



Fall 2011 Registration Information Packet

Travel Program

The Yellowjackets are ready for an exciting upcoming season. Last season our teams were highly successful, **3 NIHL President Cups, 7 NIHL Wolves Cups and 3 State Flag bearers**. The Yellowjackets travel hockey program is designed for players who want to make a serious commitment to the game of hockey. Yellowjackets has become one of the most respected and successful travel programs. We continue to field teams in the Northern Illinois Hockey League (Travel AA, A) and Northwest Hockey League (Travel B).

Yellowjacket Hockey Offers

The opportunities for a developing player to play competitive travel hockey from September through February. During the course of a season, you can expect to have upwards of 40 practices, 20 league games, skills clinics and the opportunity to travel with your team to hockey tournaments both locally and out-of-state. All tournament participation is decided on a team-by-team basis, voted on by each team's parents. Players are selected for AA, A & B level teams during tryouts by team coaches.

AHAI Two Choice Rule

Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois

Travel Tier II hockey players in Illinois can skate for two organizations in their Mite through Midget playing careers. Under certain circumstances a substitute choice maybe granted. Some travel organizations have restrictive policies in effect, which limit a player's ability to move between his/her two choices. Yellowjackets do not restrict players from returning if they played for another organization. Detailed information will be handed out at tryouts. All players and their parents who are playing travel Tier II hockey for the first time or who are changing organizations will be counseled by our Registrar. These players/parents will be required to sign a "Two-Choice" Declaration Form when placed on a team.

Zero Tolerance

The Yellowjackets will be requiring all players and parents to sign a "Zero-Tolerance" policy form when teams are formed. Policies and consequences will be explained in information distributed at tryouts and again at the first team meeting.

Conditioning Clinic and Tryouts

Girls

- Girl's conditioning begins Tuesday, August 16th and ends on Thursday, August 25th. Conditioning will be 4 - 60 minute sessions.
- Girl's mandatory tryouts will be held on Saturday, August 27th and Sunday, August 28th. Each player will skate a total of 2 times for 60 minutes each skate.

Youth

- Youth conditioning begins Monday, August 22nd and ends on Wednesday, August 31st. Conditioning will be 4 - 60 minute sessions.
- Youth mandatory tryouts will begin September 1st. Everyone will then have the Holiday weekend off to enjoy one last summer get-a-way. We will resume tryouts September 6th. Each player will skate a total of 4 times. The September 1st tryout is a 90 minute session. The next three tryout sessions are 60 minutes.
- Youth Travel B mandatory evaluations will be held on Saturday, September 10th.



PRESEASON CONDITIONING CLINICS

The clinic provides the players a conditioning base for the upcoming season. All players must wear full equipment including neck guards (mouth guards are required by all groups). Proper USA Hockey registration for the 2011 – 2012 is required. Player participation is not mandatory, but highly encouraged.

Girls

Conditioning begins Tuesday, August 16th and ends on Thursday, August 25th. Conditioning will be 4 – 60 minute sessions.

Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink	Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink
8/16/11	TUES	U12 & U14	7:10	Far E	8/23/11	TUES	U12 & 14	7:10	Far E
8/18/11	THUR	U12 & U14	6:20	Far E	8/25/11	THUR	U12 & 14	6:20	West

Youth

Players are grouped according to age. (USA Hockey age groups) and will receive age specific conditioning instruction and drills.

Conditioning begins Monday, August 22nd and ends on Wednesday, August 31st. Conditioning will be 4 – 60 minute sessions.

Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink	Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink
8/22/11	MON	Mite	6:10	East	8/22/11	MON	Bantam	7:30	Far E
8/24/11	WED	Mite	6:10	East	8/24/11	WED	Bantam	7:30	Far E
8/29/11	MON	Mite	6:10	East	8/29/11	MON	Bantam	7:30	Far E
8/31/11	WED	Mite	6:10	East	8/31/11	WED	Bantam	7:30	Far E
8/22/11	MON	Squirt	6:20	Far E	8/22/11	MON	Midgets	7:40	West
8/24/11	WED	Squirt	6:20	Far E	8/24/11	WED	Midgets	7:40	West
8/29/11	MON	Squirt	6:20	Far E	8/29/11	MON	Midgets	7:40	West
8/31/11	WED	Squirt	6:20	Far E	8/31/11	WED	Midgets	7:40	West
8/22/11	MON	Peewee	6:30	West					
8/24/11	WED	Peewee	6:30	West					
8/29/11	MON	Peewee	6:30	West					
8/31/11	WED	Peewee	6:30	West					

