

DuPage Stars Hockey Club

2025 Fall Registration Packet



Dear Current and Prospective Stars Families,

The upcoming 2025 fall season is right around the corner, and we are looking forward to building on the momentum we achieved last season! With graduating 15 seniors last spring, our new “core” will be younger and hungrier to continue our success.

This year will represent the first year that all our players have been under the direction of our Hockey Director Brian Barnes, which will continue to create more stability in the program and consistency both on and off the ice.

Despite costs continuing to rise in our sport, as well as in general, we will continue to offer payment plans at registration and are happy to work with our families to make sure they can meet these obligations.

On behalf of the entire Stars Board of Directors, Hockey Director Brian Barnes and our entire coaching staff, welcome to the 2025 fall season of the DuPage Stars Hockey Club!

Sincerely,

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FALL 2025 HOCKEY SEASON

Organization

The DuPage Stars Hockey Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. We operate as an affiliate of USA Hockey and the Amateur Hockey Association of Illinois (AHA). Our designation under AHA is a combined high school program. What this means is we are a club made up of several high schools to draw eligible players from. In our case, we are made up of Downers Grove North, Downers Grove South, Hinsdale South, Westmont, and Lisle high schools. Because we are a combined high school club, our program is required to be "no cut."

Our club structure is based on having a Varsity and JV team. As we always hope to have sufficient numbers to form these 2 teams, we also attempt to plan for when we have participants exceeding the capacity of these two teams. Because we cannot be certain of our final numbers until right after tryouts, all decisions made as to those players exceeding the capacity of the 2 teams will be made at that time and fully explained to those players and families prior to their registration. Options range from practice squads, development programs, all the way to a full 3rd team.

Our Rink

We are proud to call Seven Bridges Ice Arena in Woodridge, IL our home! Seven Bridges provides several benefits which include: separate JV and Varsity locker rooms where players and coaches can store their equipment, a workout facility, earlier practice times, a set home game ice slot on Saturdays, the DuPage Stars logo in the ice, significantly bigger stand capacity with better sight lines, a pro shop, meeting room space, and the convenience of an on-site restaurant.

League

Our Varsity and JV teams will compete in the Illinois West High School Hockey League.

On and Off Ice Structure

Off Ice Workouts: Tues* and Thurs JV: 6:00pm – 7:00pm Varsity: 7:10pm – 8:10pm

* First 6 weeks will be both days and then only Tues for the rest of the season

On Ice Practice: Tues and Thurs JV: 7:20pm – 8:20pm Varsity: 8:30pm – 9:30pm

Home Games*: Saturday JV: 3:50pm – 5:10pm Varsity: 5:20pm – 7:00pm

* This is our normal slot but there will be some home games that will vary from this schedule including the reversal of the JV and Varsity time slot.

Goalie Clinic: Every other Monday 8:50pm – 10:20pm at Willowbrook Ice Arena Skills Rink
Starting 9/15

2025 Fall Season Fees

JV Skater:	\$5,700
JV Goalie:	\$3,000
Varsity Skater:	\$6,600
Varsity Goalie:	\$3,500

There is an additional \$500 equipment fee (see equipment and uniform section below) for all new players to the club. Payment plans will be made available during registration.

Important Dates and Other Information

8/25/2025	Tryouts Day 1	
8/26/2025	Tryouts Day 2	
8/27/2025	Tryouts Day 3	
9/3/2025	Mandatory Player and Parent Meeting (Bobak's Signature Events, 7pm)	
9/2/2025	Practices Start	
9/4-9/7/2025	Pre-Season Tournament	Varsity (Seven Bridges)
9/9/2025	Off Ice Starts	
9/11-9/14/2025	Pre-Season Tournament	JV (All Seasons)
10/3-10/5/2025	Flat Water Tournament	Varsity & JV (Ann Arbor, MI)
11/12/2025 (Tentative)	DuPage Stars Night at the Chicago Blackhawks game.	
11/28/2025	Popcorn Fundraiser kicks off on Black Friday	
1/16-1/19/2025	MLK Day Tournaments	JV TBD (Local)
		Varsity Arizona Cactus Cup (Phoenix, AZ)
		Games are Potentially 6am Friday to 4pm Monday

DuPage Stars Hockey Club Policies

Equipment & Uniform Policy

The DuPage Stars Hockey Club requires black helmets and gloves for players on all teams.

