

YELLOWJACKETS HOCKEY CLUB

Junior Jackets Developmental League

Spring 2023 Registration Packet

Junior Jackets Recreational Hockey is an in-house hockey league for boys and girls ages 5-18 years old.

The league follows the USA Hockey American Development Model (ADM), using station-based practice modules that emphasize player skill and development.

Teams will have one practice and one game each week. There will be a total of 6 practices and 6 games.

Important Dates

- **February 21** - Online Early Registration Opens at Firewagonhockey.com
- **March 1** - Early registration discount ends
- **March 23** - Skater Evaluation
- **April 3** - Season Starts

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About

Fire Wagon Hockey Inc is an Illinois nonprofit corporation established for charitable and educational purposes. Junior Jackets Recreational League is an in-house youth ice hockey league operating as part of Fire Wagon Hockey.

We strive to be the leader in youth sports in our community by providing quality ice hockey, learn-to-skate instruction, and leadership.

We are family focused, community minded, and strive to instill family values through the great game of ice hockey.

The club embraces the belief that participation in youth ice hockey ultimately aides young people in acquiring life-long, value based attributes of personal self-esteem, self-discipline, social skills and respect for others.

We believe that through the development of every individual the collective team benefits from resulting depth, diversity and cohesion resulting in a level of confidence that brings success in the competitive ice hockey environment, as well as developing life skills.

We strive to demonstrate respect, pride, and harmony. Our coaches and staff are committed to the long-term growth and development at each level of the ice hockey program.

Our emphasis will always be on education, personal development, teamwork, and sportsmanship. We will strive to ensure a positive culture in which all can honor the sport and exemplify an organization all can be proud of.



Registration and Fees

USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

USA Hockey Registration is required for players to register with Junior Jackets and take the ice.

New players without a current USA Hockey Registration should contact Registrar@yjhockey.com before registering. Current players may register under their current number.

The USA Hockey Registration fee is based on birth year plus a \$15 affiliate fee for the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHAII). **Register at <https://membership.usahockey.com/>**

Player Eligibility

Division	Mite	Squirt	Peewee	Bantam	Midget
Age Group	8U	10U	12U	14U	18U
Birth Years	2017 2016 2015	2014 2013	2012 2011	2010 2009	Minor - '07 to '08 Major-'05 to '06

Fees*

Early Registration (pay in full by 3/1)	\$330
Late Registration (pay in full after 3/1) or Payment Plan**	\$350
Full Time Goalies, Squirt and Older (paid in full or payment plan)	\$275

*** Tryout Fee**

- All fees include \$50 non-refundable tryout fee.

**** Payment Plan**

- Payment plan participants must pay \$50 non-refundable tryout fee separately at registration, with the remaining balance paid automatically in two equal installments on 4/2 and 5/2.

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Evaluation Information

Skater Evaluation

ALL players must attend an evaluation skate which will take place on Thursday, March 23rd.

Coaches will evaluate players in a 1-hour on-ice session and, using a parity system, balance teams as much as possible; aiming for an even level of competition in games during the season.

Team assignments will be announced prior to the season starting April 3rd.

Evaluation Schedule

Thursday, March 23rd

West Rink

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Age Group	8U	10U	12U	14U	18U
Birth Years	2017 2016 2015	2014 2013	2012 2011	2010 2009	Minor - '07 to '08 Major-'05 to '06
Time	5:00 PM	6:10 PM	7:20 PM	8:30 PM	



Team Information

Schedule

Each team will have one practice and one game a week.

Squirt/Peewee/Bantam/Midget full time registered goalies will attend two practice sessions with our goalie coach for additional goalie specific training.

Practice and game schedules to be determined based on enrollment, and published by March 31st.

Game Format

- Mites - half ice, two 25 minute halves, running clock, 90 second shift changes.
- Squirt/Peewee/Bantam/Midget - full ice , three 15 minute periods, running clock.
- All Junior Jackets age levels of play are non-checking

Required Equipment

- Helmet with full cage/shield
- Neck Guard
- Shoulder pads
- Elbow Pads
- Gloves
- Mouthguard (Squirt/PeeWee/Bantam)
- Stick
- Jock / Jill
- Pants (breezers)
- Shin Guards
- Skates
- Jersey & Socks (provided)

Need Equipment?

email
juniorjackets@yjhockey.com



Volunteering

Junior Jackets strives to keep hockey accessible to everyone, and volunteers are an integral part of achieving that mission.

All parents are encouraged to volunteer. Many of the roles do not require advanced knowledge of the sport and offer a unique opportunity to see the game from a different perspective than sitting in the stands.

Junior Jackets will provide support for all roles. Gaining experience in these roles is one of the best ways to share the hockey experience with your player.

Coaches

Each team requires a bench coach to check player and goalie availability for games, and instruct players during the game. Volunteers with hockey experience may also be asked to assist on the ice during practices guided by the Hockey Director. Junior Jackets supports volunteer coaches in attaining USA Hockey Coaching certification.

Team Managers

Coordinate game volunteers (scorekeeper, scoreboard operators, penalty box attendants), work with the Junior Jackets and Coaches to share important messages about events, changes to schedules, and results of games.

Scorekeepers

Fill out scoresheets in coordination with bench coaches and referees. The home team for each game must supply a scorekeeper.

Scoreboard Operators

Operate the scoreboard including: setting up the clock before each period, tracking time in and time out, and following the instruction of the referees to track goals and penalties. The home team for each game must supply a scoreboard operator

Penalty Box Attendants

Remains in the penalty box and operates the door during at the start and end of any penalties. Each team must supply a penalty box attendant for each game.



Fine Print

Medical Conditions

Medical conditions prohibiting a player's participation in the evaluations must be submitted with a doctor's statement prior to the evaluation date (March 23rd) and approved by the Hockey Director

Refunds

All refunds must be submitted in writing to the Treasurer at billing@yjhockey.com.

- Requests received prior to March 9th, 2023 will receive a refund of amounts paid, less a \$25 cancellation fee.
- Requests received on or after March 9th, 2023 and prior to the team roster posting, will receive a refund of amounts paid less non-refundable tryout fee.
- No refunds will be made after teams have been posted

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