



St. Jude Knights
2020-2021 Hockey Program
Information Packet

WELCOME

July 2020

Dear St. Jude Hockey Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 season! We are so excited to announce this year as our *60th season of St. Jude Knights hockey!* Last year, St Jude had 20 teams across our travel co-ed, travel girls and house programs. So many successes to celebrate and we are so proud of all of our teams and players! Our season did not end how we had planned for many teams due to Covid-19 and the Illinois stay at home order, but that does not disregard the growth and accomplishments that were achieved in this club!



While we are uncertain of how the ever changing number of positive cases and safety guidelines/restrictions from Covid-19 will affect the fall season, we are happy to announce the 2020-21 program fees will not be increasing this year. Even though ice rink fees are going up, we made a few slight program changes to help offset the cost. We hope this decrease will help towards the economic stress many have faced during quarantine and the stay at home order in Illinois. Two changes to note:

- Tournament entry fees will not be included in this season fees. Instead, each player will pay the fees individually as the tournaments are decided upon once travel is safe for all of our members.
- Based on the survey feedback, we will not be using Sportspace for our off-ice conditioning. Many members did not see the effectiveness in this one day a week training and were not happy with the scheduling conflicts. Our hockey staff has developed an off-ice curriculum that each coach will implement on practice days that will enhance and develop each player's strength and endurance on and off the ice.

Everyone at St. Jude has been working tirelessly to iron out all the details with the goal of a successful, positive, and healthy season. The executive board would like to thank all of our staff, coaches, and volunteers for all the work put in behind the scenes. Without the time, energy, support and ambition, we would not be the club we are today!

Let's have another great season! Go Knights!

Sincerely,
Your St. Jude Executive Board
(Kelly Gaskin, Shannon Brown, Blane Bertalmio, Kelly McHugh and Matt Rafferty)

St. Jude Values

Goal: The St. Jude Knights Hockey Club is a non-profit organization whose goal is to educate our youth by teaching positive life values, such as dedication, hard work, self-discipline and good sportsmanship.

Purpose: Our purpose as a youth hockey organization is to promote skill development and to teach the fundamentals of this great game.

Our Philosophy: Youth hockey is just a game. We play the game to have fun. Our philosophy is not to win at all costs, but to promote team play for all players at all levels.



For **60 years**, St. Jude Knights Hockey Club has worked to instill these values into our children through the dedication and support of our many volunteers.

The logo was purposely designed to reflect St. Jude's core values: Dedication, Honor, Tradition, & Community. Our players, coaches, volunteers and families work towards upholding these values through hard work, perseverance and integrity both on and off the ice.

Since its inception in 1960, St. Jude has been fully committed to teaching positive life values like **DEDICATION**, hard work, self-discipline and good sportsmanship. It is therefore no coincidence that St. Jude chose a Knight as its emblem over 50 years ago. The Honor Knight at the center of St. Jude's logo embodies these values and is a perfect symbol of St. Jude's commitment to them.

As part of its mission, St. Jude strives to teach all of its players, parents, and coaches to **HONOR** the game. Honoring the game is not easy. It demands genuine respect for **ROOTS** (Rules, Officials, Opponents, Teammates and Self). It demands that we do what is right, even when doing what is right is not easy or popular. It demands standing up for others and helping our friends in need. The police officers and firefighters who work and live in our community are shining examples of Honor and are role models for our players. To show our respect and appreciation for them, the St. Jude Honor Knight holds a sword that is adorned with a gold and silver pommel in the shape of a police officer's star and a firefighter's cross.

The St. Jude hockey club is steeped in **TRADITION** that dates **60 years**. The club was founded in 1960 by a group of families who were members of the St. Jude church in South Holland, Illinois. Many of St. Jude's past players are now coaches and parents of current players. We give back by paying forward.

St. Jude has been proud to serve the South Side Hockey **COMMUNITY** since 1960. We are proud to be SouthSiders. We are proud of our home. We are proud of our community. We are family in every sense of the word.

