

Midwest Youth Hockey Association



SPRING 2019



REGISTRATION

Dear Midwest Blackbird Parents and Players,



The Midwest Youth Hockey Association would first like to thank you for your continued support as we wind down the 2018-2019 fall/winter season. As the Midwest Blackbirds organization continues to grow, we have experienced countless moments that many of us will never forget and cherish forever. However, we also realize that growing pains come with this territory. Challenging times breeds greatness, and as always, we are forging ahead with the same goals and objectives that the Midwest Youth Hockey Association has always been known. The Midwest Blackbirds organization will continue to develop our young athletes as they learn the fundamentals of the great game of hockey and more importantly, be provided with a safe and challenging environment where these fundamental building blocks help to prepare these young men and women for anything that comes their way.

The MYHA will continue its excellence in preparing our players for not only what happens on the ice, but more importantly, the lifelong lessons they absorb while playing this great game and making the transition into young adulthood. Moving forward, the MYHA is thrilled to announce some exciting changes to begin this Spring season further propelling us as one of the premier youth hockey organizations in the Chicagoland area. We are proud to welcome Joakim Flat as Director of Hockey Operations for the Midwest Blackbirds Hockey Organization. Coach Joakim possesses the characteristics that fit our strong commitment to skill development, promotion of sportsmanship and fair play, and an unmatched work ethic. Originally from Sweden, he has played and coached at the professional level internationally. Since then, Coach Joakim has realized successes at the youth and junior levels for the past 18 years. As a professional skating coach for the past 15 years and moving hundreds of players to the junior, college and the professional levels; Coach Joakim is eager to add his expertise to our already talented pool of instructors.

The Blackbirds Organization is also excited to announce the addition of Dan Nelson as the Director of Girls Hockey. As girl's hockey continues to grow and more opportunities open for female athletes to compete at higher levels, we are hoping to open more opportunities for our current and future female players. Coach Dan will bring a passionate, competitive, and hardworking personality to our team. With an impressive resume, Coach Dan stresses developing confidence in our athletes, teaching the importance of teamwork, and preparing these young men and women for life.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your patience and continued support as push forward striving for greatness. Without all of you and your hard work and dedication, none of this would be possible. I am looking forward to another exciting and successful spring season. Creating an environment where all of our player can progress both on and off the ice, and most importantly, have fun!!!

Sincerely,

Eileen Butcher



Your SPRING 2019 Midwest Blackbirds House (NWHL) Hockey Fees include:

Gold Mite through Bantam

8 Northwest Hockey League Games

60 Minutes of Rapid Shot Training

Admission to 12 Weekly Skills Sessions

Approximately 12 Shared Ice Practices

Participation in the NWHL year end tournament

5 Dry Land Training Sessions

**Blackbirds House Players will
average 4-5 Hours of
training time each week!**

**45 + HOURS OF
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**



MIDWEST

BLACKBIRDS

Your SPRING 2019

Midwest Blackbirds Travel (SWSL) Hockey Fees include:

All SWSL League and Post Season Tournament Games

Team Entry into 1 Outside Tournament

10 Dry Land Training Sessions

Admission to 12 Weekly Skills Sessions

Approximately 24 Team Practices

1 Hours of Rapid Shot Training

**Blackbirds Travel Players will
average 5-6 Hours of training
time each week!**

**65 + HOURS OF
PLAYER DEVELOPMENT**

SILVER MITE**2013 & 2014 BIRTHYEARS ONLY**

In accordance with the USA Hockey ADM guidelines, the Midwest Blackbirds Silver Mite team will compete as a Jamboree Team participating in cross ice/half ice Jamboree events. At the Silver Mite level, heavy emphasis is placed on individual skill development and refinement of skating and hockey skills. Players will receive 3 hours of training each week, including one team practice, one skills session, and one hour of dry land training. The Silver Mite team should expect to participate in 4-6 Jamboree events throughout the season.

Your SPRING 2019 Midwest Blackbirds Silver Mite Hockey Fees include:

BLACKBIRDS MITE DEVELOPMENT

In accordance with the USA Hockey ADM, Midwest Blackbirds House teams will not begin full ice play until after ———, therefore all Mite House players will participate in our Blackbird Mite Development Program. **This program will run for the first 4 weeks of the season.** Players will hit the ice for 2 on ice skills sessions, one dry land skills hour, and 4 Cross Ice game days. During this time, Players will be evaluated and then drafted onto one of our Gold Mite House teams as per NWHL draft procedures.

