

YJ SPRING HOCKEY REGISTRATION PACKET



Firewagon Hockey is proud to announce its 2024 SPRING HOCKEY PROGRAM.

Returning this spring - Professional Skills Coaches focusing on Offensive/Defensive Positional Play, Shooting/Stickhandling and Power Skating. *Monday 3 on 3* also returns for all Tournament and NWHSL teams as well as Off-Ice Strength and Conditioning with certified trainers at the YJ Training Facility. New - additional scrimmage games for all tournament teams.

IMPORTANT DATES

Online Spring Hockey
Registration Opens
FEBRUARY 2nd

Early Registration Discount
Deadline
FEBRUARY 26th

Bantam Checking Clinic
MARCH 11th, 13th

TOURNAMENT TEAM
TRYOUTS and NWHSL
evaluations- *Squirt,
Peewee, Bantam*
MARCH 17th – 21ST

**** Junior Jackets ****
Evaluations: *Mite, Squirt,
Peewee, Bantam, Midget*
MARCH 14th

TOURNAMENT NWHSL
MIDGET TEAM Tryouts:
MARCH 17th, 19th, 21st

**** NEW DATE AND TIMES ****

Yellowjackets incredible Spring Hockey is back!! Incorporating a comprehensive approach to skill development, YJ Hockey will again be offering the best value for all ages and skill levels!! Teams will continue to receive unparalleled weekly skill development on Wednesday or Thursday evenings with our returning professional skill instructors Justin Nelson, Bob Gohde, and Scott Herbster. The excitement continues again on Monday nights with 3 on 3 games, arguably the most popular offering of our spring hockey development program. In addition, all Tournament and NWHSL players will have off ice strength and conditioning at the Crystal Ice House Training Facility with our certified strength and conditioning instructors. NEW – All tournament teams will have up to 4- 6 additional local scrimmage games. Our Spring Midget program teams will have dedicated weekly practice/skills slots, 3 on 3, and will participate in 2 tournaments. Junior Jackets In-House participants will participate in their abbreviated 6 week season, donning NHL themed in-house Junior Jacket jerseys and socks. As well, all goalies will receive dedicated small group training from YJ Goalie Instructor, Bradley Neal. Like past years, we are looking forward to exceeding expectation and getting everyone ready for the 2024 Fall season!

Early Registration Discount

Register Early and SAVE! Register your players for Tournament Teams, Spring Northwest Hockey League (NWHSL), or Junior Jackets by February 26th and save \$50! A great opportunity to reduce your spring fees!

BIRTH YEAR	AGE CATEGORY	AGE DIVISION
2006	18 Years	18 & Under - MIDGET MAJOR
2007	17 Years	18 & Under - MIDGET MAJOR
2008	16 Years	16 & Under - MIDGET MINOR
2009	15 Years	16 & Under - MIDGET MINOR
2010	14 Years	14 & Under - BANTAM
2011	13 Years	14 & Under - BANTAM
2012	12 Years	12 & Under - PEEWEE
2013	11 Years	12 & Under - PEEWEE
2014	10 Years	10 & Under - SQUIRT
2015	9 Years	10 & Under - SQUIRT
2016 or Younger	8 Years or Younger	8 & Under - MITE

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Prior to registering with the Yellowjackets, the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA) requires that players have insurance through USA Hockey.

- 1 - Visit www.USAHOCKEYregistration.com
- 2 - Select **Ice Players & Coaches** and follow instructions
- 3 – Register and Pay **USA Hockey Registration fee**. Fee is waived for players who are 6 years old (2018) or younger.

***Any player who registered with USA Hockey on or after April 1st, 2023 is eligible for participation through August 31st, 2024.**

****New Players from Ice House Group Class Lessons should contact Laura Tomassetti, Registrar@YJHockey.com prior to Spring registration for instructions on acquiring a USA Hockey number.**

Information Needed to Register for YJ Hockey

- Emergency Contact name and phone
- Health Insurance card
- Medical History Information
- Credit Card or Checking Account Number and Routing number (E-check) for payment

Go to www.Firewagonhockey.com to register.

