



HUSKIES HOCKEY CLUB

Rules, Regulations and Policies for all
Players/Coaches/Parents

THE HUSKIES HOCKEY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING TWO LEAGUES

1. CENTRAL STATES DEVELOPMENTAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (CSDHL)

CSDHL Representative: John Paku

Founded in 1999, the Central States Developmental Hockey League is the elite Tier II league in Illinois and the Midwest. The philosophy is based on the development and promotion of Tier II hockey in Illinois and the Central States region by offering, establishing and maintaining the highest standards of excellence and sportsmanship in individualized team play.

Organizations must show, over a consistent time period, the commitment to fielding competitive travel hockey teams to be considered for membership to the league.

Additional information can also be found at www.csdhl.org .

2. NORTHERN ILLINOIS HOCKEY LEAGUE (NIHL)

NIHL Representative: Nick Horbenko

NIHL is the largest travel hockey league in Illinois. All Huskies travel teams *not* entered in the CSDHL will be entered into NIHL. Travel is throughout the Chicago metropolitan area with the exception of team-selected tournaments. The NIHL season runs from September thru March. This league is available for all age divisions, Mite thru Midget levels.

Additional information can also be found at www.nihl.info .

Tryout and Team Selection

Tryouts and team selections will be conducted in a fair and impartial manner under the supervision of the Hockey Director. All slots on all Huskies teams are open for competition. Selections will be based on the player's abilities and the coaches view of the needs of the team. Positions will not be promised to a player prior to tryouts.

Selections begin during tryouts. The highest tiered teams in Midget, Bantam, Peewee, Squirt and Mite levels will select first and will continue until the roster is filled. The next highest team will select its players until that roster is filled. The selection process will proceed until all teams have been selected at each level.

Payment of Fees Policy

Pre-conditioning clinics and tryout fees are due prior to the start of clinics and tryouts. Fall skater fees are due at the MANDATORY Contract Signing meeting, generally held within 10 days after tryouts and team selections. Attendance at the meeting is mandatory. At this meeting, Huskies Hockey Club Board Representatives will be available to finalize the registration process, collect all fees/payments, discuss our Zero Tolerance Policy and Tier II choice rule as well as answer any questions.

Fall/Winter season payments options are as follows:

1. Payment in full by check or credit card, accompanying a signed contract. We accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover.
2. Submission of signed contract with four post-dated checks. Checks should be dated September 15th, October 15th, November 15th and December 15th, 2010. Please note the child's/family name and team on each check.
3. Submission of signed contract with authorization to charge your credit card one-fourth (1/4th) of the total amount owed. The authorization permits the HHC to charge your credit card on September 15th (or contract signing date), October 15th, November 15th and December 15th, 2010.

All requests for extended payment plans must be made in writing, to the Huskies Hockey Club Treasurer by email and submitted by September 15th. Requests will be evaluated on a case by case basis by the hardship committee. Please contact John Paku johnpaku@sbcglobal.net

Collection Policy

A returned check will result in a charge of \$50.00 and IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL SUSPENSION for the player/players. This includes practices, games, scrimmages and any team related events, until the financial obligation has been met. A refused credit card charge will result in an IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL SUSPENSION for the player/players. A Financial Suspension includes practices, games, scrimmages and any team related events, until the financial obligation has been met.

Any player whose fees are not paid in full by December 15th will be placed on financial suspension. This suspension will be turned over to the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois for collection. AHAI has the authority to take further action up to and including suspending the entire family of the player.

Only families that abide by the above policy will be able to participate in tryouts and club-sponsored events and remain in "Good Standing" within the Huskies

Hockey Club. Any family that is not in "Good Standing" will not be allowed to participate in tryouts or any other Club sponsored event.

The club reserves the right to amend the payment policy at any time with or without prior notification to its members.

AHAI Financial Obligations Policy

No Player shall be permitted to change his/her team or association affiliation until he/she has satisfied any outstanding financial obligations to his/her "former" team or association including all Youth, High Schools, Junior, Adult and Girls clubs or teams.

