



**Hawks 2011 – 2012 Season
Fall Registration Guide**



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Dear Chicago Hawks Families,

Welcome to the fall 2011-2012 hockey season! The following registration guide will provide specific information about participating in and registering your player with the Chicago Hawks.

The Hawks are entering into our 6th season at the Darien Sportsplex, our 29th season overall. I am proud to say that our member numbers are greater than ever. We are projecting 23 teams this season and are thrilled to offer what we believe to be the best program and the best coaching staff in Illinois.

It has been a busy summer for the Board of Directors of the Chicago Hawks. We, along with Hockey Director Kyle Kotrba, and Assistant Hockey Director Mike Bloome, have been working hard to enhance our program so that we can further challenge our players, improve training opportunities, measure skills development and increase safety awareness.

Here are a few of the enhancements we are rolling out this fall:

- **CS & NIHL Skills Night Monday** – A revamped Power Skate night combining off-ice dry land training with on-ice training instruction utilizing one of the best power skaters in the country, Yevgeny Martynov (Skating for Hockey Agility).
- **Shooting Tunnels** – Two new shooting tunnels in the field house for training.
- **Performance Training** – Increase player performance by focusing on balance, core strength and stability, reactive training, SAQ training, strength and power (Functional Athlete).
- **Enhanced Skills Fall Conditioning Offering** – We are augmenting our Hawks conditioning program by offering an optional, accelerated skills/stick-handling camp instructed by Sean Skinner (Skinner Hockey Instruction).
- **IMPACT Baseline Testing** – Baseline pre-concussion, cognitive testing will be offered for age-appropriate members.
- **Skills Progression Criteria** – Implementation and tracking of USA Hockey guidelines to measure skills development.
- **Improved Goalie Clinics** – Consistent shooters, instruction and stations.
- **Website Development** – Improved site design, content and function.

Please take note of two important changes for the 2011-2012 fall season. First, the Chicago Hawks will require **red pants (or shells) and red helmets** for players on all teams (excluding In-House, Silver Mites and Goalies) as it is important for our teams to be uniform in dress. The deadline for this requirement is 10/1/2011. Second, a change for most of us this fall will come as a result of USA Hockey's Board of Directors overwhelmingly passing all aspects of the Progressive Checking Skill Development Program during its 2011 Annual Congress. The program **delays body checking to the Bantam level and encourages more body contact in the pre-body checking age categories**. Enhanced training and



support for coaches and referees will be a provided component. As club parents we, too, will be re-learning our view of the game from the stands!

Below I have listed some important dates to keep in mind as we make our way through what can be a busy fall. If I have not done so already, I hope to meet you at one of our upcoming events. Hawksfest on September 17 is a fun time for the kids and a great way to get "back to hockey." The Octoberfest fundraiser on October 22 will be a wonderful way for us parents to get to know each other outside the rink.

I look forward to another great hockey season. As always, thank you for choosing the Chicago Hawks Hockey Club.

Regards,

Greg Walch

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President
Chicago Hawks Hockey Club

Important Chicago Hawks Dates:

- Fall Conditioning: August 21-31, 2011
- Fall CSDHL & NIHL Evaluations/Tryouts: Begin September 1, 2011
- Fall NWHL Evaluations: Begin September 9, 2011
- Hawksfest: September 17, 2011 Welcome back BBQ @ Darien Sportsplex
- Hawks Hosted Chicago Steel Game: September 17, 2011 @ Darien Sportsplex
- Hawktoberfest Tournament: October 7-10, 2011 - Silver Mites, Mites & Squirts
- Octoberfest: October 22, 2011 Parent Event @ Arabian Knights Farm
- Silver Sticks Tournament: November 23-27, 2011 @ Darien Sportsplex
- Hawks Weekend: December 11-12, 2011 @ Darien Sportsplex
- NIHL Championship Weekends: March 2-4 (Elite/Gold) & March 9-11, 2012 @ TBD



Chicago Hawks Fall Hockey Programs

The Chicago Hawks offer many hockey alternatives from house league play to high level travel hockey. Our travel program is one of the most respected and successful hockey programs in Illinois. The travel program focuses on competitive success while developing the skills of all players. Professional hockey coaches, selected for their teaching and coaching abilities, leadership qualities, and dedication to youth hockey, coach the Hawks Travel teams. The quality of our professional coaching staff is what sets us above all other youth hockey organizations.

Players selected to participate on a Hawks Travel hockey team are expected to attend all scheduled practices and games. This time commitment is critical to the growth of the player and success of the team. In addition to the regularly scheduled practices/games, Travel hockey players are expected to attend an on-ice skills training session that will focus on power skating and individual skill development. Each Hawks Travel hockey player can plan on skating approximately 3-5 times per week. In addition, each Hawks Travel team may compete in 2 out-of-town tournaments per season.