YJ SPRING HOCKEY SKILLS COACHES



BOB GOHDE – DEFENSIVE SKILLS / SHOOTING INSTRUCTOR. Bob currently runs Wednesday night skill sessions for travel teams at all ages and levels. Originally from Rolling Meadows, Bob played his youth hockey for the Tier 1 AAA Chicago Young Americans. After being drafted into the USHL, and playing for the Madison Capitols, he went on to play four years of Division I College Hockey for the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). Graduating in 1995 with a degree in Kinesiology, Bob played professionally in the ECHL, COHL, and the WPHL. He is also founder and principle owner of D2D Hockey Camps, and 28 Hockey Academy, an off-ice training facility in Lake in the Hills, IL



SCOTT HERBSTER – OFFENSIVE SKILLS/ SHOOTING INSTRUCTOR. Scott has been a member of the Yellowjackets family since he was 4 years of age, playing in our in-house Junior Jackets Program and moving up through the ranks until he played his final year of hockey in 2015 with the Chicago Bulldogs of the NA3HL. After working with Kenny McCudden's Ice Company Inc. for many years, Scott started Herbster Hockey Power Skating and Skills, LLC. He has trained many players at various levels of hockey, including AAA, NAHL, USHL, OHL, and NCAA over the past few years. He is currently running the Excel hockey classes and had been very involved with the Yellowjackets over the past few seasons.



Bradley Neal – GOALIE SKILLS COACH. Joining the yellowjackets this past fall season, Bradley has been with "Good as Gould" for the past 5 years after a very successful youth hockey experience. A five time Illinois State champion, Bradley played AAA for the Chicago Mission and Team Illinois, as well as four years for the Neuqua Hs hockey program. Bradley recently graduated from Aurora University with a BAS in Exercise Science and a minor in Psychology/Physiology. He Also played four years for the Aurora's ACHA club team where he garnered ACHA d2 "Goalie of the Year" honors.



JUSTIN NELSON – POWER SKATING INSTRUCTOR. After four years of being the Hockey Director for youth programs in Davenport, and his hometown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Justin has worked with players in the Chicagoland area for the past 10 years. With many former players now playing in the USHL, NAHL, NCAA, AHL, and NHL, his name has become synonymous with elite skill development. His Power Skating clinics emphasize how acceleration, agility, balance, power and stride each play an important role in developing optimal skating technique.

YJ SPRING HOCKEY

Spring Tournament Teams U10-U14 April 1st – May 23rd

YJ Spring Hockey will field two Tournament Teams at each level, with the possibility of adding a third team at any given age group dependent on the number of players and skill levels registered. Teams will play in three local tournaments, including one at the Crystal Ice House.

TOURNAMENT
TEAMS

Midget Tournament Spring Program U16-U18 April 1st – May 23rd

Midget Teams will have dedicated weekly practices, 3 on 3's, skills sessions and off ice training. Teams will also participate in two local tournaments.

MIDGET
TOURNAMENT
TEAMS

Northwest Spring Hockey League (NWSHL) April 1st - June 9th

Travel B teams compete in the Northwest Hockey Spring League. Member organizations agree to open registrations on a first-come, first-serve basis with balanced ice times and balanced teams. NWSHL teams are a great introduction for players looking to play travel hockey.



Spring Junior Jackets Developmental League April 1st - May 15th

The Junior Jackets Program is a recreational in-house hockey league for boys and girls ages 5-18 years old. The Junior Jackets is perfect for players wanting to play on a hockey team that are currently in or coming out of Crystal Ice House Hockey Classes. Junior Jacket teams have a practice and a game every week (total of 6 practices and 6 games). Tentatively, practices will be during the week and games on Saturdays or Sundays.



YJ SPRING HOCKEY PROGRAM DETAILS

Spring Tournament Teams U10-U14

April 1st - May 23rd

Team Practices	7- Team practices (5 full, 2 half) Tentative schedules released March 31 st based on teams and ice availability
Offense/Defense Skills Clinics	4 Sessions - Thursdays Nights
Power Skating	2 Sessions - Wednesday Nights
Shooting Skills Clinics	2 Sessions – Wednesday Nights
3 on 3 Half Ice Games	6 “3 on 3” Half Ice Games– Mondays
NEW – SCRIMMAGE GAMES	Up to 4 games against local opponents
Strength and Conditioning	6 – sessions (Squirt/Peewee/Bantam)
Tournaments	3 Tournaments * (included in spring fee)
Uniforms	Spring Jersey Included
Tryout Dates	March 16 th – 20 th

