



Minor Hawks Introductory Hockey League

Players born from 1/1/2007 to 12/31/2010 are invited to join the best developmental hockey league in the country. We will be following the USA Hockey Athletic Development Model to provide the best possible experience for your up and coming hockey player. At ages 6-8 years old, our objective for physical development is to refine fundamental movement skills and begin to acquire basic sports skills. This is the time when a foundation is laid for future acquisition of more advanced skills. As far as psychological development goes, we will be focusing on providing FUN, motivating practices and games, developing reasoning skills through unstructured competition, building confidence by creating competitive groups which will allow for a high rate of success and promoting individual and group participation, maintaining a "no excuses" atmosphere, and introducing the participants to simple rules and sports ethics (fair play).

Registration Information

Winter Season: January 2 - March 30

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis, as space is limited. All participants must register at least one week prior to the start of the session. Once registered, you will receive an email with instructions for the evaluation skate. Please check out the Blues website at www.chicagoblueshockey.org for more information.

Format

Practices will be split into 4 groups based on ability. We recognize that each player is unique and develops at a different rate. By creating parity within each group we feel that we can better serve the needs of each player on a more individualized basis. Players will have more fun by practicing at their own level and coaches will be able to create a more competitive atmosphere with the games and competitions in practice. Games will consist of half ice games with the new hard board system splitting the ice in two. Competitive matching will be the rule to create parity amongst teams. By splitting the ice into two we will be creating more opportunity for each young player to get involved in the game and thus use their skating, puck-handling, agility, and shooting on a more frequent basis. Game and practice times are typically Saturdays at 8:00 am and 9:10 am and Sundays at 1:05 pm or 2:15 pm at the Edge on Jefferson West but will move to mid-day and afternoon times at John Street for the month of March. For maximum development, we recommend registering for Wednesday pre-hockey and be placed in the advanced group.

Fees

The cost to join the league is \$260.00. Please register for this program on the Chicago Blues website at www.chicagoblueshockey.org. No walk-in registration will be permitted. The Chicago Blues is a non profit youth hockey organization.

Facility

The Edge Ice Arena is owned and operated by the Village of Bensenville. We pride ourselves on providing a clean, safe and well maintained family friendly facility. The Edge is located at 735 East Jefferson Street in Bensenville, IL 60106.

Coaches Information

This program will be run by hockey director's Todd Finner. Todd has extensive experience in coaching youth hockey. All practices will be conducted under the direction of Todd Finner and will comply with the ADM philosophy. If you are interested in becoming a youth hockey coach please indicate so while registering your child for the league on the Chicago Blues website.