CLUB UNIFORMS

All players participating on teams in either NWHL, NIHL or CUHL will be required to have home and away game and practice jerseys, home and away socks, St Jude warm-ups and helmet stickers. The jerseys will feature a sewn-on crest, shoulder patches, player names, and numbers.

This season's provider for the uniform package is Jerry's Hockey Warehouse. Game jerseys and warmup gear (pants and jackets) will be available at Jerry's Hockey Warehouse. Sizing events will take place prior to the start of the regular season.

DreamStitch Ink is the provider for reversible practice jerseys. If there is a need for new reversibles they will be available for \$35 at a sizing event - see emails and social media for dates and times. Reversible jerseys are required for all players.

Performance game socks are still in stock and available for purchase through your team manager. Helmet logo stickers and number decals are available at no cost and will be distributed by your team manager.

As with last year, we will be doing sizing events prior to the season for those kids that need new jerseys or warmups. Please check to see if your child will need to place an order for jerseys or warmups, and if so, please plan to attend a sizing event this summer. As we saw last year, those kids who waited to get sized did not have their uniforms to start the season.



The official equipment color for St. Jude Hockey is **BLACK**. Helmets, pants and gloves should be **black**. If you have existing equipment that does not conform, we strongly urge you to purchase black equipment the next time any of the equipment needs to be replaced.

HOCKEY PROGRAM OVERVIEW

St. Jude offers a variety of hockey programs to meet the needs of beginner hockey players who are learning to skate through experienced hockey players seeking the highest levels of competition. The following is a brief overview of our programming.

PLAYER AGE DIVISIONS

No player, boy or girl, House or Travel, may play in a lower age division for any reason. The following are the 2020/21 league playing divisions:

Division	Age / Birth Years
Learn-To-Skate / Little Knights	Ages 3-10
Mite / 8U*	2012 & 2013
Squirt / 10U	2010 & 2011
PeeWee / 12U	2008 & 2009
Bantam / 14U	2006 & 2007

***No player with a birth year 2014 or later will be allowed to play on teams participating in the NWHL or NIHL. This is a USA Hockey / AHAI mandate that all USA Hockey-sanctioned clubs must follow.**

PRE-HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Learning the proper way to ice skate and developing basic hockey skills are the first steps for your beginning player. St. Jude Hockey Club's Learn to Skate and Little Knights (Learn to Play) programs embrace the American Development Model (ADM) for teaching children how to play hockey while having FUN. We're proud to continue our tradition of developing young players by offering four convenient sessions during the year (two during the fall/winter season and one in spring, and another in summer). Each session will offer both the Learn to Skate and Little Knights programs tailored to your player's abilities. *For more information about St. Jude's Pre-Hockey Programs, please contact our Pre-Hockey Coordinator, Shannon Gutkowski at shannongutkowski@gmail.com*

LEARN TO SKATE

This program is designed for young pre-k, kindergartners, and new-to-skating first through third grader boys and girls who are interested in learning to skate. It is focused on creating a welcoming environment to foster a love for the player's time spent on the ice. Our goal is for the players to learn the most basic skating skills while having fun.

LITTLE KNIGHTS (aka LEARN TO PLAY/ADM)

This program is designed for boys and girls 5 years old and up with previous sessions in basic ice skating. In this program we will introduce the basic tenets of the American Development Model (ADM) that stresses small area games for increased player development including puck handling and team concepts.

PRE-HOCKEY PROGRAM FAQs

How do I register my player for a session?

Registration is done via our website at www.stjudehockey.org. If you have any questions about the program or need help registering, please contact Shannon Gutkowski at shannongutkowski@gmail.com. Please note your child must have 2020-2021 USA Hockey Membership to participate, please register with USA Hockey at usahockeyregistration.com.

Where are the classes and how much ice time is there per session?

The schedule for each session is posted on the St. Jude website (www.stjudehockey.org). All ice sessions are at Southwest Ice Arena (SIA) in Crestwood, IL. Session times/dates are subject to change due to ice availability.

What equipment will my player need to participate in the Learn to Skate or Little Knights programs?

Players enrolled in the Learn To Skate program must wear skates, gloves, and a helmet. Full hockey equipment is permitted but not required.