New players will be provided with game & practice jerseys, warm-up jacket, off ice t-shirts, socks, shell(s), and player bag. Returning players will be provided with practice jerseys, off-ice t-shirts, and socks. The following equipment is also available for purchase separately:

Game Jerseys: \$150 each
Warmup Jacket: \$75
Player Bag: \$150
Shell: \$45 each
Socks: \$35 per pair

All jersey number conflicts will continue to be resolved in favor of the longest-tenured player with the most consecutive years in the Club. In the event two or more players with the same number are placed on the same team, the player(s) with less longevity will be required to change their number.

Social Media Policy

The DuPage Stars Hockey Club ("Club") is committed to developing "leadership, commitment and outstanding character" on and off the ice. To that end, we will require strict adherence to the following social media and electronics communications policy by all Club members, coaches, and their families as a condition of their participation in the Club:

The Club will not tolerate its members participating in any form of electronic communication that is deemed by its Rules and Ethics Committee to be derogatory, hateful, vengeful, or otherwise disrespectful to the Club, any member of the Club, any coach of the Club, or any other person(s) associated with any other hockey club or organization. This includes, but is not limited to, communications deemed harmful to the goodwill or reputation of the Club, any member of the Club, any coach of the Club, or any other person(s) associated with any other hockey club or organization. This further includes, but is not limited to, sending a text or email about the Club, any member of the Club, any coach of the Club, or any other person(s) associated with any other hockey club or organization that is intended to abuse, bully, humiliate, or harass.

Any communications that are deemed to violate this policy will be reviewed by the Club's Rules and Ethics Committee for possible sanctions up to and including expulsion from the Club and further reporting to AHA.

Logo Policy

The DuPage Stars logo is the property of the organization and Club approval is required for its use.

SafeSport

USA Hockey requires all players 17 years of age or older on or before December 31st of that playing season and who play on a team in a classification that allows minor aged players to complete SafeSport Training before being added to a team and prior to participation with the team (on-ice or off-ice). This requirement applies to all teams in the age classifications Youth, Girls, High School, Junior Hockey, Flex Hockey and Disabled Hockey programs that allow both minor age and adult age players (anyone over 18 years). Players in the group identified above that have not completed the SafeSport Training cannot be placed on the team's roster in the USA Hockey registration portal (where rosters are created)

USA Hockey Concussion Information

All sports and free play are associated with risk for a concussion, including playing, officiating or participating in ice hockey. It is important that all participants and parents learn about concussion prevention, recognition, treatment and return to play. A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury-or TBI- caused by a bump or blow to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. Bouncing or twisting of the brain in the skull can cause chemical changes and sometimes stretching of the brain cells. A concussion disrupts the way the brain normally works. Most concussions are mild, but all concussions should be taken seriously because permanent brain damage and death can occur from another injury. A concussion may be difficult to recognize. A player does not have to be "knocked-out" to have a concussion- less than 10% of players actually lose consciousness. Signs and symptoms may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If a person reports one or more symptoms or demonstrates any signs of concussion after a blow to the head or body, s/he should be kept out of practice, play or training immediately and referred to a healthcare professional with experience in concussion management. A concussed brain needs time to heal, and the person is much more likely to have another concussion if they return too soon. Repeat concussions are usually more severe and take longer to heal. Return to play is allowed only after the individual is without symptoms, has progressed through the concussion protocol and is cleared by the health care professional. USA Hockey provides all participants with information and educational materials about concussions, including the risk of sustaining a concussion, how to minimize these risks, concussion signs and symptoms, and USA Hockey's program for returning to play following a concussion. USA Hockey's Concussion Management Program can be found on the USA Hockey website at: <http://www.usahockey.com/safety-concussions>.

Return-to-Play Policy

Any player, who, in the opinion of a coach, athletic trainer, or physician, exhibits any signs, symptoms, or behavior consistent with a concussion (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion, or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from play and practice. The player may not return to play and/or practice without written clearance by a qualified healthcare professional.

Injury Policy

The Stars injury policy allows a proration of fees returned to any player who suffers a season ending injury on or off the ice. A note from a medical doctor confirming the injury is required. All refunds will be made at the end of the season.

Refund Policy

Tryout/Evaluation fees as well as all player fee agreements and payments are final and non-refundable, with the exception noted above in the Injury Policy.

NSF Fee and Declined Debit/Credit Cards

If a check is returned from the bank for any reason, the participant will be charged an additional \$40 reprocessing fee. If a credit or debit card is declined for any reason, the participant will be charged an additional \$40 reprocessing fee.