

# Learn to Play Hockey

Registration Opens December 4

## 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

**Ages 3-5**

**Pre-requisite: Tots 1**

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

## 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 required.**



## Required Equipment

### 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

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 Winter/Spring Schedule

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## Winter/Spring

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Tots 1	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees for Learn to Skate on page 48		
Blades 1	Multiple	Find dates, times, and fees for Learn to Skate on page 48		

## Winter 1

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	W/SA	1/7-1/24	W: 5:00-5:40PM SA: 10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W/SA	1/7-1/24	W: 5:00-5:40PM SA: 10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Teen/Adult Hockey Learn to Play	W	1/14-3/4 (Not 1/28, 2/4)	8:40-9:40PM	\$99

## Winter 2

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	W	2/11-3/18	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots	SA	2/14-3/21	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W	2/11-3/18	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	SA	2/14-3/21	10:20-11:00AM	\$78
Teen/Adult Hockey Learn to Play	W	3/11-4/22 (Not 3/25)	8:40-9:40PM	\$99

## Spring 1

Class	Day	Dates	Time	Fee
Hockey Tots	W	4/1-5/6	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Tots	SA	5/2-6/6	9:30-10:10AM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	W	4/1-5/6	5:00-5:40PM	\$78
Hockey Learn to Play	SA	5/2-6/6	9:30-10:10AM	\$78
Teen/Adult Hockey Learn to Play	W	4/29-6/3	8:40-9:40PM	\$99

## Try Hockey For Free Day

### Ages 4-12

Bloomington Ice Center proudly presents National Try Hockey for Free Day in partnership with USA Hockey on March 7th. This event is designed to provide kids, between the ages of 4 to 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 child does not need any previous skating or hockey experience.

Pre-registration is required. To register, please visit: [tryhockeyforfree.com/event\\_detail/3493](http://tryhockeyforfree.com/event_detail/3493)

**Date:** Saturday, March 7

**Time:** 2:15-3:00PM

**Fee:** Free (Pre-registration is required)



## 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 a session, it is recommended that you complete a Learn to Skate program prior to starting Little Blackhawks. Learn to Skate Tots 1 and Blades 1 classes for the Winter 1 start January 7th.

The Little Blackhawks program includes 8 weeks of lessons and a full set of equipment! Weekly sessions are run by ice rink staff and local coaches.

### Registration Fees Include:

- Eight (8) weeks of ice time and lessons
- Brand-new head-to-toe equipment to keep.
- Blackhawks discounted ticket offer

**Registration must be done online.**

**Day:** Saturday

**Dates:** 3/14-5/16 (Not 3/28, 4/4)

**Time:** 2:10-3:00 PM

**Fee:** \$298 + Processing Fees



## 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.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE OPEN HOCKEY/STICK & PUCK SCHEDULE

# 2026 Spring Hockey Clinics

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**Please Note:** For all of the Clinic/Camps and/or Leagues listed below full hockey equipment is required. Bloomington Ice Center has rental equipment available for a \$25 fee, plus deposit.

## Skill Enhancement Clinic and 3 on 3

### 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 for the first half of this clinic. The second half will split into teams to play 3 on 3 cross ice hockey. **Full ice hockey equipment is required.**

<u>Session</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Winter	SA	9:20-10:10AM	3/14-3/21	\$35
Spring 1	SA	10:15-11:05 AM	4/11-4/25	\$45
Spring 2	SA	10:15-11:05 AM	5/2-5/16	\$45

## Skills, Skating, and Scrimmage Clinic

### Ages 8-15

Want to keep active in the offseason 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, please email Brian Ludy at [bludy@cityblm.org](mailto:bludy@cityblm.org) for reduced fees.**

**Day:** Thursday  
**Dates:** 4/2-4/30  
**Time:** 7:10-8:00PM  
**Fee:** \$75



# Youth & Adult Hockey Leagues

All players must be 2025-26 or 2026-27 members of the USA Hockey in order to participate in the Youth and Adult Leagues. To register as a USA Hockey player, go to USAHockey.com. This number will be required to register.

## Youth Hockey Leagues

**Registration Dates: 12/1/25-4/1/26**

The youth spring leagues will be played using the 2026-27 age groups to help the players better prepare for the upcoming fall season. Playing in the 3 on 3 or full ice leagues in the spring will not affect eligibility to play with other travel or tournament teams during the spring.

### Youth Spring 3 on 3 and Full Ice League Registration Dates:

**Residents:** 12/1/25-4/1/26

**Non-Residents:** 12/1/25-4/1/26

### Youth Spring Full Ice League

#### **8U/10U**

Bloomington Ice Center will run an 8U and 10U youth full ice league that will skate for seven weeks (seven practices, six games), April 1-May 16. Depending on registration numbers, teams will be drafted as evenly as possible or split weekly. Each team will practice once during the week on Thursdays, and play a full ice game on Saturday afternoons. Age groups may be combined based on registration numbers. All games will be played at the Bloomington Ice Center or Arena. The individual player fee for the league is \$245. Goalie fees are \$99.

### Youth Spring 3 on 3 League

#### **6U/8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U/16U/18U**

Bloomington Ice Center will run a cross ice or half ice 3 on 3 league based on age that will skate for seven weeks (seven practices, six games), April 1-May 16. Teams will be formed at the 6U/8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 16U, and 18U levels based on 2026-27 USA Hockey Age Classifications. Teams will be drafted as evenly as possible. Each team will practice once during the week on Wednesdays, and play a full ice or cross ice game each Saturday morning or afternoon. All games will be played at the Bloomington Ice Center or Arena. Fees based on age group are available online. Goalie fees are \$99.

### **Thank you to our sponsors who helped offset some of the costs of the Bloomington Recreational Hockey League this past year:**

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# Adult Hockey Leagues

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

## Adult League Winter 2026

**Ages 18+**

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

Players will register as an individual and the Bloomington Ice Center and Adult League Captains will form three divisions (low skill, intermediate, and high skill) and 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 minimum of 10 players. Players will play 13 total ice times. Fees include one jersey per year (three seasons), officials, score keepers, and ice time. Evaluation times will be sent out on the Thursday prior to Evaluations to registered emails and will also be updated online.

**Day:** Sundays (Weeknight and Saturday games may be scheduled in March)

**Dates:** 1/4/25-3/29/25 (Not 2/8)

**Times:** 4:10-11:30PM (games between these times)

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

**There will be a \$15 discount for re-enrolled players from the Fall 2025 Adult League.**

**Register online before January 2 to take advantage of a two-payment option (pay \$110 when registering and \$110 on January 31).**

## Adult Spring 3 on 3 League

**Ages 18+**

**Registration Dates:** 12/1/25-4/7/26

Individuals will form their own team of six skaters and one goalie. The Adult League Committee will form four to six divisions. Games will be played on Sunday evenings. Each team will play two 30-minute games each week against different opponents. The games will be played cross ice with two or three games going on at once. Each game will consist of warm up and two 11-minute running time periods. Teams will play 12 total games. Please contact Brian Ludy at [bludy@cityblm.org](mailto:bludy@cityblm.org) for individuals looking for teams. Players must register by April 3, 2026.

**Day:** Sundays

**Dates:** 4/12-5/17

**Time:** 4:15-9:40PM (games times will start between these times)

**Fee:** Individual: \$110; Team: \$675