Players enrolled in the Little Knights program must have full hockey equipment including: helmet, neck guard, shoulder/chest protector, elbow pads, hockey pants, shin guards, socks, gloves and, of course, hockey skates. Players will not be allowed on the ice if they do not have a neck guard. Additionally, many players like to have a mouth guard secured to their helmet so it does not fall out on the ice if they spit it out. If you are unfamiliar with any of the equipment, please contact Shannon Gutkowski and she will help direct you to a good source for it. Equipment (excluding skates and neck guard) is available to rent, but limited to very small sizes. Please contact Shannon Gutkowski for more information on rentals. All players who have *not* previously purchased a St. Jude reversible jersey will be required to purchase one for \$35. Please contact Matt Rafferty at mrafferty.stjudehockey@gmail.com or Shannon Gutkowski at shannongutkowski@gmail.com.

Who may participate?

The Learn To Skate program is open to pre-k players through third graders who have limited or no prior skating experience.

The Little Knights program is open to boys and girls 5 years and older who have successfully learned the basic skating skills taught in our Learn to Skate program.

What are you teaching?

The St. Jude hockey staff subscribes to USA Hockey's American Development Model (ADM) of instruction that emphasizes skill development and fun for youth hockey players and age-appropriate training and development. Additional information regarding USA Hockey's ADM curriculum can be found at www.ADMKids.com.

TEAM PROGRAMS

For those players who have mastered the skating and fundamental hockey skills taught in our Pre-Hockey programs, St. Jude offers competitive youth teams that compete in either the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL) for house-level teams or the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) for travel-level squirt through bantam teams and the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) for travel-level mite teams. St. Jude youth teams are open to both boys and girls and compete at the mite (2013 and 2012 birth years) through bantam (2007 and 2006 birth years) age levels, and girls only teams up through 16U.

HOUSE TEAMS - NWHL

St. Jude house-level teams compete in the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL) against other house-level teams throughout the Chicagoland area. These teams are formed after player evaluations to ensure that all St. Jude teams are balanced with a similar mix of beginner and advanced players. NWHL teams focus heavily on promoting player skill development while also introducing team-play concepts. The time commitment for NWHL teams is approximately 2 - 3 hours per week for either practices, power skates and/or games. Home games are played at Southwest Ice Arena, Oak Lawn Ice Arena or at the Beverly/Morgan Park Sport Center. Away games will be played at other rinks in the Chicagoland region vs. other clubs. In addition, NWHL teams will participate in 1 tournament per the coach's approval. The tournament cost is not included in the player fees this year and will be an additional cost per player.

For the 2020-21 season, St. Jude NWHL league fees will include the following:

- At least 16 league games for squirt through bantam levels (at least 6 games for mites) plus playoff tournament
- League and referee fees
- Typically 2-3 hours of ice per week
- Weekly Power Skates through January
- Coach instructed off-ice conditioning

The price does not include game jerseys, practice jerseys, warm-up pants, or warm-up jackets. Returning St. Jude players may use game jerseys, practice jerseys and warm-ups purchased in prior years. New players or players in need of game jerseys, practice jerseys or warm-ups may purchase them at one of the sizing event dates.

TRAVEL TEAMS - CUHL and NIHL

St. Jude's travel 8U (mite) teams compete in the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) and squirt (10U) through bantam (14U) levels compete in the Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL). The emphasis of Travel hockey is on individual player development and fielding competitive teams. Players are selected on a tryout basis and a player's ice time is distributed in accordance with St. Jude's fair ice-time policy. Equal ice time for all players in all games is not guaranteed. Time commitment is 3-5 hours per week. Home games are played at Southwest Ice Arena, Oak Lawn Arena, and the Morgan Park Sports Center. Away games are played at other area rinks in the Chicagoland area. Travel hockey features 4 possible levels of play within NIHL: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Elite. Players selected to travel teams will be placed on the appropriate level depending on the skills demonstrated during tryouts. St. Jude travel/NIHL teams will participate in 2 tournaments per the coach's approval. The tournament cost is not included in the player fees this year and will be an additional cost per player. Players who are not selected for a travel team are invited to participate on teams playing at the house-level in the NWHL teams.

