



Key Dates:

- July 1 Registration Opens
- July 27 Jersey Fitting Day at Jerry's Hockey
- July 31 Last Day to Register to be entered into drawing for free tryout fees
- August 2 Midget Pre-Season Skates Begin
- August 9 Pre-Season Skates Begin All Levels
- August 15 Midget Tryouts
- August 22 Mite Tryouts
- August 29 Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam Tryouts
- August 29 Family Celebration
- Sept 3-6 No Ice
- Sept 3-12 Spirit Wear Sale

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2021/22 Season Information Packet

Travel Mites – Squirt – Pee Wee – Bantam - Midget

We warmly welcome you to the Northwest Chargers 39th Season. This newsletter will guide you through the tryout season with important dates, processes, and [schedules](#) to prepare your player for the Northwest Chargers 2021/22 Travel Hockey Season.

This Fall we will field 21 travel teams with participation in the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) for our Mites, the Central States Developmental Hockey League (CSDHL) for 12 teams from Squirt Minor to U18, and the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) for Squirt through Bantam-aged players.

For the first time in Chargers history, we will have our own dedicated **Learn To Skate** and **Pre-Hockey** program under the title **Future Chargers**. Coach Mark Roy, recently of the Chicago Mission, will lead this new offering for our organization. For more information, please see the [Future Chargers](#) tab on our website.

We are pleased to announce we will offer dryland training for our Squirt and older players with the professionals at *Illinois Bone & Joint*, who have recently leased space in the Mount Prospect Sports Development Center just walking distance from the ice arena.

Coach Wayne Brown, embarking on year 3 with our program, will continue his best-in-class skills work with our skaters. Our goaltending training will be in the hands of Coach Nick Lehr of *GDI Midwest*, and we welcome him and his staff to the Chargers family.

We will celebrate the start of the new season with a Family Celebration on Sunday, August 29th on Nicholas Field at the Mount Prospect Ice Arena and we hope you will join us!

We are excited to return to normalcy for the upcoming season, however we cannot stress enough that we must continue to act responsibly in terms of our health and safety as we head into the winter months. The Northwest Chargers Board of Directors, our Directors and Coaching Staff are looking forward to welcoming Charger families back for the season. For those of you considering a move to join our hockey family, we welcome you with open arms.

Welcome to the 2021/22 Season!

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2021/22 Coaching Slate

Coach contact information can be found on our website [HERE](#)

Mite Coaching Staff <i>*Coaches will be allocated to teams closer to tryouts*</i>	Mark Roy, Peppi LaBoy, Eric Krywanio, Adam Antel, Kevin Murray, Tony Johansson
Squirt Major CSDHL	Mike Stevenson
Squirt Minor CSDHL	Chris Kaspar
Squirt NIHL #1	Nick Bagby
Squirt NIHL #2	Mark Zehelein
Pee Wee Major CSDHL	Tim Mueller
Pee Wee Minor CSDHL	Greg Moskonas
Pee Wee CSDHL Prospects	Jim Krappel
Pee Wee NIHL #1	John Tiano
Bantam Major CSDHL	Tim Mueller
Bantam Minor CSDHL	Pete Carcione
Bantam CSDHL Prospects	Randy Sowizrol
Bantam NIHL #1	Jim Krappel
Bantam NIHL #2	John Godley
U15 CSDHL	Greg Gombarczyk
U16 CSDHL	Mike Perillo
U15/16 CSDHL Prospects	Casey Linkenheld
U18 CSDHL	Pete Carcione

****Coaching staff subject to updates and revisions as necessary****



USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION

Squirts, PeeWees, Bantams and Midgets: Before you register for Chargers tryouts, you must complete your 2021/22 USA Hockey Registration. Please follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://membership.usahockey.com/>
2. Select ICE PLAYERS & COACHES and follow the instructions.
3. The fee is \$61 per player.
4. Use the USA Hockey Confirmation Number when you register online for tryouts with the Northwest Chargers.

AAU REGISTRATION

Mites: The Chargers will register your player for the Amateur Athletic Union, as this is included in your tryout registration fee.

2021/22 Evaluation Process

Tryout Registration & Pre-Season Conditioning Clinics

The schedules by level can be found on our website [HERE](#).

Tryout registration is open on our website: www.nwchargers.org. The fee for Mites is \$195, Squirt-Bantams \$250, and \$350 for Midgets. This fee includes a series of pre-season conditioning skates to prepare the player for the tryout sessions (the Midget tryout fee also includes team practices prior to Sept 2). Tryout registration fees are a mandatory charge for all players and non-refundable regardless of number of sessions attended. Once players are placed on a fall roster, an additional team-specific registration will be required to set up fall payment plans.

