

# Learn to Play Hockey Youth & Adult

All classes are co-ed - Required equipment listed in "Helpful Learn to Play Information."

## Tots 1 - Ages 3 - 5

No experience is necessary. Beginner skating skills will be taught through fun games.

## Hockey Tots - Learn to Play - Ages 3 - 5

Pre-requisite: Tots 1. Players will be taught basic skating and hockey skills, including forward skating, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

## Blades 1 - Ages 6 -14

No experience necessary. Students will learn basic balance moves, forward skating, and stopping.

## Hockey - Learn to Play - Ages 6 - 14

Pre-requisite: Tots 1 or Blades 1. Players will be taught basic hockey skills, including forward and backward skating, stopping, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

## Teen/Adult - Hockey Learn to Play - Ages 15 +

This class is ran as a practice using multiple coaches. Classes will focus on the skills needed to play hockey including skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, scoring, proper positional play, and rules of the game. Full ice hockey equipment required.



## Helpful Learn to Play Information

The Hockey Staff recommends that gear be rented or purchased prior to first class.

Players should practice getting dressed before the first day of class.

Full equipment is highly recommended for all classes. The minimum gear recommended for the Youth Learn to Play Hockey Classes is listed below. Skate rental is included in the cost of the program.

Rental hockey equipment is available for \$25 plus deposit per session.

The rental equipment fits 3 - 8 year olds. Please contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434 - 2878 or bludy@cityblm.org for rental equipment arrangements.



## Tots 1 and Blades 1

No equipment required; bicycle or hockey helmet, pair of winter or hockey gloves, loose fitting sweat or snow pants, and loose fitting sweatshirt are heavily recommended.

## Hockey Tots and Hockey - Learn to Play

Helmet with face mask, hockey gloves, hockey stick, shin pads, and elbow pads are required.

## Teen/Adult - Hockey Learn to Play, and Adult Leagues:

Helmet (facemask is recommended but optional for 18 years and over), elbow pads, shin guards, gloves, stick, skates (rentals are ok), and hockey pants.

## Open Hockey - Stick & Puck, Pick Up

We will offer two categories of Open Hockey

**Stick & Puck** is designed for skaters of all ages to practice individual skills, such as skating, shooting, and passing.

Scrimmages are not allowed during this event. Private hockey lessons are available during Stick & Puck sessions.

For more information regarding private lessons contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434 - 2878 or bludy@cityblm.org.

**Pick-Up Hockey** (aka rat hockey or pond hockey or shinny) is your designated scrimmage.

Players can sign up in person or online. Preregistration is online only. Players sign up and split into teams on their own.

There is no checking allowed. Players officiate themselves. Visit or call Guest Services at (309) 434-2737,

or check the website: BloomingtonIceCenter.com for prices, monthly schedule, and times.

# Learn to Play Hockey

## Fall Session Schedule

Class	Day	Fall 1	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Wed	9/6 - 10/11	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Sat	9/9 - 10/14	10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play 6 - 14y.o.	Wed	9/6 - 10/11	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play 6 - 14y.o.	Sat	9/9 - 10/14	10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$78
Teen/Adult -Hockey Learn to Play ...	Wed	9/6 - 10/18 (no class on 10/11)	9:30 PM - 9:30 PM	\$89

Class	Day	Fall 2	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Wed	10/18 - 11/15	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	\$65
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Thurs	10/19 - 11/16	10:40 AM - 11:20 AM	\$65
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Sat	10/21 - 11/18	10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$65
Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o.	Wed	10/18 - 11/15	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	\$65
Hockey Learn to Play 6-14y.o.	Sat	10/21 - 11/18	10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$65
Teen/Adult -Hockey Learn to Play ...	Wed	10/25 - 12/6 (no class on 11/23)	9:30 PM - 10:30 PM	\$89

Class	Day	Winter Mini	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots 3 - 5y.o.	Wed+Sat	11/29 - 12/13	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat.....	(5 Sessions)		10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$65
Hockey Learn to Play 6 - 14y.o.	Wed+Sat	11/29 - 12/13	5:00 PM - 5:40 PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat.....	(5 Sessions)		10:50 AM - 11:30 AM	\$65

## Try Hockey for Free Day

Saturday Nov 4, 2023 • 4:20 PM - 5:00 PM • 4 - 12 year olds • FREE • (Max. 60)

Bloomington Ice Center proudly presents National Try Hockey for Free Day in partnership with USA Hockey on Saturday, November 4th. This event is designed to provide kids, between the ages of 4 to 12, a completely free experience to try youth hockey. Equipment is available to borrow.