Your SPRING 2018 Midwest Blackbirds Gold Mite (NWHL) Hockey Fees include:

MITE TRAVEL**2011 & 2012 BIRTHYEARS ONLY**

Mite Travel teams will participate in the Northern Illinois Hockey League. The NIHL Mite Travel season will consist of 24 games; a 6 game tiering round played half ice, followed by the regular season consisting of 6 cross ice games and 12 full ice hockey games. All cross ice games will be played according to the NIHL rules established for competitive cross ice play where officials will be present and scores will be kept for all games and count toward the league standings. As per USA Hockey ADM policies, full ice games will not begin until December 1, 2019.

Your SPRING 2019 Midwest Blackbirds Mite Travel (NIHL) Hockey Fees include:

MIDWEST YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SPRING 2019 SEASON

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

USA HOCKEY

All Midwest Blackbirds players are required to be registered with USA Hockey prior to getting on the ice for tryouts and/or evaluations. To register with USA Hockey, follow these steps:

1. Go to www.usahockeyregistration.com
2. Click on "Ice Players & Coaches" and follow the prompts
3. Fee is \$45 per player if you live in Indiana and \$53 if you live in Illinois. USA Hockey accepts Visa, Master Card, AMEX, and Discover.
4. You will need to provide MYHA with a copy of your skater's USA Hockey Confirmation number upon registration.

REGISTRATION

All SPRING 2019 registration information can be found online at www.midwesttrainingandice.com. Click on the Midwest Youth Hockey tab to find the 2019 spring registration packet. In order for registration forms to be accepted, they must be signed, include first payment, and any outstanding/past due fees must be paid in full. Everyone is encouraged to mail or bring in their Spring 2019 season registration information early as we are limited on the number of teams due to ice availability.

Registration for the Spring 2019 season begins immediately, and is on a first come, first serve basis. Please complete the registration forms, write clearly and include all information requested. Payments are due in accordance with the payment plan. When paying with a credit card, your signature on the credit card portion of the player application authorizes Midwest Training & Ice Center to charge your account for the remaining payments unless we are otherwise notified in writing and an alternative payment method is applied.

GENERAL

PLAYING LEVELS FOR THE 2018-2019 SEASON *(Players must play at their age level)*

<u>Level</u>	<u>Birth Years</u>
Silver Mite	2013 & Later
Gold Mite	2011 & 2012
Squirt	2009 & 2010
Peewee	2007 & 2008
Bantam	2005 & 2006

ROSTERING

Midwest Blackbirds players cannot be rostered on more than one youth hockey team, with the exception of girls playing on a youth co-ed team and an all girls team.

LEAGUE PARTICIPATION

NWHL Blackbirds house teams participate in the Northwest Hockey League (NWHL). The NWHL emphasizes balanced ice time for all participants with efforts concentrated on the development of all players. More information about the NWHL can be found online at www.nwleague.com. Midwest Blackbirds Silver Mite team will not be participating in the NWHL but will participate in several cross ice jamborees

SWSL Blackbirds spring travel teams (Squirt/Peewee/Bantam) participate in the Southwest Spring League (SWSL). The SWSL is the premier travel league in Illinois. Teams are chosen on a tryout basis. More information on the Southwest Spring Hockey League can be found online at www.nihl.info. Midget U16 & U18 are tournament teams and will not be participating in the SWSL..

RINKS

All Blackbirds practices and Home games are held at Midwest Training & Ice Center in Dyer.

COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Coach assignments are available on the Midwest Training & Ice Center website on the Midwest Youth Hockey page.

CHECKING CLINIC

All Bantam age players are required to participate in an instructional checking clinic. Checking Clinic will take place on 3/14 and 3/16. **Participation is mandatory** as no bantam level player will be allowed to play until they have attended at least 2 hours of instructional checking clinics. **Parents must check-in their child.**

FEE REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES**Advertising/Sponsorship Programs**

Families will receive 50% of the sale of each item. Ad/Sponsor opportunities include dasher boards, rink banners, and rinkside advertisements. More information on pricing and advertising rates is available in this packet.

Multi Player Discount

This applies to families with more than one player. Families will receive 10% off regular fees for each additional player. The discount will apply to the lesser of the fees and will be applied to your final payment.

Goaltender Discounts

Goaltenders will Receive 25% off team fees.

There will be only one discount allowed per player.