AHAI is not and will not act as a collection agency for outstanding financial obligations. Collection of outstanding financial obligations for the Affiliate Members lies with the Affiliate Member. However, AHAI will enforce its By-Laws and impose a suspension for failure to satisfy any financial obligations under the following circumstances:

1. There must be written correspondence to the obligor. It is recommended that the Affiliate send a minimum of 3 letters by Certified Mail Return Receipt as follows:
 - a. First letter stating that there is a balance due and requesting payment.
 - b. Second letter stating the balance due with a request for payment and stating that if the amount is not paid within a certain time period (30) days that it will be forwarded to AHAI R&E. (Rules & Ethics)
 - c. Third letter stating the balance due and that the matter is being sent to AHAI R&E.
2. Collection must be for the current season.
3. The club must have taken steps to collect the fees during the season such as taking the Obligor off the ice. In other words, AHAI will not be involved if the club allowed the Obligor to play the entire season and only attempted to collect fees after the season was completed.

After the Club has taken all the above steps, copies of these items should be sent to the AHAI Rules & Ethics Chairperson for further action. If the steps above are followed, AHAI will send a letter to the Obligor. If the steps above are followed and the Obligor fails to respond, AHAI will suspend the entire family pursuant to its By-Laws. If the Obligor responds, he/she has the right to request a

hearing and be afforded an opportunity to be heard. A hearing will then be scheduled and if necessary, all parties may be requested to attend that hearing. The Rules & Ethics Committee will provide a written decision within 10 days. The decision can be appealed in accordance with the AHAI By-Laws, Article X of Rules and Regulations.

Board Meetings

Once the season has started, the Huskies Board of Directors will hold a monthly meeting at which any member is welcome and encouraged to attend. The meetings are held at IIC and meeting dates and times are posted on the HHC website.

Jersey Information

Number conflicts are inevitable with a club of our size. It is our policy that the HHC skater who has been with the Club the longest be given preference in number selection over skaters new to the Club. This would not include Little Huskies participants.

Players are not allowed to trade jerseys with another player. Each jersey number is issued to a specific player.

All players must have a Home and Away jersey and socks.

It is a coach's or teams' decision to put the names on the jerseys. The cost for the names/lettering is a team expense.

AHAI Screening

All coaches, assistant coaches and managers must be screened by AHAI. This must be done by October 1st. Managers, Coaches, and Assistant Coaches that have not been screened by that date may not be on the ice or in the locker rooms with the skaters. Screening need only be done once in the career of the coach or manager. The Huskies Hockey Club covers the costs of the screening. Screening must be done at a location that is approved by AHAI. It must also be done with a specific AHAI form. You can obtain this form from Michele Payne.

HHC EXPECTATIONS

All coaches:

- Are responsible for becoming certified by USA Hockey at the appropriate level and screened by AHAI.
- Are accountable to the Hockey Director. The main function of the Head Coach is to properly prepare hockey players to compete in hockey games and to help develop the players' best character.
- Must attend all practices and games. If they cannot attend, they are to contact the Hockey Director, the team manager and assistant coach (ensuring his attendance) a minimum of 24 hours prior to the event.
- Are responsible for the supervision of their players at all rinks at all times.
- Are responsible for accompanying their team into the locker room and checking the facility after they have left the practice or game.
- Are responsible for assisting, whenever possible, other hockey teams in our organization.

All players:

- Are responsible for their equipment. Loss of any equipment is the player's responsibility.
- Are responsible for contacting the head coach or team manager if he/she must miss practices or games, including tournaments as soon as possible. A specific reason must be given.
- Are required to uphold certain standards expected by our organization. The head coach will inform the players of the requirements they need to follow. Appearance, expression and actions always influence external opinions of the player, the team and the HHC.
- Are required to report all injuries that occur while participating in practices or games to the head coach. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor or treatment center, it will be necessary to have an injury form completed. Once a physician treats the injury, the player must obtain the doctor's permission in writing to return to hockey [See *the club website for the injury form*]
- Are responsible for being dressed and ready at least 20 minutes prior to any scheduled event.
- Are expected to show proper respect for any ice facility in which the team is playing.
- Are expected to show respect for their teammates, opponents, coaches, and officials.
- Are expected to listen to and obey all coaching instructions. If the player has a question or concern, he or she should address it with the head coach after the practice or game. If the player is not satisfied with the response to the question or concern, parental guidance should be sought.
- Understand that any unexcused absence for travel players (no prior phone call to the coach) could result in a missed period of the next game. The

second occurrence results in a missed game. After the third occurrence, the player goes before the Rules and Ethics Committee with possible release from the team.

- Understand each travel player will be allowed three excused absences. These include illness, vacation, funeral, car trouble, school, etc. Further absences could result in missed periods of games. Extenuating circumstances can be discussed with the Hockey Director.
- Understand players are expected follow policies that may be set forth by coaches.
- Understand any absence policies for house players will be determined by each head coach and communicated to the parents and players at the beginning of the season.

