



2025 – 2026
Fall Season
Registration Information

Please read all registration information carefully.



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Mandatory Online Registration and Payment

The DuPage Black Bears use Bond Sports for all registrations and payments. New families will need to create a login and password with Bond Sports prior to registering for the 2025 - 26 season. **All** members are required to register and pay online before attending any of the Black Bear on-ice events, such as preseason training, tryouts, and **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, before team placement. Payments will only be accepted online with a credit card or ACH payment.

USA Hockey Registration for all 8U, 10U, 12U, & 14U DuPage Black Bears Players

All participants are required to purchase their 2025-26 season USA Hockey insurance directly from USA Hockey **before** registering in the DuPage Black Bear system or attending any on-ice event. You will need your new USA confirmation number to register for any fall activities. New USA Hockey numbers are available beginning April 1, 2025 and are valid through August 31, 2026
<https://membership.usahockey.com/>

AAU Hockey Registration for 8U CUHL Travel Players ONLY

IMPORTANT: Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) after August 15th, registration with AAU all teams, players, and coaches wishing to participate in AAU-sanctioned leagues, tournaments, and events must be current AAU members prior to taking part in any sanctioned competition.

AAU Registration Instructions

Visit ausports.org and click the "Join AAU" button. If you don't have an AAU account, select "Create Account." Choose "New Membership" if you're a first-time member, or "Renew Membership" if you're a returning member (we recommend Extended AB coverage). Fill out the required information and associate your registration with the DuPage Jr. Black Bears Club. Our club number will be available when AAU registration starts on 8/15/2025, and you can link your membership then or after completing your 2025-26 registration. Complete the checkout process. If you save progress without finishing, return by selecting "Go to My Account" to preserve your entries.

League Participation

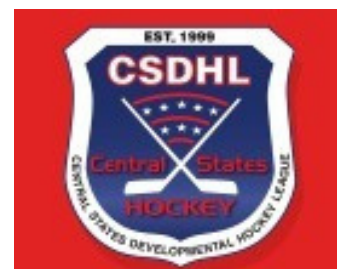
The DuPage Black Bears will compete in the following leagues for the 2025-2026 season: the DuPage Black Bears and Woodridge Wild Rookie Leagues (Tier 3 In-House) at Center Ice of DuPage and Seven Bridges Ice Arena, Tier II Travel Hockey "A" and "AA" in the Central States Developmental Hockey League (CSDHL) and Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL), and the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL) for D1, D2, D3, and Minor Mite divisions.

<https://chicagounitedhockey.com>

<https://nihl.info>



<https://www.csdhl.org>



2025-2026 Age Levels by (Birth Year)

Mites 8U– 2017 / 2018 / 2019 / 2020
Peewee 12U– 2014 / 2013

Squirt 10U – 2015 / 2016
Bantam 14U– 2012 / 2011

DuPage Black Bears Rookie League

The DuPage Black Bear Rookie League is a Tier 3 in-house league for all ages for those who are just learning to play hockey. The prerequisite for the Rookie League is enrollment in a Learn to Play Hockey class or the approval of our Hockey Director. Rookie League players will play cross-ice games as part of three divisions. Weekly skating classes are available for enrolled Skating Academy students, along with team practices based on USA Hockey Player Development principles. Players take part in Cross-Ice games twice a week. Skills and practice sessions run for 30 minutes on two days each week, followed by 20-minute Cross-Ice games on the same days. Division 1 will consist of Little Hockey 1–3 players, Division 2 will include Beginner Hockey 1 & 2 players, and Division 3 will feature Black Bear Prep players. All divisions will be split into equal teams for balanced gameplay.

DuPage Black Bears Travel Teams

The following travel teams are for more advanced skaters looking to make a bigger time commitment and further their skill development. Team travel can range from the local Chicagoland suburbs for basic travel teams, plus Midwest tournaments and showcases for intermediate and top-tier travel teams. Placement on the following teams will be determined by tryouts.

8U, 10U, 12U & 14U Travel Team Fees Include:

Team fees cover league registration, officials, coaching, and ice time for two practices and one power skate per week. Players will have home game slots, outdoor off-ice position training (weather permitting), and will average 1–2 games per week, totaling around 40 league games for the season. Players **wearing their travel game jersey receive free admission** to Stick n Puck, Public Skate, and Youth Rat Hockey—just sign in at the front desk upon arrival.

Mandatory Team Slush Fund (Separate from Registration Fee):

Each team also collects a separate slush fund to cover tournament fees (usually 2–4 events, both local and out-of-town), hotel and travel expenses for non-parent coaches, playoff play-in games (for 10U, 12U, and 14U), state tournament costs (for 10U, 12U, and 14U), and miscellaneous team events. The slush fund amount varies by team.

Team Selection and Roster Commitment

IMPORTANT: You will receive an email after tryouts with notification of team placement. Team selection notification emails will be sent to the email used for registration within the Players' account. Within the email, there will be a link in which you are required to click and process a "team commitment payment". Once payment is processed and accepted, then and only then, will the player be placed on the roster. If you do not click the link and make a "team commitment payment" within 24 HOURS, the team selection will be reversed and offered to the next player competing for that spot. **No exceptions.** Teams WILL NOT be posted on the website until **after** the roster is finalized with all committed players.