The hockey season starts in mid-August and ends in early March. Pre-season clinics begin August 21 and tryouts begin September 1.

Our practice plans will be designed to develop skills, build hockey confidence, teach the game of hockey, and most importantly, grow the love of the game in each player. We want to provide an environment that will bring out the best each player has to offer. We have put in place a progressive skill development plan that will be followed by all teams so that player's skills are being monitored. Skills needing extra attention will be worked on throughout the course of the season. All teams will have access to the new shooting tunnels in the Field House. This will give all of our players the opportunity to work on their shooting with their coach throughout the week.

Our goal is to put each player in a position that will allow them a chance to succeed while at the same time challenging them and teaching them how to deal with adversity. We want all players to develop a sense of fair play and good sportsmanship.



The Hawks Travel Program fields teams in the following leagues:

Central States Developmental Hockey League

The Hawks will play at the Midget minor, Bantam Major and Bantam minor levels in the Central States Developmental League (CSDHL). The CSDHL is highly competitive and specifically designed for elite Tier II hockey teams within Illinois and the Central States region. <http://www.csdhl.org/>

Northern Illinois Hockey League

The Hawks will continue with our tradition of playing competitive travel hockey in the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) this season. <http://www.nihl.info>

Northwest Hockey League

The Hawks travel house teams will again be in the Northwest Hockey League. We believe NWHL offers our teams top rate hockey along with a competitive schedule. With their multiple tiering schedule, it ensures that we will find the right competition for all of our teams. <http://www.nwhleague.com/>

Other, non-travel, hockey programs we offer or are affiliated with are as follows:

Silver Mites

Silver Mites is an introduction to hockey that will continue with the ADM training method: many players on the ice to keep fees down, broken up into skill groups, and multiple coaches. It is specifically designed for players born in 2004, 2005 & 2006. Five or six year-olds who are new to hockey and average skaters would be best suited for this program. Silver Mites practice twice during the week and play one game every Sunday. The first session runs September—December 2011, and the second session runs January – March 2012. Fees include socks and jerseys.

Darien In-House League

We work in cooperation with the Darien Park District to offer the largest In-House program in the area. Last year we fielded ten teams and had three sessions of in-house during fall, winter and spring. This league is for players 6-14 years of age. You must register through the Darien Sportsplex. Evaluations are September 10 and 11. <http://www.dariensportsplex.com/online.shtml>



Chicago Hawks Home Ice Format

The Hawks plan to offer the following home ice format. This does **NOT** include any “away” game time slots that could be scheduled at any point during the week.

In-House	Combined practice Saturday morning and one game Sunday morning (no away games).
NWHL	Skills Monday, combined practice Friday and one home game slot on either Saturday or Sunday afternoon every week.
NIHL	Power Skate Monday, combined practice, one full ice practice during the week and one home game slot on either Saturday or Sunday every week.
CSDHL	Power Skate Monday, combined practice or roll over slot on Tuesday (coach discretion), one full ice practice on Thursday and one home game slot per weekend. Note there will be weekends with three games slots.
Midgets	Tuesday and Thursday full ice practices and one game home slot per weekend. Note for Central states team there will be weekends with three game slots.

Monday Nights

- *Central States/NIHL*

Our plan is to use every Monday night to build on ice and off-ice skills that are needed for the advancement and enjoyment of the game of hockey. Power Skate Mondays will be a revamped Power Skate night utilizing one of the best power skaters in the country, Yevgeny Martynov (Skating for Hockey Agility). Also we will turn the Field House into the largest off ice hockey training facility in the area. Off-ice training will be provided by personal trainers from The Functional Athlete.

- *NWHL*

The Northwest teams will have skills training provided by Rocky Saganuik and other guest coaches. Skating, stick handling, and shooting, along with the proper body contact and balance will all be taught. We have lengthened the slots from last season for the Northwest teams on Mondays to allow more time to focus on development.



Fall Skills Camp, Conditioning Dates & Format

This year the Hawks will be offering two different optional conditioning opportunities. For \$195, Hawks players Mite 2003 and older can register for a skills camp with Sean Skinner, August 21-25. To find out more information on Sean Skinner go to <http://www.skinnerhockey.com>. Also, Hawks coaches will be offering three hours of conditioning for \$60. In addition to these two camps, the Hawks will have a goalie clinic run by Hawks Goalie Director, Ross McKay. This will be offered for two nights and goalies that sign up for this can also attend the Sean Skinner camp free of charge. Players can register for either or both. These will help prepare your player for their upcoming tryouts. **Please see the complete conditioning schedule online at the Hawks website.**

Tryout Dates & Format

To accommodate holiday plans on Labor Day weekend, tryouts will begin at the Darien Sportsplex on Thursday, September 1 and continue through Saturday afternoon September 3. Everyone will be off Saturday evening, Sunday and Monday. Tryouts will resume Tuesday, September 6, and conclude Thursday, September 8, depending on the level. The complete tryout schedule will be posted on the website.

