

Learn to Play Hockey Youth & Adult

All classes are co-ed

Tots 1 (Ages 3-5):

No experience is necessary. Beginner skating skills will be taught through fun games.

Hockey Tots Learn to Play (Ages 3-5):

Pre-requisite: Tots 1. Players will be taught basic skating and hockey skills, including forward skating, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

Blades 1 (Ages 6-14):

No experience necessary. Students will learn basic balance moves, forward skating, and stopping.

Hockey Learn to Play (Ages 6-14):

Pre-requisite: Tots 1 or Blades 1. Players will be taught basic hockey skills, including forward and backward skating, stopping, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

Teen/Adult Hockey Learn to Play (Ages 15+):

This class is ran as a practice using multiple coaches. Classes will focus on the skills needed to play hockey including skating, stick handling, passing, shooting, scoring, proper positional play, and rules of the game. Full ice hockey equipment is required.

Helpful Learn to Play Information

The Hockey Staff recommends that gear be rented or purchased prior to first class. Players should practice getting dressed before the first day of class. Full equipment is highly recommended for all classes. The minimum gear recommended for the Youth Learn to Play Hockey Classes is listed below. Skate rental is included in the program fee.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT: Rental hockey equipment is available for \$25 plus deposit per session. The rental equipment fits 3-9 year-olds. Please contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434-2878 or bludy@cityblm.org for rental equipment arrangements.

Tots 1 and Blades 1

No equipment required; bicycle or hockey helmet, pair of winter or hockey gloves, loose-fitting sweat or snow pants, and a loose-fitting sweatshirt are heavily recommended. *Rental skates are available free of charge.*

Hockey Tots and Hockey: Learn to Play

Helmet with face mask, skates (*rental skates are available free of charge*), hockey gloves, hockey stick, shin pads, and elbow pads are required.

Teen/Adult: Hockey Learn to Play and Adult Leagues

Helmet (*facemask is recommended but optional for 18 years and older*), elbow pads, shin guards, gloves, stick, skates (*rental skates are available free of charge*), and hockey pants.

Try Hockey for Free Day

Ages 4-7: Saturday, Nov. 2, 2:15-3:00PM - FREE • Ages 8-12: Saturday, Nov. 2, 3:15-4:10PM - FREE

Bloomington Ice Center proudly presents National Try Hockey for Free Day in partnership with USA Hockey on Saturday, November 2nd. This event is designed to provide kids, between the ages of 4-12, a completely free experience to try youth hockey. Equipment is available to borrow. Our top coaches will be on the ice to assist your child in learning the basics. Your son or daughter does not need any previous skating or hockey experience.

Pre-registration is required.

Ages 4-7: To pre-register, please enter your future player's info at TryHockeyForFree.com/event_detail/2878

Ages 8-12: To pre-register, please enter your future player's info at TryHockeyForFree.com/event_detail/2952



Learn to Play Hockey Fall Session Schedule

Class	Day	Fall 1 & 2	Time	Fee
Tots 1 Ages 3-5	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees in Learn to Skate on page 56		
Blades 1 Ages 6-14	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees in Learn to Skate on page 56		

Class	Day	Fall 1	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W	9/4-10/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	TH	9/5-10/10	10:50-11:20AM	\$55
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	SA	9/7-10/12	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	M	9/23-10/28	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W	9/4-10/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	SA	9/7-10/12	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	M	9/23-10/28	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Teen/Adult	W	9/11-10/23 (NO 10/2)	8:50-9:50PM	\$89

Class	Day	Fall 2	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W	10/16-11/20	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	TH	10/17-11/21	10:50-11:20AM	\$55
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	SA	10/19-11/23	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	M	11/4-12/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W	10/16-11/20	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	SA	10/19-11/23	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	M	11/4-12/9	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play Teen/Adult	W	10/30-12/11 (NO 11/27)	8:50-9:50PM	\$89

Class	Day	Winter Mini	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots Ages 3-5	W/SA	12/4-12/18	W-5:00-5:40PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat			SA-10:20-11:00AM	\$65
Hockey Learn to Play Ages 6-14	W/SA	12/4-12/18	W-5:00-5:40PM	
Meets both Wed and Sat			SA-10:20-11:00AM	\$65



Little BlackHawks Learn to Play



Ages: 4-9
Day: Saturday
Dates: 9/7-10/12
Time: 2:10-3:00PM
Fee: \$298 + processing fee

Little Blackhawks is a collaboration between the Bloomington Ice Center, Chicago Blackhawks, and the NHL that provides first time participants, between 4-9 years of age, head-to-toe equipment, age-appropriate instruction, and certified coaching in a fun and safe atmosphere. If you are interested in registering for a session, it is recommended that you complete a Learn to Skate program prior to starting Little Blackhawks.

