



GLENVIEW STARS
TRAVEL HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION
HANDBOOK
2014-2015

GLENVIEW STARS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INC
TRAVEL PARENT AND PLAYER EXPECTATION GUIDELINES
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Glenview Stars Mission Statement

The Mission of the Glenview Stars Hockey Association, Inc. (GSHA) is to provide a venue for youth hockey players of all ages to play hockey at a competitive level and to assist such players in the development of their hockey skills as well as foster a growing appreciation for the game of hockey.

GSHA intends to provide an opportunity and positive atmosphere for all players to participate in the game of hockey. In addition, GSHA desires to promote self esteem, good character and strong work ethic, on and off the ice. GSHA will encourage sportsmanship and cultivate a healthy and productive hockey program.

I. Commitment

- All players must be “committed” to their team.
- All efforts must be made to attend every practice and game on time.
- Team managers must be notified in advance of any absence from a practice or a game.
- In cases of habitual or unexcused absences from practice or games, the coach will determine the appropriate measure of action.
- Travel hockey is a competitive sport; equal ice time is not required and should not be expected by the player or parents.
- A typical season will run from September through mid-March.
- There will be Parent/Team/Coach meetings throughout the season that all parents, players and coaches will be expected to attend.
- All players and parents should be aware that there may be some practices, games and tournaments that occur during holiday periods.
- GSHA strongly encourages volunteerism by every family to not only benefit the organization, but to enrich the overall family experience of hockey.

A. Skills Nights

- All skills sessions are mandatory for all players.
- Managers must be notified of absence.
- In the case of 3 or more absences for the skills session, that player may be subject to a one period suspension in the next game.
- Any player that is disruptive during a skills session will be removed from the ice.
- Players from all teams at each level must share the designated locker rooms.

B. Attire

- Player must wear the required jerseys and matching socks to all games.
- Jerseys are to be worn for games only.
- Player must purchase jersey from the vendor or supplier determined by the Stars organization.
- Each player must have a white helmet and navy blue pants.
- All players must dress in the designated team locker room.
- No player shall dress in the lobby.
- Neck guards and mouth guards are required for players for all games and practices as mandated by USA Hockey.

C. Hockey Fees

- All fees must be paid on time.
- Financial hardship will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the board of Directors.

GLENVIEW STARS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION (GSHA)

AFFILIATIONS

- A. GSHA primarily uses the facilities at the Glenview Ice Center, and Twin Rinks Ice pavilion in Buffalo Grove, and North Shore Ice Arena in Northbrook.
- B. The Glenview Park District offers children the opportunity to learn hockey through the Glenview Youth Hockey League program. It is a separate program and has its own Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

1. GSHA is a private, not-for-profit organization operated by a Board of Directors.
2. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
3. The Board ordinarily meets once a month.
4. The Board of Directors is responsible for operating the program and has the authority to suspend and/or ban participation of either a player and/or parent guardian in the program.

Teams

1. GSHA's goal is to field teams in each age division of NIHL (Squirt, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget)
2. The Head Coach of each team selects players on a competitive basis.

Level Representative

1. Each age division will have a Level Representative who will be a Board Member.
2. The Level Representative is the liaison between the Board, the Team Manager, participants and parents in the division.
3. All questions, complaints, grievances and comments that you wish to pursue beyond the Team Manager are the responsibility of, and shall be directed to, the Level Representative.

Team Manager

1. Each team will have a Team Manager who will be approved by the Head Coach and Board.
2. The Manager is responsible for assisting the coach in all business matters relating to the team, but shall not be an assistant coach.
3. All questions, complaints, grievances and comments shall be directed to the Team Manager. The Team Manager, if necessary, will handle each situation as instructed during Manager's meetings.

Team Coach

1. Each team will have a Head Coach selected by and approved by the Board.
2. Assistant Coaches are selected by the Head Coach subject to approval of the Board.
3. The Head Coach is solely responsible for all matters pertaining to the coaching of the team, subject to general guidelines set by the Board.
4. Each Head Coach and Assistant Coach will be qualified and approved by AHAI and USA Hockey. All coaches will be subjected to an AHAI sponsored screening program as mandated by USA Hockey

TRYOUT INFORMATION

The GSHA Tryout is open to all youth skaters wishing to tryout for a GSHA traveling team. To avoid confusion, the Board of Directors of GSHA wishes to state a few principles as reminders about tryouts:

Tryout Application – Make certain your TRYOUT APPLICATION accurately reflects:

1. What member associations you have played for.
2. The birth date and age of the player(s)
3. Please provide us with all the information requested.
4. Be certain of your status and the information you provide us.

