



BULLDOGS 2011-2012 Hockey Season

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Bulldog Hockey Club season. Please read all of the following information carefully.

REGISTRATION:

Prior to registration with the Bulldogs, AHAI requires that you register for the 2011-2012 season with USA Hockey, following these steps:

1. Go to www.usahockeyregistration.com
2. Click on "Ice Players & Coaches" and follow the prompts
3. Fee is \$43 per player. USA Hockey accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.
4. Printout or save your USA Hockey confirmation number as you will need it complete the Bulldogs on-line registration

Online Registration – registration for tryouts and regular season payments will be made on line at www.mcfetridgebulldoghockey.com - Questions: email bulldog.hockey.club@gmail.com

LEAGUE:

Bulldog Hockey Club will participate in the Travel (Tier II) Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) www.nihl.info

Travel Coaching Line-up:

Mite #1 (silver)

Greg Loose – Head Coach
TBD – Assistant Coach

Squirt #1 (gold)

Brad Czachor – Head Coach
Tim Scott – Assistant Coach
Igor Piatigorsky – Assistant Coach

Squirt #2 (silver)

Pete Zygowicz – Head Coach
TBD – Assistant Coach

U10 Girls (NIHL Girls)

Igor Piatagorsky – Head Coach

PeeWee #1 (gold)

Russ Naumenko – Head Coach
Mike Hebert - Assistant Coach
Pete Johnson -Assistant Coach

PeeWee #2 (silver)

Matt Del Core – Head Coach
Tony Cacciatore - Assistant Coach
Marty Mellon - Assistant Coach

Bantam #1 (silver)

Bart Czachor – Head Coach
Ryan Flynn – Assistant Coach
Goalie Coaching – Kage Sports
Kelly Gee
Micah Robbins

2011-2012 Fees -

Bulldog Hockey Board is continuing to finalize our ice contracts. At this point in time the fee schedule below is not finalized and provided to give you an approximation of the fees for the season. Registration fees will be announced as soon as ice contracts can be completed and practice schedules are confirmed.

Mite #1, Squirt #2, PeeWee #2	Approx. cost	Squirt #1, PeeWee #1, Bantam	Approx. cost
Season Fee (approximately)	\$2700	Season Fee (approximately)	\$2900
Jerseys (home, away and practice)	\$225	Jerseys (home, away and practice)	\$225
Socks	\$50	Socks	\$50
Warm-ups (optional)	\$125	Warm-ups (optional)	\$125
Tournaments	\$200	Tournaments	\$200
Total approx cost	\$3,300.00	Total approx. cost	\$3,500.00

Registration fees can be paid in four equal installments. When paying your fee for the season you will be given the option to pay in full or distribute payment in four equal installments as follows (September 13, 2011 October 15, 2011, November 15, 2011, and January 15, 2011).

Season Fee includes – ice time for practices, skills and league home games, coaching fee, NIHL league fees and referees for home games.

Uniforms and Jerseys

Jerseys, socks and warm-ups – are at an additional cost as listed above and will be purchased on roster signing day September 13, 2011. **Every attempt will be made to have Jerseys numbered by the first game. In the event that jerseys are not available for the first game, teams will wear their practice jerseys.**

The official Bulldog Hockey Club uniform includes black helmet and pants. If this is equipment that you will be replacing this season for your child – please purchase black.

Regular team jersey numbering – The Bulldog Hockey Club has a Bulldog Hockey player database which includes the current jersey numbers of all players who participated on a Bulldog team in the 2010-2011 NIHL season. Players will be given the option to provide 3 jersey number choices when they register for tryouts. Available numbers will be assigned first come first served based on the order that players register for tryouts. An available jersey number will be assigned to each person that does not match any player number currently in our player number database on either side of their birth year. Example – 2001 player needing a jersey number assignment will have their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices matched against all players currently in the player number database for 2002 and 2000 to find an available unique jersey number.

Any player currently in the Bulldog Hockey player number database wishing to change their jersey number (because they are purchasing a new jersey) will need to follow the same procedure as listed above. If you are currently in the Bulldog Hockey player number database and do not intend to purchase a new jersey it is not necessary for you to provide a number choice when registering for tryouts.