TRYOUTS

NEW for 2011

- The youth tryout format will consist of 1 – 90 minute warm-up evaluation, 1 – 60 minute drill evaluation, 1 – 60 minute skill evaluation and 1 – 60 minute scrimmage.
- At Mite (Girls 8 Under) and Squirt (Girls 10 Under), the boys and girls play together. Beyond the Squirt program, there are girls only teams (Girls 12 and under, (U12) Girls 14 and under (U14) and Girls U16-19.
- U10 girl's who played last year can register as U12 will play Youth NIHL & Youth NWHL.**



NIHL Girls

Mandatory tryouts will be held on Saturday, August 27th and Sunday, August 28th. Each player will skate a total of 2 times for 60 minutes each skate.

Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink
8/27/11	SAT	U12 & U14	10:00	Far E
8/28/11	SUN	U12 & U14	10:00	Far E

NIHL Youth

Mandatory tryouts will begin September 1st. Everyone will then have the Holiday weekend off to enjoy one last summer get-a-way. We will resume tryouts September 6th. Each player will skate a total of 4 times. The September 1st tryout is a 90 minute session. The next three tryout sessions are 60 minute.

Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink	Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink
9/01/11	THUR	Mite	6:10	Far E	9/01/11	THUR	Bantam	7:50	Far E
9/06/11	TUES	Mite	6:10	Far E	9/06/11	TUES	Bantam	7:30	West
9/07/11	WED	Mite	6:10	Far E	9/07/11	WED	Bantam	7:30	West
9/08/11	THUR	Mite	6:10	Far E	9/08/11	THUR	Bantam	7:30	West
9/01/11	THUR	Squirt	6:20	West	9/01/11	THUR	Midget	8:00	West
9/06/11	TUES	Squirt	6:20	West	9/06/11	TUES	Midget	8:30	Far E
9/07/11	WED	Squirt	6:20	West	9/07/11	WED	Midget	8:30	Far E
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9/08/11	THUR	Peewee	7:20	Far E					

NWHL Travel B Youth

Mandatory evaluations will be held on Saturday, September 10th.

The NWHL coaching staff and Hockey Director will be on the ice running the drills, overseeing the scrimmages and interacting with the players on the ice.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tryout process, you can contact Jason Herbster, Hockey Director.

Date	Day	Level	Time	Rink
9/10/11	SAT	Mite	9:00	Far E
9/10/11	SAT	Squirt	10:10	Far E
9/10/11	SAT	Peewee	11:20	Far E
9/10/11	SAT	Bantam	12:30	Far E
9/10/11	SAT	Midget	1:40	Far E



WALK-IN REGISTRATION

This year we will be having a walk-in registration for your convenience. If you have any questions or would like help with your online registration drop by the Crystal Ice House during the following hours.

DATES FOR WALK IN REGISTRATION

- Thursday, August 4th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Wednesday, August 10th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday, August 20th from 11:00am – 2:00pm

CHECKING CLINIC

All Bantam level players and above are required to participate in a mandatory checking clinic prior to the start of the season. If you did not attend a checking clinic in the spring you must register to attend this clinic. Cost is \$75.00

- Sunday, August 28 11:00am-1:00pm Instructor: Ice Company

YELLOWJACKETS DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAM

YDP PROGRAM

- YDP only player's - two times per week on Monday and Saturday
- Monday nights all Yellowjackets player's mite through bantam take part in our developmental program which is the basis for Yellowjackets hockey
- Program starts October 3, 2011 and ends February 25, 2011
- YDP only player's training volume is 40, one hour touches consisting of station training and informal competition.
- Year end jamboree
- 5th Annual Chicago Wolves Super Skills competition

YDP MITE PROGRAM DETAILS

For the U8 & Under age group, the goal is to provide an environment that focuses on the development of the ABC's of fundamental movement skills. Our emphasis is on fun and developing a passion for the sport.

- Teams will be divided into three groups of equal abilities for station training / cross ice competition purposes.
 1. Advanced
 2. Intermediate
 3. Beginner & Less Skilled
- Players can move between the groups as they progress through the season,
- Competition will be 1/3 ice and use 1/3 size nets with the focus on skill development not outcomes.
- Players will be grouped into teams of like abilities for 3on3 or 4on4 with the overall focus on evenly distributing the player ability pool.
- Saturday's YDP only player's informal competition – cross ice / half-ice games.