All Parents:

- Are responsible for properly equipped and dressed players.
- Will ensure that the player wears only approved and safe equipment.
- Will ensure that the player is on time for games and practices.
- Are responsible for completion of insurance waivers and any other appropriate paperwork. This must be done before the player can practice with the team.
- Are responsible for payment of all fees according to the schedules and policies set.
- Will not question the coach's decisions when players can overhear.
- Will respect all players and the effort they are putting forth.
- Are required to report all player injuries that occur while participating in practices or games to the head coach. If the injury requires medical attention by a doctor or treatment center, it will be necessary to have an injury form completed. Once a physician treats the injury, the player must obtain the doctor's permission to return to hockey.
- Will not address coaches, managers, or players when under the influence of alcohol.
- Will use the "24 Hour Rule". This is a policy designed to give parents and coaches a "cooling off" period prior to discussing differences of opinion. Our coaches have been instructed to withdraw from any discussions with parents about the coaching aspects of the team. If you have concerns about ice time or other issues, please direct all inquiries to the team manager. He or she will help you resolve the issue or direct you to the appropriate board member(s) who can.
- Should always be part of the solution – not the problem.
- Should be part of the team and consider helping to make the team and the organization a better place for our children.

HHC PLAYER'S CODE

I hereby pledge to be positive about my hockey experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Player's Code of Ethics Pledge;

I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.

I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my head coach if I cannot. I understand the importance of my attendance at every practice and game and that my absence will have a major impact on my team.

I will do my best to listen to and learn from my coaches.

I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities just as I expected to be treated.

I deserve to have fun during my hockey experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.

I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all hockey events.

I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team or the club in some capacity because it is important to me.

I will do my very best in school.

I will remember that hockey is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

I will adhere to the policies and rules of the HHC.

HHC PARENT'S CODE

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in HHC hockey by following this Parent's Code of Ethics Pledge;

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials before, during, and after every game, practice, or other hockey events.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all hockey events.

I will remember that the game is for the players – not the adults.

I will do my very best to make hockey fun for my child.

I will insist my child treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respects regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability and will do the same myself.

I promise to help my child enjoy the hockey experience by doing things such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, providing transportation, or volunteering my time.

I will adhere to the policies and rules of the HHC Amateur Hockey Association.

Zero Tolerance

Physical abuse, verbal abuse or threats in any form shall not be directed at any on-ice or off-ice officials, rink staff, tournament officials, players, coaches, parents or fans. This includes, but is not limited to, shouting at referees, insulting opposing team players or taunting opposing team parents. In general, any conduct that is not suitable for an amateur athletic event is strictly prohibited. The "zero tolerance" rule applies to all coaches, players, fans, parents, or other individuals associated with the Huskies. It includes acts performed at any time before, during or after a game. Conduct inside or outside the arena is covered by the rule. The Huskies Hockey Club supports USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance. USA's policies will apply to ALL parents, players, team managers and coaches. You will need to submit a signed Zero Tolerance form

Why Zero Tolerance?

As a result of the alarming number of physical assaults against officials, the USA Hockey Board of Directors has developed a Zero Tolerance Policy regarding the verbal abuse of officials and inappropriate spectator behavior. Verbal abuse of officials is the first step leading to physical abuse of officials. The Youth, Junior, and Senior Councils, the District has unanimously endorsed this Zero Tolerance Policy Referees-In-Chief, and the Coaching Education Program Directors for immediate implementation have unanimously endorsed this Zero Tolerance Policy.

The Huskies Hockey Club Adheres to the 24 Hour Rule.

Briefly, this means that parents/guardians are not allowed to confront a coach, team or league official to discuss any “negative” game or practice situation with the coaching and management staff until at least 24 hours has passed from the completion of the game or practice. A confrontation shall consist of any conversation, which is elevated from a normal speaking tone and demeanor to one which involves yelling, profanity or derogatory comments toward said coach, team or league official. Please keep the intent of this rule in mind. The intent is not to discourage discussion, but to impose a period to allow emotions to cool and to allow a civil conversation to occur. After 24 hours have elapsed, the parent/guardian may address their concern with the coach, team or league official however the following protocol must be followed at all times:

