



**Chicago Blues Hockey Club  
2019 - 2020**

**Fall Registration Information**

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## Registrations & Payments

### SportsEngine Account Registration

The SportsEngine system will guide you through each step of the registration process. Using the SportsEngine/Blues 2019-2020 registration link, create or use an existing User ID and Password.

Within the registration, it is important to use an email that you access on a regular basis, as all communications will be pushed from the Blues to this/these email addresses. Most importantly, during tryouts and for team selection.

### USA Hockey Registration

All participants are required to purchase their 2019-2020 season USA Hockey insurance directly from USA Hockey before registering or attending any Blues on-ice event. USA Hockey registration instruction can be found at [www.usahockeyregistration.com](http://www.usahockeyregistration.com)

### AAU Registration – MITES ONLY

All travel mite participants 8 and under (2011-2014) are required to register for both AAU and USA Hockey for the 2019-2020 hockey season. AAU registration instruction can be found at [www.aausports.org/Membership](http://www.aausports.org/Membership)

### Blues Online Registration & Payment

All members are required to register and pay online before attending any of the Blues on-ice events, such as conditioning, tryouts, evaluations and MOST IMPORTANTLY, prior to team placement.

You can access all registrations on the Chicago Blues website under [Register & Pay](#) and then by logging into your SportsEngine account. All members must have a SportsEngine account and a USA Hockey number in order to complete the registration process.

## Levels of Play at the Blues

Mites U8 -- 2014/2013/2012/2011  
Squirt U10 – 2010 / 2009  
Peewee U12 – 2008 (minor), 2007 (major)  
Bantam U14 – 2006 (minor), 2005 (major)  
Midget Minor U-15 - 2004

**Placement on every Chicago Blues team will be determined by tryouts in the sole dissertation of Chicago Blues Directors.**

## League Participation

The Chicago Blues will participate in the following leagues for the 2019-20 season:

Mite Travel Hockey / AAU --Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL)  
Tier II Travel Hockey / AA --Central States Developmental Hockey League (CSDHL)  
Tier II Travel Hockey / A --Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL)

### Mite Travel Hockey

The Mite travel teams participating in the CUHL/AAU league are for the more advanced skaters looking to further their skill development. Participation in Mite travel hockey will require travel to local teams/tournaments as well as the possibility of traveling to at least one out-of-state tournament..

Mite Travel Teams in CUHL:

- 2 practices per week / 2 teams sharing the ice
- 1 Mite level Skills skating practice approximately each week
- Off-ice training – program dependent upon coach
- Average of 1-2 games per week
- League play with approximate number of games: 40
- Tournaments: approximately 2 out of town and 2 local tournaments (tournament fees paid through the team slush fund)

### Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL)

The Blues will have CSDHL teams at all eligible birth years starting at Squirt Major (2009). The CSDHL is the highest level of play within the Tier II league. These teams will be selected from the most elite players at every birth year and will require a bigger commitment for time, travel

and fees. This league requires travel for league games (depending on level) to St. Louis, Wisconsin and/or Colorado.

#### CSDHL Teams: Squirt Major – Midget Minor

- 2 practices per week / at least 1 full-ice practice and 1 rollover practice sharing the ice
- 1 Skills skating practice approximately each week for entire birth year
- Off-ice training – program dependent upon coach
- Average of 1-2 games per week
- Tournaments: approximately 2 - 3 out of town and 2 local tournaments (tournament fees paid through the team slush fund)

#### Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL)

The Blues will offer NIHL teams at all birth years and levels. NIHL is a competitive travel league that offers various tiers / levels of play. Coaches request their team level (Gold, Silver, etc.) and once the team selections are done, NIHL has a seeding game schedule, approximately 6-8 games. After the seeding round is complete, the team results are reviewed and NIHL places teams in their regular season level. While some teams may move up or down a level (Gold to Elite or Gold A to Gold B, for example) most of the teams stay at the level they were originally placed in. They then play a regular season of games, approximately 16 -18 games.

#### NIHL Teams: Squirt - Midget

- 2 practices per week / some practices are full ice while some are shared depending on the team and age.
- 1 Skills skating practice approximately each week for entire birth year
- Off-ice training – program dependent upon coach
- Average of 1-2 games per week
- Tournaments: approximately 2 out of town and 2 local tournaments (tournament fees paid through the team slush fund)

#### Goalie Coaching

In addition to regular team practices, the Blues offer additional goalie practices throughout the season. The schedule of goalie practices will be posted shortly after tryouts. For additional information on the Blues' goalie program, please contact Ken Kaczmarek at [ken@selectgoaltending.com](mailto:ken@selectgoaltending.com).