Our top coaches will be on the ice to assist your child in learning the basics.

Your son or daughter does not need any previous skating or hockey experience. Pre-registration is required. To register, please visit [www.tryhockeyforfree.com](http://www.tryhockeyforfree.com) and search the ice rink zip code 61701.

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## Little Icebirds

Through a partnership between the ISU Hockey Coaching Staff, the Bloomington Ice Center is offering a 6 week introduction to Hockey for beginner players at a minimal cost. Boys and girls ages four to ten who can skate will be sized with equipment to use for the duration of the class.

Players will receive 6 Learn to Play practices ran by our college and youth hockey coaches.

Each participant will be able to borrow gloves, helmet, shin pads, elbow pads, pants, shoulder pads, hockey socks, stick, and bag. Jerseys will be given to the players to keep.

Class	Day	Time	Sessions	Fee
Ages 4-10	Saturdays	9/9 - 10/14	3:10 PM - 4:00 PM	(6 Sessions) \$115

# Pre-Season and Holiday Clinics

## 3 on 3 Cross Ice Games for ages 8 and under

Min. 8/Max. 36 - each session

This program is in cross ice format with 40 minute games. Teams will be formed randomly each week. The program is designed so that the players touch the puck more often.

Through this skill development for all players will be maximized. Games will be played at the 8U level. Learn to Play and Hockey Tots as well as 6U and 8U players are encouraged to register. No experience is required to participate. Full ice hockey equipment is required. Goalies - please contact bludy@cityblm.org for reduced pricing.

Ages 3 - 8 - Saturdays 9/9 - 9/30 - 9:10 AM - 9:50 AM  
(4 Sessions) - Fee \$40

## Skills, Skating, and Scrimmage Clinic

Want to get ready for the season but still have the fun of games. This once a week clinic will be work on skills and skating for the first half of the ice time. The second half will split into teams to play scrimmage hockey, full ice or cross ice based on players ages and skills. Goalies - email Brian

Ludy at bludy@cityblm.org for reduced fees.

Ages 6 - 12 - Mondays 9/11 - 9/25 - 6:10 PM - 7:00 PM  
(3 sessions) - Fee \$45



## Pre-Season Conditioning Camp

If you want to get a head start on the house league season, this camp will give you a chance to get the rust off your skates and get your legs back in hockey shape. This weekly practice for all ages will focus on conditioning and all your hockey skills. To get you ready for the season, skating, stickhandling, passing, and shooting will be covered.

Ages 8 - 14 - Thursdays 9/7 - 9/28 - 6:10 PM - 7:00 PM  
(4 Sessions) - Fee \$60

## Winter Mini 1000 Shoots Clinic

Coaches will work on multiple shots throughout the winter school break. Players will get a chance to shoot wrist shot, backhand, snap shots, and slapshot for age-appropriate players.

Ages 7 - 15 - 12/26, 12/27, 1/2, 1/3  
9:10 AM - 10:00 AM - Fee \$80

# Hockey Leagues for adults

All players must be 2023 - 24 members of the USA Hockey in order to participate in the Adult Leagues. To register as a USA Hockey player, go to: usahockey.com.

For registration, please register on-line at  
bloomingtonicecenter.com

## Adult League Fall

Players (ages 18+) will register as an individual and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form two or three divisions (low skill and high skill and possibly intermediate) and teams as evenly as possible. The first week will be evaluations, with teams formed after that. Most games will be on Sundays. There may be a once a month game on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night as necessary. Teams will be a max of 15 players and minimum of 10 players. Players will play 12 total games. Fees include one jersey per year, officials, score keepers, and ice time.