Team Selection

1. Each player interested in playing for a GSHA team must participate in the tryouts held by GSHA.
2. Each session will be viewed by coaches and assistant coaches for the purpose of evaluating the skills of the players. Final selection of each team is done on a competitive basis by the teams' coaches.
3. We must all recognize that there are no guarantees and no one should rely on any promises no matter how well intended.
4. GSHA hockey is more competitive than House League. Generally, this will mean the coaches select the better skaters based on their best judgment of the player's ability.
5. We permit each coach to select the team. The final decision is that of the coach.
6. Our rule is that if a player is selected for a team, the player must play on that team.
7. Coaches evaluate players and change their opinions up until final selection, taking into consideration USA Hockey, AHAI and NIHL rules and regulations.
8. We demand that no one approach the coaches in an attempt to influence them or seek information on selection.
9. The Glenview Stars, being a Tier II AHAI Member Association, is bound to adhere to the AHAI Two-Choice By-Law. We do not have a restrictive policy concerning allowing a player to return to play for us if that player has left and made a second choice at another Member Association.

If you have any concerns or problems (such as financial, time conflicts or other activity conflicts) you should advise the Level Representative, President or Vice President of GSHA prior to the last two days of tryouts.

The Stars Travel Hockey Program is designed for players who want to make a serious commitment to the game of hockey. In turn, the Stars are seriously committed to the quality of our program. With the finest coaching staff in the state, the Glenview Stars Hockey Association has been one of the most respected and successful travel hockey programs in North America.

The Glenview Stars offers the opportunities for a developing hockey player to play competitive travel hockey from September through February.

Team Skill Development

During the course of a season, you can expect to have upwards of 40 practices, 24 league games, weekly skills clinics and the opportunity to go with your team to hockey tournaments both locally and out-of-state. All tournament participation is decided on a team-by-team basis, voted on by each team's parents.

League Play

We will continue to field teams in the **Northern Illinois Hockey League (NIHL)** at the Bronze, Silver, Gold and Gold Elite levels. **Central States Developmental Hockey League** at the Squirt level and Bantam Major Level.

Tryouts

Players are selected for AA and A level teams during **tryouts** by team **coaches**.

Age-Appropriate Play

Youth hockey is organized - by the **birth year** of the participant - into these levels:

SQUIRT:	born in 2004 and 2005
PEEWEE:	born in 2002 and 2003
BANTAM:	born in 2000 and 2001
MIDGET:	born in 1996 Thru 1999

IMPORTANT !

The 2-Choice Rule: AHAI Declaration Rules Explained

Travel Tier II hockey players in Illinois can skate for **two organizations** in their Mite through Midget playing careers.

The first Tier II organization you play for becomes your first choice. You will have only one other opportunity (choice) to play for another travel Tier II organization through the Midget level.

Some travel organizations have restrictive policies in effect, which limit a player's ability to move between his/her two choices. **Glenview does not restrict players from returning if they play for another organization.**

All players and parents NEW TO THE ORGANIZATION will be required to confirm via e-mail they are making a choice.



STARS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2014-2015 SEASON

F E E S a n d P A Y M E N T S

TRYOUT FEE: per skater must be paid in full (Check, Mastercard or Visa) before skater's first tryout/evaluation. Skaters registering after tryout/evaluation dates are not exempt from this fee.

PARTICIPATION FEES: Fees include all ice time for player practices, skill sessions and league games for Stars Hockey 2014-2015 fall/winter season. **Home and away jerseys will be an additional per player fee.** Home and Away socks will be provided and must be worn in games.

PRO-RATED FEES: Players registering after October 1 or players who are injured may be eligible to have their fees pro-rated. For purposes of pro-rated fees due to injury, the injury must be sustained while playing hockey with the Stars, and the player must be unable to participate in practices and/or games for at least a six-week period. Fees will be pro-rated by multiplying the number of weeks missed by 1/30th of the total player's fees. A maximum of six weeks may be prorated and deducted from the total fees.

MULTIPLE SKATER DISCOUNT: Families with more than one skater and no other fee discounts, will receive a discount of \$225.00 off the total of one skaters' fees. Families with 3 skaters in the program will receive 50% off the lowest player fee U10 and U12 girls teams are not included in discount..

REFUNDS: Refunds will be made only for overpayment of fees resulting from credits accumulating to family's account from multiple skater discounts and qualified fundraising.

PROCESSING FEES: A 4% convenience fee is added to each credit card transaction. A \$25.00 fee will be assessed for returned checks and declined credit card transactions.