Walk-ins will be accepted for the pre-season skates for \$25 per session. Players must provide proof of USA Hockey insurance for the 2021/22 season. If the player decides to participate in tryouts, they must register on our website, and the walk-in fee will be refunded. **Goaltenders please attend all sessions.**

We ask that all players are registered by July 31, 2021. As an incentive to register early, any player registered by July 31st will be entered in a drawing to win FREE tryout fees (one winner per level – Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee, Bantam, Midget). Winners will be chosen on Sunday, August 29th and need not be present to win.

TRYOUT STRUCTURE

- Players will be assigned their first tryout date/time during the pre-season conditioning skates. We will have more information at that time.
- CSDHL teams (where applicable) will be chosen first, and remaining players will continue the tryout process.
- All callbacks will be posted on the Chargers website.
- The tryout sessions will be open; however, the coaching staff will not be available for discussions during the tryouts.
- Players may be cut at any time, and team selection may occur as early as the first day of tryouts.
- All players will be lent a set of numbered tryout Pinnies to be worn over a standard hockey jersey. **Failure to return the pinnies at the conclusion of tryouts will result in a \$25 fine that will be applied to the credit card on file. Collection Bins will be available after all tryout sessions.**



Required and Purchased by Families

- Northwest Chargers custom set of game jerseys (Home & Away)
- Northwest Chargers custom set of game socks (returning players must purchase a new set)
- Northwest Chargers custom game shell (required for CSDHL teams)
- Navy blue pants (for teams not required to wear the custom shell)
- Navy blue helmet

Provided by the Club to Players Placed on Fall Teams

- Carolina blue practice socks (no game socks will be allowed to be worn at practice)
- Northwest Chargers dry-fit tee shirt
- Northwest Chargers helmet stickers applied to navy blue helmets as instructed in link:

[NWC Helmet Sticker Guide](#)

[Jersey Fittings FAQ](#)

2021/22 Equipment Requirements

Jersey Fitting & Ordering Guidelines

- For players new to Chargers, or current players who need a replacement set, they must attend the jersey fitting session to ensure uniforms arrive by the start of the fall season.
- If the player has a set of game jerseys from last season that still fit and are in **presentable condition**, they may use that set again this year. All returning players must purchase new game socks.
- It is your responsibility to maintain the appearance of your players' uniform throughout the season.
- Bauer Warm-ups (jacket & pants) will be available for ordering. Some Head Coaches may require the warm-ups.
- **Please Note:** Jersey numbers are assigned by year of birth. Odd birth years have odd numbers, even birth years use even numbers. Numbers chosen at the jersey fittings are based on what is available. No exceptions. Please see the Jersey FAQs document on the website for more information.

Costs:

- **NWC Game Jerseys:** \$220 (\$110 each Home & Away)
- **NWC Game Socks:** \$60 per set (\$30 each Home & Away)
- **NWC Pant Shell (Required for ALL CSDHL teams):** \$65
- **NWC Charger Gloves (optional):** \$119.99 (Jr. Sizes 10" & 11" inch) / \$129.99 (Intermediate Sizes 12" & 13" inch) / \$139.99 (Sr. Sizes 14" & 15" inch)
- **Custom Charger Bauer Warm-Ups:** \$70 (jacket) \$47 (pant) – Player customization included in cost (Player Name on Jacket/Player # on pants). **Please note** – Some Coaches require Warm-Ups as part of Game Day/Tournament Dress Code.

Also available:

- **Charger Hockey Bags:** \$90 (Jr.) / \$100 (Sr.)
- **Charger Garment Bags:** \$40
Player customization on bags (name and/or number) is available for an additional fee: \$10 name only, \$5 number only, or \$15 for both

Jersey/Equipment Fittings!

Tuesday, July 27

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Jerry's Hockey
Mount Prospect Ice Arena
Bring shoulder pads



2021/22 Financial Obligations

Player Fee Schedule

Following the tryout process, and once the players are placed on a team, you have 24 hours to register online at www.nwchargers.org for the fall season and select your payment plan based on the fee structure below. Your fee includes an average of 3.5 home ice slots per week including power skating skills (Mite-Bantam), professional dryland training with Illinois Bone & Joint, goalie instruction with GDI, AHAI and team league fees. Bantam Major, U15, U16, and U18 fees include three NAPHL Showcase entry fees as required by the league. *In addition, a team fund will be determined by the Coach/Team Manager once tournament activity is finalized and handled at the team level.* Please note the Chargers do not require or include a volunteer fee in our costs.

