

# Learn to Play Hockey

Registration Opens August 6

## Learn to Skate Tots 1

**Ages 3-5**

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

## Learn to Skate Blades 1

**Ages 6-14**

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

## Hockey Tots Learn to Play

**Pre-requisite: Tots 1**

**Ages 3-5**

Players will be taught basic skating and hockey skills, including forward skating, passing, shooting, and SCORING!

## Hockey Learn to Play

**Pre-requisite: Tots 1 or Blades 1**

**Ages 6-14**

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 required.**

## Learn to Skate 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 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 Required Equipment

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



### Helpful Learn to Play Information and Required Equipment

The Hockey Staff requires that gear be rented, purchased, or obtained prior to the first time on ice.

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 are listed above.

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 3-10 year olds.

**Please contact Brian Ludy at (309) 434-2878 or [bludy@cityblm.org](mailto:bludy@cityblm.org) for rental equipment arrangements.**

# Learn to Play Hockey Fall Session Schedule

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## Fall 1

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Tots 1	W/SA	Find dates, times, and fees for Learn to Skate on page 49		
Blades 1	W/SA	Find dates, times, and fees for Learn to Skate on page 49		

## Fall 1

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	W	9/3-10/8	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W	9/3-10/8	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Tots	SA	9/6-10/11	10:20-11:00 AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	SA	9/6-10/11	10:20-11:00 AM	\$78
Hockey LTP Teen/Adult	W	9/17-10/22	8:40-9:40 PM	\$89

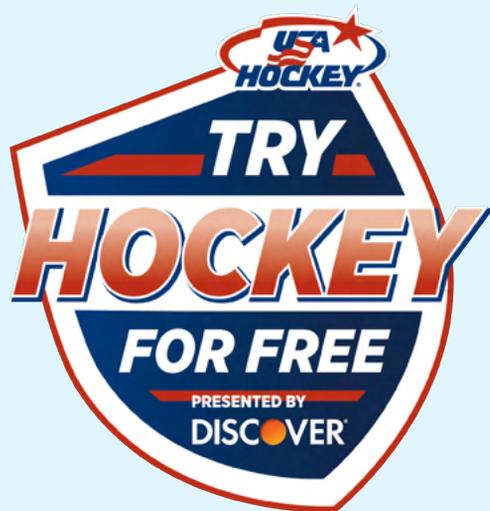
## Fall 2

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	M	10/6-11/10	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	M	10/6-11/10	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Tots	W	10/15-11/19	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W	10/15-11/19	5:00-5:40 PM	\$78
Hockey Tots	SA	10/18-11/22	10:20-11:00 AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	SA	10/18-11/22	10:20-11:00 AM	\$78
Hockey LTP Teen/Adult	W	10/29-12/17 (NOT 11/26)	8:40-9:40 PM	\$89

## Winter Mini

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	W/SA	12/3-12/20	W-5:00-5:40PM SA-10:20-11:00 AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W/SA	12/3-12/20	W-5:00-5:40PM SA-10:20-11:00 AM	\$78

## Try Hockey for FREE



### Try Hockey for FREE Day

**Ages 4-12**

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

Pre-registration is required. To register, please scan the QR code or visit [TryHockeyForFree.com](http://TryHockeyForFree.com)

**Date:** Saturday, September 13  
**Time:** 3:15-4:00PM  
**Fee:** FREE



## Little Blackhawks Learn to Play

### Ages 4-9

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 future Little Blackhawk sessions, it is recommended that you complete a Learn to Skate and Bloomington Ice Center's Learn to Play program prior to starting Little Blackhawks. **Learn to Skate Tots 1 and Blades 1 classes for the fall start September 6.**

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.
- Visit by Chicago Blackhawks Alumni.
- One (1) ticket to a select Chicago Blackhawks home game during the season.

**Registration is required and must be done online.**

**Day:** Saturdays

**Time:** Afternoons

**Dates:** Spring 2026

**Fee:** TBD



## Open Hockey

### Stick & Puck

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

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

Also known as rat hockey, pond hockey, or shinny. Pick-Up Hockey 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](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com) for prices, monthly schedule, and times.**

# 2025 Fall Preseason Hockey Clinics

**Note: For all Clinic/Camps listed, full hockey equipment is required. Equipment can be rented from the Bloomington Ice Center for a minimal fee.**

## Skill Enhancement Clinic

### Ages 3-7

For Learn to Play, 6U, and 8U players that want to continue their progress, this clinic, through station work will enhance their skating, stickhandling, passing, shooting, and scoring. **Full ice hockey equipment is required.**

**Day:** Saturdays

**Time:** 9:30-10:10AM

**Dates:** 9/6-9/20

**Fee:** \$35

## 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 be 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](mailto:bludy@cityblm.org) for reduced fees.**

**Day:** Mondays

**Time:** 6:10-7:00PM

**Dates:** 9/8-9/29

**Fee:** \$65

## 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 four American Development Model (ADM) practices on a weeknight (Thursdays). Practices will be station-based, and players will be grouped by age and skill level. Improvement will be made by all players while constantly participating and having fun.

**Day:** Thursdays

**Time:** 6:10-7:00 PM

**Dates:** 9/5-9/26

**Fee:** \$75



# 2025-26 Youth Hockey Leagues

## Registration Opens August 6

All participants (players, coaches, locker room monitors) must be registered as 2025-2026 ice players in USA Hockey in order 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 league online or at the Bloomington Ice Center.

Registration for Youth Hockey League will be online. Registration will be open from 8/6/25-9/22/25.

To register, your registration with USA Hockey must have completed.

You may select online registration for full payments or payment plans.

Two (2) Payment Plans will automatically charge the credit/debit card on file on the date of 11/3 and 12/3.