Fees for players on Travel NIHL/CUHL Team include the following:

- 20-24 games plus playoff tournament if eligible
- League and referee fees
- Typically 3-5 hours of ice per week
- Weekly Power Skate / Goalie instruction through January
- Coach instructed off-ice conditioning
- Uniform shells

The price does not include game jerseys, practice jerseys, warm-up pants, or warm-up jackets. Returning St. Jude players may use game jerseys, practice jerseys and warm-ups purchased in prior years. New players or players in need of game jerseys, practice jerseys or warm-ups may purchase them at one of the sizing event dates.

**Mites participating in the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) will need to purchase Jr. Knights game jerseys for the 2020-21 season. Matt Rafferty will be in contact with those birth years with more information on sizing and pricing.*

GIRLS TEAMS - NIHL

St. Jude's all-girls teams will compete in the Northern Illinois Hockey League's (NIHL) all-girls 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U divisions. The emphasis of all-girls travel hockey is on individual player development and fielding competitive teams. The all-girl teams are selected on a try-out basis and a player's ice-time is distributed in accordance with St. Jude's fair-ice policy. Equal ice time for all players in all games is not guaranteed. Highly skilled players are eligible to try out and play-up one level higher than their birth year (i.e. a U10 player may try out for a U12 team and a U12 player may try out for a U14 team). No player may play down a level. The time commitment for St. Jude's girl travel teams is 3-5 hours per week. St. Jude all-girls teams will participate in 2 tournaments per the coach's approval. The tournament cost is not included in the player fees this year and will be an additional cost per player. Players who are not selected for an all-girls team are invited to participate in co-ed teams playing at the house-level in NWHL or tryouts for co-ed teams playing at the travel-level in NIHL.

Fees for players on all-girls teams include the following:

- 20-24 games plus playoff tournament if eligible
- League and referee fees
- Typically 3-5 hours of ice per week
- Weekly Power Skate / Goalie instruction through January
- Coach instructed off-ice conditioning
- Uniform shells

The price does not include game jerseys, practice jerseys, warm-up pants, or warm-up jackets. Returning St. Jude players may use game jerseys, practice jerseys and warm-ups purchased in prior years. New players or players in need of game jerseys, practice jerseys or warm-ups may purchase them at one of the sizing event dates.

PRE-SEASON CAMPS & CLINICS

St. Jude's annual Pre-Season Fall Focus Camps are a great way for your player to get back on the ice in August so that he or she is ready for the fall season when travel league try-outs and house league placements are held in August and early September. St. Jude's hockey staff has created an up-tempo and rigorous instruction plan to advance the skills of each player. Goalie instruction will be provided.

LTS AND ADM CAMP

We are excited to announce a free Learn to Skate camp. There will be 4 sessions and there is no cost. Our focus and goal this season is to grow the love of the ice for our younger participants and get them ready to move into our ADM program. The ice was donated for these sessions.

**Sessions will be limited to 2 per skater as we want to offer the opportunity to all but are limited with the amount of instructors and skaters permitted on the ice.*

We are offering 4 sessions for our Learn to Play participants. The discounted cost of these sessions is \$50. Space will be limited as we are meeting current Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions. These sessions require more instructors on the ice, therefore we are limited to the amount of skaters.

All skaters must be registered prior to the session date to be allowed entrance on the ice. No walk-ins will be accepted. This policy will be strictly enforced as a safety procedure and protocol for Covid-19 tracking.

LTS/ADM Focus Camp Dates & Times	
Level	Dates
LTS	August 9, 16, 23, 30
ADM	August 9, 16, 23, 30

*Please check the St. Jude calendar online for time slots for each session. All sessions will be held at Southwest Ice Arena.

GIRLS FOCUS CAMP

Girl players who anticipate trying out for any of St. Jude's all-girls team are encouraged to register for the All-Girls Focus Camp. The cost of the camp is \$295 and includes 4 sessions. In addition, St. Jude will waive the travel tryout fee (\$250) for all travel focus camp participants. If a player is not selected for an all-girls team, the player may also participate in all co-ed NIHL or NWHL placement sessions at no additional charge.