MI TE/SQUIRT MANDATORY PARENT ORIENTATION

All mite, squirt and new families **must** attend the parent orientation meeting. This gathering will cover the YJ philosophy, a basic explanation of the different programs, what you can expect begin part of the hockey community and a chance to ask questions. The meeting will take place on August 23, 2011; 6:30PM at the Home State Bank Community Room, 611 S. Main Street, Crystal Lake.

2011-2012 Developmental Model (NIHL & NWHL Teams)

Again this year we will be offering ADM Skills Instruction with Ken McCudden, Robb Stauber and the Yellowjackets coaching staff.

Technical Skill Night

- Wednesday's starting September 14, 2011 and ending on February 29, 2012
- Training volume six sessions, with session length no longer than 50 minutes
- Technical Skills – The fundamental skills that are required to play travel hockey
- Team rotation throughout the season

Team Conditioning, Team Tactics

- Wednesday's starting September 14, 2011 and ending on February 29, 2012
- Training volume six sessions, with session length no longer than 50 minutes
- Anaerobic conditioning. Hockey shifts tend to be anaerobic in nature with short, intense bouts of speed skating and body contact, demanding a high level of anaerobic endurance
- Team tactics is a set pattern of play in which the movement of all players is integrated in a coordinated fashion to accomplish our offensive and defensive objectives
- Team rotation throughout the season

Individual Tactics

- Friday's starting September 14, 2011 and ending on March 2, 2012
- Training volume three sessions, with session length no longer than 50 minutes
- Individual tactics is action by one player using one or a combination of technical skills in order to create an advantage or take away the advantage of an opponent. A tactic may be classified as offensive or defensive
- Team rotation throughout the season

GI RLS U8 & U10 ADM PROGRAM

The Yellowjackets Girls U8 & U10 ADM program is a lite season that allows girls the opportunity to experience the "girl's only" atmosphere. Girl's can participate in this program while still playing for your current youth team. This opportunity permits both the child and family to experience girls travel hockey without making a full year commitment. It is emphasized the Yellowjackets Developmental Program and NIHL games and practices take precedence if any conflict arises.

The program will consist of ten shared ice practices and is limited to 10 games. Team composition will include a roster 10-12 skaters and 1 goaltender. The team cannot participate in more than two tournaments. The tournament entry fees are not included in the team fee. The team fee will not be determined until final rosters are set.



Girls U8 & U10 ADM Program Timeline

September 15, 2011	Girls ADM Preliminary Player Count
October 1, 2011	Final Player Count
October 15, 2011	AHAI Due Date for Team Registration
November 1, 2011	Program Starts
January 31, 2012	Program Ends

GIRLS U16-U19 LITE

Girls that want or need more practices can sign-up for the Yellowjackets U16-U19 Lite team. This Lite team will practice 1 day during the week for 1 hour and 1 weekend day for 1.5 hours. The girls may share ice with the other Yellowjackets girls' teams, increasing ice touches! This program will run from September 2011 through March 2012. If this U16-U19 Lite team has enough players that wish to compete in other tournaments and league play, they will play in these events. These events will be at an additional cost to all players participating. For more information on the U16-U19 Lite team, please contact Jeff Bruns at jeff.bruns@firewagonhockey.com.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers perform the vast majority of all YJ activities. We depend on our YJ families to actively participate at all levels. **Please volunteer**, even those who are not able to help out on the ice can contribute by performing other valuable services for the YJ's and the Ice House. In addition to a head coach and assistant coaches each team needs a manager to coordinate team games and activities. Parents can assist in keeping the facility clean, scoring and operating the time clock during games, supervise locker rooms before and after games and practices and coordinate special YJ activities. Volunteer parents coordinate all special YJ events such as picture day, family night, yearend jamboree and skills competition, yearend banquet and YJ tournaments. As a result of our many volunteers the YJ's are able to provide a quality youth hockey program at modest ice fees. Please sign up for the area's in which you would like to volunteer on the registration section of our website.

UNI FORM POLI CY

Hockey Operations is implementing a new uniform policy. This policy affects NIHL, NWHL and Midget and U16-19 Girls Lite travel teams.