Travel Tryout Dates and Costs

Travel tryouts can start after August 15th for 8U, 10U - 14U travel teams.



Preseason Training Schedule

Signup: https://bondsports.co/activity/programs/CO_ED-youth-HOCKEY/6839

8U Mite		10U Squirt		12U Pee wee		14U Bantams	
8/4/25	5:00P (A)	8/4/25	6:10P (A)	8/4/25	5:40P (I)	8/4/25	6:50P (I)
8/6/25	5:00P (A)	8/6/25	6:10P (A)	8/6/25	5:40P (I)	8/6/25	7:20P (A)
8/7/25	6:10P (A)	8/7/25	6:20P (I)	8/7/25	7:20P (A)	8/7/25	7:30P (I)
8/11/25	5:00P (A)	8/11/25	6:10P (A)	8/11/25	5:40P (I)	8/11/25	6:50P (I)
8/12/25	5:00P (A)	8/12/25	6:10P (A)	8/12/25	5:40P (I)	8/12/25	6:50P (I)
8/13/25	5:00P (A)	8/13/25	6:10P (A)	8/13/25	5:40P (I)	8/13/25	7:20P (A)

Tryout Schedule


Signup: https://bondsports.co/activity/programs/CO_ED-youth-HOCKEY/6846

8U Mite		10U Squirt		12U Pee wee		14U Bantams	
8/16/25	11:20A (A)	8/16/25	12:30P (A)	8/16/25	1:40P (A)	8/16/25	2:50P (A)
8/17/25	9:10A (A)	8/17/25	10:20A (A)	8/17/25	11:30A (A)	8/17/25	12:40P (A)
8/20/25	5:00P (A)	8/20/25	6:10P (A)	8/20/25	5:40P (I)	8/20/25	7:20P (A)

Registration & Payment Information

Level Session Fees Learn to Play Hockey	Fall 1 Sept 4th - Oct 11th	Fall 2 Oct 16th - Dec 20th	Winter Jan 8th - Feb 28th	Spring 1 March 5th - May 2nd	Spring 2 May 7th - June 27th
	\$152/ \$162	\$162/ \$172	\$162/ \$172	\$162/ \$172	\$162/ \$172
Rookie League	\$350	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400

	Season Fee	Aug (Acceptance Payment)	Sept 20th	Oct 20th	Nov 20th	Dec 20th
Mite 8U	\$3,150	\$500	\$662.50	\$662.50	\$662.50	\$662.50
Mite Girls 8U	No Player Fees for Double Rostered Girls					



Squirt 10U	\$3,995	\$500	\$873.75	\$873.75	\$873.75	\$873.75
Peewee 12U	\$4,295	\$500	\$948.75	\$948.75	\$948.75	\$948.75
Bantam 14U	\$4,495	\$500	\$998.75	\$998.75	\$998.75	\$998.75

Cost: Pre-Season Training \$240 Tryouts are \$150 if paid **before** August 1st Tryouts paid **after** August 1st will be \$175

No refunds or credits will be issued. Any player trying out for a travel team is required to pay the full **tryout fee before the first of their tryouts.**

Goalie Discount

Mite and above, full-time goalies with their own gear will receive a **40% discount** off the published player season fee. Goalies do not receive a discount on the team slush fund amount or on any tournament fees.

Player Suspensions

If a player's account becomes delinquent, they will be immediately suspended from all club activities until the balance is paid. Accounts not current by December 20th may result in permanent removal from the team roster. Balances past due after December 20th are still required to be paid in full and will incur a \$50 late fee per month until resolved. Returned checks, declined cards, or other failed payments will result in a \$50 NSF fee per occurrence, in addition to player suspension. Requests to delay payment may also lead to suspension.

Jersey/Uniform Information

The DuPage Black Bears are proud to wear one of the most unique uniforms in all of youth hockey. Players can wear them from year to year as long as they fit properly and are in good condition (no rips, no severe discoloration). All Black Bears players are required to have a complete uniform set, which includes home and away jerseys, pant shells, and matching home and away socks. Please note that uniforms are not included in the player registration fees and must be ordered and paid for separately through our website. To avoid delays, we encourage all families to place their orders as soon as possible.

Uniform Guidelines & Requirements: Players with even birth years must choose an available even jersey number. Players with odd birth years must choose an available odd jersey number. **Before** placing your uniform order, email your top three number choices to Scott Maeder. We will try our best to accommodate number requests, but final assignments are based on availability. Jersey numbers will remain with the player for as long as they continue with the program without interruption. If a player leaves the Black Bears for a full year, their number becomes available to others with the same birth year. Number conflicts will be handled directly by the apparel coordinator, who will work with families to resolve any issues. All jersey orders are final and non-refundable. Uniforms are managed and fulfilled by our official partner, Breakaway Sports. All travel team players are required to wear black helmets. Hockey gloves must align with the Black Bears color scheme. Helmet stickers are provided free of charge to any player who needs them.

Access Code: DUPAGE2025



Questions? Feel Free to Reach Out!



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