Players who register before July 31, 2020, will receive an early-bird discount and will be charged only \$270.

All players must be registered prior to the session date to be allowed entrance on the ice. No walk-ins will be accepted. This policy will be strictly enforced as a safety procedure and protocol for Covid-19 tracking.

****This includes tryouts and placements as well!***

All-Girls Focus Camp Dates & Times	
Level	Dates
Girls 10U/12U	August 3, 5, 10, 13
Girls 14U/16U	August 3, 5, 10, 13
Tryouts Girls 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U	August 15, 16

*Please check the St. Jude calendar online for time slots for each session. All sessions will be held at Southwest Ice Arena.

TRAVEL FOCUS CAMP

Players who anticipate trying-out for travel-level teams that will compete in Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL) for the Squirt through Bantam levels and the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) for the Mite level are encouraged to register for the Travel Focus Camp. The cost of the camp is \$425 and includes 6 sessions. In addition, St. Jude will waive the travel tryout fee (\$250) for all travel focus camp participants. If a player is not selected for a NIHL team, the player may also participate in all NWHL placement sessions at no additional charge.

Players who register for the travel focus camp before July 31, 2020, will receive an early-bird discount and will be charged only \$400.

All players must be registered prior to the session date to be allowed entrance on the ice. No walk-ins will be accepted. This policy will be strictly enforced as a safety procedure and protocol for Covid-19 tracking.

****This includes tryouts and placements as well!***

Co-Ed Travel Focus Camp Dates & Times	
Level	Dates
Mite 8U	August 3, 10, 18, 26, 27, *31 (*2012 BY only) September *1 (*2013 BY only)
Squirt 10U	August 4, 11, 17, 19, 24, *31 (*BY specific time slots)
Peewee 12U	August 4, 11, 17, 19, 24 September *1 (*BY specific time slots)
Bantam 14U	August 4, 11, 17, 19, 24 September 2
Tryouts 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U	September 3, 4, 5, *6 (if needed)

*Please check the St. Jude calendar online for time slots for each session. All sessions will be held at Southwest Ice Arena.

HOUSE FOCUS CAMP

Players who anticipate playing on a house-level team that will compete in the Northwest Hockey League (NHL) are encouraged to register for the House Focus Camp. The cost of the camp is \$425 and includes 6 sessions. In addition, St. Jude will waive the house placement fee (\$150) for all house focus camp participants.

Players who register before July 31, 2020, will receive an early-bird discount and will be charged only \$400.

All players must be registered prior to the session date to be allowed entrance on the ice. No walk-ins will be accepted. This policy will be strictly enforced as a safety procedure and protocol for Covid-19 tracking.

****This includes tryouts and placements as well!***

House Focus Camp Dates & Times	
Level	Dates
Mite 8U	August 6, 12, 20, 25, 27 September 8
Birth Years 2009-2011 (Squirt through 1st year Peewee)	August 6, 12, 18, 20, 26 September 8
Birth Years 2006-2008 (2nd year Peewee through Bantam)	August 6, 12, 18, 20, 26 September 8
Placements 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U	September 12, 13

*Please check the St. Jude calendar online for time slots for each session. All sessions will be held at Southwest Ice Arena with placements at Oak Lawn Ice Arena as well.

CHECKING CLINIC

Full checking is allowed at the Bantam level (2006 & 2007 BY) for teams competing in both the NWHL and NIHL. *Be advised, if a player is playing on a co-ed Bantam team in NIHL it is required to show proof of participation in checking clinics prior to the start of the season.* **It is mandatory that players at this level participate in at least one checking clinic (clinic = 2 out of 3 on ice sessions).** This will ensure that players are prepared to both receive and deliver a check on the ice.

