

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

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

MYHL/Hybrid Background:

We are very excited to continue and expand our MYHL/tournament hybrid program. Two years ago we tested at the U14 level and last year we formed an MYHL tournament team at all three levels U10, U12 and U14. These teams followed the traditional MYHL game format below but supplemented the schedule with additional tournaments. We have received positive feedback and anticipate at least one team for each age group will continue play as an MYHL/hybrid team.

MYHL League Program:

The MYHL is a regional hockey league and has historically included teams from NKY, Dayton, Miami, Indian Hill and others. Teams play 8 home games and 8 away games as part of the league and this will continue. In addition there is an End-of-Season league tournament. Based in part on feedback, each team will have a weekly full ice practice vs two ½ sheet practices.

Supplemental Program Details:

New this year, Swords players will participate in our newly formed clinics (details to come). Ice allocation will be determined after the final number of teams is determined. The Swords organization remains in competition for limited available ice time and may not be able to form a team in every situation. We continue to make the best use of the limited ice available. Teams will also be adding tournaments/scrimmages based on coaches input. Players can expect a mix of additional playing opportunities. Each coaches' proposal will be included in their coaching prospectus online at www.swordshockey.com. It is very important that you review each coaches' team program. Prospectuses will be posted online at www.swordshockey.com prior to registration opening on April 2.

New Fee Structure:

To accommodate the new format, the MYHL team fees must be crafted in the same manner we do all our teams with the exception of our U8/ADM program. Our MYHL coaches will create a team specific program and each skater's fee will be based on the individual program. Each team will have a different fee based on both the number of team participants and on the enhanced program developed by the coach. Each coaches' proposal is included in their coaching prospectus online at www.swordshockey.com. We anticipate a fee range of \$1,200-\$1,400.

Jersey/Equipment Order:

This is the last year of our contract with our current vendor. We will consider new jersey vendors and styles for the 2019-2020 season. With the jersey contract expiring at the end of this season, our MYHL teams will remain in the same style jersey as last year. However, we will allow for MYHL team members to individually order the size jersey they would like. Jersey sizers will be available at all tryouts.

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 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 or Jennie Tiemeyer at swordsoffice@gmail.com.