1. There shall be no contact with any member of the coaching staff regarding an issue of concern before, during or after a hockey game for a 24 hour period following the occurrence of an issue of concern.
2. The parent/guardian will contact the team manager and report the issue or concerns to be addressed; the team manager is responsible for documenting the complaint.
3. The team manager shall forward the complaint to the Hockey Director. If the Hockey Director is the coach involved in the complaint, it should be forwarded to the Club President.
4. The Hockey Director shall meet with the coach and obtain a documented, consensus recommendation. The coach or coach’s representative (as directed by the coach) will respond to the issue of concern to the Hockey Director.
5. The Hockey Director shall respond to the parent/guardian with the coach’s response, unless the coach chooses to respond directly. In this situation, the

Hockey Director shall accompany the coach during any meeting between the coach and parent/guardian.

6. If the parent/guardian believes the issue or concern remains unresolved and has not been appropriately addressed, the parent/guardian may schedule a meeting with the Huskies Hockey Club President.

7. Should the matter remain unresolved after the coach's and director's and president's meetings, the Board of Directors shall be notified and will schedule a meeting or respond in writing based on the complaint content.

8. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a thirty (30) day suspension under the ZERO TOLERANCE policy.

Rules & Ethics

The Board of Directors has established a Rules and Ethics (R&E) Committee to investigate and provide recommendations regarding disciplinary violations. The Committee will work under the supervision of the Club President and report their findings to the Board of Directors.

Contact: Sal Carcerano 630-267-7023 (this is his cell number)

All infractions of ZERO TOLERANCE must be reported immediately (whether a coach, parent, skater, etc.). The Huskies have a strict Zero Tolerance policy and will adhere to these standards. To report an issue that you think is a violation, contact Sal by phone ASAP after the occurrence. Your issue should be documented in writing (by the team manager). The team manager should place it in an envelope (to ensure confidentiality) and put it in Sal's mailbox at IIC. Alternatively, the writing can be in an e-mail to Sal at sal.carcerano@gmail.com

The Huskies Hockey Club subscribes to the following Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA) Policies. Violations will be reviewed and investigated by the Huskies Hockey Club Rules & Ethics Committee.

Locker Room Policy

It is not acceptable under USA Hockey/AHA By-Laws – Policies on Physical and Sexual Abuse – for members to be observing the opposite gender while they dress/undress.

In order to provide an enjoyable and safe experience for all players, please make certain that proper adult supervision is present in locker room settings at all times, including the provision for more than one adult supervisor present in the locker room, and arrange to provide supervisors who are of the same sex as the children they are to protect. ('In the locker room' means actually being inside the locker room and/or standing right outside the door, not at the concession stand or somewhere nearby in the lobby area).

Please follow these Coaching Ethics Guidelines:

- A. Where possible, have the male and female players undress/dress in separate locker rooms; then convene in a single dressing room to hold the coach's pre-game meeting;
- B. Once the game is finished, hold the coach's post game meeting; then have the male and female players proceed to their separate dressing rooms to undress and shower.
- C. In those cases where separate facilities are not available, have one gender enter the locker room and change into their uniforms. That gender would then leave the locker room, while the other gender enters the locker room and gets dressed. Both genders would then assemble in the locker room and hold the coach's pre-game meeting.
- D. Following the game and the coach's post game meeting, where separate facilities are not available, the second gender group enters the locker room and undresses/showers, while the first group waits outside until they have undressed/shower and left the room. Once the second group leaves, the first group enters the locker room and undresses/showers.

This should be done on a rotating basis (taking turns) so neither gender is always "last" to dress/undress and shower. Taking turns is a means of 'reasonable accommodation' so neither gender group is favored.

Reinforce to all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and parents at the beginning of each season at your organization's parents meetings that your organizations takes this issue seriously and has adopted a fair and equitable Co-Ed Locker Room Policy

Physical Abuse Policy

It is the policy of AHAI that there shall be no physical abuse of any of its or its Affiliate's sanctioned programs, its Tournaments or events, its Training Camps, Hockey Clinics, Coaches Clinics, Referee Clinics, District and National Tournaments, or other AHAI/USA Hockey events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Physical abuse means physical contact with a participant that intentionally causes the participant to sustain bodily harm or personal injury. Physical abuse also includes physical contact with a participant that intentionally creates a threat of immediate bodily harm or personal injury.

Physical abuse does not include physical contact that is reasonably designed to coach, teach or demonstrate a hockey skill. Permitted physical contact may include, but is not necessarily limited to, shooting pucks at a goaltender, demonstrating checking or other hockey skills, and communicating with participants during the course of a game or practice, by touching them in a non-threatening, non-sexual manner.