Registration can be done online at [LearnToPlay.NHL.com/Locations/Blackhawks/](https://www.LearnToPlay.NHL.com/Locations/Blackhawks/)

Learn to Skate Tots 1 and Blades 1 classes for the Summer 2 start on August 7.

The Little Blackhawks program includes 6 weeks of lessons and a full set of equipment! Weekly sessions are run by ice rink staff and local coaches.

Registration Fees Include:

Six (6) weeks of ice time and lessons at a local rink, brand-new head-to-toe equipment to keep, a visit by Chicago Blackhawks Alumni, and one (1) ticket to a Chicago Blackhawks home game in the 2024-2025 season.

2024–2025 Hockey Leagues for Youth

All participants must be registered as 2024-2025 ice players in USA Hockey to participate in the Youth Recreational Hockey League. To register for USA Hockey, go to USAHockey.com.

Players will need their current USA Hockey number when enrolling for the league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center

Pre-registration for Youth Hockey Leagues will be online. Pre-registration will be open from 8/1/24-9/23/24. To pre-register, you must have completed your registration with USA Hockey. You may select online registration for full payments or payment plans. Payment Plans will charge the credit card on file on the date of 10/18, 11/15, and 12/13. Registering after 9/23 may limit practice times available to join.

Bloomington Youth House/Recreational Leagues

No experience is required to participate. Learn to Skate and Learn to Play classes recommended.

Bloomington Recreational Hockey will run a youth house/recreational league that will skate for 18 weeks; 9/30/2024-2/23/2025. The weekend of Thanksgiving and two weeks during the Christmas/New Year holidays will be scheduled weeks off. Each age group will skate once during the week (Monday-Wednesday) and once on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). It is unknown at this time what night any age group will skate. Until we have the final registration numbers, a schedule cannot be finalized. The weekend time slots will be rotated as evenly as possible.

6U: Mini-Mites (players born 2018 or later)

Season Fees: full payment at registration - \$179 or \$60 at registration and 3 payments of \$40

The players will skate twice a week, one weeknight and on Saturday. The focus will be on skill development through station work, small area games, and cross-ice games.

8U: Mites (players born in 2016 and 2017)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$279 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$60

The players will skate twice a week: They will practice once a week and play cross-ice games on the weekends.

****Additional 8U – Mite opportunities below****

10U: Squirts (players born in 2014 and 2015)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$379 or \$99 at registration and 3 payments of \$95.

Teams will be formed, practice on a weeknight, and play a game on a weekend day. Games will alternate between cross-ice games and full ice.

12U: Peewees (players born in 2012 and 2013) and

14U: Bantams (players born in 2010 and 2011)

Season Fees: full payment at registration, \$449 or \$110 at registration and 3 payments of \$115.

Teams will practice once a week and play one full ice game once a week (Saturday or Sunday).

House League Evaluations: To better balance the competitiveness of each team, players at the Squirt, Pee wee, and Bantam levels will be asked to attend evaluation skates between the days of 9/16/24-9/23/24. Players should attend both sessions. It is required that they attend at least one. The evaluation schedule will be online.

ADM Advanced Practices for all Players

Additional Fees: \$195 or \$100 at registration and 2 payments of \$50 due by 11/1 and 12/1.

This program, which is available to all House League players, will have an additional 19 American Development Model (ADM) practices on a set weeknight (Thursday) that would not conflict with the regular house league practice nights.

Players must be enrolled in one of the above Youth House Leagues.



8U: Mite Advanced Jamboree Team(s)

Additional Fees: \$150

Mite age players from the ADM Advanced Practice program would represent Bloomington Hockey in Central Illinois cross ice jamborees. The fees would include hosting a cross ice jamboree and participating in 4 or more away jamborees and unique jerseys that will be provided for the players to wear at the jamborees. Additional Jamborees may be available for an additional fee.