More Information

For more information on the Midwest Blackbirds contact:

Zack Kane

midwesthockey06@gmail.com

MIDWEST YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2019 SEASON

FEES AND PAYMENT

REGISTRATION FEE

A non-refundable fee of \$200 per skater must be paid in full before your players first tryout/evaluation. Players registering after tryout/evaluation dates are not exempt from this fee. No player will be allowed to take the ice until all registration paperwork is complete.

PARTICIPATION FEES

Fees include all ice time for team practices, power skate and skill sessions, and Midwest Blackbirds league games, dry land training sessions, and Rapid Shot Training. Participation fees are due at the time of registration. No player will be placed on a roster until payment is arranged in one of the following three ways:

- Option 1** Make a one time payment for the full amount of registration and participation fees using cash, check or credit card. This one time payment fee is due at the time of registration.
- Option 2** Make 3 payments using Visa or Master Card. Credit card payment information must be provided on your Player Application.
- Option 3** Make 3 payments using checks. If you choose this method, we must receive all postdated checks at the time of registration. Write five checks with the first check equal to the registration fee of \$200. Make the other four checks postdated as outlined in the applicable fee payment schedule. Make all checks payable to MTIC.

INJURY CREDITS

Players who are injured may be eligible to have their fees prorated. The injury must be sustained while playing hockey with the Midwest Blackbirds, and the player must be unable to participate in practices and/or games for at least six consecutive weeks.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Nonsufficient Funds Fee

If a check is returned from the bank for nonsufficient funds or your debit/credit card is declined, pay an additional \$50 per incident.

Team Jerseys

Midwest Hockey Shop, located inside Midwest, is the official jersey provider for the Spring 2019 season. New players are required to purchase both home and away Midwest Blackbird jerseys. All players in need of jerseys are encouraged to place your order and get sized prior to Wednesday, March 8th. Jersey costs are in addition to your Spring 2019 participation fees

Rapid Shot Cards

If a child loses their rapid shot card midway through the session it is \$5 to replace it. Also, if they run out of minutes and need to add more time- it's \$50/hour.

TRAVEL FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Level</u>	<u>Reg. Fee</u>	<u>4/1</u>	<u>5/1</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
Mite	\$200	\$375	\$375	\$975
Squirt	\$200	\$420	\$420	\$1060
Peewee	\$200	\$425	\$425	\$1075
Bantam	\$200	\$425	\$425	\$1075
Midget Major	\$75	\$487.50	\$487.50	\$1075
Midget Minor	\$75	\$487.50	\$487.50	\$1075

TRAVEL TEAM TRYOUTS

There are three tryout sessions for each level. Each player must attend at least two sessions to be eligible for travel team consideration. **Tryouts will begin March 11th.** Schedules will be posted online and at MTIC. All players are to have a numbered dark and light jersey available for each tryout. Travel tryouts are directed by Midwest Blackbirds Hockey Director, Zack Kane. Tryouts are open to observers. Any player may be advised during any of the tryouts that he/she should not attend the remaining tryout sessions. These players are encouraged to attend NWHL (House) evaluations. A player may also be asked not to attend a particular session so coaches may have more time to evaluate other players. This will allow all skaters to get a fair review by the coaches. Players selected for a travel team will be notified by his/her head coach via telephone within 24 hours after the final tryout session. Not all players trying out for travel teams will be selected to play at that level. Players not selected are encouraged to attend NWHL (House) evaluations. The first team parent meeting that your coach schedules is mandatory for all families, with at least one parent attending.



NWHL HOUSE FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Level</u>	<u>Reg. Fee</u>	<u>4/1</u>	<u>5/1</u>	<u>Total Fees</u>
Silver Mite	\$200	\$237.50	\$237.50	\$690
Gold Mite	\$200	\$270	\$270	\$760
Squirt	\$200	\$270	\$270	\$760
Peewee	\$200	\$270	\$270	\$760
Bantam	\$200	\$270	\$270	\$760

NWHL HOUSE EVALUATIONS

Evaluations are for coaches to select teams of equal ability and are not tryouts. NWHL rules require that all participating teams from the same organization must be created of equal ability and that each player receives equitable playing time during all games. Evaluations are directed by the Midwest Blackbirds Coaching Staff. The Hockey Director reserves the right to remove a player from the ice for safety reasons. Evaluation schedules will be posted online and at MTIC. Players will be notified by their coach within 24 hours after the final evaluation. The first team parent meeting that your coach schedules is mandatory for all families, with at least one parent attending. Please help your coaches get off to a good start by attending this meeting.





Proud Home of the Midwest Blackbirds!
Midwest Blackbirds Spring 2019 Mite, Squirt, Peewee, and Bantam Travel teams will compete in the SouthWest Spring League. Blackbirds Midget Minor and Major teams are tournament teams and will compete in 3 highly competitive tournaments in the Midwest.