Fee Assistance may be available to Bloomington residents that are eligible.

See page 62 of this guide for more information about Fee Assistance.

**Registering after 9/22/25 may limit practice nights available to join.**

### Bloomington Youth House/Recreational League

No experience is required to participate. Learn to Skate and Learn to Play classes recommended. There will be no cuts for the Youth House/Recreational League teams.

Bloomington Recreational Hockey will run a coed youth house/recreational league that will skate for 18 weeks; 10/6/2025-2/28/2026 for a total of 36 ice times. 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 through Wednesday) and once on the weekend (Saturday or Sunday). Until we have the final registration numbers, a full schedule cannot be finalized. The weekend time slots will be rotated as evenly as possible among the 8U-14U age groups.

#### 6U Mini-Mites

##### Players Born 2019-20 or Later

**Season Fees:** Full payment at registration of \$199 or \$99 at registration and two (2) payments of \$55.

The players will skate twice a week, one weeknight (Monday or Wednesday) and on Saturday (two Sundays will be necessary due to Arena events). The focus will be on skill development through station work, small area games, and cross ice games.

#### 8U Mites

##### Players Born in 2017-18

**Season Fees:** Full payment at registration of \$249 or \$99 at registration and two (2) payments of \$80.

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 on Page 55.**

#### 10U Squirts

##### Players Born in 2015-16

**Season Fees:** Full payment at registration of \$399 or \$199 at registration and two (2) payments of \$105.

Teams will be formed, practice on a weeknight, and play a game on a weekend day. Both cross ice games or full ice games will be played.

#### 12U Peewees

##### Players Born in 2013-14

**Season Fees:** Full payment at registration of \$449 or \$225 at registration and two (2) payments of \$120.

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

#### 14U Bantams

##### Players Born in 2011-12

**Season Fees:** Full payment at registration of \$499 or \$250 at registration and two (2) payments of \$130.

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

**Information on House League Evaluations can be found on Page 55.**

# 8U Mite Additional Opportunities

## ADM Advanced Practices for 8U and 10U Players

This program, which is available to all 8U and 10U House League players, will have an additional 20 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.

Additional Fees: \$199 or \$100 at registration and one (1) payment of \$100 automatically charged to the credit/debit card on file on the date of 11/14/2025.

## 8U Mite Advanced Jamboree Team(s)

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. Pre-requisite enrollment in 8U House League and ADM Advance Practice.

Additional Fees: \$199 or \$100 at registration and one (1) payment of \$100 automatically charged to the credit/debit card on file on the date of 12/11/2025.

### House League Evaluations

To better balance the competitiveness of each team, players at the 10U, 12U, and 14U levels will be asked to attend evaluation skates between the days of 9/20/25-9/27/25. Players are invited to attend all sessions for their age group. Evaluations are to create even teams. There will be no cuts for the Youth House/Recreational League teams.

Evaluation schedules can be found online at [BloomingtonIceCenter.com](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com).



# REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!

# REGISTER TODAY AT [BLOOMINGTONPARKS.ORG](http://BLOOMINGTONPARKS.ORG)

# Adult Hockey Leagues (Ages 18+)

All players must be 2025-26 members of the USA Hockey to participate in the Youth and Adult Leagues. To register as a USA Hockey player, go to: [www.usahockey.com](http://www.usahockey.com). This number will be required to register. For registration, please register online at [BloomingtonIceCenter.com](http://BloomingtonIceCenter.com).

## Fall 2025

**Registration Dates: 8/6/25-9/10/25**

Players will register as an individual and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form three divisions (A-High Skill, B-Intermediate, C-Beginner). The first ice time will be evaluations, with captains drafting teams during the following week, creating teams as evenly as possible. Most games will be on Sundays. A game on weeknights or Saturday night may be necessary to play the 12 league games. Teams will be a max of 15 players and minimum of 10 players. Players will have a total of 13 ice times. Fees include one jersey per year (three 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 September 11.**

**Day:** Sundays (some weeknight and Saturday Games may be necessary)

**Time:** 4:10-10:30PM (games start between these times)

**Dates:** 9/14-12/14 (NOT 11/30)

**Fee:** Players: \$215; Goalies: \$100

**NEW:** Re-enroll from Adult League Summer 1 or 2 - 2025 to receive a \$15 discount.

Register online before 9/10/25 to take advantage of a 2-payment option (pay \$125 when registering and \$95 on 10/17/25. Payment Plans will be automatically charged to the credit/debit card on file on the date of 10/17/25.

**Want to join the Adult League but not sure you are ready?**

**Join our Teen/Adult Learn to Play class on Wednesday nights!**

### Hockey Learn to Play Teen/Adult

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

Day	Time	Dates	Fee
W	8:40-9:40 PM	9/17-10/22	\$89
W	8:40-9:40 PM	10/29-12/17 (NOT 11/26)	\$89

## Winter 2026

**Registration Dates: 12/1/25-1/2/26**

Players will play an evaluation game and 12 total team games. Fees include one jersey per year (3 Seasons), officials, score keepers, and ice time. Additional info can be found online.

**Eval times will be updated on the online registration page and sent out to emails used to register on January 2, 2026.**

**Day:** Sundays (some weeknight and Saturday Games may be necessary)

**Dates:** 1/4-3/29 (NOT 2/8)

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

**Fee:** Players: \$215; Goalies: \$100

**NEW:** Re-enroll from Adult League Fall 2025 to receive a \$15 discount.

Register on-line before 1/2/26 to take advantage of a 2-payment option – pay \$125 when registering and \$95 on 2/7/26. Payment Plans will be automatically charged to the credit/debit card on file on the date of 2/7/26.