	2021 Fees	Due @ Team Registration	Oct 1	Nov 1	Dec 1	Jan 1	Feb 1
Mite CUHL	\$3550	\$590.00	\$592.00	\$592.00	\$592.00	\$592.00	\$592.00
Squirt CSDHL	\$4640	\$770.00	\$774.00	\$774.00	\$774.00	\$774.00	\$774.00
Squirt NIHL	\$4050	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
PeeWee CSDHL	\$4940	\$820.00	\$824.00	\$824.00	\$824.00	\$824.00	\$824.00
PeeWee CS Prospects	\$4500	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
PeeWee NIHL	\$4350	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00
Bantam Major CSDHL*	\$5500	\$915.00	\$917.00	\$917.00	\$917.00	\$917.00	\$917.00
Bantam Minor CSDHL	\$5340	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$890.00	\$890.00
Bantam CS Prospects	\$5200	\$865.00	\$867.00	\$867.00	\$867.00	\$867.00	\$867.00
Bantam NIHL	\$4750	\$790.00	\$792.00	\$792.00	\$792.00	\$792.00	\$792.00
U15 Midget CSDHL*	\$5650	\$940.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00
U16 Midget CSDHL*	\$5650	\$940.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00
U15/16 CS Prospects	\$5250	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00
U18 Midget CSDHL*	\$5650	\$940.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00	\$942.00

*Includes entry fees for three NAPHL Showcases as required by CSDHL

Goalie Discount: All goaltenders will receive a discount of \$1000 off their player fee. To qualify for the discount, the player will need to dress as a goalie (i.e. not a forward) for half (or more) of the games. Players who serve as occasional goalie substitutes but who play primarily as Skaters will not qualify.

Multi-Player Discount: Any family, who has two players registered with the Northwest Chargers/Jr. Chargers, will receive a 5% discount off the lowest fee. If you have 3 or more players, you will receive 10% off the next lowest fee. Discounts for players will be applied as a credit to the credit card on file around October 1, 2021.

Fee Payment Plans

1. Cash or check paid in full on last day of tryouts.
2. One credit/debit payment online at team registration for the full payment.
3. Three equal payments: At team registration, November 1st & December 1st.
4. Six equal payments as indicated in above table.

Credit/debit payments will post on the dates listed above. The credit card must not expire within the time frame of the payment structure. You are responsible for keeping a current credit card. If a card is declined, a \$35 NSF fee will be applied. **Players who do not have payments submitted by the team registration deadline will be denied access to the ice and all team activity.** Late payments, denied credit/debit card charges, or unpaid balances during the season may result in the player being suspended from the ice. In addition, under the rules and regulations outlined by AHAI, which is the governing body of amateur hockey in Illinois, the Northwest Chargers may file for Financial Suspension. This will suspend the player involved for non-payment within any AHAI-sanctioned hockey club.

2021/22 Fee Reduction Opportunities

This provides a summary of the fundraising opportunities we are offering this season. With so many options it is our hope that one, if not many, will appeal to your family. There may be other opportunities throughout the season and emails will be forthcoming as the opportunities become available. Please also see our Fundraising Table during the tryout sessions.

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

Option One: NWC Ad/Sponsorship Book – Deadline 10/31/2021

- Purchase an advertisement of varying sizes to be included with our 2021/22 sponsorship book. 100% of the cost of the ad is returned to the player via the Team Fund. Including with this book are the team photos and Chargers accolades
- Book is sent electronically to our mailing list (~4000 people), and advertised on our website; Great opportunity to advertise your small business
- Click [HERE](#) for more information and ad costs, sizes and required copy

Option Two: Lou Malnati's Pizza – Deadline 10/4/2021

- Pre-sell frozen pizza certificates; seller delivers all certificates to purchasers
- Players earn 38% back on sales (\$5 a pizza).
- Each coupon is good for **one 9" frozen Deep Dish pizza** (cheese, sausage, pepperoni, or spinach ONLY) to be picked up by customers at any Lou Malnati's location, including Arizona and Indiana, and Wisconsin. Good for 6 months, the expiration date will be at the bottom of the coupon. Gluten free option is excluded.
- Complete order form and return by **October 4th**.
- One check must be made out to the Northwest Chargers for the entire order amount.

Option Three: Fannie May – Everyday Boxed Chocolates – Deadline 10/3/2021

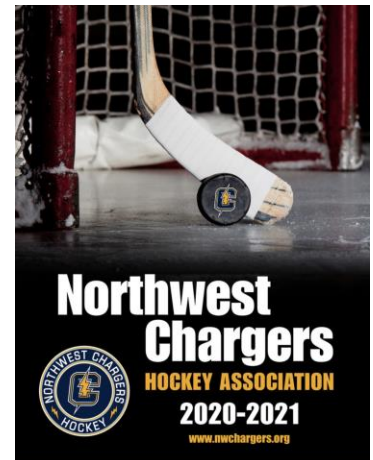
- Catalog based fundraiser; seller delivers all orders to purchasers
- Sellers earn 30% on all products that are sold
- Variety of products available suitable for gifting all year long
- Products tentatively scheduled to deliver the week of November 23rd for seller distribution

