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THE OFFICIAL YOUTH HOCKEY ORGANIZATION OF HOLY CROSS ATHLETICS.

2018-19 Registrations are open

All Registrations are open and available through our home page at www.jrcrusadershockey.com. If you have any questions please let us know, hopefully we answer most of them with the information below.

While everyone is ramping up for the end of the season and what is sure to be a very exciting playoff schedule, the Junior Crusaders Organization is busy working on finishing out this season and preparing for next season, which includes scheduling tryouts and evaluations. I know you have seen quite a few emails in recent weeks about where our kids will play next year and this can get very confusing. I wanted to take a moment to explain all of the offerings available to you player for the upcoming season and hopefully answer any questions you may have.

Tryouts vs. Evaluations

Tryout means you are trying out for a team, which means you may not be placed on that team. Evaluation means you are being evaluated at that level to be placed on a team of like skill levels, everyone that goes through evaluations will be placed onto a team.

For all levels there will be three different options to choose from that vary in time commitment, travel commitment and cost. We hope that by expanding our offerings we will be able to provide a hockey option to fit every player, family and budget.

Options

Elite/AAA – We will be placing 1 team at each birth year starting from 2009 up through U18, which includes 2000 through 2003 birth years. If there is enough interest at an age group we would be adding a second tier team at that birth year, so for example, if we have 40 players trying out for 2005 birth year we would have 2 - 2005 teams playing in the PHL, one at the Premier Level (Highest level within the PHL) and one at the Elite Level (Next level down from the Premier Level). Schedule for the “Elite Level” teams will follow if there is enough interest. Anyone interested in either team should register and tryout for the Premier Level team first, then follow up with the Elite Level team.

Town/Travel – These teams will be built with a combination of using the evaluation results and this season’s coach’s evaluation. You can find our Evaluation Process under the document section of our Website. Teams will be skilled based teams at the top and may consist of level teams at the bottom, and example would be, if we have 5 Squirt teams, the top 3 would be skill based teams and the bottom 2 may be leveled off so they would be competitive with one another.

House League – This is a new option for the Junior Crusaders, starting with the 2018-19 season we will be offering a House League for U11 and U14. These teams will be divided into U11 (2009, 2008 and 2007) and U14 (2006, 2005 and 2004). These teams will all compete against each other and against House League teams within the Junior Railers program. All these teams will be leveled off as much as possible to ensure good competitive games.

Mosquitoes – This is a U8 program, older kids may be allowed with the approval from the Mosquito Director. This program will start up in September and run through March, with practices/games on Saturdays and Sundays. This is an instructional Program consisting of players that have completed Learn to Skate and Learn to Play Hockey programs.

LTS/LTPH – This is our beginner program starting with kids 4 years old and older, younger with the approval from the Learn to Skate Director. This is an instructional program for kids just starting out. They would start in the Learn to Skate Program and then continue into the Learn To Play Hockey Program.

Mites (U8), Squirts (U10) & Peewees (U12) you will have the following options.

- PHL – Elite/AAA teams.** Last year we started offering an Elite/AAA option for those families that wanted a higher level of youth hockey competition. In our first year of offering this program we had a single team at each birth year and they played in the Premier Hockey League. This year if there is sufficient interest we will place two teams per birth year in the PHL. These teams will be placed in different divisions within the PHL.
 - **Travel Commitment** – All Home Games will be played in Worcester at the Worcester Ice Center (WIC) or Lake Ave. Away games are played in the home rinks of the opposing team and usually within an hour of Worcester.
 - **Time commitment:** There are typically 2-3 practices per week in Auburn, WIC and/or Lake Ave and 1-2 games each weekend.
 - **Placement on a Team** – Tryouts are held for these teams. Based on these tryouts the Head Coach will make offers to players to fill the team. If there is sufficient interest and skill to form a second team for that birth year then we will create a second PHL Team.
 - **Team Composition** – Elite/AAA level teams are available for player birth years 2004 through 2009. 2010 and 2011 will have an option to try out for a developmental team. Each year will have its own division, which means players will only play with kids born in the same year.
 - **Cost** – There is \$35 tryout fee. If your player is offered a position on one of these team a \$300 deposit is required to confirm their spot. The yearly tuition price is set at the Annual Meeting. For reference, last year's tuition was \$2000 (\$1000 for the mite developmental team) and included practices, games, skills clinics and entry into 2 tournaments. We are working to keep costs to a minimum so we can offer similar ice times at a comparable cost in the upcoming season. If your player does not already have an Elite/AAA uniform, the cost is \$300.
- NorthStar/Westboro League** – If your player does not make, or is not interested in playing, on a PHL team, we will continue to place teams in the Northstar League for Mites, Squirts and Peewees.
 - **Travel Commitment** - These teams are considered travel teams but all games are played in Westboro.
 - **Time commitment:** There are typically 2-3 practices per week in Auburn, WIC and/or Lake Ave and 1-2 games each weekend.
 - **Placement on a Team** – Evaluations will take place in late March early April. All players interested in playing are placed on a team and teams are designed based on skill.
 - **Team Composition** – these teams are comprised of two birth years for each division. For example, Squirts next year will be kids born in 2008 and 2009.
 - **Cost** – There is \$275 evaluation fee which is deducted from the cost of tuition. The yearly tuition price is set at the Annual Meeting and is projected to be between \$1400 and \$1600, depending on the level.
- House League:** Now to the exciting new opportunity for the Crusaders organization. I am beyond thrilled to announce that the Junior Crusaders Organization in collaboration with the Jr. Railers will now be able to offer the opportunity to play in a house league for those players/families that are not interested in the above travel options.
 - **Travel Commitment** – All games and practices will be at Auburn, Lake Ave or WIC.
 - **Time commitment:** This time commitment is limited to weekends. One practice and one game each weekend.
 - **Placement on a Team** – If you are interested in this option then you will need to have your child evaluated during Evaluations in order to insure proper placement but select House League during registration. The evaluation fee will be applied to your tuition for the 18-19 season.
 - **Team Composition** – Teams are divided into U11 (2009, 2008 and 2007) or U14 (2006, 2005 and 2004) depending on age and level of interest. Depending on interest in this option, teams may be comprised of entirely Junior Crusaders or could be a combination of Junior Crusaders and Jr. Railers.
 - **Cost** – There is \$275 evaluation fee which is deducted from the cost of tuition. The yearly tuition has not been finalized as we are still working out the details but we expect it will be approximately \$1000.