All Players must have their Spring 2019 registration forms completed and deposit paid prior to taking the ice for tryouts.
Players should bring a light and dark, numbered jersey to all try-

MIDWEST BLACKBIRDS SPRING 2019 TRAVEL TRYOUT SCHEDULE

MITE TRAVEL

2011 & 2012

Monday, March 11 4:10pm to 5:10pm

Tuesday, March 12 4:40pm to 5:40pm

BANTAM TRAVEL

2005 & 2006

Monday, March 11 7:40pm to 8:40pm

Tuesday, March 14 8:10pm to 9:25pm

SQUIRT TRAVEL

2009 & 2010

Monday, March 11 5:20pm to 6:20pm

Tuesday, March 12 5:50pm to 6:50pm

MIDGET MINOR TRAVEL

2003 & 2004

Wednesday March 13 8:10pm to 9:20pm

Thursday, March 14 7:40pm to 9:10pm

PEEWEE TRAVEL

2007 & 2008

Monday, March 11 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 12 7:00pm to 8:00pm

MIDGET MAJOR TRAVEL

2001 & 2002

Wednesday March 13 8:10pm to 9:20pm

Thursday, March 14 7:40pm to 9:10pm



Midwest Blackbirds 2019 Mite, Squirt, Pee wee, and Bantam House teams will compete in the Northwest Hockey League.

MIDWEST BLACKBIRDS SPRING 2019 HOUSE EVALUATION SCHEDULE

All Players must have their 2019 registration forms completed and deposit paid prior to taking the ice for Spring evaluations. **Players should bring a light and dark, numbered jersey to all tryouts.**



MITE HOUSE

2011 & 2012

Wednesday, March 13 5:10pm to 6:00pm

Friday, March 15 6:20pm to 7:10pm

(SILVER MITE ONLY)

Saturday, March 16 12:35pm to 1:35pm

SQUIRT HOUSE

2009 & 2010

Wednesday, March 13 6:10pm to 7:00pm

Saturday, March 16 1:45pm to 2:45pm

PEEWEE HOUSE

2007 & 2008

Wednesday, March 13 7:10pm to 8:00pm

Friday, March 15 7:40pm to 8:50pm

BANTAM HOUSE

2005 & 2006

Thursday, March 14 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturday, March 16 2:55pm to 4:00pm



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SPRING 2019 Player Application

Registrations received unsigned and/or without payment will be returned.

Last Name:		First Name:		Circle One: F M	Date of Birth: <i>New Players please attach copy of birth certificate</i>
Address:				City, State & Zip:	
Home Phone:				E-mail Address:	
Mother's Name:		Cell Phone:		Father's Name:	
				Cell Phone:	
Fall 2019-2020 Club & Level: USA Hockey Confirmation #:				Playing Level for 2019-2020: House Travel	
2019-2020 USA Hockey Age Classifications Silver Mite (2013 & 2014) _____ Mite (2011 & 2012) _____ Squirt (2009 & 2010) _____ Pee wee (2007 & 2008) _____ Bantam (2005 & 2006) _____				Payment Schedule and Calculation Registration Fees \$ <u>200</u> Paid \$ _____ Balance \$ _____ Form of Payment Make checks payable to: Visa/MasterCard OR Midwest Training & Ice (See below for details) (\$50 Fee for Returned checks)	

Payment Plans

- Option 1** _____ Payment In Full (Cash/Check/CC)
- Option 2** _____ Visa/MC Payment Plan. You **MUST** complete the bottom portion with Visa or MC info.
- Option 3** _____ Check Payment Plan. Postdated checks according to payment schedule.

1 Payment Plan MUST be chosen. No exceptions!

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE CONDUCT, RISK OF SERIOUS INJURY, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICES AS STATED THROUGH YOUR 2019-2020 USA HOCKEY REGISTRATION.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date: _____

Payment: Visa _____ MC _____ CK# _____ Cash _____	Amount: _____
Card Number: _____	Expiration: _____ Sec Code: _____
Name on card: _____	Signature: _____
Your signature authorizes Midwest Training and Ice to charge your account for your scheduled payments.	
Post Dated Check Numbers: 1 _____	2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION



CODE OF CONDUCT

USA HOCKEY PARTICIPANT CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYER NAME: _____

No swearing or abusive language on the bench, in the rink, or at any team function.

No lashing out at any official no matter what the call is. The coaching staff will handle all matters pertaining to officials.