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Players who have previously taken a checking clinic at St. Jude may take this clinic again at a reduced cost. For players who have not previously completed a checking clinic through St. Jude, the cost to register is \$50. Players who have previously completed a checking clinic through St. Jude may register at a discounted cost of \$25. Any player who registers for the clinic (whether a first time participant or a repeat participant) may attend any of the sessions at no additional charge. It is highly encouraged that players attend multiple sessions.

*The checking clinic is open to all Bantam(14u) and Peewee (12u) players.
All players must be registered prior to the session date to be allowed entrance on the ice. No walk-ins will be accepted. This policy will be strictly enforced as a safety procedure and protocol for Covid-19 tracking.*

LTS/ADM Focus Camp Dates & Times	
Level	Dates
Checking Clinic	August 5, 13, 27

*Please check the St. Jude calendar online for time slots for each session. All sessions will be held at Southwest Ice Arena.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

All players must be registered on-line at www.stjudehockey.org. If you have any questions about how to register, please contact Shannon Brown - sbrown.stjudehockey@gmail.com.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1: All players must have USA Hockey Insurance for the 2020-2021 season to play hockey at St. Jude. No player will be allowed to play or tryout without proof of this insurance. To register for this insurance, visit www.usahockeyregistration.com

USA Hockey Membership/Insurance Directions:

Once at the USA Hockey Registration website, click on the “Register Now” Button. Choose Ice Player/Coach and follow the directions on the screen to complete the registration process

Step 2: On the St. Jude website, log in using your username and password. *If you have not registered for a St. Jude program in the past, you will need to complete the steps for setting up a St. Jude account.* If you do not remember your password, you can click the ‘forgot password’ link and enter your email address.

Travel Mites Only: All travel level mite players will need to acquire AAU insurance in addition to the USA Hockey Membership Insurance. Team managers will help facilitate this process once players are assigned to a travel mite team.

Step 3: Click on the registration link for the 2020-2021 Fall Focus Camp.

2020-2021 FEE SCHEDULE

Fall Focus, Tryout, and Checking Clinic Fees

Program	Fee	Early Bird Discounted Fee (if registered before July 31, 2020)
Travel/NIHL Focus Camp	\$425	\$400
Travel/NIHL Try-Out Fee	\$250 (<i>waived for Focus Camp participants</i>)	
House/NWHL Focus Camp	\$425	\$400
House/NWHL Placement Fee	\$150 (<i>waived for Focus Camp participants</i>)	
All-Girls Focus Camp	\$295	\$270
All-Girls Try-Out Fee	\$250 (<i>waived for Focus Camp participants</i>)	
Checking Clinic	\$50 for first time participants; \$25 for repeat participants	
LTS	No Cost (*donated ice)	
ADM	\$50	

Participating in the FOCUS camps is *highly encouraged*. Please note that FOCUS camp fees cannot be prorated.

Team Player Fees & Payment Schedules

House/NWHL Player Fees & Payment Schedule							
	Deposit	9/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	1/15	Total
Mites 8U	\$150	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$2,200
Squirts 10U	\$150	\$430	\$430	\$430	\$430	\$430	\$2,300
PeeWee 12U	\$150	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$460	\$2,450
Bantam 14U	\$150	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$2,500

Travel/NIHL Player Fees & Payment Schedule							
	Deposit	9/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	1/15	Total
Mites 8U	\$150	\$635	\$635	\$635	\$635	\$635	\$3,325
Squirts 10U	\$150	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$3,625
PeeWee 12U	\$150	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$3,925
Bantam 14U	\$150	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$4,125

All-Girls Player Fees & Payment Schedule							
	Deposit	9/15	10/15	11/15	12/15	1/15	Total
10U	\$150	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$695	\$3,625
12U	\$150	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$755	\$3,925
14U	\$150	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$795	\$4,125
16U	\$150	\$815	\$815	\$815	\$815	\$815	\$4,225

*Please note that prices above do not include the Fall Focus Camp, tryouts/placements, raffle tickets, and outfitting needs.

****Potential teams playing in Little Caesars Amateur Hockey League will incur additional costs.**

Please be advised any player with outstanding fees from the 2019-2020 season will not be allowed to participate in the Fall Focus Camps and Tryouts until the balance is settled. In addition, the outstanding debt will be forwarded to AHAI, jeopardizing that player's eligibility with any hockey club in Illinois.