Option Four: Boon Supply - Deadline 10/3/2021

- Fundraiser is completely online
- Products ship direct to the purchaser; nothing for seller to deliver
- Seller earns up to 40% on all products that are sold
- Variety of products to choose from with a focus on sustainable and eco-friendly living

Option Five: CharityMania – FootballMania National Football Pool Tickets – Deadline 10/10/2021

- Tickets come in packets of ten (10) each
- Tickets sell for \$20.00 each; Player gets \$13.00 for every ticket sold; 65% profit
- Chargers are guaranteed to have at least one winning ticket each week based on the entire order of tickets being sold.
- Winners are contacted by phone and winnings are mailed directly to their homes.
- Ten Week Ticket – Starts on November 4, 2021.



TEAM-BASED FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

If interested, please notify your team manager. Team managers will coordinate the team's participation with the Chargers' fundraising chairperson. Each team must have 50%+ participation for a fundraiser to be organized. Combining teams to make an adequate number of participants is not permissible. These fundraising opportunities are to be used to, as a team, defray significant team fund costs.

Three Rivers Weath & Plant Company

- Online fundraiser offering twelve (12) different items for sale
- All purchases ship directly to the purchaser – no delivery required for sellers – contiguous US only
- Order deadlines will be determined by the shipping week selected; deadline to begin selling is 11/09
- Seller earns up to \$10 profit per item with no minimum order required

Casa De Jorge Salsa Fundraising

- Handcrafted, artisanal salsas made in Lehigh Valley, PA. Sixteen (16) different flavors are available
- Seller earns 50% profit; no minimum sales required
- Online ordering with direct shipping to purchaser is available along with traditional catalog sales
- Three-week turnaround time for delivery after sales window closes
- Lactose free, fat free, with no artificial colors or flavors, fat free, low calories and contain no junk sugars
- Product has a two (2) year shelf life

Have Fundraising Questions?

Please contact Amy Crihfield

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CHARGER PLAYER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING OPTIONS – Deadline 9/15/2021

This year, the Chargers are offering three items for sale to benefit our scholarship program. This fund was created to support the scholarship that is awarded to a graduating senior at the end of the season. Players can apply for this scholarship, and must provide letters of recommendation, as well as report cards/GPA.

Insulated Wine Tumblers		Insulated Tumbler		Whiskey Glasses		Stemless Wine Glasses	
Front	Back	Front	Back	Front	Back	Front	Back
							
<u>\$25 each</u>		<u>\$35 each</u>		<u>\$25 each or 2 for \$45</u>		<u>\$25 each or 2 for \$45</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds up to 12 oz of liquid • Customize with Player Name & Number(s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds up to 30 oz of liquid • Customize with Player Name & Number(s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds up to 11 oz of liquid • Customize with Player Name & Number(s) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holds up to 16 oz of liquid • Customize with Player Name & Number(s) 	

Due to the personalized nature of these items, shipments are expected to be received 3-4 weeks after all orders have been made. **(If interested, contact Amy Crihfield directly at 847-630-6028 or amycrihfield@comcast.net.)**

CHARITABLE WORKS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Periodically throughout the year, opportunities may present themselves for the players and/or teams to provide service to others through volunteer works and/or fundraising. Opportunities vary by year. If you or your team is interested in participating, please notify your team manager or the Chargers' fundraising chairperson directly.

The organization strongly encourages teams to participate in one, or more, of these pre-determined activities throughout the season.

Players may also earn service hours for a school project, religious education requirements or scouting awards/badges. Letters acknowledging participation will be issued after services are rendered. If the opportunity selected also provides a personal financial benefit to the player, the benefit will be forfeited in lieu of the service hours. The funds that would have been paid will be donated to the Chargers' Player Scholarship Fund. **(If interested, contact Amy Crihfield directly at 847-630-6028 or amycrihfield@comcast.net).**

Chargers Family Celebration – Sunday, August 29th

Please join us as we celebrate the start of the 2021/22 season!

When: Sunday, August 29th 8:00AM-6:30PM

Where: Nicholas Field @ Mount Prospect Ice Arena

What to Bring: Each family please contribute food and beverage to share that is in-line with time of day you will arrive (i.e. 8:00AM bring breakfast food & drink, 12:00PM bring lunch food & drink, etc).

Chargers will Provide: Hot Dogs, chips, and a drink for registered players. A la carte hotdogs and refreshments will be sold via the Bricks Food Truck located at Nicholas Field.

Other items to Bring: Chairs, music, bags, footballs, frisbees, etc.

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to help maintain the food tables throughout the day. Please contact Special Events Directors, Peggy Jones 773-504-0082 (pegster24@hotmail.com) or Jenny Mleko 312-502-8854 (jmleko73@gmail.com)

