and must follow these expectations at all times.

You are expected to:

1. Cheer for effort, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
2. Refrain from yelling at athletes, coaches, or officials.
3. Stay off the glass and out of team-designated spaces.
4. Use encouraging language, especially during difficult moments.
5. Treat all athletes, families, and volunteers with respect.
6. Understand that spectator access is a privilege. Disruptive behavior may result in removal.

Acknowledgment & Agreement

By participating in the Binghamton Hawks Special Hockey Program, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Binghamton Hawks Code of Conduct in its entirety. I understand the expectations of my role—whether as an athlete, parent, coach, volunteer, official, or spectator—and I accept the responsibility that comes with it. These standards are not optional; they are essential to the safety, integrity, and success of our program. I recognize that failure to uphold these responsibilities may result in disciplinary action, including temporary suspension or permanent removal from team activities. My signature below affirms my commitment to respecting and protecting every member of our community and to upholding the values that define the Binghamton Hawks: inclusion, safety, respect, and joy.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____ Date _____





PLAYER INFORMATION 2025 – 2026 Season

Player Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email:

As available, the Binghamton Hawks provides 1 jersey, ice time, coaching, insurance and equipment for each eligible player. A jersey, ice time and coaching is provided for each mentor. We do not offer a new jersey for each season. (Replacement jersey's and helmets are the responsibility of the parent/guardian)

The average cost per player, per season is \$750.00, not including any travel.

The Binghamton Hawks requests a \$300 per season activity fee.

Payments can be split for \$150 for the Fall/\$150 for the Spring
 A scholarship is available for season fees for athletes in need.
 If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please attach a letter of explanation for your request.

EQUIPMENT

If you are borrowing any equipment from the Binghamton Hawks, there is a \$100 refundable deposit.

Do you agree to return all equipment in good working order at the end of the season. YES NO

If equipment is broken, or misplaced, do you understand that you will be asked to replace the equipment at your expense. YES NO

List of Equipment Provided:

- Helmet _____
- Shoulder Pads _____
- Elbow Pads _____
- Gloves _____
- Pants _____
- Shin Guards _____
- Skates _____

PARENT GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name:		
Current Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	Email:



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The Binghamton Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey Program relies on parent volunteers to keep the program operational. Volunteers are needed to assist with many different events throughout the season. *Volunteering IS NOT required for a player to participate.*

Are you willing to volunteer in support of the Binghamton Hawks Special Hockey Team?

YES NO

If Yes, please describe the volunteer service you would like to perform and number of hours you care able to volunteer:

For the opportunity to participate in Binghamton Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey program and for other valuable consideration, I understand that by signing this release, I agree to hold harmless Fair Play, The Magic Paintbrush Project, a program of Life Is Washable, Inc; the American Special Hockey Association, The Icehouse Sports Complex, the Icehouse Hawks, Binghamton University, Laurel Bowl and the Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome’s Family Center including all of their employees, managers, directors, volunteers and agents; all sponsoring organizations and any other parties connected with events and activities singly or collectively, from any liability for any injury, harm, loss, inconvenience or damage suffered or sustained as a result of participation in one or more events or any activities associated therewith.

I understand that I will be working with volunteers from the community and my child’s image or recording may be used to raise funds for Life is Washable, Inc.’s programming. I understand that all images and recordings released onto social media represent the intellectual property of Life Is Washable, Inc.. I waive all claims for any compensation.

Unless indicated below by my signature, I hereby give my permission to The Binghamton Hawks, The Magic Paintbrush Project, a program of Life Is Washable, Inc., American Special Hockey Association, Binghamton University, LCP Group, The Icehouse Sports Complex, and the Boys and Broome County use my photograph or portion thereof, whether still or moving, my voice, and my likeness for trade, for publicity, or for any other lawful manner whatsoever, hereby waiving my right to review or approve such photograph, sound recording or likeness prior to its use. Pictures taken will be in a group setting *If you do not give your permission for photographs, Please initial here _____ I Do Not Give my permission for use of my photograph or portion thereof.*

Confidential and Proprietary Information: It is understood that as a result of this agreement, I may be dealing with confidential and proprietary information of both Life Is Washable, Inc. and its clients. I agree to respect the confidentiality of information regarding Life Is Washable, Inc. and its clients, and agree not to disclose to anyone directly or indirectly any such information. Life Is Washable, Inc. practices and techniques are proprietary and are protected under trademark and copyright laws.

Fair Play is a program of Life Is Washable, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Support of our program is tax-deductible. This material represents the opinions of The Magic Paintbrush Project and Life is Washable, Inc. It should in no way be taken as general or specific medical advice. Please consult your primary care physician or other medical specialist for specific advice about your medical condition. Trademark and Copyright 2025.