Goalies

All goalies will pay \$1900 registration fee. (all other fees for Jerseys, socks, warm-ups and tournaments are as indicated above)

Again for the 2011-2012 Season the Bulldogs have partnered with Kelly Gee and Kage Sports to provide additional goalie coaching. Micah Robbins from Kage Sports will be our goaltender consultant to provide goalie clinics and team practice visits throughout the season.

In preparation for the 2011-2012 season, Kage Sports will be running a 2 hour goalie clinic on August 28 from 1-3pm at Heartland Ice Arena. At the clinic you will get a chance to meet Kelly Gee and Micah Robbins the goalie consultant assigned to the Bulldogs for the upcoming season. Each goalie will leave the clinic with a written evaluation from Kelly Gee giving them an assessment of that goalie's strengths and weaknesses. This clinic is open to Bulldog house league goalies. See tryout flyer for information on pricing.

Girls Hockey

Bulldog Hockey Club is in the process of finalizing plans for their girls hockey teams. Please contact Kim Watts, Girls Hockey Coordinator for information on tryouts, schedule, coaches and registration fees.

Kim Watts
Bulldog Girls Hockey Coordinator
Phone – 773-391-1089
Email – kwatts@childrensmemorial.org

Skills

Bulldogs Hockey Club is committed to providing opportunities for players to increase their individual skills. We are in the process of finalizing contracts with outside vendors to provide weekly skill development. Skill development sessions are included in your registration fee and will be at no additional charge.

The Bulldogs are pleased to announce that we have contracted with Kenny McCudden to provide weekly skills sessions for our PeeWee#2 and Bantam teams. Contracts for all other teams are currently in process.

Financial Aid and Fundraising

The cost of playing travel hockey is high, largely due to the cost of ice time. Throughout the season Bulldog Hockey Club will announce fundraising programs that will give you the opportunity to raise funds and receive registration fee rebates.

In the 2010-2011 season, Bulldog Hockey Club sold Football mania tickets, held a skate-a-thon and sold website sponsorships. 50% of the funds raised were used to offset individual player registration fees. Similar programs are being looked at for the 2011-2012 season. A complete financial aid and fund raising packet will be distributed as soon as it is available.

Scholarships

Bulldog Hockey Club raises money to help provide partial scholarships to families in need. If you plan to apply for a partial scholarship – please speak with one of the Bulldog Hockey Club board members listed below before tryouts to obtain an application. The Bulldog Hockey Club is committed to working with families (within reason) regarding their financial situation.

Bill Wolf (President)
williamtwolf@sbcglobal.net

Rob Hall
rob.hall@covchurch.org

Tryout Procedure

First and foremost, the Bulldog Hockey Club seeks to conduct the tryouts in an organized and fair fashion. This can be a stressful time for both the players and their parents. While we want it to be a competitive event which brings out the best in the players, we also do not want it to demoralize or belittle the players or parents involved.

1. All players must be registered and paid the registration fee prior to stepping on the ice at tryouts. You can pre-register for tryouts on the website at www.mcfetridgebulldoghockey.com.
2. When a player checks-in he or she is given a numbered pullover. The number from the pullover will be entered onto the Evaluation Roster next to the player's name. Players may not request a certain number-they get the number they are given. The player will be assigned the same number for all tryout sessions.
3. Pullover colors will be alternated - first player to arrive at the rink gets a white pullover, the second player a black, the third a white, and so on.
4. Players are required to turn in their pullovers at the end of each session. A registration volunteer will be at the exit door to collect all tryout pullovers.
5. Bulldog Hockey Club will use one of the two methods for announcing teams. Coaches will determine prior to tryouts which of the following two methods of announcing the teams will be used at that age level:
 - a. In the Locker Room after the last tryout – If this method is chosen the player will turn in their pullover and be told which locker room to go to meet their coach who will tell the player which team he is on.
 - b. Within 24 hours of Tryout – If this method is chosen the player will be informed within 24 hours by either personal contact or phone call by the coach, manager or MHA representative.
6. Rosters will be posted on the website only after all players have been informed which team they have made.