Sexual Abuse Policy

It is the policy of AHAI that there shall be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its or its Affiliate's sanctioned programs, its Tournaments or events, its Training Camps, Hockey Clinics, Coaches Clinics, Referee Clinics, District and National Tournaments, or other AHAI/USA Hockey events by an employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Sexual abuse of a minor participant occurs when an employee, volunteer or independent contractor touches a minor participant for the purpose of causing the sexual arousal or gratification of either the minor participant or the employee, volunteer or independent contractor.

Neither consent of the player to the sexual contact, mistakes to the participant's age, nor the fact the sexual contact did not take place at a hockey function are defenses to a complaint of sexual abuse.

Upon proof of violation of this policy, the violator will be permanently banned or suspended by AHAI/USA Hockey sanctioned programs and/or the programs of its Affiliate Associations.

HHC reserves the right to notify the appropriate authorities and recommend criminal charges are brought against anyone found in violation of either of these abuse policies.

Consumption Abuse Policy

It is the consideration of the Board of Directors of AHAI that consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances is detrimental to the healthy state of mind, body and spirit of an athletic participant. This is especially true of those participants aspiring to develop their talents in the furtherance of their playing, coaching, or officiating careers in the sport of ice hockey.

Therefore, with the best interests of its participants in mind, AHAI prohibits the use by any participant of mood altering substances during active participation in its programs, and upon discovery of any violation, shall take action to remove the participant from participation in its programs for a reasonable period of time.

Further, AHAI hereby recommends each and all of its teams, associations and affiliates adopt reasonable regulations concerning the prohibition of consumption/use/abuse of mood altering substances and a reasonable enforcement procedure thereafter, in order to maintain the health of our athlete participants, the integrity of our programs, and the eligibility of all our competitors for national, international and collegiate competition.

For the purposes of this policy, mood altering substances shall include the following;

1. Intoxicating beverages, including but not limited to alcohol.
2. Non-prescription or prescribed controlled substances.
3. Prescription or prescribed controlled substances when used to an excess in violation of doctor's orders or to produce the state of intoxication in the participant.

Further, a participant shall include players, coaches, referees, and all persons involved in the conduct of an ice hockey contest. USA Hockey and AHAI, through their Safety and Protective Equipment Committees, will develop a program of drug abuse awareness for players of all ages through 20 years, their parent and/or guardians and coaches of those players.

Property Damage Policy

Team managers are strongly recommended to check the condition of the locker room before and after all practices and games. Report any problems or damages you observe to the rink manager immediately. It would be unfortunate for any team to be blamed for damages done by another group. REMEMBER, YOUR TEAM WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES REPORTED DURING YOUR ICE TIME!!

Assessment for damages will be as follows:

1. Team fine of \$200.00
2. Plus cost of damages
3. Damages to the boards or glass are \$500. Advise your skaters and coaches NOT to hit slap shots at the boards or glass.

Hazing Policy

It is the policy of AHAI, USA Hockey and USA Hockey InLine that there shall be no hazing of any participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its Training Camps, Hockey Clinics, Coaches Clinics, Referee Seminars, District and National Tournaments or other AHAI, USA Hockey or USA Hockey InLine events by any employee, volunteer, participant or independent contractor.

Definition:

Conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, offensive, or physically harmful. Any player, team official, executive member of a Team, Club or Association having been party to or having had knowledge of any degrading hazing, or initiation rite, without reporting it or taking action, shall be subject to suspension from playing or holding office with any Team, Club or Association affiliated with AHAI and/or USA Hockey.

Game Limit Policy

AHAI has announced a new policy on game limits. The intent of this rule is to increase the practice to game ratio of all AHAI affiliate teams and to emulate the introduction of the USA Hockey American Development Model. Accordingly, commencing with the 2009 - 2010 season and continuing in the 2010-2011 season, AHAI has imposed team game limits at all USA Hockey age divisions. Game limits will be as follows.

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| Mite | Girls U 8 | = 35 games maximum |
| Squirt | Girls U10 | = 40 games maximum |
| Pee Wee | Girls U12 | = 45 games maximum |
| Bantam | Girls U14 | = 50 games maximum |
| Midget Minor | Girls U16 | = 60 games maximum |
| Midget Major | Girls U 19 | = 60 games maximum |
| High School | | = 60 games maximum |

Game limits include all league, tournament and practice games. All playoff games for League, State and National competition do not count toward the team game limits. The AHAI team game limits shall be mandatory for High School, Tier II and Tier III / House / Recreation teams and recommended for Tier I teams.

