

AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION ILLINOIS, Inc.

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November 10, 2023

Dear Team Manager,

The Amateur Hockey Association Illinois, Inc. would like to extend an invitation to your team to participate in the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament. We have been working to improve the tournament format in order to get all the girls' teams in Illinois to participate. Registration opens December 1, 2023.

The event will consist of the Round Robin games to take place at the Glenview Community Ice Center in Glenview, Illinois between Thursday, February 22, 2024 & Sunday, February 25, 2024. The schedule for all Girls' Tier II levels including play-down matchups will be posted by January 15, 2024. The Championship Games will take place at the Nicholas Sportsplex in Mount Prospect, Illinois on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The top two teams in each division determined by the round-robin format will play for the State Championship. In addition, the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Committee has decided to offer consolation games for the 10 & Under and 12 & Under age divisions.

Age divisions for the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament will include Tier II 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U and 19U.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Champions of the Tier I 14U, 16U, and 19U and the champions for the Tier II 14U, 16U and 19U divisions will advance to the Central District Championships March 15-17, 2024. *(Note: At the 10U & 12U age levels, teams do not play beyond the State Tournament as there are no USAH Nationals at these levels).*

Entrance fee to the 2024 Girls' Illinois Championship Tournament for Tier II Girls National Bound levels 14U, 16U and 19U is \$1,550.00. Entrance fee to the Girls' Illinois Championship Tournament for 10U & 12U teams is \$1,300.00.



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This year there will be play-down games at all Tier II Girls divisions. At time of registration, teams only need pay the application fee of \$175.00. The balance of \$1,375.00 (*National Bound*) and \$1,125.00 (*Non-National Bound*) will be paid by those teams that make it into the Round Robin. For all teams that participate in a play-down game, the two (2) teams are responsible to split the cost of the ice and officials. The game will be played at the higher seeded teams' home ice.

THE 2024 GIRLS' ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO SECURE A CERTIFIED ATHLETIC TRAINER TO BE ON SITE FOR ALL 14U, 16U AND 19U ROUND ROBIN & CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES.

Format: All Girls' Divisions will play a minimum of three games. Divisions with only three teams will play two games to determine which two teams will advance to the Championship game. All playdown games must be completed by February 12, 2024. The final Round Robin Tournament schedule for all age divisions will be posted by February 15, 2024. Teams advancing to the Round Robin MUST PAY THEIR BALANCE BY FEBRUARY 15, 2024.

Registration Procedures for all Girls' Teams: If your team chooses to participate in the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament, you must do the following: Each team must register electronically on-line. Please click on the Green State Tournament button on the front page when you log in.

Contact your organization Registrar if you have not already received your username and password to use www.ahai2.org/organizations.

1. Each team must fully complete the Registration Form electronically (*one for each team choosing to participate*) to register their team for the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament anytime between 12:00 a.m., Thursday, December 1, 2023, and 11:59 pm, Tuesday, January 2, 2024. The contact person for your team should be the one who can schedule the Playdown Game(s) prior to the final schedule, if playdowns apply. (*This does not necessarily have to be the person who does the actual registration and rankings*).
2. Each Team MUST submit to the AHAI Girls Director, Anita Lichterman, the rankings list of the teams within their specific age division. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE RANKINGS IS JANUARY 4, 2024. Please rate ALL teams within the specific age division.



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Please give some thought to your ratings. The best hockey team you have played should be placed in the #1 spot, etc. You will need to rank teams according to how you think they rate in the division they will be competing in. Again, take a minute to make sure you are correctly ranking the teams.

3. This year there will be a mandatory Head Coach Rankings Meeting held virtually in the evening on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. The Head Coach for each team is required to participate in the rankings; please be sure to have coverage if your team happens to be on the ice. Meetings will be specific to each age level. More information on specific times along with the Zoom invite will be sent separately as the date draws near. If the Head Coach is unable to attend, an email must be sent to the AHAI Girls Director, Anita Lichterman, stating the reason why & the name of the replacement coach. Prior approval is required by the AHAI Girls Director.

If the Head Coach does NOT attend & a replacement coach is NOT approved, the Affiliate Organization and their specific team may not comment on the posted rankings. Each team may only send **ONE (1)** Head Coach or her/his approved replacement to the Rankings Meeting.

4. Each Team must complete the Roster Form electronically. **ROSTERS WILL BE DUE BY JANUARY 2, 2024**, as players declarations are due on or by 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2023. This is for **ALL NATIONAL BOUND LEVELS ONLY**.
5. All fees must be paid electronically during the electronic registration process. Special care should be taken to complete all information requested.
6. The 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament Director must approve the team entry.
7. All coaches and non-uniformed personnel participating in the 2024 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament must have completed the appropriate level of the AHAI Coaching Education Program, Screening & SafeSport as required by USA Hockey & AHAI. Please refer to page 70-71, Article 21, Coaches, in the 2023-24 AHAI By-Laws, Rules & Regulations located on the AHAI website. www.ahai.org.



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8. All double-rostered players (*i.e., rostered on a girls' team and a youth team*) must have declared which team she will play on for purposes of advancing to District and National tournaments (*14U and older*). This declaration must be made, via e-mail, to Tom Hansen, Central District Registrar, tjhansen25@yahoo.com by December 31, 2023, and to Anita Lichterman: girls@ahai2.org & Laura Johnson: registrar@ahai2.org. If such declaration is not made by the deadline, the Central District Registrar shall have the final authority to certify the eligibility of such player based solely on the effective date of the earlier Team Roster Form (*Form 1-T submitted*). Violation of this regulation may result in your team facing expulsion from the Tournament.
9. AHAI has secured the Glenview Community Ice Center in Glenview, Illinois to conduct all Round Robin games. All Championship games will take place at the Nicholas Sportsplex in Mount Prospect, Illinois on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The 10U & 12U consolation games will be played at the Glenview Community Ice Center in Glenview, Illinois on Sunday, February 25, 2024.
10. By completing the electronic application, it is understood that the Champions determined in the Tier II 14U, 16U, and 19U Divisions MUST advance to the Central District Tournament, March 15-17, 2024. The Tier I Girls Central District Championship Tournament - 14U, 16U, 19U - will be held in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The Tier II Girls Central District Championship Tournament -14U & 16U - will be held in Des Moines, Iowa & 19U will be in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin .
11. Should an organization withdraw from the tournament after the registration deadline, there will be NO REFUND and that organization's teams may not be eligible for the 2025 Girls' Illinois State Hockey Championships Tournament.

If you have any questions, comments, or problems with the electronic registration process, please feel free to contact Anita Lichterman, AHAI Girls Director at: (847) 414-5737 or girls@ahai2.org.

Thank you for your cooperation and GOOD LUCK!

Sincerely,

Anita Lichterman
Chairperson
AHAI Girls Committee

Kevin Bolger
President
Amateur Hockey Association Illinois



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