SIGNATURE

This form must be signed by all custodial parents/guardians

Mother/Guardian (print):	Date:
Mother/Guardian (signed):	
Father/Guardian (print):	Date:
Father/Guardian (signed):	



Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Life Is Washable, Inc. has limited Scholarships for the 2025-2026 Binghamton Hawks on an **as needed basis** with available funds.

Life Is Washable, Inc. provides financial assistance to those who may find themselves in a difficult financial situation, which would otherwise prevent their children from participating in the sport of hockey, specifically, the Binghamton Hawks – Fair Play special hockey program.

As part of its annual budget, Life Is Washable, Inc. will determine a dollar amount that will be set aside for assistance. Funding for this program comes from donations, specifically designated fundraising events, along with any additional budget dollars designated for financial assistance at the discretion of the Life Is Washable, Inc. Board of Directors. Scholarship Assistance is granted on an as available basis, and on a per season basis.

The Binghamton Hawks – Fair Play Special Hockey Scholarship Assistance program will only provide assistance to offset any ASHA registration fees associated with the practices and games played. (This Scholarship Assistance program will not provide financial assistance to offset travel, equipment, jersey costs, or USAH registration fees, etc.).

In order to be considered for Scholarship Assistance, please submit a letter of explanation. The acceptance of financial assistance will be determined before the season begins. Applicants may be asked to provide additional information or documentation (i.e. OPWDD Eligibility, IEP or 504).



Binghamton Hawks Locker Room Policy

The safety and protection of every athlete in the Binghamton Hawks Special Hockey Program is our top priority. While we are committed to skill development and having fun on the ice, our greater purpose is to create a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all.

This policy outlines our approach to locker room use in alignment with the SafeSport Act, the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP), and our responsibilities as a proud affiliate of the American Special Hockey Association (ASHA). All players, families, volunteers, and staff are expected to follow these guidelines to help prevent abuse, misconduct, and violations of personal privacy.

Access & Use

The Binghamton Hawks utilize a variety of locker rooms and changing areas, both locally and when traveling. Facilities vary by rink, and we encourage families to plan ahead. Team leadership will do its best to communicate locker room arrangements prior to each game or practice. Extra time may be needed to accommodate individual needs or facility layouts.

Supervision & Monitoring

- Locker rooms are used approximately 30–45 minutes before and after scheduled ice times.
- At least one SafeSport-trained and background-checked adult must monitor the locker room any time it is in use by minor athletes.
- Coaches and/or trained volunteers will conduct a sweep of the room prior to use and help secure the room while athletes are on the ice.
- Locker room monitors may remain just outside with doors open (if privacy is maintained), or inside only when necessary and appropriate.

One-on-one adult–minor interactions in the locker room are not permitted. Any necessary communication or assistance must take place in an observable and interruptible environment with a second adult present whenever possible.

Parent/Guardian Involvement

Parents are discouraged from entering locker rooms unless essential for the athlete’s health, safety, or disability-related needs. If assistance is necessary:

- Parents must notify the coach or team manager in advance.
- Parents must be background-screened and SafeSport-trained if entering a locker room while other athletes are present.
- A coach may ask parents to wait outside during team talks or if privacy cannot be maintained.

To support independence and reduce congestion:

- A Skate-Tying Zone may be set up outside the locker room.
- A Family Dressing Area may be provided when necessary for additional support.

Important Facility Note:

At Visions Veterans Memorial Arena, only registered, background-checked, and SafeSport-compliant volunteers are permitted in the locker room and the hallway areas adjacent to the locker rooms. All other parents, guardians, or family members who do not meet compliance requirements are strictly prohibited from these areas. This rule is in place to protect athlete safety and ensure controlled, observable environments at all times.

Mixed-Gender & Mixed-Needs Accommodations

The Binghamton Hawks welcome athletes of all genders and ability levels. To ensure the dignity and privacy of all participants:

- When possible, separate dressing areas will be provided for male and female athletes.
- If separate rooms are not available, athletes will change in shifts to ensure privacy.
- Athletes who require assistance dressing should coordinate with the coaching staff in advance to allow safe, respectful arrangements.
- Deliberate exposure or inappropriate observation is strictly prohibited.

Cell Phones & Recording Devices

To protect privacy, cell phones and other mobile devices may not be used in locker rooms. This includes texting, photography, or any type of recording. Devices must be taken outside the dressing area for use.

Prohibited Conduct & Reporting

All forms of abuse and misconduct are prohibited, including:

- Sexual abuse or grooming behavior
- Physical abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Bullying or hazing
- Harassment or threats

Any suspected or confirmed violations must be reported immediately to local law enforcement or child protection agencies and to the Binghamton Hawks Committee. We also report in accordance with ASHA guidelines and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Retaliation for good-faith reporting is never permitted.

This policy applies to all players, parents, volunteers, and staff associated with the Binghamton Hawks. Adherence to these expectations helps us protect our athletes and create a program built on respect, safety, and inclusion.