

ICEWINGS INFO.

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Welcome to the First ECYH Icewings Newsletter. ECYH is a youth hockey program serving Elmira, Corning and the surrounding area. Open to all youth ages 4-18



A Bat Shout out to all the EC 8U players that participated in the Auburn Superhero Tournament over MLK weekend!

JAM TOURNAMENTS

March 1-3, 2024

What is JAM?

JAM is the year end tournament to determine the Snowbelt Champions. All JAM Tournaments will take place the same weekend, in different locations with all Snowbelt teams having the opportunity to play against similar level teams as determined by the standings of the regular season. JAM locations will be announced shortly after the conclusion of the Snowbelt regular season and schedules are usually available 2 weeks before.



IN THE NEWS.....

(Note: EC Already requires neck guards at all times)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The USA Hockey Congress today approved legislation requiring the use of neck laceration protection for players in all age classifications, other than adults, in games and practices, as well as for on-ice officials under the age of 18, **effective August 1, 2024.**

USA Hockey has long recommended the use of neck laceration protection, as well as cut-resistant socks, sleeves or undergarments. The USA Hockey Board of Directors asked the organization's Safety and Protective Equipment Committee in November 2023 to begin the process of recommending potential rule changes related to neck laceration protection.





6u / Learn to Play



The 6U team has had a blast of a season! The team of coaches is focused on the fundamentals of skating and fun of hockey. Each practice begins with a warm up, lots of laughs pretending to be a dog as they all learn how to get up after falling by starting on all fours. After warm ups the coaches divide them into stations - each station focused on a different skill. This weeks stations were (1) a skating drill, (2) musical tires, to practice getting up and down and quick stops, (3) sharks and minnows to work on stick handling, and (4) an obstacle course, which is usually the highlight for most players. They rotate groups through all the stations and close out practice with a "scrimmage". It's rewarding to see each player's skills develop over the course of a few short months. And the coaching team is so well organized - the kids move for all but 5 minutes for a water break.

8u 1

Congratulations to the 8U 1 team, led by Coach Baker on being the High White Champions at the Auburn Superhero Tournament over MLK Weekend!

GO ICEWINGS!!!!!!!!!!



8u 2

The 8U high blue team has achieved great success this season. The team took second in the Mites Before Christmas tournament in Oswego. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication!

Each and every one of these players have a very bright future.



8u 3



8U 3 was all smiles at the Superhero Tournament in Auburn over MLK Weekend. They finished the tournament with 2 wins!

Way to go Icewings!

8u 4



Our 8U4 - Low Blue Team finished 2nd overall in our division at the Superhero Tournament in Auburn in January. The kids skated hard against some very tough teams,

and had a blast on and off the ice. We are very proud of all these kids who exemplify positive team spirit regardless of the score! The team has improved greatly since our first day of practice; by embracing our 4 F's: FAST, FOCUS, FUN, and FAMILY!"



SNOWBELT HOCKEY LEAGUE

The Snowbelt League is a recreational youth hockey league serving New York State. Snowbelt teams start at 10U and are divided into 3 or 4 ability levels: Gold, Red, White & Blue and play 16 Q or qualifying games each season as well as the JAM Tournament at the conclusion of the season. There are no try outs for Snowbelt teams and everyone gets equal play time.

Snowbelt teams still do an extensive amount of travel throughout the season with games most weekends both home and away. On top of the 16 league games, the season is filled with non-q games and week-end tournaments.

10u 1



The 10u1 team has been feisty all year. On the ice they have had their ups and downs with game results but each time they are together a greater bond is formed. We have had a blast with these kids this year. Best line of the year says everything about them. They are almost like the old school Mighty Ducks and as one of our kids said, "You mess with one of us, you mess with all of us". No matter what, they have fought this season together!



10u 2

This has been a season of great growth and development, the 10u Blue team won their first game against Skaneateles on 1/21. The team has fought hard all season and was finally able to put a W on the board.

We are heading to our first tournament in Saratoga February 9th-11th!

Good Luck

10U2 Icewings!



12u 1

The 12U Travel team has had busy season. This team started playing Snowbelt but quickly found that they needed more of a challenge than the current Snowbelt teams could give. Early in the season, this team chose to become an independent travel team. They have been playing games across NY state and beyond. Nail biting wins, hard losses,



but most importantly a strong group of players growing together and developing life long friendships and skills.

