

## 2018-19 BTHL TRAVEL TEAM (U10, U12 & U14) PROGRAM

The Cincinnati Swords is please to kick off our 2018-19 BTHL hockey season with our team tryouts. Critical information for all skaters and their families is outlined below.

### Buckeye Travel Hockey League (BTHL) Programs

Again this year, we will have multiple teams participating in the BTHL. The BTHL is the premier youth travel ice hockey league for "A" and "AA" level 10U, 12U and 14U teams in Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. Typically they have 50+ teams from various organizations in the mid-west participate in the league. BTHL is a part of USA Hockey and the MID AM district. Teams will play in various divisions based on results from the pre-seeding tournament. The league crowns both a regular-season champion in each division based on their final standings and a tournament champion based on the results of the end-of-season tournament.

### Supplemental Program Details:

We anticipate that our BTHL teams will practice twice a week and participate in our newly formed clinics (details to come). The Swords organization remains in competition for limited available ice time and may not be able to form a team in every situation. However, we continue to make the best use of the limited ice available. In addition to BTHL play, teams will have additional playing opportunities including tournaments and/or non-league scrimmages. The fee structure for our BTHL teams will range from \$1,800 to \$2,500 and will be set based on the coaches' proposals included in their prospectus. Online prospectuses can be viewed at [www.swordshockey.com](http://www.swordshockey.com). Fees vary based on both the number of team participants and the coaches' program.

### Jersey/Equipment Order:

BTHL team players will need to have the following items as part of their team package – gold home jersey and socks, black away jersey and socks, and team warm up top and bottom. Coaches may require additional items and we will let you know this as soon as teams are selected if there are additional items you will need. All purchases will be made through an online store on the website similar to past years. We will be working with a narrow time frame as custom jersey production takes a minimum of 90 days so the order needs to be placed by Friday, May 25.

### Team Financial Information:

We will need all families to process an initial deposit of \$400 by Friday, May 11 which will hold your player's team spot. With all teams being announced in the same timeframe, it is critical that players do not delay confirming their intentions so we can make any appropriate roster adjustments. No refunds (or transfers) will be given for the initial team payment which signifies a player's acceptance of a spot on the team. Additionally, all Swords teams will have a monthly payment due on or before the first of each month (July through November). The Refund Policy is included in your initial registration and also posted on the Swords website at [www.swordshockey.com](http://www.swordshockey.com) for your review.

We are very excited about the upcoming 2018-19 season. If you have any questions, please contact the Chris Woycke, hockey commissioner at [cwoycke43@gmail.com](mailto:cwoycke43@gmail.com) or Jennie Tiemeyer at [swordsoffice@gmail.com](mailto:swordsoffice@gmail.com).