Ages: 18+ - Sundays, Sept. 17 - Dec. 10  
3:10 PM - 11:40 PM (games between these times)

*Must register by Sept. 9, 2023.*

## Adult League Fall

Registration Dates: Residents: & Non Residents - 8/1 - 9/9  
Players \$199 - Goaltenders \$100

## Thursday Night College Scrimmage

Each Thursday Night where ice is available the Bloomington Ice Center will host a scrimmage for players 18+ who are college age. This will be first come first serve to a max of 24 players and 4 goalies. Players can sign up in person or online. Preregistration is online only. There is no checking allowed. Players will split into teams and officiate themselves. Please bring both a light and dark jersey to these scrimmages. Registration and fees online.



# 2023 – 24 HOCKEY LEAGUES FOR YOUTH

All participants must be registered as 2023 - 2024 ice players in USA Hockey in order to participate in the Youth Hockey League. To register for USA Hockey, go to: [usahockey.com](http://usahockey.com). \*Players will need their current USA Hockey number when enrolling for league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center.

Registration for Youth Hockey Leagues will be online. Registration will be open from 8/1/23 - 9/24/23. To register you must have completed your registration with USA Hockey. You may select online registration for full payments or payment plans. Payment Plans will charge the credit card on file on the date of 10/1, 11/1, 12/1. If there is room still available, anyone registering after 9/24 may be charged a \$10.00 late registration fee.

Bloomington Youth House/Recreational Leagues  
Bloomington Recreational Hockey will run a youth house/

recreational league that will skate for 18 weeks; Oct. 2, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024. The weekend of Thanksgiving and two weeks during the Christmas/New Year holidays will be scheduled weeks off. No experience is required to participate. Each age group will skate once during the week (Monday through Wednesday) and once on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). It is unknown at this time what night any age group will skate. Until we have the final registration numbers, a schedule cannot be finalized. The weekend time slots will be rotated as evenly as possible.



## **6U - Mini-Mites (players born 2017 or later)**

Season Fees- full payment at registration, \$179 or \$60 at registration and 3 payments of \$40.

The players will skate twice a week, one weeknight and on Saturday. The focus will be on skill development through station work, small area games, and cross ice games.

## **8U - Mites (players born in 2015 & 2016)**

Season Fees- full payment at registration, \$279 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$60.

The players will skate twice a week: They will practice once a week and play cross ice games on the weekends.

**\*\*Additional 8U - Mite opportunities below\*\***

## **10U - Squirts (players born in 2013 & 2014)**

Season Fees- full payment at registration, \$379 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$95. Teams will be formed, practice on a weeknight, and play a game on a weekend day. Games will alternate between cross ice games and full ice.

## **12U - Peewees (players born in 2011 & 2012) and**

## **14U - Bantams (players born in 2010 & 2009)**

Season Fees- full payment at registration, \$449 or \$110 at registration and 3 payments of \$115.

Teams will practice once a week and play one full ice game once a week (Saturday or Sunday).

House League Evaluations - To better balance the competitiveness of each team, players in the 10U, 12U, and 14U age levels will be required to attend evaluation skates between the days of 9/16/23 - 9/23/23. Players should attend both sessions. It is required that they at least attend one. The evaluation schedule is online.

## **ADM Advanced Practices for all Players**

Additional Fees - \$199 or \$100 at registration and 2 payments of \$50 due by 10/15 and 11/15.

This program, which is available to all House League players, will have an additional 18 American Development Model (ADM) practices on a set weeknight (Thursday) that would not conflict with the regular house league practice nights. Players must be enrolled in one of the above Rec Leagues.

## **8U - Mite Additional Opportunities**

## **8U - Mite Advanced Jamboree Team(s)**

Additional Fees - \$150

Mite age players from the ADM Advanced Practice program would represent Bloomington Hockey in Central Illinois cross ice jamborees. The fees would include hosting a cross ice jamboree and participating in 4 away jamborees and unique jerseys will be provided for the players to wear at the jamborees. Additional Jamborees may be available for an additional fee.

## **8U - Mite House Full Ice Team**

Additional Fees - \$299 or \$100 at registration and 2 monthly payments of \$100.

This Select team would play up to 12 full ice games using their Mite Advanced Jamboree team jerseys. Half the games would be played in Bloomington while the other half would be played against other Central Illinois programs at their rinks. The select team would possibly attend one away full ice, weekend tournament. The House Select team registration would be on a first come, first serve basis.