## Clinics & Tryout Dates

The pre-conditioning clinic and tryout schedule are posted to the Chicago Blues website. In order to attend any on-ice event at the Blues every player must be registered and have a valid USA Hockey number.

Registration will open mid-July for these events.

### Checking Clinic

A checking clinic is required for all first-year Bantam players. Please check the Chicago Blues website for the times of the checking clinics.

## Team Selection & Rostering

After tryouts are complete for each level, emails will be sent out with notification of team placement. These emails will be sent to the email used for registration through the SportsEngine account. There will be a link in the email to complete the team registration and payment process. You will have 24 hours to complete this process in order to accept your commitment to the team. Once you complete the registration and payment process then the player will be added to the team roster.

If you do not make a payment within 24 hours, your spot will be forfeited and offered to the next player in line.

Final team rosters will be posted on the Chicago Blues website after all players have committed to the team.

## 2019 – 2020 Player Fees

Level	Skater Fee	Goalie Fee
Mite 1&2 CUHL/AAU	\$2,900	\$2,900
Mite 3&4 CUHL/AAU	\$2,600	\$2,600
Squirt CSDHL	\$4,100	\$2,600
Squirt NIHL 1	\$3,700	\$2,300
Squirt NIHL 2 &3	\$3,700	\$2,200
PeeWee Major CSDHL	\$4,700	\$2,800
PeeWee Minor CSDHL	\$4,400	\$2,700
PeeWee NIHL 1&2	\$4,300	\$2,500
PeeWee NIHL 3	\$4,000	\$2,500
Bantam Major CSDHL	\$4,800	\$2,800
Bantam Minor CSDHL	\$4,800	\$2,800
Bantam NIHL 1&2	\$4,300	\$2,600
Midget CSDHL	\$5,100	\$3,100

## Volunteer Commitment (DIBS)

The Chicago Blues is a not-for-profit organization that would not be successful without the help of our volunteers. In order to ensure that everyone does their part, all Blues families are required to volunteer for approximately 10 “hours” per season. Each family is required to submit a refundable post-dated check for \$250 at the beginning of the season as a volunteer deposit.

There are volunteer opportunities posted to the Blues website under the DIBS tab throughout the entire season. This is where you can claim your DIBS, sign up for your volunteer hours and keep track of the remaining hours needed. We also realize some people may not have an extra 10 hours to volunteer, so we offer a buy-out option. If you choose the buy-out option, you agree to pay the \$250 and won't be required to complete the 10 volunteer hours.

## Team Uniform and Jersey Information

All Chicago Blues players are required to have a full uniform set. This includes both home and away jerseys, pant shell and home and away socks.

- Jerseys are NOT included in the player fees and must be ordered and paid for separately online at the Chicago Blues website.
- Please order your jerseys as soon as possible, as orders take 4-6 weeks to complete.
- A delay in ordering jerseys could result in not having the proper jerseys prior to the first games.
- New players will need to provide ten jersey number options.
- We will do our best to accommodate new number requests, but assign numbers based on availability. We do not assign the same number to any players that play at the same birth year.
- Jersey numbers are assigned to remain with a player throughout their uninterrupted time with the Blues. If a player leaves the club, their number will be made available. If the player returns, there is no guarantee they will be able to get their number back.
- Jerseys are non-refundable, with the exception of players that are not selected for a team.
- All players are required to wear black helmets.
- We will provide Chicago Blues helmet stickers at no charge to new players.
- Chicago Blues hockey bags are not required, but available to order on the Blues website.

## Jersey & Uniform Pricing

Home & Away Jerseys for Skaters - \$280.00

Home & Away Jerseys for Goalie - \$280.00

Skater Hockey Bag - \$75.00

Goalie Hockey Bag - \$75.00

## Team Warm-Ups

The Chicago Blues team warm-up (pants and jacket) are included with the player fees. All players will need to get fitted for their warm-up at the Bar Down pro-shop located inside the Edge Ice Arena on Jefferson. All fittings are required by August 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Questions:

Hockey Program Questions:

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