Anyone who receives a penalty will skate directly to the penalty box.

Fighting will not be tolerated. Fighting will result in an appearance before the Disciplinary Committee.

There will be no drinking, smoking, chewing of tobacco or use of illegal substance at any team function.

I will conduct myself in a befitting manner at all facilities (ice rink, hotel, restaurant, etc.) during all team functions.

Any player or team official who cannot abide by these rules or violates them will be subject to further disciplinary action.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS PAGE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION



2019-2020 Midwest Blackbirds

Volunteer Registration Form

Without the help of our parents as volunteers, the Midwest Blackbirds simply would not be as successful. This year we are asking parents to participate in at least one of the many tasks performed throughout the season. Below we have outlined all the areas Blackbird teams needs help. We understand that work schedules and other commitments may make signing up for these activities difficult, but we appreciate any and all assistance that parents and players can offer.

Please mark below to indicate your area of participation.

Hockey experience needed (hockey director approval required):

- _____ Coach/Assistant Coach (Requires coaching card & board approval)
_____ Player Evaluation (Requires coaching card, run on-ice drills, evaluate players)
_____ Checking Clinics (Requires coaching card, run on-ice drills)

No Hockey experience needed:

- _____ Team Manager
_____ Manager Coordinator
_____ Scoreboard/Penalty Box – Home games only
_____ Events Committee (e.g. Player Registration, Fitting Days, Photo Day, MYHA Meetings)
_____ Banquet Committee
_____ Fundraising Committee – Candlelight Bowl, MYHA Raffle, Hockey Mania

Player (s) name: _____

Parent name: _____

Cell phone: _____ Evening phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS

Coach: Participate in the player evaluation and draft, run all practices, help in scheduling games.

Team Manager: Responsible for communicating practice and game information to all team families, handling score sheets, reporting game results, coordinating tournaments.

Manager Coordinator: Train and assist team managers

Fundraising Committee: Assist in the planning and execution of the Blackbirds fundraising events. Events include Candlelight Bowl, Annual Golf Outing, Hockey Blackbirds Ticket distribution/promotion.

Events Committee: Assist with the planning and executive of player registrations, uniform fitting, Blackbirds Meetings, Picture Day and other seasonal club events.

Banquet Committee: Assist in the planning and execution of the end of season hockey banquet. This includes planning the event, promotion, trophies, check-in, ticket sales and decorations.

Scoreboard: Run the game clock and scoreboard during home games.



2019 Spring Season

Midwest Youth Hockey Association

Advertising/Sponsorship Agreement

Each hockey season, Midwest Blackbirds hockey families have the opportunity to reduce their player fees by participating in the advertising/sponsorship program. The Ad/Sponsor program provides financial credits to Midwest Blackbirds hockey players who sell advertising opportunities at Midwest Training & Ice Center. For each sale made by a Blackbirds Family, they will receive 50% of the Advertising revenue in the form of a credit, with Midwest Training & Ice Center receiving the remaining 50%. Production costs for each advertisement sold are at the cost of the Advertiser with 100% of this money going to the production of the chosen advertisement package. With over 10,000 people passing through Midwest each week, this is a great way to increase exposure for your business or that of a friend, and help support the development of your Midwest Blackbirds hockey player!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Advertisement</u>	<u>Ad Cost</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Total Due</u>	<u>Your Credit</u>
_____ Rinkside Advertisement (4' x 4')	\$500	\$150	\$ 600	\$250
_____ Arena Banner (4' x 8')	\$1000	\$150	\$ 1100	\$500
_____ Dasher Board Ad (3' x 8')	\$1500	\$150	\$ 1600	\$750
_____ Lobby Banner (4' x 8')	\$1500	\$150	\$ 1600	\$750
_____ In Ice Logo	Contact Midwest for Pricing		\$ _____	_____
		Total Due	\$ _____	

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

This will serve as an agreement between _____, hereinafter referred to as the "Sponsor," and Midwest Training & Ice Center, hereinafter referred to as "MTIC." MTIC agrees to provide selected advertising in the agreed upon location, based upon availability, for the term of 1 year, beginning with the date of execution of this agreement. All artwork for advertisements must be provided by the Sponsor and approved by MTIC.

Sponsor will be responsible for all cost associated with the production of selected advertisements.

Payment may be made in the form of cash, check, Visa or Master Card. Checks can be made payable to MTIC.

Agreed by: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Sponsor Signature: _____

Title: _____

Blackbird Player Receiving Credit: _____

Phone: _____