- The cost of one black away jersey is included in your fee structure.
- Each player will be required to purchase nameplates and socks.
- Returning travel team players who currently possess the yellow jersey with twill front patch and 2 color 10" number on back are permitted to retain those jerseys for use this season.
- Returning travel players who wish to purchase a new jersey due to sizing, damage, or any other reason, may do so at their own expense. Number retention requests in these cases will be considered, but cannot be guaranteed. Following team selection, any duplicate numbered players assigned to the same team shall be resolved by tenure. The longest tenure with the Yellowjackets shall retain the original number. Players, who lose their number in this circumstance, will have their jersey replaced with a new assigned number at club expense, provided they return the duplicate jersey to the Yellowjackets.
- New Number assignment will be "clear", meaning they can be used for a minimum of at least 2 seasons without risk of duplication within an age group. Due to volume and limited number availability, specific number change request cannot be considered.
- Jersey Fitting Sessions: Crystal Ice House Lobby**
 - **Friday, July 22, 2011 5:00PM - 9:00PM**
 - **Saturday, July 23, 2011 8:00AM - 12:00PM**



PICTURE DAY

New In 2011 - the team and individual photograph is included in your standard fee.

- Your package includes (1) 3.5x5, (1) 8x10, (2) 5X7, (4) wallet individual (1) 5x7 team w/cardboard frame.
- Images will also be posted online approximately 2 weeks after picture day.
- An Add-On form will be provided before picture day to prepay for order.
- Packages will be ready approximately 3-4 weeks from picture day.
- Allow 3-4 weeks from date of purchase for online orders to be delivered.
- Picture Day: Saturday, October 22, 2011**

2011-2012 Season Age Classification, League and Fee Structure

If a player is a **goalie**, it must be noted at the time of registration. Full time goalies with their own equipment will have a standard reduced fee. Goalies on teams with a single goalie will have a standard fee that is 75% of the skater's fee. Goalies on a team with two goalies will have a standard fee that is 50% of the skater's fee.

2011-2012 YDP ONLY PLAYERS

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division	YDP Fee
1997-1998	14 -13 Years	Bantam / 14 & Under	\$550.00
1999-2000	12 -11 Years	Pee Wee / 12 & Under	\$550.00
2001-2002	10 - 9 Years	Squirt / 10 & Under	\$550.00
2003-Later	8 Years or Under	Mite / 8 or Under	\$550.00

The NIHL and NWHL fee includes the mandatory Monday night session of the Yellowjackets Developmental Program.

2011-2012 NIHL YOUTH AND GIRLS

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division	NIHL Fee
1997-1998	14 -13 Years	Bantam / 14 & Under	\$2,525.00
1999-2000	12 -11 Years	Pee Wee / 12 & Under	\$2,425.00
2001-2002	10 - 9 Years	Squirt / 10 & Under	\$2,225.00
2003-Later	8 Years or Under	Mite / 8 or Under	\$1,925.00

2011-2012 NWHL YOUTH

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division	NWHL Fee
1997-1998	14 -13 Years	Bantam / 14 & Under	\$1,975.00
1999-2000	12 -11 Years	Pee Wee / 12 & Under	\$1,875.00
2001-2002	10 - 9 Years	Squirt / 10 & Under	\$1,775.00
2003-Later	8 Years or Under	Mite / 8 or Under	\$1,675.00

2011-2012 MIDGET MINOR, NWHL AND GIRLS LITE

Date of Birth	Age Category	Age Division	Lite Fee
1995-1996	16-15 Years	Midget Minor Lite	\$1,350.00
1992-1996	19-15 Years	U16-19 Girls Lite	\$1,350.00
1993-1996	18-15 Years	NWHL Midget Lite	\$850.00



2011 Fee Payment Options

Payment(s) can be made in the following ways.

1. A \$275.00 deposit payment is due for all skaters and goalies at time of online registration.
2. The remaining balance is due either in full by September 15, 2011 or can be made in four installments. Installment payments must be made by September 15, October 15, November 15, and December 15, 2011.
3. All requests for extending payment over and above the installment plan must be made to the Yellowjackets treasurer via email and approved on or before September 15, 2011.
4. A returned check will result in a charge of \$25.00 and immediate financial suspension.

Refund Policy

The Yellowjackets requires that payments are current before a player is allowed to participate in Conditioning, NIHL Tryouts, or B-level Evaluations.

If a player or parent decides for any reason, prior to the first session of conditioning that they do not wish to skate for the Yellowjackets, a full refund of \$275.00 will be returned.

Once a player has stepped on the ice a \$275.00 fee is assessed.

If a player is placed on a team and then decides to quit they are required to pay any and all player fees due for the entire season.

If the Yellowjackets are unable to field a team at your level, you will receive a full refund of fees paid less the Conditioning, NIHL Tryout or B-level Evaluation fee of \$275.00.