Northwest Hockey Spring League U10-U18 (NWHSL)

April 1st - June 9th

Team Practices	12 - Team practices (8 full, 4 half) Tentative schedules released March 31 st based on teams and ice availability
Offense/Defense Skills Clinics	2 Sessions - Thursday Nights
Power Skating	1 Session - Wednesday Night
Shooting Skills Clinics	1 Session – Wednesday Night
3 on 3 Half Ice Games	6 “3 on 3” Half Ice Games – Mondays
Strength and Conditioning	6 – sessions (Squirt/Peewee/Bantam/Midget)
Games	8 games plus NWHSL Playoff Tournament
Uniform	Spring Jersey Included
Evaluations	March 16 th – 20 th

YJ SPRING HOCKEY PROGRAM DETAILS

Spring Junior Jackets Developmental League April 3rd – May 25th

Practices	6 - Team practices Tentative schedules released March 31 st based on teams and ice availability
Games	6 – Games (Mite U8: half-ice. Squirt U10 through Midget U18: full-ice, no checking)
Goalies	No Dedicated Mite Goalies. U10-U18 Goalies must play full time. Jr. Jacket goalies receive 2 - 50 min goalie sessions on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday with YJ goalie Coach Brad Neal
Uniform	Jersey and Socks Included
Evaluation Dates	March 21 st

YJ Goalie Program April 1st – May 23rd

Level	Squirt U10 – Midget U16/U18 Tournament and NWHL Teams
Sessions	4– 50 minute sessions on Wednesdays, Fridays or Saturdays
Players Per Session	4-8 goalies per level
	*Goalies must be signed up and rostered on Spring Tournament or Northwest Teams (no additional fee) to be eligible for YJ Goalie Spring Program

Midget Tournament Spring Program U16-U18 April 1st – May 23rd

Team Practices	4 Team Practices Tentative schedules released March 31 st based on teams and ice availability
Skills Clinics	Offense/Defense - Thursdays Shooting, Power Skating - Wednesdays
3 on 3 Half Ice Games	6 Monday “3 on 3” Half Ice Games
Tournaments	2 Tournaments (included in spring fee)

YJ SPRING HOCKEY FEES

<i>All fees include a \$100 Non-refundable tryout fee for Tournament, NWHSL and a \$50 Non-refundable tryout fee for Junior Jackets</i>	2024 Spring Player Fees	2024 Spring Player Fees	2024 Spring Player Fees	2024 Spring Goalie Fees
	Register <u>Before or On February 26th</u> PAY IN FULL	Register <u>February 26th</u> PAY IN FULL	Register <u>Any time February 26th</u> PAYMENT PLAN	Register PAY IN FULL OR PAYMENT PLAN
<u>Tournament Teams</u>				
U10 Squirt, U12 Pee wee, U14 Bantam	\$795.00	\$845.00	\$845.00	\$475.00
<u>Northwest Hockey Spring League</u>				
U10 Squirt, U12 Pee wee, U14 Bantam, U16-U18 Midget	\$675.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$475.00
<u>Junior Jackets Development League</u>				
U8 Mite, U10 Squirt, U12 Pee wee, U14 Bantam, U16/U18 Midget	\$325.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$325.00
<u>Tournament Teams</u>				
U16-U18 Midget	\$565.00	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$440.00

Pay in Full Early Registration

To receive \$50 Discount on Tournament and NWHSL Team Program Fees, participant must be registered and pay in full on or before February 26th . Goalie fees are not eligible for \$50 discount.

Payment Plans

To register using Payment Plan, participant must pay non-refundable tryout deposit of \$50 for Tournament, NWHSL Teams, and Junior Jackets at time of registration. Subsequent payments for participants are divided equally and will be automatically withdrawn on 4/2 and 5/2.

Mandatory Checking Clinic for all 2011's moving up to Bantam Tournament or NWHSL Teams

2 hours of on-ice checking instruction. March 11th, 13th 7:20-8:20pm Cost: \$95

Checking clinic is only mandatory for Bantam and Midget TRAVEL players who have NOT completed previous checking clinics.

