



Winnetka Hockey Club

2019-20 Program Guide

About the Club

Since our inception in 1972, the Winnetka Hockey Club has remained true to its original mission to provide community based hockey to the children of Winnetka, Glencoe, Kenilworth and Northfield. We take great pride in offering both Recreational (House) and competitive (Travel) programs to meet the needs of all interest levels for children ages 9-14. We do this through the combined efforts of our Board of Directors, professional staff, and volunteer coaches.

Why Youth Hockey?

- **Fast Paced:** Games generally last one hour. It's a great sport in wintertime when physical activity may be limited.
- **Teamwork:** Hockey requires that your child learn to cooperate with teammates.
- **Lifetime Sport:** Hockey is a sport that many play into their 50's and 60's.
- **Community:** Your child will play with their schoolmates and make new friends through hockey. Winnetka Hockey is widely respected within the community for its organization and structure.
- **Respect:** At the core of our sport is respect for teammates, respect for the opposition, and respect for the officials, respect for yourself, and respect for the game.
- **Fun:** Playing hockey is fun!

Our Mission:

To teach the children of Winnetka and surrounding communities the sport of ice hockey and to develop team and individual skills through both recreational and competitive play while emphasizing sportsmanship, cooperation, self-discipline, individual responsibility, and respect for others, to provide the best possible experience for all participants.

Important Dates

August 13-18:	Travel Optional 3 on 3 Clinic
August 19-24:	Travel Preseason Clinic
August 25-29:	Travel Team Tryouts Begin
September 14:	FREE Come Try Hockey & Girls Rule
September 14-22:	House Preseason Clinic
September 15:	Bantam House Evaluations Begin
September 29:	Squirt & Pee Wee House Evaluations

Children Born in 2011-2014

The **Jr. Warriors Hockey Club** serves all children born between 2011 and 2014. The program functions in an identical manner with the same values and goals as the Winnetka Hockey Club. We offer two levels of House League for children ages 5-8 as well as travel (competitive) teams. Program information can be found on the Jr. Warriors tab at www.winnetkahockey.com.

HOUSE LEAGUE HOCKEY

House League Financial Assistance

We believe that any child who wishes to play this great game should be able to do so. The Winnetka Hockey Club is able to offer financial assistance to those who wish to participate in the House League. Those would like to be considered for financial assistance are asked to contact Tom Gullen, Administrative Director of the Winnetka Hockey Club at tom@winnetkahockey.com.

Come Try Hockey



Select from two FREE Hockey Clinics:

These fun one-day programs are an excellent opportunity to get some ice time before the hockey season begins. Just bring your skates (rental skates and helmets available at no charge), bike or hockey helmet, and gloves or mittens. We provide the sticks and the encouragement!

Please Note: To ensure proper instructor coverage and equipment availability, please call (847) 446-9004 to pre-register for all clinics.

FREE! Get Acquainted Clinic for Beginners

Did you ever want to try hockey or just learn to hockey skate? Come out and receive professional instruction on the fundamentals of skating, shooting and puck handling in this fun, one-day clinic. This is a great opportunity for those who have limited skating experience to improve their skills.

Date: Sept. 14

Location: Winnetka Ice Arena

Time: 3:30pm

Registration Due: Sept. 7

Girls Rule!! FREE Clinic Just for the Girls!

Ok Girls, this one is just for you! Our mini-clinic will help guide participants with limited experience or those converting from figure skating through the Fundamentals of hockey: skating, puck handling, and shooting.

Date: Sept. 14

Location: Winnetka Ice Arena

Time: 4:30pm

Registration Due: Sept. 7

House League Hockey

Rob Levoy, House League Director: Roblevoy@gmail.com

The House League is the foundation of the Winnetka Hockey Club. The goals of our House League are to:

1. Teach the fundamental skills of the game;
2. Teach teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play; and
3. Have fun playing the game!

Our House League program is designed to give children of all levels the opportunity to play in an equal play environment. Our teams generally skate twice weekly once the Watts Ice Center opens, with one game and one practice weekly. Games and practices are held during the same time frames each week, so that children can participate in other activities. All House League activities take place at the Winnetka Ice Arena, North Shore Ice Arena, and Watts Ice Center in Glencoe.



The season will start with evaluations on September 15 for Bantams and September 29 for Squirts and Pee Wees. Following evaluations, each participant will be placed on a team and will practice for a few weeks with games starting mid to late November. New this year will be professional skill development for the first three weeks of the season. The season will conclude prior to spring break with our playoffs.

The House League program is balanced into three age levels:

Squirts (born in 2009 or 2010)

Full ice games Sunday afternoon between 2:45-5:55 @ Winnetka. Practices will be either Friday nights at Watts or NSIA or Saturday mornings at Watts.

Pee Wees (born in 2007 or 2008)

Full ice games Sunday evenings between 6:05-8:15, some Saturday morning games at 8:10am. Practices will be Mondays at Watts or Saturdays at Watts.

Bantams (born in 2005 or 2006)

Full-ice games on the weekends both at Winnetka and opposing rinks. Practices Wednesday at Watts.

Volunteer Coaches:

Volunteers are the backbone of our House League. If you wish to assist please check the registration box on the website.

What is accomplished at each level?

Squirts and Pee Wees continue to learn the fundamentals, stressing sportsmanship. Squirts and Pee Wees play the traditional hockey rules. There is no checking at either level. The Squirts and Pee Wees will play an interlocking schedule with the Falcons House teams during similar time slots to provide a more diverse schedule.