The 2020-21 season player fees must be paid in full prior to the playoffs. Any player not paid in full will not be eligible for playoffs. Families who have not paid in full will be forwarded to AHAI. Please know that we do our best to keep prices as low as possible. Fees not paid places an added burden on the club and St. Jude families in the future.

****NEW POLICY****

All payment arrangements for 2020-21 season fees will be completed before your child participates in his/her first practice. Families will receive an email after tryouts/placements offering a spot on a team. Families will have 24 hours to process payment of their season deposit of \$150 and select their season payment option. This deposit is non-refundable.

Payment options include:

- *A paid in full by check or cash at rostering day to be eligible for a 3% discount*
- *Pay in full by credit/debit card*
- *Payment plan of five monthly payments*

Failure to process season deposit will result in forfeiture of your player's spot on the team.

Goalie Fees: All goalies will receive a 35% reduction in fees.

Nonsufficient Funds Fee: If one of your checks is returned from the bank for nonsufficient funds, an additional fee of \$25 per incident will be charged.

Declined Credit/Debit Card Fee: If your credit/debit card is declined for *any reason* including expiration, you receive an email notification and have the opportunity to update the data on the website. Failure to do so resulting in the subsequent need for collections activity by St. Jude (including but not limited to phone calls, emails, certified letters, etc.) will add an additional \$25 per incident to your bill.

Covid-19

Due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19, there may be schedule changes this year that are out of our control. We are developing policies and protocols for these situations with the main focus on the safety of all of our members and staff. We will communicate any information provided from USA Hockey, AHAI, NIHL, NWHL, and CUHL as soon as we receive it with our plan for implementation to follow. The patience, understanding and support we have received from our St. Jude family is greatly appreciated! We will get through this together staying safe and healthy along the way!

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR ICE BILL

St. Jude is always looking for innovative solutions to help people make hockey more affordable. Here are a few ways to reduce your ice bill.

DISCOUNTS

MULTIPLE PLAYER / FAMILY DISCOUNT

The multi-family discount is applied to all lesser ice bills where the highest ice bill is paid in full. This discount is 10%.

Please Note: Players in Little Knights / Learn-To-Skate Programs are also eligible for this discount.

PAY-IN-FULL DISCOUNT

Those who pay their bill in full at **TRAVEL OR HOUSE ROSTERING DAY** will receive a 3% discount on their ice bill. **PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY CASH OR CHECK ONLY AT ROSTERING TO RECEIVE THE DISCOUNT. CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS DISCOUNT.** This does not include goalies, Little Knights/ADM or Learn to Skate programs.

NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE SALES CREDITS

50% of all website ads and newsletter ads sold will be deducted from your ice bill. The final deadline for submitting ads is January 1, 2021. Ad credits will be applied after your final payment. Please give all completed program/ad contracts and checks made payable to "St. Jude Knights Hockey Club" to your team manager or mail them to Southwest Ice Arena, Attn: St. Jude Hockey Organization. Should you have any questions please contact Sue Peters at suerkp@aol.com OR Shannon Brown at sbrown.stjudehockey@gmail.com for more information pertaining to the website and newsletter.

ST. JUDE RAFFLE CREDITS

St. Jude members participate in a raffle fundraiser which will be explained in more detail later. Each family is required to purchase/sell \$100 worth of raffle tickets at the day of rostering. 50% of all additional raffle tickets purchased will be applied after your final payment. Many families have saved hundreds of dollars off of their ice bill by purchasing additional raffle tickets. For more information regarding the raffle, please contact Tammy Moro at tmoro3@att.net.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDITS

At the discretion of the Board of Directors, St. Jude may award volunteer service credits to members who provide outstanding service to the club.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS - EDDIE OLCZYK AWARD

The Eddie Olczyk Award assists Individuals/families in need of assistance for participation in an Illinois sanctioned team or organization. Since 2011 the EOA has issued \$450,000 in grants to 212 individuals and eight organizations. For more information please go to <https://www.nhl.com/blackhawks/community/eoa> for more information and application.