YJ SPRING SCHEDULES AND TOURNAMENTS

Tournament Team Tryouts and NWHSL Evaluations

<u>U10 Squirt</u>	<i>rink</i>
Sunday 3/17 9:00am (groupings will be posted)	FE
Sunday 3/17 10:10am (groupings will be posted)	FE
Monday 3/18 5:00pm (Group 1)	FE
Monday 3/18 6:10pm (Group 2)	FE
Wednesday 3/20 5:00pm (TBA)	FE
Wednesday 3/20 6:10pm (TBA)	FE
<u>U12 Pee wee</u>	
Sunday 3/17 11:20am (groupings will be posted)	FE
Sunday 3/17 12:30am (groupings will be posted)	FE
Tuesday 3/19 5:00pm (Group 1)	FE
Tuesday 3/19 6:10pm (Group 2)	FE
Thursday 3/21 5:00pm (Group 1)	FE
Thursday 3/21 6:10pm (Group 2)	FE
<u>U14 Bantam</u>	
Sunday 3/17 1:40pm (groupings will be posted)	FE
Sunday 3/17 2:50pm (groupings will be posted)	FE
Monday 3/18 7:20pm (Group 1)	FE
Monday 3/18 8:30pm (Group 2)	FE
Wednesday 3/20 7:20pm (Group 1)	FE
Wednesday 3/20 8:30pm (Group 2)	FE
<u>**U16/U18 Midget**</u>	
Sunday 3/17 7:00pm, 8:10pm	FE
Tuesday 3/19 7:20pm, 8:30pm	FE
Thursday 3/21 7:20pm 8:30pm (if needed)**	FE

Groups will be posted on firewagonhockey.com by noon each day

Junior Jackets Evaluations

<u>U8 Mite</u>	<i>rink</i>
Thursday 3/14 5:00pm	FE
<u>U10 Squirt* (same time as U12)</u>	
Thursday 3/14 7:20pm**	FE
<u>U12 Pee wee* (same time as U10)</u>	
Thursday 3/14 7:20pm**	FE
<u>U14/U16/U18 Bantam/Midget</u>	
Thursday 3/14 8:30pm	FE

Tournament 1 Teams

April 12-14
YJ Bonnie Vonder Haar Memorial

April 26-28
MyHockey Spring Classic

May 17-19
Windy City Spring Classic

Tournament 2 / 3 Teams

April 12-14
YJ Bonnie Vonder Haar Memorial

April 26-28
MyHockey Spring Classic

May 17-19
Windy City Spring Classic

* Tournaments subject to change

YJ SPRING INFORMATION



Don't miss out on experiencing the most enjoyable years of your young player's hockey journey! Crystal Lake Stingers Hockey Club is fielding Mite SPRING "full ice" Teams for players with 2016, 2017, and 2018 birth years.

Spring Tryout dates: Tuesday, March 12th 6:40pm and Thursday, March 14th 6:00pm @ Crystal Ice House

For more information, visit wwwStingersHockey.com or contact Stingers Hockey Director Steve Martins at Steve.Martins@stingershockey.com or 847-558-9199

TOURNAMENT TEAM TRYOUT FORMAT: The tryout format will be 2-3 or 4 (if needed), one hour sessions unless otherwise noted. Any player wishing to participate on a Tournament Team must be present, sign in, and participate in the tryout. Participation in the tryout is mandatory to be considered for a roster spot. If you are not placed on a Tournament Team you will be placed on a NWHSL team.

NWHSL EVALUATION FORMAT: The evaluation format will be 1 or more one hour sessions that will occur at the same time and ice as tournament team tryouts. Any player wishing to participate on a NWHSL team must be present, sign in, and participate in at least one on ice evaluation.

IN-HOUSE JUNIOR JACKETS EVALUATION FORMAT: The evaluation format will be a 1 hour on ice session. To make the team fair and equal, we use a parity system. The objective of the parity system is to give players the opportunity to play against others of similar ability.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS: Medical conditions prohibiting a player's participation in the evaluations must be submitted with a doctor's statement prior to the evaluation date and approved by the Hockey Director.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT & REFUND POLICY: All refunds request must be submitted in writing to the Treasurer at billing@yjhockey.com. Requests received prior to March 3rd, 2024, will receive a refund of amounts paid less a \$25 cancellation fee. Requests received on or after March 3rd, 2024 and prior to the team roster posting, will receive a refund of amounts paid less non-refundable tryout fee. Families requesting a refund after teams have been posted are responsible for the full program fees as registered for.