



## D211 Chiefs Spring and Fall Hockey Information and FAQ's

### Fall Season 2021-2022

#### When are the practice times for fall?

Chiefs have ice Monday night (1), Tuesday night (2), Wednesday night (1), Thursday afternoon (1), Thursday night (1), Saturday night (1) and Sunday night (2). Ice times run September 1<sup>st</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>. Ice slots maybe used for practices or games as the coach of each team and the league schedule dictates. The coaches will plan the practice schedule around the games for that week.

#### When are games in the fall?

Teams participate in the North Central League. Most games are played on Saturday or Sunday evenings. Away games depend on the opponent's available ice slots.

#### How many games are played in the fall?

The league currently plays approximately a 22-26 game schedule with a 3-4 game playoff at the end of February. Chiefs will also participate in the AHAI State Playoffs during February and March. AHAI will announce specific rules for participation at the JV and Varsity level in mid-August. Tournaments are added as the team and club see fit. Out of town travel is limited due to the game schedule and school work loads of the players.

#### Are teams tiered on talent like NIHL or NWHL?

The North Central League does tier teams for a competitive balance. This is done in advance of the season with the club rep and coaches discussing team strength and fit with the league President.

#### Can a player play on both a club (NIHL or NWHL) team and Chiefs?

Yes, you can play on both. We currently have players that participate on AAA, Central States travel teams, NIHL and NWHL teams as well as with Chiefs. These players must attend 60 percentage of league games and 75 percent of total Chiefs team games in order to be eligible to play in both the league and state playoffs respectively.

#### How important is school work and activities?

School work and grades are very important and come before hockey. Players must understand, just like any other school sport, you must keep your grades up in order to play. School activities are very important as well. We try our best to accommodate school activities as to allow our players the best high school experience possible. Players and parents must understand that we are trying to schedule around five schools, all with different activity schedules. It is impossible for us to avoid all possible conflicts throughout the season.

#### What are the fees for the fall season?

The fees will be around \$3300. The fee per player depends on the amount of players that register for the season. We base our pricing on anticipated players, ice usage, league fees, league playoff fees, AHAI State Tournament fees and more.

**What other costs are associated with the fall season?**

In addition to the regular fall fee, each new player has a fee to cover the cost of home and away jerseys, sock and team warm up.

**What fundraising or sponsorship opportunities are there to decrease the fees?**

The Chiefs have a number of opportunities to decrease the fees throughout the season. Events such as dining nights will be posted on the club website and emailed out through the team managers. Other ideas are always considered in order to make it as easy as possible for all of our players to cover the cost of playing.

**Why don't the schools sponsor hockey as an official sport?**

There are two main reasons that D211 schools do not take hockey on as an official sports. First the cost in general and the insurance is too high for the schools to cover. Secondly, Title IX dictates that for every boys sport that is added a girls sport must be added as well. Unfortunately, there is not another girl's sport that many schools are interested in adding. The schools do allow us to use their name and in the past two years we have had far more cooperation with all the schools posting information about tryouts, games, scores and more. Some D211 schools have the team in their year book. It takes a lot of effort and hard work from the players and parents to keep that ball rolling.

**Would there ever be a pure Fremd, pure Conant, pure Schaumburg, pure Palatine team?**

As a combined club we would love nothing more than each school to have their own teams again. Currently there are not enough players at each school to do so. For years all five schools had their own teams. Right now the players have too many options of places to play to make this work.

**Are there volunteer requirements for each team?**

The only volunteer requirements for each team are that parents have to rotate through covering the game clock/scoresheet for home and away games and covering fan security for our stands. Beyond that the club is run by the parents, so the more volunteers we have for the banquet, Senior Night, apparel, photos, fundraising, Trivia Night, managers, promotions, HS contacts, board of directors etc., the better the season goes and the stronger the club becomes.

**What is the 9 up rule?**

This rule applies to High School teams only. It allows a certain amount of players on a JV team to play up at the Varsity level for 8 games throughout the season. This is done to give their player the experience to be ready for Varsity the following year. It also gives the Varsity team freedom to "call players up" to replace Varsity players that are out due to injury or grades. If one of those JV players plays in a 9<sup>th</sup> game with Varsity they are then frozen to the Varsity team. The rule does not allow for Varsity players to play down at the JV level for any reason. Tournament and practice games do not count for this rule.