



# Northbrook Hockey Spring 2020 Program



Welcome to the Northbrook Hockey League Spring Development Program. NBHL will again offer travel and house league teams at the Squirt/10U (2010 and 2011 birth year), PeeWee/12U (2008 and 2009), and Bantam/14U (2006 and 2007) levels. While the number of teams will depend on the number of registered players, NBHL intends to offer three travel teams and one to two house teams in each age bracket.

2020 Spring will stress skills and player development. Practices at all levels will focus on player development with emphasis on skating, stickhandling, shooting, and hockey skills. Pre-season skates will begin the week of 3/6/20 and tryouts will begin 3/9/2020. The tryout schedule will be posted soon and spring season team schedules will be posted in conjunction with team rosters.

## House Program Highlights - Spring 2020

The House League Program is open to all players Squirt to Bantam (Birth Years 2006 - 2011). The season will consist of 6-8 Practices and 6-8 games.

### Spring House Program Price:

- Squirts (2010-2011 Birth Year) = \$425, Goalie = \$200
- PeeWee (2008-2009 Birth Year) = \$425, Goalie = \$200
- Bantam (2006-2007 Birth Year) = \$450, Goalie = \$225

**For House Program questions contact:** Mike Melnick @ [mmelnick2@gmail.com](mailto:mmelnick2@gmail.com) or Ken Johnson @ [kbjis@yahoo.com](mailto:kbjis@yahoo.com)

## Travel Program Highlights - Spring 2020

The Spring Travel Program is designed for players who intend to participate in the travel program in the fall of 2020.

- **Spring Season travel registration includes:**
  - A pre-season skate (players must register before stepping on the ice for pre-season clinics)
  - Tryouts (3/9-3/13) and 2 post-tryout skills sessions with Boultonbee (3/15-3/19)
  - Practices, two per team per week, will emphasize fundamental skills, game concepts, game play
  - Tournaments and Games (see details below)
  - 4 dedicated **goalkeeper training sessions**
  - Bantam - MANDATORY checking instruction for 2007s (3/5-3/6)
- **Tournaments and games** – all travel players will play 10~12 games. Tournament play will be emphasized and additional games against Chicago area clubs will supplement tournaments.
  - All Travel teams will participate in the Vernon Hills Glacier Invitational (May 15-20)
  - Bantam 1 & Bantam 2 will participate in the Krolak Cup (April 15-19)
  - Squirt 1, PeeWee 1, and Bantam 1 will participate in the Chicago Shootout (May 1-3)
  - Squirt, PeeWee, and Bantam 2 and 3 teams will participate in the MyHockey Spring Classic (April 24-26)
  - All teams except Bantam 1 and Bantam 2 will play additional games against local teams

### Travel Program Price:

- Squirt Travel (2010-2011 Birth Year) Skater = \$670, Goalie = \$370
- PeeWee Travel (2008-2009 Birth Year) Skater = \$670, Goalie = \$370
- Bantam Travel (2006-2007 Birth Year) Skater = \$770, Goalie = \$445 (includes checking clinics).
  - An additional fee of \$225 will be charged to Bantam 1 and Bantam 2 players for Krolak Cup.

**1st Year Squirts:** 2011 Squirts must register on the Bluehawks website and sign a waiver before taking the ice.

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**Note: Items in red have been updated since last posted.**

Bluehawks Spring 2020 Tryouts					
<b>Bantam 14U Travel</b>					
Monday	9-Mar	7:50 - 8:50 pm	NB A	BT	A - L Last Names
Monday	9-Mar	9 - 10 pm	NB A	BT	M- Z Last Names
Wednesday	11-Mar	7:25 - 8:25 pm	NB B	BT	Blue
Wednesday	11-Mar	8:35 - 9:35 pm	NB B	BT	Red
Thursday	12-Mar	5:20 - 6:20 pm	NB A	BT	1
Friday	13-Mar	8:50 - 10 pm	NB B	BT	2 and 3
<b>Peeewee 12U Travel</b>					
Monday	9-Mar	6:50 - 7:50 pm	NSIA NHL	PW	A - K Last Names
Monday	9-Mar	8 - 9 pm	NSIA NHL	PW	L - Z Last Names
Wednesday	11-Mar	7 - 8 pm	NB A	PW	Blue
Wednesday	11-Mar	8:10 - 9:10 pm	NB A	PW	Red
Thursday	12-Mar	8:00 - 9:00 pm	NSIA NHL	PW	1 (and 2)
Friday	13-Mar	6:20 - 7:20 pm	NB A	PW	2 and 3
Friday	13-Mar	7:30 - 8:40 pm	NB A	PW	3 and 4
<b>Squirt 10U Travel</b>					
Tuesday	10-Mar	5:50 - 6:50 pm	NB B	SQ	A - H Last Names
Tuesday	10-Mar	6:50 - 7:50 pm	NB A	SQ	I - Z Last Names
Thursday	12-Mar	6:30 - 7:30 pm	NB A	SQ	Blue
Thursday	12-Mar	7:40 - 8:40 pm	NB A	SQ	Red
Friday	13-Mar	6:30 - 7:30 pm	NB B	SQ	1 and 2
Friday	13-Mar	7:40 - 8:40 pm	NB B	SQ	3 and 4
<b>House Evaluations</b>					
Saturday	14-Mar	10:20 - 11:20 am	NB B	SQ	House
Saturday	14-Mar	11:30 - 12:30 pm	NB B	PW	House
Saturday	14-Mar	12:40 - 1:40 pm	NB B	BT	House
Sunday	15-Mar	10 - 11:10 am	NB B	BT	House
Sunday	15-Mar	11:20 - 12:20 pm	NB B	PW	House
Sunday	15-Mar	12:30 - 1:30 pm	NB B	SQ	House