Bantams (U14) & Midgets (U16 and U18) you will have the following options:

1. **PHL – Elite/AAA teams.** Last year we started offering an Elite/AAA option for those families that wanted a higher level of youth hockey competition. In our first year of offering this program we had a single team at each birth year and they played in the Premier Hockey League. This year if there is sufficient interest we will place two teams per birth year in the PHL. These teams will be placed in different divisions within the PHL.
 - **Travel Commitment** – All Home Games will be played in Worcester at the Worcester Ice Center (WIC) or Lake Ave. Away games are played in the home rinks of the opposing team and usually within an hour of Worcester.
 - **Time commitment:** There are typically 2-3 practices per week in Auburn, WIC and/or Lake Ave and 1-2 games each weekend. If you only have 1 game on the weekend you would have a practice on the other day.
 - **Placement on a Team** – Tryouts are held for these teams. Based on these tryouts the Head Coach will make offers to players to fill the team. If there is sufficient interest and skill to form a second team for that birth year then we will create a second PHL Team.
 - **Team Composition** – Elite/AAA level teams at the Bantam/Midget level are available for player birth years 2000 through 2005. 2005, 2004 and 2003 will have their own divisions, which means players will only play with kids born in the same year. We will also have U16 and U18 teams, which mean U16 will have 2002 and 2003 birth year players, U18 will have 2000 and 2001 birth year players.
 - **Cost** – There is \$35 tryout fee. If your player is offered a position on one of these team a \$300 deposit is required to confirm their spot. The yearly tuition price is set at the Annual Meeting. For reference, last year's tuition was \$2000 (\$1000 for the developmental team) and included practices, games, skills clinics and entry into 2 tournaments. We are working to keep costs to a minimum so we can offer similar ice times at a comparable cost in the upcoming season. If your player does not already have an Elite/AAA uniform, the cost is \$300.
2. **SNEHC/GSL** – If your player does not make, or is not interested in playing on, a PHL team, we are excited to announce that we will be placing Bantam and Midget teams in the Southern New England Hockey Conference (SNEHC) or the Greater Springfield League (GSL).
 - **Travel Commitment** - Home Games are played in Worcester at WIC or Lake Ave. Away games are played in the home rinks of the opposing team and usually within an hour of Worcester.
 - **Time commitment:** There are typically 2-3 practices per week in Auburn, WIC and/or Lake Ave and 1-2 games each weekend.
 - **Placement on a Team** – Evaluations will take place in Early April. All players interested in playing are placed on a team and teams are designed based on skill.
 - **Team Composition** – these teams are comprised of two birth years for each division. For example, Bantam's next year will be kids born 2004 and 2005.
 - **Cost** – There is \$275 evaluation fee which is deducted from the cost of tuition. The yearly tuition price is set at the Annual Meeting and is projected to be between \$1400 and \$1600.
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 - **Travel Commitment** – All games and practices will be at Auburn, Lake Ave or WIC.
 - **Time commitment:** This time commitment is limited to weekends. One practice and one game each weekend.
 - **Placement on a Team** – If you are interested in this option then you will need to have your child evaluated during Evaluations in order to insure proper placement but select House League during registration. The evaluation fee will be applied to your tuition for the 18-19 season.
 - **Team Composition** – Teams are divided into U11 (2009, 2008 and 2007) or U14 (2006, 2005 and 2004) depending on age and level of interest. Depending on interest in this option, teams may be comprised of entirely Junior Crusaders or could be a combination of Junior Crusaders and Jr. Railers.
 - **Cost** – There is \$275 evaluation fee which is deducted from the cost of tuition. The yearly tuition has not been finalized as we are still working out the details but we expect it will be approximately \$1000.