Bantams play check hockey in the North Shore Hockey League. The NSHL will tier its league according to the skills of the teams.

Season Fee: \$780 for Squirts and Pee Wees; \$880 for Bantams (does not include mandatory USA Hockey registration of \$59) Non-residents (outside of Winnetka, Glencoe, Northfield, and Kenilworth) pay an additional \$110. House league fees are 100% refundable until October 1st. From October 1st-15th there is a \$75 processing fee. After October 15th there are no refunds.

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House League Clinics & Evaluations

Pre-season Clinics

The Winnetka Hockey Club offers an optional preseason clinic for House League skaters at Winnetka. These clinics focus on skill development, such as skating, puck-handling and shooting. Each group will meet for 3 one-hour sessions and will be instructed by our professional staff. The fee is \$105.

Date	All Squirts	All Pee Wees
Saturday, September 14	1:10PM	2:20PM
Saturday, September 21	3:50pm	5:00pm
Sunday, September 22	3:50pm	5:00pm



House League Evaluations

In order to properly balance teams, all children in the House League attend an evaluation session. Please make every effort to attend.

Squirts:

Sunday, September 29 3:50pm (*last names A-L*) 4:50pm (*last names M-Z*)

Pee Wees:

Sunday, September 29 6:00-7:10pm

Bantams:

Sunday, September 15 7:20-8:40pm

House Selects Hockey

The WHC will continue to offer House Select teams at the S squirt and Pee Wee levels. This is only open to those in our House League program. This provides 10-12 additional games and weekly practices sessions for our House League players who would enjoy and benefit from additional instruction and game time. These programs will begin around December 1st. Information will be posted in early November.

Our Hockey Partners



North Shore Warhawks Girls Travel Hockey Program
Serving ages 8-16



Jr. Warriors Hockey Club
Serving ages 5-8

Youth Travel Hockey Program

Todd Southwell, Travel Hockey Director - todd.southwell@klgates.com

The Winnetka Hockey Club Travel program is designed for the child and family that desires a more competitive experience and greater level of commitment. The goal of the travel program is to provide all highly skilled players with an opportunity to develop their skills and compete while receiving high level coaching and instruction. Our teams compete in the Central States Development Hockey League (CSDHL) and Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL).



We take great pride in having one of the most experienced coaching line ups in the area. Typically, teams are on the ice at least four times weekly with team practice, skill development, and games. Our Squirt through Bantam teams typically play 40-50 games, depending on the age/level, and participate in at least one local tournament over Thanksgiving and one out-of-town tournament.

The fees assessed to our participants cover the direct costs of operating the program: ice time, referees, coaches' salaries, tournament entry fees, and administration of the club. Fees are estimated to be \$4,200-5,300 depending on the team level and will be posted on winnetkahockey.com. **Please note:** the ice time that each team receives as well as the amount of full-ice varies from team to team which is reflected in the fees paid.

Limited financial assistance is available and all requests should be made to Bryant Rowean at rowean9@yahoo.com.

This season our goal is to field the following teams at each level

Squirts (*born in 2009/2010*)

Five Teams: Top team in Central States and three-four teams in NIHL

Pee Wees (*born in 2007/2008*)

Five Teams: Four teams in NIHL

Bantams (*born in 2005/2006*)

Three Teams: Central States Minor and three teams in NIHL

Tryout Procedures

The coaches make all team selections. It is our policy to have a "closed" tryout with only the coaches, WHC Board Member proctors and participants in attendance. We believe this helps the children to relax and the coaches to focus on their job. We also require a member of the board to serve as a proctor. Tryout fees are 100% refundable prior to the start of the clinics. After the clinics begin, refunds require a \$100 processing fee, plus a prorated fee for any clinic session attended. **Please refer to the WHC website for the complete clinic and tryout schedule.**

How to Register



Registration forms must be completed online at winnetkahockey.com. All registrations must be completed no later than August 20 for Travel, and September 25 for House League Teams. Players and/or Parents unsure of which program best suits their needs are invited to call Hockey Director, D.J. LaVarre at (847) 446-9004 or via email at hockeygolf@msn.com.

All players (new and returning: travel and house) must register with USA Hockey each year. You will need a current USA Hockey number in order to register on the WHC site. You will not be able to complete WHC registration without it. You may register and purchase it at usahockeyregistration.com.

Please complete all information requested on the WHC website including the WHC Medical Release and WHC Waiver Form. All forms must be completed online before your player is allowed on the ice. There are **NO** exceptions to these rules. Questions regarding these forms should be addressed to the Winnetka Hockey Club's Registrar, Kerry Farley, at registrar@winnetkahockey.com.

Payment Information

House League Payment: You must remit payment with your registration.

Travel Clinic/Tryouts: You must remit payment with your registration.

Travel fees may be made in full or in three installments:

- 1st payment before first team practice
- 2nd Installment November 15th
- 3rd Installment January 15th

Travel season fees will be posted to winnetkahockey.com. You have the option to pay the full fee or a deposit and two installments. You must pay by credit card or electronic check. This policy has significantly reduced our collection problems, which helps keep fee increases to a minimum.

PLEASE NOTE: *Your child will not be allowed to skate with his or her team if season fees are delinquent.*

If a player is selected to a travel team which he/she chooses not to play on, the player has until the first practice to notify the president, travel director, or hockey director that he/she does not intend to play. If not notified, the player will be charged for the first installment.





Winnetka Hockey Club Contacts

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