Prerequisite: Enrollment in 8U House League and ADM Advance Practice.

Adult Hockey Leagues

All players must be 2024-25 members of USA Hockey in order to participate in the Youth and Adult Leagues. To register as a USA Hockey player, go to USAHockey.com. ***Players will need their current USA Hockey number when enrolling for the league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center***
For registration, please register online at BloomingtonIceCenter.com

Adult Fall League

Registration Dates: 8/1/2024-9/9/2024

Ages 18+

Players will register individually, and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form three divisions (low-skill, intermediate, and high-skill) and split teams as evenly as possible. The first week will be evaluations, with captains drafting teams during the following week. Most games will be on Sundays. A game on weeknights or Saturday nights may be necessary to play the 12 games. Teams will be a max of 15 players and a minimum of 10 players. Players will play one evaluation game plus 12 team games. Fees include one jersey per year (3 Seasons), officials, scorekeepers, and ice time. Eval times will be sent out on September 10th to the emails used to register and will be updated online.

Days: Sundays (Some weeknights and Saturday games may be necessary)

Dates: 9/15-12/15 (NO 12/1)

Times: 4:10-10:30PM (games between these times)

Fee: Players-\$199 Goalies-\$100

Register online to take advantage of a 2-payment option (pay \$100 while registering and \$100 on 10/15/2024)

Adult Winter League 2025

Registration Dates: 12/1/24-1/2/25

Ages 18+

Players will play one evaluation game plus 12 team games.. Fees include one jersey per year (3 Seasons), officials, score keepers, and ice time. Eval times will be updated on the online registration page and sent out to emails used to register on 1/2/2025. More information can be found online.

Day: Sunday (Some weeknight and Saturday games may be necessary)

Dates: 1/5/25-3/30/25 (NO 2/9)

Times: 4:10-10:30PM (games between these times)

Fee: Players-\$199 Goalies-\$100

Register online to take advantage of a 2-payment option (pay \$100 when registering and \$100 on 1/31/25)



Open Hockey

We will offer two categories of Open Hockey

Stick & Puck is designed for skaters of all ages to practice individual skills such as skating, shooting, and passing. Scrimmages are not allowed during this event. Private hockey lessons are available during Stick & Puck sessions. For more information regarding private lessons, contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434-2878 or bludy@cityblm.org.

Pick-Up Hockey (aka rat hockey or pond hockey or shinny) is your designated scrimmage. Players sign up and split into teams on their own. There is no checking allowed. Players officiate themselves.

Call Guest Services at (309) 434-2737, or check the website at BloomingtonIceCenter.com for prices, schedules, and times.



Pre-Season Clinics

3 on 3 Cross-Ice Games

Ages 3-8

This program is in cross-ice format with 40-minute games. Teams will be formed randomly each week. The program is designed so that the players touch the puck more often. Through this skill development, all players will be maximized. Games will be played at the 8U level. Learn to Play, Hockey Tots, 6U, and 8U players are encouraged to register. No experience is required to participate. Full ice hockey equipment is required. **Goalies:** please contact bludy@cityblm.org for reduced fees.

Min 8; Max 36 (each session)

Day: Saturday

Dates: 9/7-9/21

Time: 8:50-9:30AM

Fee: \$35

ADM Preseason Clinic

Ages 5-12

Get a head start on the Bloomington Ice Center season with the ADM Preseason Clinic. Available to all House League players, this program will have 4 American Development Model (ADM) practices on a weeknight (Thursday). Practices will be station based and players will be grouped by age and skill levels. Improvement will be made by all players while constantly participating and having fun. Open to ages 5-12, groups will be separated by like skill and aged players.

Min 6; Max 40 (each session)

Day: Thursday

Dates: 9/5-9/26

Time: 6:10-7:00PM

Fee: \$59

Skills, Skating, and Scrimmage Clinic

Ages 7-14

Want to get ready for the season but still have the fun of games? This once-a-week clinic will work on skills and skating for the first half of the ice time. The second half will split into teams to play a controlled scrimmage to work on the skills taught during the session. Goalies – email Brian Ludy at bludy@cityblm.org for reduced fees.

Min 6; Max 36 (each session)

Day: Monday

Dates: 9/9-9/23

Time: 6:10-7:00PM

Fee: \$45

