



## About the Green Bay Jr. Gamblers

- TIER 1 Triple AAA Hockey organization with teams from Squirrt to Major Bantam
- We draw elite players from Northeast Wisconsin
- Committed to skill development. Skill sessions with Coaches and players from the USHL Green Bay Gamblers, one of the top TIER 1 Junior A Hockey programs in the United States.
- Compete against elite regional and national competition
- Evolved from a single Bantam team in 2001

## Our Mission

- The Jr. Gambler Association is dedicated to developing elite-level hockey players while maintaining an emphasis on education and high moral character.
- We challenge our players and coaches to stretch their talents to reach their highest potential – Junior hockey and beyond
- Emphasis is placed in developing high moral, character, leadership, respect, fair play, sportsmanship and a true love for the game of hockey.
- We are working hard to turn the Green Bay Junior Gamblers into one of the top AAA developmental programs in the US
- The success of our program will be measured by the accomplishments of our players both on and off the ice



## Coaches

Our coaches bring a passion for hockey, years of hockey experience and a commitment to player development.

## 2011/2012 Coaching Staff

Bantam Major: Head Coach John Mans

Bantam Minors: Head Coach: Mark Jaraczewski

Pee Wee Major: Head Coach: Mike Elkin

Pee Wee Minor: Head Coach Dennis Murvich

Squirrt: Head Coach: Matt Golden

See [www.jrgamblers.com](http://www.jrgamblers.com) for coach profiles

Hockey Director: Jon Rogger

Business Director: Neil Anderson

## Facilities

- We practice and play games in the Resch Center & Brown County Arena– two of the top facilities in the Midwest.
- Practices, home games, team meetings and possible tournaments held at Brown County & Resch Center.

## Advantages of Jr. Gambler AAA Hockey

- More Full Ice Practice Time
  - 1.5-2 hour full ice practices
  - Alternating week skill sessions for a total of 2 – 3 practices per week
  - Practice with the best
- Close working relationship with Green Bay Gamblers. Our Director of Hockey Operations is Jon Rogger, Assistant Coach of the Green Bay Gamblers
- Off Ice Training with Athletic Republic
- Higher level of competition
- High Level Coaching, Focus on Development
  - Skilled, hockey experienced coaches
  - Skills focused, high energy practices
- National Tournaments
- Predictable Scheduling in top Ice Facilities
- Optional Summer programs give the players more time to grow

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How do tryouts for the Jr. Gamblers work?**

**A:** Tryouts are open to any player. Two tryout sessions with a coach optional third. We will have a panel of

evaluators composed of other team coaches and qualified independent evaluators. Following the last session, we will hold a private conference to review tryout results and direction forward.

**Q: When are tryouts for the 2011-2012 season? Where do I get more info?**

**A:** Tryout information (forms/timing) for the 2011-2012 hockey season will be available to all interested players at [www.jrgamblers.com](http://www.jrgamblers.com) after 4/11/11.

## Player Tryout Profile:

Please see the Green Bay Junior Gambler Web Site for:

- The Player Tryout Profile Form
- Instruction Sheet
- What to bring to Tryouts including US Hockey Registration

Most skaters are from Northeastern Wisconsin and Michigan; however, we welcome skaters from all over the United States to attend our tryouts.

**Q: What is TIER 1 AAA Hockey and how does it differ from my local association?**

**A:** TIER 1 AAA Hockey is a classification of hockey that surpasses the A level of competition found at the typical youth hockey level. Strong, dedicated, elite level players from multiple communities come together and compete at a high level against other AAA teams. Levels of play are determined by a standardized system based on player birth years.

**Q: What about travel and tournaments?**

**A:** The reality of AAA hockey is that you travel to play teams of similar caliber. We schedule travel to keep the number of overnight stays at a minimum thus keeping costs down. A typical travel weekend consists of two games against the same team or two games Saturday and one Sunday morning. Away games are scheduled to accommodate morning travel on Saturday, and Sunday games will generally be completed by noon. There is no driving to three cities in two days to play three games. We plan on approximately 20 home games, 20 road games and tournaments; this varies by age.

**Q: Isn't playing for the Gamblers really expensive?**

**A:** Our annual player fees are higher than local associations but you get what you pay for.

More skill instruction = faster development of your player. With two 1.5 full ice practices per week and routine skill sessions we total over 100 hours of full ice practice and 20 home games. Local association dues commonly provide 1/3 of the practice time, and most of that time is half ice. In addition to practices Coaches /players from the Green Bay Gamblers, one of the top TIER 1 Junior A Hockey programs in the U.S. conduct routine skill sessions. Not only do we play the top teams in North America we compete in the best tournaments including the Nike-Bauer.

The Jr. Gamblers provide the tools and program to offset costs utilizing individual and corporate sponsorships. Individual players are able to solicit tax deductible sponsorships from companies and individuals to help cover the annual player fees and travel expenses. When combining the sponsorship program with our scrip and other fund raising opportunities, over 1/2 of our families have defrayed significant expense and many have covered 100% of their player fees and travel expense.

**Q: Aren't the Green Bay Junior Gamblers intense? Do the kids have fun?**

**A:** Yes, we do have higher level of expectation of our kids both on and off the ice. Our Coaching Staff works to bring out the best in kids including a strong work ethic and a respect for their team – life long lessons. These expectations are far more important than winning hockey games. Our kids work hard but they play hard too! Team-building activities, fun in the pool, attending professional hockey games when traveling and group dinners are all ways our kids have fun and form deep friendships.

**Q: What about the time commitment for practices?**

**A:** The practice and game schedules are set for the entire season by late summer. The practice nights and times remain consistent helping parents manage the time commitment. Many parents like the flexibility a predictable schedule has in carpooling and freeing them up for other family activities.

**Player Fees (2011-2012):**

Our 2011-2012 player fee structure Included in player fees are: practice and home game ice, league fees, tournaments, Off Ice Development with Athletic Republic, coaching stipend, team level specific expenses

Note, team and individual fundraising will significantly lower this number.

**Squirt (2001/02) - \$2,300**

2/1.5 hour practices per week plus skill session every other week and est. 40 games

**Pee Wee Minor (2000) - \$3,400**

2 /1.5- practices per week plus skill session every other week and est. 55 Games

**Pee Wee Major (1999) - \$3,400**

2 /1.5 practices per week plus skill session every other week and est. 55 Games

**Bantam Minor (1998) - \$3,500**

2/ 1.5 hour practices per week plus skill session every other week and est. 55 Games

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**Consult website for tryout dates- times:**

**[www.jrgamblers.com](http://www.jrgamblers.com)**

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