PAYMENT OF FEES: Registration fee payment must be included with registration materials. There are two payment options for the remaining participation fees:

FEE PAYMENT QUESTIONS: Contact Dan Pugliese at dan.pugliese@glenviewstars.org

Option #1: One-time payment using a credit card, check or cash. Check payable to Glenview Stars Hockey Association. One-time payment method is due at the time of rostering (9-15-14)

Option #2: Three-payment plan using a credit card or with post-dated checks.

©If paying with checks, you must write three checks (payable to Glenview Stars Hockey Association): post-dated as outlined in the fee payment schedule. Checks must be included with the other registration materials. Families with multiple skaters Please write individual checks for each player.

©If paying with a credit card, it must expire after 04/01/15. Credit card information must be supplied on your Skater Fee Form. VISA AND MASTERCARD ONLY. A 4% convenience fee is added to each credit card transaction.



Season Fee's 2014-2015 Fall Season

DUE DATES: Fees divided into three equal payments due Sep. 15th, Oct. 15th & Nov. 15th.

SEE STARS FEE SCHEDULE IN PACKET FOR DETAILS

FEES:

	<i>Skater Fee</i>	<i>Goalie Fee</i>
Squirt (NIHL)	\$3,375	\$2,500
Squirt (CSDHL)	\$3,675	\$2,500
Pee Wee	\$3,475	\$2,500
Bantam (NIHL)	\$3,500	\$2,500
Bantam (CSDHL Major)	\$3,750	\$2,500
Midget	\$3,750	\$2,500
Girls U12	\$3,200	\$2,200
Girls U14	\$1,200	\$700

Additional Fee Information:

- A. All fees are determined on a year to year basis. You are committed to the full fee once you sign the roster.
- B. You are expected to pay your fees on time. All players at registration must be paid in full to date. If you have a financial problem, you should immediately contact the treasurer.
- C. Any funds due and not paid may result in a player being suspended by GSHA during the season and will be reported to AHAI. That individual will not be allowed to participate on any AHAI sanctioned team until the amount due has been paid in full.
- D. Fundraising
Each year GSHA has programs to offset the costs not covered by the fees. We have had raffles, skate-a-thons, auctions, etc., in the past, but the Board of Directors will determine specific programs each year. It is mandatory that each player participate in certain events.
- E. Sponsor Board and Ad Book
Information is handed out at the meeting following team selection and on www.glenviewstars.org.
- F. Fees include referee costs for all NIHL games, and up to two practice games through out the season. All other referee costs are the responsibility of the team.
- G. Slush Fund-All expenses such as extra ice, team trips, tournaments and coaches' expenses will be shared equally among all families on the team whether or not a player chooses to participate or not, provided: all expenses are approved by 50% of the families on the team (if a team has taken two out of town, overnight trips, we require a 75% majority for any extra trips).
 - 1. The travel, meals and lodging costs of the Head Coach are shared equally by all the players on the team (this includes the player/child of an assistant coach).
 - 2. The travel, meals and lodging costs of the Assistant Coach are required to be shared by the team.
 - 3. The travel, meals and lodging costs of a father coach or father assistant coach should not be picked up by the team unless the team decides to share those costs.

UNIFORMS

- A. Every player will be issued a home and away jersey and socks, that are to be used for GAMES only.
- B. Every player must have a white helmet and blue pants.
- C. **Neckguards and mouthguards are mandatory for all players for all games and practices.**
- D. All Stars players to dress in locker rooms only.

LOGOS AND GSHA NAME

- A. The GSHA name, other names used or designated by GSHA, GSHA's logo and designs are the property of GSHA and may not be used except as authorized by the Board.
- B. It is the intent of GSHA to present a uniform and high quality image of the organization.
- C. If you desire a use which has not been directly provided or approved by the Board, you must obtain prior permission.
- D. The Board will be happy to review any proposed use upon proper presentation.

COMMUNICATION

- A. We want open and full communication. Communication will be delivered via e-mail blasts, newsletters, town hall and team meetings.
There is a committee devoted solely to communicating with you. The parents and players of the organization. If you have any questions please contact us at info@glenviewstars.com.
- B. Communication flows two ways, from the board to you and from you to the board. Please let us know about issues and problems up front and early. The Glenview Stars have an email site devoted to obtaining feedback from you. The email address is info@glenviewstars.org.
- C. Since email communication is so important, it is critical that you keep us advised of all changes to your email addresses.

WEBSITE

- A. We have a website with contact information available at all times. Our address is www.glenviewstars.org
- B. www.glenviewstars.org is the official website of the GSHA. No other website or any use of the internet will be allowed in conjunction with the Glenview Stars organization. If you are interested in website information, contact the webmaster at webmaster@glenviewstars.org.

