



BLUEHAWKS DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS

Welcome to the Northbrook Hockey Leagues 2011-2012 Developmental Hockey Program.

The format of our developmental program is for each session to be offered by season, which allows us to place your child on a House League team as soon as the basic skills are acquired. Our Seasonal offerings should allow your child to try hockey as well as other sports with many family's busy schedules in mind. We also offer developmental programs in conjunction with the Northbrook Park District to fit the needs for our incoming Bluehawks. Please see the program overviews below for the different options.

Little Blues Hockey – will be offered through the **Park Districts** Program .These classes are the next stage after players can balance and skate without assistance. The players will be introduced to basic hockey skating skills and taught fundamental puckhandling skills with a stick. Please check the **Fall and Winter Park District Guide** for the Class dates and times. Please register for these classes with the Northbrook Park District.

Pre-Mites – This is a Bluehawks program and is for players that have progressed through and are ready for more challenging developmental skills and also prepared to be introduced to playing in small games and scrimmages. This program will focus on skating and stickhandling skills as well as some short games at the end of each session.

All sessions are 40 to 45 minutes in length. **(See the back side of this sheet for the full schedule)**

It is strongly recommended that players wear full equipment to every session.

Hockey skates and sticks are required. All players receive a Bluehawks jersey and socks.

The Pre-Mite program will be offered in three seasons Fall, Winter and Spring.

Players should be 4 to 8 years old and should have taken a skating class or be able to skate and balance independently.

- **Fall sessions** will be offered on Sundays at 10:20 am, (September 18th – November 13th)
- **Winter sessions** are offered on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm or Sundays at 10:20 am.

Session # 1 – November 20 – late January

Session # 2 - February 1st - late March

You may also register for both days at a discounted rate.

- **Spring sessions** will begin in April and last till mid May.

During our first sessions we will evaluate all the players and place them in their proper group skill level on the ice. The sessions will focus on developing players present skills and also slowly introduce new challenging concepts through repetition and fun drills. As players improve we will assess their ability to advance on to the next level within the same season of classes. Our goal is to introduce young players to the skills of the game in a low pressure learning environment and most importantly to have FUN.

Our desire is to make this a positive experience for all the children, building their self esteem and confidence each week !

For parents that are unsure what program to sign their children up for, please contact our Developmental Director, **Rich Blakey (262-497-0705)**

The Northbrook Park District classes are staffed by our professional instructors. We encourage you to get your players on the ice as much as possible and these classes can provide you with an additional opportunity to accomplish that.

Please check the Park District 2011 Fall guide for Little Blues class times and registration.

We are dedicated to making this years programs successful and welcome any and all comments and questions !

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BLUEHAWKS 2011 - 12 PRE-MITE SCHEDULE

Fall Session 9 - sessions / Cost - \$89

Sundays – (10:20 – 11:05 am)

September – 18, 25

October - 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November – 6, 13

Winter Session I 7 – sessions each / Cost - one day \$89 or both \$ 149

Sundays – (10:20 – 11:05 am)

November – 20

December – 4, 18

January – 8, 15, 22, 29

Wednesdays – (6:35 – 7:20 pm)

November – 30

December – 7, 14

January - 4, 11, 18, 25

Winter Session II 7 – sessions each / Cost - one day \$ 89 or both \$ 149

Sundays - sessions

February - 5, 12, 26 (10:20 am – 11:05 am)

March - 4, (9:45 am – 10:35 am)

March – 11 (9:30 am – 10:20 am)

March - 18. & March 25 (9:45 am – 10:35 am)

Weekday – sessions

February – 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (6:35 pm – 7:20pm) Wednesdays

March – 5 (5:30 pm – 6:20pm) Monday

March – 14 (5:50 pm – 6:40pm) Wednesday

Spring Sessions - To Be Announced in February –

**** Generally Six Sunday late afternoon session in April and May**

***Please use the enclosed registration form to register for sessions ASAP.
Class size is limited and generally fills quickly.***