Like last year, groups will be by birth year and in some instances birth year and alphabetical. This is so group size on the ice is manageable for all the coaches to evaluate properly. It is important to note teams are not selected by birth year, but by ability. After the first night of tryouts, we will email every player their group assignments. It is critical to have an email on file that parents will check over the entire weekend. **Please see the tryout schedule online at the Hawks website.**

We will select our teams based on talent and make up of teams. While we try to accommodate all league requests, we do not guarantee that your player will be placed in the league you request and your player may not make the team they are hoping for. They may be placed at a lower level that we feel is better suited for their skill level. For example, a player trying out for a NIHL team may be placed on a NWHL team.

New this year, the first night only of tryouts at each level will be open to parents for viewing. Parents will be allowed to watch from the stands but will not be allowed to watch upstairs from the cat walk area. Parents will not be allowed to approach coaches on these nights during tryouts. After the first night, only players and Chicago Hawks coaches will be allowed in the rinks. Please do not put anyone in an uncomfortable situation and respect this policy.



Registration Information 2011-2012

The Chicago Hawks Hockey Club uses an online registration system. All registration will be done online, from completion of forms to payment of fees.

Here are the registration requirements:

1. Register with USA Hockey (www.usahockeyregistration.com). This registration is mandatory, and must be done online. Players may not attend tryouts or register to play with the Chicago Hawks until this step has been completed.
2. Visit the Chicago Hawks website (www.chicagohawks.com) to register for the 2011-2012 season. There is a "Registration" button on the home page that will guide users through the process, including payment of fees.
3. Player registration for the Chicago Hawks begins the week of August 8. Online registration must be completed by midnight August 30, 2011.
4. After August 30, 2011, players will only be able to register as a walk-in at tryouts, and will pay an additional \$25 fee.

Registration Notes:

- No refunds are allowed after registration is completed.
- No skater will be allowed to take the ice for conditioning and/or tryouts if they do not meet the registration requirements.
- The Hawks Hockey Club Board of Directors reserves the right to add or drop a team at any level.

Please contact Todd Lipinski, Chicago Hawks Registrar, with questions regarding registration at registrar@chicagohawks.com.



2011-2012 Fees:

LEVEL (BIRTH YEAR)	NIHL & CSDHL	NWHL
Mite (2003 & Younger)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 (Mite 03 only) Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Tryout fee \$150 NIHL fee \$2995	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 (Mite 03 only) Conditioning fee - 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Evaluation fee \$100 NWHL fee \$1995
Squirt (2001-2002)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Tryout fee \$150 NIHL fee \$3495	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Evaluation fee \$100 NWHL fee \$2495
Peewee (1999-2000)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Tryout fee \$150 NIHL fee \$3595	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Evaluation fee \$100 NWHL fee \$2595
Bantam (1997-1998)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Tryout fee \$150 NIHL fee \$3795 CSDHL fee \$3995 (includes Club paid entrance into Bauer Invitational AAA Tournament, November 4-6)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Evaluation fee \$100 NWHL fee \$2795
Midget (1993-1996)	Hawks Skills Camp w/ Sean Skinner - \$195 Conditioning fee – 3 hours with Hawks coaches \$60 Tryout fee \$150 CSDHL fee \$4295 (includes Club paid entrance into Bauer Invitational AAA Tournament, November 4-6) Additional midget teams and fees will be established based on registration numbers. If you have questions related to our midget programs, please contact Mike Bloome.	N/A

- Goalies pay full fees for tryouts and conditioning clinic but regular season fees are 50% of their respective level.
- Silver Mites will pay \$595.00 for each three month session, and a \$50 evaluation fee.