YDP ONLY FEE

	Fee	Deposit 30 June	In Full 15 Sep
YDP Skater	\$550.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
YDP Goalie	\$412.50	\$275.00	\$137.50

SKATER FEE

	Skaters Fee	Deposit 30 June	In Full 15 Sep	Installment Plan			
				15 Sept	15 Oct	15 Nov	15 Dec
NIHL Mite	\$1,925.00	\$275.00	\$1,650.00	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$412.50	\$412.50
NWHL Mite	\$1,675.00	\$275.00	\$1,400.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
NIHL Squirt	\$2,225.00	\$275.00	\$1,950.00	\$487.50	\$487.50	\$487.50	\$487.50
NWHL Squirt	\$1,775.00	\$275.00	\$1,500.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
NIHL Pee Wee / Girls	\$2,425.00	\$275.00	\$2,150.00	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$537.50	\$537.50
NWHL Pee Wee	\$1,875.00	\$275.00	\$1,600.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
NIHL Bantam / Girls	\$2,525.00	\$275.00	\$2,250.00	\$562.50	\$562.50	\$562.50	\$562.50
NWHL Bantam	\$1,950.00	\$275.00	\$1,675.00	\$418.75	\$418.75	\$418.75	\$418.75
Midget Lite	\$1,350.00	\$275.00	\$1,075.00	\$358.00	\$358.00	\$359.00	
U16-U19 Girls Lite	\$1,350.00	\$275.00	\$1,075.00	\$358.00	\$358.00	\$358.00	
NWHL Midgets Lite	\$850.00	\$275.00	\$575.00	\$287.50	\$287.50		

GOALIE FEE

	Goalie Fee	Deposit 30 June	In Full 15 Sep	Installment Plan			
				15 Sept	15 Oct	15 Nov	15 Dec
NIHL Mite	\$1,443.75	\$275.00	\$1,168.75	\$292.00	\$292.00	\$292.00	\$292.75
NWHL Mite	\$1,256.25	\$275.00	\$981.25	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$246.25
NIHL Squirt	\$1,668.75	\$275.00	\$1,393.75	\$348.00	\$348.00	\$348.00	\$349.75
NWHL Squirt	\$1,331.25	\$275.00	\$1,056.25	\$264.00	\$264.00	\$264.00	\$264.25
NIHL Pee Wee / Girls	\$1,818.75	\$275.00	\$1,543.75	\$386.00	\$386.00	\$386.00	\$385.75
NWHL Pee Wee	\$1,406.25	\$275.00	\$1,131.25	\$282.00	\$282.00	\$282.00	\$285.25
NIHL Bantam / Girls	\$1,893.75	\$275.00	\$1,618.75	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$403.75
NWHL Bantam	\$1,462.50	\$275.00	\$1,187.50	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$296.00	\$299.50
Midget Lite	\$1,102.50	\$275.00	\$737.50	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$247.50	
U16-U19 Girls Lite	\$1,102.50	\$275.00	\$737.50	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$247.50	
NWHL Midget Lite	\$637.50	\$275.00	\$362.50	\$181.25	\$181.25		



REGISTRATION IS EASY!

Step 1 - Register with USA Hockey

To Register

1. In order to register for the Fall Season you will need to register with USA Hockey for the 2011-2012 Season if you haven't already done so.
2. Go to www.usahockey.com
3. Click the red box on the right that says "Click Here to become a USA Hockey Member"
4. Select "Ice Players & Coaches" check the box to confirm you are 18 years of age or older and click "continue" for the link to take you through the registration process for 2011-2012.
5. Please read the waiver and check "I accept box and enter your initials."
6. Be sure you review the information and either "edit" or "continue". Confirm the state is "IL" and click continue.
7. Enter your credit card information. The total charge is \$43.00 (\$30.00 to USA Hockey & \$13.00 to AHAI).
8. At the end of the process you will be given a USA Hockey confirmation number consisting of 9 digits and 5 letters. This number is very important and is REQUIRED to register for the fall season. Print the confirmation page and keep a copy for your records.

Step 2 - Register online with the Yellowjackets

To Register

1. Go to www.firewagonhockey.com.
2. Click on the link to complete your fall 2011-2012 on-line registration which is now available.
3. Your mail in registration packet must include the following documents and is due at time of online registration.
 - ✓ Registration Form
 - ✓ USA Hockey Receipt, with Bar Code Print Out
 - ✓ Deposit payment of \$275.00
 - ✓ Mail to Fire Wagon Hockey, Inc. P. O. Box 1854, Crystal Lake, IL 60039



Please contact Kara Simpson at registrar@firewagonhockey.com with any questions regarding USA Hockey or the Yellowjackets on-line registration.