ST JUDE POLICIES

St Jude would like to highlight a few policies to prevent future issues within the club. The full list of policies can be found on the St. Jude Website (<https://www.stjudehockey.org/policies>).

Right of Refusal of Registration and Service

In order to maintain the integrity and sportsmanship of the club, both on and off the ice, the St. Jude Knights Organization reserves the right to refuse or return any registration if the St. Jude Executive Board feels the player registrant in question will potentially affect the overall goals and mission of the St. Jude Organization. Reasons for refusal or a returned registration may be as a result of past or present conduct by the individual attempting to register, or any member of his/her family, extended family, former marital relationships, or his/her social networks. Decisions can be based on prior conduct which resulted in any disciplinary action issued by USA Hockey, any USA Hockey affiliated organization/entity, any law enforcement agency or any rinks affiliated with the St. Jude Knights Organization. If refusal of registration or services is deemed necessary, a written explanation will be provided to the party involved.

Locker Room Policy

The use of the locker room facility at all ice arenas, both home and away is a privilege bestowed upon our teams, not a right. Therefore, when using a locker room (as a player, coach and parent/guardian) St. Jude insists we treat these facilities with respect. This is our home and we expect to have the ability to have our guests use a clean and functional facility while they are here. Coaches, players and parents/guardians are expected to pick up after themselves (i.e. tape, bottles, wrappers, etc.). The intentional destruction or vandalism of these facilities can result in the offending player or team losing their locker room privileges. If there is intentional damage to the facility, the responsible person(s) may face prosecution for Criminal Damage to Property.

St. Jude adheres to the State of Illinois Compiled Statutes regarding eavesdropping violations (720 ILCS 5/14-2) and unlawful videotaping (720 ILCS 5/26-4). Therefore, **NO VIDEO OR PHOTOGRAPHY EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS OF ANY RINK AT ANY TIME.** This will include cameras, video cameras, cell phones or any other media collecting format. It shall be the responsibility of the players and parents to ensure that these devices remain unused. Any intentional and unauthorized video taken within the confines of any locker room at any time shall be viewed as a Zero Tolerance Violation. Any unlawful video will be reviewed by the St. Jude Rules & Ethics Committee and if warranted, the matter may be referred to Law Enforcement for formal criminal investigation and prosecution.

Social Media Policy

It is the position of St. Jude that ALL participants and their family members shall refrain from participating in any form of electronic cyber communications that are deemed by St. Jude to be negative, threatening, harassing, derogatory, defaming or otherwise interpreted as cyber harassment as defined by Illinois Compiled Statute 720 ILCS 135/1-2. These forums include, but are not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, internet blogs or any other public online forum.

Any player, coach, team official, parent/guardian, spectator who exhibits behavior in violation of the Social Media Policy or in violation of any of the Zero Tolerance Policies will be required to appear before the Chair of the St. Jude R&E Committee or the Chair's designee. The Chair or the Chair's designee will examine the reported infraction/complaint and may assess sanctions against the player, coach, team official, parent/guardian, or spectator in accordance with the "Three Strike" policy described in Section 17. Before issuing any Strike Two or Strike Three sanction, the Chair or the Chair's designee will consult with the St. Jude R&E Committee and Club President.

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KEY DATES

Date	Event	Location
<i>Aug. 1 - Aug. 31</i>	<i>Fall Focus Camps</i>	<i>SIA</i>
<i>Aug. 5, 13, 27</i>	<i>Checking Clinics</i>	<i>SIA</i>
<i>Aug. 15-16</i>	<i>All-Girls Team Tryouts</i>	<i>SIA</i>
<i>Sept. 3-5</i>	<i>Travel/NIHL Tryouts</i>	<i>SIA</i>
<i>Sept. 11-13</i>	<i>House/NWHL Team Placement</i>	<i>SIA & OL</i>
<i>Sept. TBD</i>	<i>Travel Rostering Day</i>	<i>SIA</i>
<i>Sept. TBD</i>	<i>House Rostering Day</i>	<i>SIA</i>