



2011-12 Fall Season

Thank you for your interest in the Chicago Hawks Hockey Club. Our club is committed to the advancement of each player. With this commitment comes a responsibility to ensure that every player is placed on the most appropriate team based on the player's abilities and his/her opportunity to develop both on and off the ice. Knowing how important this process is, we have done all we can to be certain that the process will be fair and thorough.

Below is some additional information to help you understand tryouts and evaluations. After reading this letter, if you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We will gladly answer any follow-up questions. Finally, while team selection is important, what truly matters is total enjoyment and overall development of our players. To that end, we at the Chicago Hawks will do our very best to make this a great season for your family.

### **Teams**

Our intentions are to field the following teams this season (subject to change):

- Three Mite NIHL teams, two Mite NW teams
- Three Squirt NIHL teams, three Squirt NW teams
- Three Peewee NIHL teams, two Peewee NW teams
- Two Bantam Central States teams, one Bantam NIHL team, one Bantam NW team
- One Midget Minor Central States team, one Midget Minor tournament team, one Midget Major tournament team

### **Tryouts**

Central States and NIHL teams will be formed as a result of performance at tryouts scheduled between September 1 and September 8.

- Day one of tryouts will be open and consist of skill evaluation and timed drills
- Day two and subsequent days will be closed and consist of drills and scrimmages

Sessions will be conducted by our fall coaches, led by me, as Hockey Director. Please see our website for a listing of coaches and bios. The respective Head Coaches, using input from all staff and Hockey Directors, will make final team selections.

### **Notification**

All players will receive a tryout/evaluation jersey with a number that will be used to designate **on-ice** group assignments. This jersey **MUST** be worn every night of tryouts/evaluations. Parents should go to our website after day one and every day their player is scheduled to skate to see if their player's group assignment has changed. Changes will occur often and can be made up until 2 hours before each levels first scheduled skate for that day. Tryout/evaluation notifications via web postings on the Chicago Hawks website, [www.chicagohawks.com](http://www.chicagohawks.com), will be listed by an abbreviated USAH# (example #123456789JONES will be listed on website as #123456789)

Players will be notified of their final team selection via web postings on the Chicago Hawks website, [www.chicagohawks.com](http://www.chicagohawks.com) within 48 hours of their group's final scrimmage via the same abbreviated format.



### **Players who do not make a Central States/NIHL team**

Players that signed up for Central States and NIHL tryouts and are NOT selected for a team will need to attend Northwest evaluations. Dates and times will be on the website. Any player NOT attending or notifying the Hockey Director of an absence will not be selected for a Northwest team. NWHL rosters are filled on a first come, first served basis. A player's position in line for these rosters will be determined by the time stamp and order number in the event we have more NWHL registered players than positions available. If a player tries out for NIHL or CS, but does not make a team, they will be placed in line for the NWHL rosters based on the overall order number and time stamp of your initial registration.

### **Northwest Evaluations**

Players that signed up for Northwest Evaluations and players who attended Central States and NIHL tryouts, but were NOT selected for a Central States or NIHL team will attend Northwest evaluations on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10. These evaluations are all open to spectators to observe. They will be conducted using the same format as the CS and NIHL tryouts.

- Day one of evaluations will be open and consist of skill evaluation and timed drills
- Day two of evaluations will be open and consist of drills and scrimmages

### **Introductory Meeting**

You are welcome to attend an introductory meeting in the lobby ten minutes before your player's first tryout or evaluation session. At the meeting we will be able to explain our plans in more detail and introduce you to some of the coaches who will help you through the team assignment process.

### **Reminders**

- Please arrive one hour before your first ice slot to check in.
- Players that have not registered with USA Hockey and the Chicago Hawks will not be able to participate in the tryout/evaluation process.
- Please check our website often as dates and times may change and group assignments may change more than once.
- All players will receive a tryout or evaluation jersey and the number will be recorded. Players are **NOT ALLOWED TO CHANGE JERSEYS TO GET A SPECIFIC NUMBER OR SIZE.**
- Any player not selected for Central States or NIHL MUST attend NWHL evaluations.
- All travel players will be required to visit Total Hockey Fall Player Fitting Table in Darien Sportsplex lobby during Tryouts/Evaluations for appropriate uniform sizing. Sizing Dates & Times: 8/31-9/2 from 5 – 9pm (Wed – Fri), 9/6–9/7 from 5 – 9pm (Tues and Wed), 9/10 10-2pm (Sat).



Again, thank you for your interest in the Chicago Hawks. We appreciate you placing your trust and confidence in us. We look forward to mentoring your child and teaching them life lessons through the great game of hockey. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at [tryouts@chicagohawks.com](mailto:tryouts@chicagohawks.com). See you at tryouts and evaluations!

Regards,

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