Any team violating the AHAI mandatory team game limits will be subject to disciplinary action at the AHAI Rules & Ethics Committee. Penalty may include suspension of the offending team from State tournament play, suspension of the coach and possible forfeiture of an organization's affiliate membership or its Tier I, Tier II or Tier III status.

The Huskies Hockey Club also participates in the following programs throughout the fall/winter season.

Skater Rewards Program

Huskies families have several ways to reduce the amount of fees paid during a season. It is even possible to eliminate your fees entirely! You can choose from several options to reduce your fees:

- Raffle Tickets – each family will receive raffle tickets included in the total fees paid. If the skater sells those tickets, they can recoup the monies paid for those tickets. \$300 total.
- Fannie Mae Candy – 20% rebate – Information to be distributed
- Sponsorship program – details will be released soon
- Metallic level sponsors. [See website for details]
- Volunteer Program – Volunteer your time for certain tournaments at IIC and receive credit or take place in the HHC Volunteer Rebate Program to help reduce your player's hockey fees.

The HHC is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation and support can be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor for details.

Skater fee credits are planned to be issued in March, 2011 with the maximum credit being a full skater fee.

AHAI Award Patches

Players are eligible to earn award patches throughout the season as recognition of superior achievement in their playing. These include:

Hat Trick – Skater scoring 3 goals in one game

Playmaker – Skaters registering 3 assists in one game

Zero Club – goaltenders playing a complete game without allowing a goal

The following rules apply to earning these distinctions:

The game must have been played as a league competition. Practice or exhibition games do not qualify. Sanctioned tournament games that include USA Hockey registered referees are eligible for this award.

Request for each award must be given to Michele Payne with the team name and level, date of the game and player's name. Please submit the requests to Michele and place the requests in Michele Payne's mailbox. All requests for patches are due by the end of the last game of the regular season.

There is a limit of ONE patch in each area of distinction for each skater.

Making the Grade

NIHL sponsors the “Making the Grade” Program.

All NIHL players will be eligible to participate in the program. In order to qualify, all first through 8th graders must have a straight “A” report card for a minimum of one grading period. High School participants must achieve a minimum of a “B” honor roll for at least one grading period.

All 1st through 8th grade participants that “make the grade” will receive a NIHL patch. All high school participants that “make the grade” will receive a NIHL plaque. We will accept non-alpha grades providing there is sufficient documentation provided that correlates the number to the “A” or “B” equivalent.

Please give a copy of the player’s report card, along with a note designating which team the player is on, to your team manager.

Academic Scholars

All 2010-2011 CSDHL players will be eligible to participate in the program. In order to qualify, 3rd through 8th graders must have a straight “A” report card for a minimum of one grading period. High School participants must achieve a minimum of a “B” honor roll for at least one grading period.

All 3rd through 8th grade participants that qualify for the Academic Scholar will receive a gift certificate. We will accept non-alpha grades providing there is sufficient documentation provided that correlates the number to the “A” or “B” equivalent.

Please give a copy of the player’s report card, along with a note designating which team the player is on, to your team manager.

Blackhawk Cup State Tournament

The Blackhawk Cup is a statewide tournament sponsored by the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois. The tournament is open to all teams registered AA, A and B travel in Illinois from the mite through midget levels and consists of single elimination play until the final eight teams remain. An entry fee is required to enter the elimination rounds. It is the responsibility of the team manager to register their team. The final eight teams will compete in a tournament that will result in a state champion for each respective level – mite through midget. Banners will be awarded to the top four teams. In addition, trophies/medals will be provided to the top three teams.

Registration for this tournament is usually done on-line. More information will be provided in December, 2010.

75/25 Eligibility

In order to be eligible to participate in the post-season (CSDHL or NIHL Playoffs or the Blackhawk Cup) a player must have played in at least 75% of the team's games. Suspensions and absences from games are taken into account when determining eligibility. If you are injured, these absences do not count against your eligibility status for CSDHL Playoffs, NIHL Playoffs or the State Tournament.

Huskies Affiliates -

Please refer to the Huskies Web Site www.huskieshockeyclub.com for further information on other hockey affiliates.

HUSKIES HOCKEY CLUB CONTACTS

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