



Dayton Bluehawks
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Frequently Asked Questions

What about the name and the logo?

The name and the logo are currently in the conceptual phases and nothing has been adopted. We welcome your input and recommendations. It is our intent to closely tie the branding of our organization to the aviation heritage of the Dayton area and to Wright Patterson Air Force Base because of its integral place in our community, both hockey and geographic.

What about the jerseys?

We are sensitive to the fact many of you bought new jerseys, warm ups, and/or spiritwear last year. We also understand the importance of unity in consolidating this kind of program. In order to fairly address both concerns, we will be working to secure corporate sponsors and organizing fundraisers to subsidize the cost of uniforms for all teams during the transition.

How are decisions being made?

An "Ad Hoc" committee consisting of equal numbers of members from each organization is being appointed to make and vote on decisions, after getting input from their existing boards, committee members, and the general membership (parents and players).

How will the program be run?

The program will be focused on player development using USA Hockey's American Development Model as the foundation. Each team, regardless of level, will have a minimum of two practice sessions each week, with a mix of skills development and team play to optimize player development. Programs will be tailored to specific player and team needs at each level.

Where will I play/practice?

This is dependent on several factors, including level of play (Recreational/House, Travel A, Travel AA, etc.). Recreational/house teams are envisioned to be structured more geographically and play near their home base, as much as possible. Travel teams are envisioned to use the following ice: South Metro, Kettering Ice Box, and Hara Arena. With the growth of youth hockey, all ice venues are needed for our programs. The make-up of the travel teams, ice times requested for the practices, and ice availability will come into play in determining where to have practices/games.

What is the cost?

The costs for the travel/independent teams will be determined based upon the number of practices, games, and tournaments the teams envision. The costs for the recreational/house teams will also be based on the number of practices and games, which will be guided by the number of league games necessary for the Midwest Youth Hockey League commitment at each age level. We will make a strong effort to maximize the use of the ice to keep costs as reasonable as possible.

Will all practices be split/shared ice?

There will be a combination of some shared ice and some full ice, once again depending on the skills and needs of the players, available ice times, and coaching requirements.

Who are the assistant coaches?

At this time, we have selected travel team head coaches for each skill level in the respective age divisions. Assistant coaches will be selected by those head coaches once the player placement is complete and will subsequently be approved by the Ad Hoc committee. When practical, we are trying to pair coaches from each organization on each team to integrate the coaching talent and experience between the associations.

Who are the evaluators?

We envision a variety of coaches from each organization, past/current hockey players in the area (Gems players, former college players, etc.), and possibly referees from the area. Our intent is to provide objective evaluations to ensure that players are placed at the most appropriate skill level, regardless of what team they played on last year.

What about the other organizations in the area?

The ultimate goal is to join all area organizations into one unified association, the Dayton Hockey Association. We have been in communication with the other organizations in the area and have extended invitations for them to be equal and active participants in developing and bringing to fruition the vision of one strong organization providing the best possible hockey experience for all players.