Fall 2011 – 2012 Coaches

Mites

Mite 1 NIHL Head Coach: Rocky Saganuik
Mite 2 NIHL Head Coach: Jim McKeague
Mite 3 NIHL Head Coach: Brandon Lewandowski
Mite NWHL Head Coach: Tyson Fraser
Mite NWHL Head Coach: Jon Grzbek
Silver Mite Director: Tony Rossi

Squirts

Squirt 1 NIHL Head Coach: Rocky Saganuik
Squirt 2 NIHL Head Coach: Mike Smolen
Squirt 3 NIHL Head Coach: Ryan Skvarenia
Squirt NWHL Head Coach: Bob Neimann
Squirt NWHL Head Coach: Paul Peseski
Squirt NWHL Head Coach: Brett Varchetto

PeeWees

PeeWee 1 NIHL Head Coach: Mike Whalen
PeeWee 2 NIHL Head Coach: Rick Rooney
PeeWee 3 NIHL Head Coach: Dennis Bresingham
PeeWee NWHL Head Coach: Tim Vlcek
PeeWee NWHL Head Coach: Mike Glowa

Bantams

Bantam CSDHL Major: Marc Rogers
Bantam CSDHL Minor: Pete Volpe
Bantam 1 NIHL: Keith Pfister
Bantam NWHL: Mike Smolen

Midgets

Midget CSDHL Minor: Kris Koski
If fielded, additional midget teams will be coached by Willis Griffin

Hockey Director: Kyle Kotrba
Assistant Hockey Director: Mike Bloome
Goalie Director: Ross McKay



Fundraising & Corporate Sponsorships

SAVE ON YOUR PLAYERS 2011-2012 SKATER FEES!

Web Ads/Sponsors

Ad space is available on the Chicago Hawks Hockey website. This is a great way to support your favorite player, team and the Chicago Hawks. 70% of the value of each web ad/sponsor that you bring to the club will be credited to your designated skater's fees. Website ad opportunities are available all season. The 70% credit will be refunded via check at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 season.

Please contact Dolores at doloresmcl@yahoo.com with any questions about ads.

Auction Items

The Chicago Hawks Hockey Club will accept donations for our Octoberfest Party on October 22nd and for Hawks Holiday Fest the weekend of December 10-11. When you donate items for a Chicago Hawks event, 50% of the item's selling price will be credited to the designated skater's fee. The 50% credit will be refunded via check at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 season.

Please contact Dolores at doloresmcl@yahoo.com for questions about donations or to make arrangements to drop off your donations.

Corporate Sponsors

The Chicago Hawks are looking for Corporate Sponsors. We will tailor a sponsorship package to meet your objectives. Corporate sponsors may also sponsor a specific team to underwrite tournaments costs. For more details, please contact Dolores at doloresmcl@yahoo.com.

Visit the Chicago Hawks website www.chicagohawks.com to download fundraising forms.

Parent Night Out Fundraiser

Join the fun and get to know other Chicago Hawks parents away from the hockey rink!

Chicago Hawks Octoberfest Party
Saturday, October 22, 2011
7p.m. – 11p.m.
Arabian Knights Farm
6520 S. Clarendon Hills Rd.

Tickets \$40 – includes buffet dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, DJ, dancing, Chicago Blackhawk's game on Jumbotron, auction, raffles, bean bags, basketball hoops, arcade and much more!!



Volunteer Obligation

The Chicago Hawks is a not-for profit organization that relies on volunteers to provide its programs. For the 2011-2012 season, the Chicago Hawks are continuing with our Volunteer Obligation Policy. Each family is required to donate five hours of their time at a Hawks event, beginning with fall conditioning and tryouts and ending with spring registration and tryouts. Volunteering at tournaments, banquets, and our back-to-hockey event can also satisfy volunteer obligations.

To secure this obligation, managers will collect a \$100 check (post-dated to March 15th, 2012) from each family. When the family fulfills their volunteer obligation, their check will be returned to them. Volunteers will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Please keep in mind that volunteer opportunities may not be available later in the season, so please volunteer early. Rostered coaches and managers fulfill their obligation once they have been in their defined role for the duration of the season.

We realize that all families are not in a position to volunteer their time, so we offer a buy-out option. Families can choose to pay an additional \$100 to the Chicago Hawks when they register to cover their volunteer obligation.

Here's how the two choices will be presented to you in the online registration module:

1. I make a commitment to the Volunteer Program. I agree to write a check payable to Chicago Hawks dated March 15th, 2012 to serve as security for this commitment and which will be delivered to the Hawks no later than September 15th, 2011. I acknowledge that if I do not submit my check by the stated deadline above, my player(s) will not be able to participate in any scheduled league games until I/we submit our deposit check. I understand my check will be returned to me upon my completion of my five hours of volunteer service. In addition, I understand that if my family does not complete its 5 hours of service by March 15th of 2012, I/we will forfeit the full \$100 deposit, and no refund will be issued.
2. I/we waive our volunteer obligation to the Hawks by choosing the buy-out option which means I/we will be paying the \$100 fee to the Volunteer Program at the time of player registration.



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