

# CINCINNATI SWORDS

## HOCKEY TIMES

### A Look at the Season So Far - On and Off the Ice

#### Mites MT2 (Borovskis)

The Mites MT2 team (aka, "The Golden Swords") is off to a great start this season! The team has been having some fantastic practices with emphasis on skating, puck battles and shooting, and this hard work has been translating well to game situations. We've played seven fun games with a ton of hustle, including last weekend's snowy road trip to Lexington (which turned into an overnigher for some due to the roads!). Since we don't have a dedicated goalie, the kids have been taking turns learning this position as well, and Tyler, Myla, Ben, and Adam have each turned away a ton of rubber during their turns between the pipes. The Golden Swords are looking forward to more fun and learning over the next few months!

#### 2007/2008 Squirt Travel Team (Andrera)



The 07/08 recently volunteered at the Montgomery Food Share. Elliot Asquith's Grandmother started the charity which is the third largest donor to the Freestore Foodbank in Cincinnati. Once every other month, residents of the Montgomery/Blue Ash area leave a reusable bag of donated food/personal care items on their doorsteps, then a team of volunteers picks up the bags and delivers them to Sycamore High School. At that point, another team of volunteers sorts the items before trucks deliver the donated goods to the Freestore Foodbank. Our 07/08 team assisted in sorting the donated goods as well as brought goods to donate and were even a part of the Fox 19 News story.

#### 2005 Pee wee Travel Team (Ganz)



The '05 Swords Pee Wee Team families want to wish happy holidays to the Swords family!

The '05 Pee Wee have had a great first half going 27-4-3. They are playing in Little Caesars Major Division this year, and are currently in second place. In tournament play, they won the Indianapolis Firestorm Tournament in October and the Regional Silver Sticks held in Ft Wayne in

November. At Silver Sticks, the Swords defeated the Pittsburgh Artic Foxes, Columbus Blue Jackets, Bowling Green Ice Cats, and the Sylvania Stars by a combined 34-0 score.



The Team volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House in September and November, thanks to a great group of parents led by Tricia Mercalde. The players represented the Swords organization well, and enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to give back. As we take time off to spend time with our families over the holidays, we hope for some cold weather to be able to play shinny!

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### 2005/2006 PeeWee Travel Team



The Cincinnati Swords PW3 team had their first tournament championship the weekend of 12/2 at the Motown Cup in Detroit Michigan. The team capped off their four wins at the tournament with Andrew Ogrin-Cotarlin's last second goal in overtime during the championship game against the Elyria Panthers. Way to go Swords!

### Top Tier PeeWee MYHL Team



On the weekend of October 20th the Top Tier PeeWee Team headed to Cleveland for the Rock & Roll Cup Tournament. The 12U team, Coached by Rob Clark, lost the opening game but rallied, giving a complete team effort to win the next three. Heading into the final the team knew it was going to take 110% effort and they captured the Tournament Cup in overtime 2 - 1. The winning goal was put in by Henry Ropp and Kate Keller was named MVP.

### 2003/2004 Bantam Team (Gick)

The BT2 team is off to a good start, with a 7-5 overall record. They currently stand 0-2 in their league play. They have had great support from 2 of our newest coaches, Drew Kariofiles and Ryan Hurley. Their experience and energy has really helped the team excel their skills and team play. Injuries have been a struggle this year, one defenseman with broken thumb, a goalie with broken finger and a concussion. Coach Gick appreciates the support from Rylan Petruk, Jack Prior, and Tyler Siuda in goal. The team is looking forward to the 2nd half of the year and their 1st tournaments in Detroit and St. Louis.

### High School Team (Reno/Biggs)



The High School team had two tough games against Team Audi. The first game had a rough start with a two hour resulting in an 11:30pm start with them ending around 1:00 am in a 2-2 tie. They played game 2 at noon on Sunday. Fell behind early in first. They rallied back to tie it in second then really pushed hard, pressing Team Audi by scoring 3 goals in the third. All 3 lines scored and all four goals had double assists. Team now travels to Sarnia Ontario Canada to play in international Silver Stick championship January 12-14.

***Congratulations to all our teams for their accomplishments in the first half of the season.***

***GO SWORDS!***

## Reminders

### No Hockey/Stick Handling in the Lobby

Due to recent complaints we would like to remind all Swords players, coaches and families that playing hockey and stickhandling is not permitted in the lobby area at Sports Plus. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

### Drayer Injury Clinics

Injury checks are available this season at Drayer's Anderson office. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Drayer Anderson at 513.247.4340. Be sure to indicate your player is with the Cincinnati Swords Hockey and needs an injury check.

## **CO Monitoring at Sports Plus (Village of Evendale Ordinance Requirements)**

The Village of Evendale will have new monitoring standards for carbon monoxide (CO) levels beginning January 1, 2018. As a result, monitoring equipment installed at Sports Plus has been set so that the alarm will sound at 20 parts per million (ppm), however, this is only to notify Sports Plus management that the CO levels are rising, and corrective measures are necessary. The general rules for evacuation are as follows:

- CO level higher than 20ppm sustained for two hours; or
- CO level higher than 40ppm sustained for one hour; or
- CO level higher than 83ppm sustained for 5 minutes

In order to stay abreast of any alarms and their duration we have implemented a reporting procedure with our coaches. Sports Plus is legally obligated to evacuate the building based on these levels and they now have reporting requirements with the Village of Evendale Fire Department. We believe the new protocol which is similar to the State of Minnesota should reassure all our families.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Cincinnati Icebreakers Vs. Cincinnati Firefighters Sled Hockey Game – December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Ever wonder what sled hockey was like? Well now is your chance to see it first hand and maybe even give it a try. The Cincinnati Icebreakers are holding a special sled hockey game against the Cincinnati Firefighters on December 30<sup>th</sup> with an open skate after. They will be taking donations for admissions. There will also be a raffle for a \$300 grill and Gift Baskets. Please consider coming out and supporting the Icebreakers as they take on the Cincinnati Firefighters. Details below.

**Location:** Sports Plus  
**Game Time:** 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.  
**Open Ice:** 2:15 to 3:30 p.m. (\$5 sled or skate rental)  
**Donations:** \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids under 14

### **End of Season Tournament Weekends - Save the Dates**

**Midwest (MYHL):** February 23 – 25, 2018 and March 2 -3, 2018  
**Buckeye (BTHL):** February 23 – 25, 2018  
**Little Caesars:** To Be Determined  
**High School JV:** February 23 – 25, 2018  
**High School Varsity:** February 23 – 25, 2018

End of Season Tournament details will be posted on the website when they become available.

### **Try Hockey For Free**

The Swords will be hosting a try hockey for free from 10 – 11:30 am on March 3, 2018 at Sports Plus. More details to come after the first of the year.

### **Save the Date – Olympic Hockey**

Let's get together at Hanson's Taphouse & Grill at Sports Plus and enjoy some Olympic Hockey on February 21, 2018 – time to be determined based on how the US teams advance. Details to come closer to the date.

### **Cincinnati Swords Spring Hockey Program**

Spring hockey registration will be open at the beginning of February. Again this year, we will split the program between before tryouts where the focus will be on individual skill development/small game/battle drills and after tryouts where the focus will be on scrimmaging and having fun. Look for more detailed information after the first of the year.