**For Travel Program questions, contact:** Willy Steele @ [wsteele@northbrookbluehawks.org](mailto:wsteele@northbrookbluehawks.org)

## [Northbrook Hockey Spring 2020 Skills](#)

NBHL recognizes that families are interested in varying commitments to hockey during the spring season. Some children play other sports and hockey best fits schedules a day or two a week, while others want more ice time. With that in mind, NBHL is offering weekly skills sessions for all levels Mite through Bantam led by Zach Loesch and Cody Murphy (bios below). **These sessions are not included in the NBHL spring programming fees above and participants DO NOT have to be registered for NBHL spring hockey to attend these sessions.** Enrollment will be limited to 25 - dates and times are noted below. The cost is \$120 for six sessions.

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Skills sessions are geared toward travel players at the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels. All Mites are encouraged to attend Mite skill sessions. Skater groups may be reorganized based on skill level.

Zach Loesch is the Bluehawks Bantam 1 Head Coach. The White Bear Lake, MN native spent the 2016-17 season playing for the SPHL's Pensacola Ice Flyers and Columbus Cottonmouths — producing 3 goals and 18 assists in 47 games. He also appeared in an American Hockey League preseason game with the Chicago Wolves in 2016. Prior to turning pro, Loesch played for four years D-1 at Lake Superior State University in the WCHA (2012-16) and earned a Marketing degree with minors in International Business and Sports Marketing. During his college career, he spent time in prospect camps with the Chicago Blackhawks, Winnipeg Jets and Washington Capitals. Loesch coached the Bantam 1 team in White Bear Lake in 2017-18. Loesch also has been involved as a skills instructor at the USPHL level. Loesch's addition to the Bluehawks has proven beneficial as the leader of the Bluehawks' Bantam 1 team in addition to his work with other coaches on skill development.

Cody Murphy the owner and head instructor of StickSpin Hockey, a family-owned business created to provide players the opportunity to focus on puck handling skills and puck management. Cody played college hockey at Miami University and spent time in the Washington Capitals prospect camp. He also played professional hockey in Sweden for four years. Cody has coached locally for the Chicago Jets organization.

## Schedule for Skills Sessions

Monday	30-Mar 6:30 - 7:30 pm	NB A	Skills - Murphy	Mite
Monday	30-Mar 7:40 - 8:40 pm	NB A	Skills - Murphy	Squirt
Tuesdays	31-Mar 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	Skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	31-Mar 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	Skills - Loesch	Bantam
Monday	6-Apr 6:50 - 7:50 pm	NSIA NHL	Skills - Murphy	Mite
Monday	6-Apr 8 - 9 pm	NSIA NHL	Skills - Murphy	Squirt
Tuesdays	7-Apr 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	7-Apr 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	Bantam
Monday	13-Apr 6:50 - 7:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Murphy	Mites
Monday	13-Apr 8 - 9 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Murphy	Squirts
Tuesdays	14-Apr 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	14-Apr 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	Bantam
Monday	20-Apr 6 - 7 pm	NB B	skills - Murphy	Mites
Monday	20-Apr 7:10 - 8:10 pm	NB B	skills - Murphy	Squirt
Tuesdays	21-Apr 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	21-Apr 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	Bantam
Monday	27-Apr 6 - 7 pm	NB B	Skills - Murphy	Mite
Monday	27-Apr 7:10 - 8:10 pm	NB B	Skills - Murphy	Squirt
Tuesdays	28-Apr 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	28-Apr 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	Bantam
Monday	4-May 6:50 - 7:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Murphy	Mite
Monday	4-May 8 - 9 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Murphy	Squirt
Tuesdays	5-May 7:50 - 8:50 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	PW
Tuesdays	5-May 9 - 10 pm	NSIA NHL	skills - Loesch	Bantam

For Skills Sessions questions contact: Rich Blakey @ [rblakey30@gmail.com](mailto:rblakey30@gmail.com)

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