12u 2



12U 2 played in the PeeWee Cup Tournament over MLK weekend! They walked away as the PeeWee B

CHAMPIONS after a nail biter of a game! Two goals in the final minute to take it!

Congratulations EC Icewings!



CENTRAL SECTION TIER 3 HOCKEY

The EC Icewings also participate in the NYSAHA Central Section with Tournament Bound Tier 3 teams when talent allows. Tier 3 teams will typically have spring tryouts to determine what teams will participate the following season. These teams play other Tournament Bound teams to determine eligibility for the State Tournament in March.

Travel hockey, is a higher commitment than snowbelt. Players must be committed to their team for the entire season which will begin in September and continue until the end of Playoffs. Tournament Bound teams play at a much higher level of competition and tend to travel to tournaments more frequently.

14u 1

The 14U1 team has had a good season on the ice. The team has played most of their non-q games vs. Travel teams and has had success. After 28 Games, the team is 12-14-2. The 14U1 team won the consolation final at a fall tournament and fell 2-1 with a heartbreaking goal with 51 seconds left in the game to take the runner up position most recently over MLK Weekend in Rochester. The team will be heading to Canada for tournament play to conclude their season.



14u 2



14U2 keeps battling every game. At times, it has been a bit of a challenging season

but whether we win/lose or draw, they are making life long friendships both on and off the ice.

GO ICEWINGS!

18u Snowbelt

The Snowbelt 18U team has had a successful season to date. The team is currently sitting in



second place in the 18U division with a good chance of being placed in the 18U A JAM. As there is no Red / White / Blue at the 18 U level, this team has fared well against their competition.

Way to Go Icewings!

18u Tier 3 / Highschool

The Elmira High School team placed first for BCHSHA league in the regular season. Double elimination playoffs began last weekend. The team beat Binghamton high school in the first round but fell to Chenango Forks in the second round 4-1. The team will play this Friday evening vs. Maine-Endwell and will advance to championship game vs. Chenango Forks with a win.

NEXT GAME

2/2/24 @ 6:30 pm

SUNY Broome

Come and cheer!



MOVE UP EVENTS

If you are a 2015 or a 2011 Birth year—this event is for you!

2015 Mites will change from 1/2 ice to full ice, and 2011 12u players change from no contact to full contact hockey. These nights will allow players a chance to “level up” and get excited for what is to come.

8U—10U Move up *	March 4, 2024	5:30-7:00pm	First Arena
(2014 / 2015)	March 6, 2024	5:30-7:00pm	First Arena
12U—14U Move up	March 4, 2024	7:15-8:45 pm	First Arena
(2010 / 2011)	March 6, 2024	7:15-8:45 pm	First Arena

**March 4th: 2015 Mites will practice with the squirts—during this time, there will be an informational parents meeting outlining what to expect for the transition into the Squirt Program.*

March 6th: 2015 Mites and 2014 Squirts will scrimmage.

TIER 3 TRYOUT DATES FOR 2024/2025 SEASON

Tryout date parameters are set by the NYSAHA Central Section. There is no guarantee at any level that we will have the skill to house a travel team but tryouts will determine that. If you are interested in Tier 3 travel hockey, save these dates and more information will be coming soon.

10U:	March 11 & 13	5-9 pm*	First Arena
12U:	March 11 & 13	5-9 pm*	First Arena
14U:	Wk of April 9	Time TBA	First Arena
18U:	Wk of April 9	Time TBA	First Arena

**Specific Times per age group will be announced closer to the date.*

Do you want to be a Coach?

Coaching applications are now open for the 2024-2025 EC Hockey Season. Please go to the website, click on the link on the home page and submit your interest. If you have any questions, reach out to Brian Stumper—Director of Coaches: coaching.echockey@gmail.com



Shout out to a some of our 12U & 14U players who volunteered to help referee our 8U Mite level games. What a great opportunity to give back to our hockey community.

SPEEDSKILLS—Nasser Civic Center Rink

10U/12U

2/2: 5:30-6:30

2/23: 5:30 –6:30

14U/18U

2/2: 6:30-7:30

2/23: 6:30-7:30