

Registration Packet

2026-2027 Fall Season



Full Ice Mite Travel Hockey

Birth Years 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

Welcome to Stingers Hockey!

The Crystal Lake Stingers are proud members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Mite Travel Hockey Division and the Chicago United Hockey League (CUHL).

The Stingers Hockey Club offers a full-ice fall travel hockey season for mite players ages 6U–8U. Tryouts are held in August, with practices and games beginning in September. The season concludes with league playoffs in March.

Under the leadership of Hockey Director Steve Martins, the Stingers program is dedicated to helping young players develop their skills while building a lifelong love and passion for the game of hockey. Through structured practices, skill development and competitive full-ice games, players grow both on and off the ice.

Important Dates

- **Mite Night**

- Friday, July 31, 2026
- Skate: 6:00 - 7:00 PM
- Parent Talk with Coach Steve: 7:00 - 7:30 PM

- **Stingers Open House Skate**

- Saturday, August 8, 2026
- 9:00 AM

- **Fall Uniform Fitting**

- For new Stingers players (and/or anyone who doesn't have formal fall jerseys)
- Saturday, August 8, 2026
- 10:15 AM (immediately following the Stingers Open House skate at the Crystal Ice House)

- **Stingers Tryouts**

- Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 9:00 AM
- Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 4:50 PM
- Saturday, August 22, 2026 - TBD (if needed)

AAU Membership

The Stingers are members of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU), and all players are required to maintain a valid AAU membership to participate in any Stingers program.

As part of the tryout registration process, the Stingers will register each player for the required AAU extended membership. The cost of this membership is included in the tryout registration fee and will remain valid through July 31, 2027.



Uniforms: Important Change for the 2026-2027 Season

After 12 years, the Stingers will begin transitioning to a new game jersey design. The Stingers logo and spirit wear designs will remain unchanged.

The new jerseys will begin to be phased in during the Fall 2026 season, starting with players assigned to Teams 3 and 4, subject to final team placement.

Returning Stingers players who already own the original jersey set will not be required to purchase new jerseys, if they are placed on Team 3 or Team 4. The updated jerseys will be provided to those players, and their existing jersey numbers will remain the same.

Uniforms: Important Change for the 2026-2027 Season: Continued

All players who are new to the Stingers program, including players who joined during the Spring 2026 season, are required to purchase a black and yellow/white Stingers game jersey set and matching game socks.

After rosters are announced, the Stingers will coordinate jersey printing and distribution based on each player's team placement.

All Stingers players are required to wear a black helmet, black gloves and a neck guard, in addition to game jerseys, game socks, and pant shell, to match the Stingers color scheme.

Goalies are not required to purchase equipment in Stingers colors.

Uniform Fitting Dates & Cost

Saturday, August 8, 2026 - 10:15 AM

- Immediately following the Open House Skate
- Location: Crystal Ice House Lobby

Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 6:00 PM

- Immediately following the second tryout skate
- Location: Crystal Ice House Lobby

Uniform Cost

- Yellow & Black Stingers Travel Jersey Set, Sock Set & Pant Shell: \$250
- Warm Up Jacket and Pant are also available to purchase, but are not required
- **All payments are due at time of order!**

Mandatory Tryout Dates & League Information

Fall 2026-2027 Season Tryout Dates

- Saturday, August 15, 2026 - 9:00 AM
- Sunday, August 16, 2026 - 4:50 PM
- Saturday, August 22, 2026 - TBD (if needed)

The Stingers Hockey Club plays in the CUHL (Chicago United Hockey League). The CUHL's mission is to nurture and grow 8U hockey in a fair, competitive, and community-based environment. The CUHL strives to provide families a positive "first experience" in the sport, and to build life-long participants in hockey.

www.ChicagoUnitedHockey.com



Fall Programming

Age Classification:

- Mite: 8 & under
- Birth years: 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021

Stingers Fall Registration:

- Will open on Saturday, July 18, 2026
- Please visit: www.StingersHockey.com to register

Practice & Skills Sessions

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Will begin Tuesday, September 1, 2026

Games

- Home games will be on Saturday mornings at the Crystal Ice House.
- Away games will vary and will be scheduled once the season starts.

Fall Programming: Continued

CUHL Season Information:

- 24 Full Ice Games
 - September 18, 2026 - February 14, 2027
- Playoffs
 - February 15, 2027 - February 23, 2027
- Super Sunday Championships
 - Sunday, February 28, 2027

AAU Tournaments:

- 2 AAU Sanctioned Tournaments
- Included in fall fees
- Dates & Locations will vary by team

Program Fees

Tryout Fee	\$200 (Non-Refundable) Fall season practice jerseys are issued and worn during the tryout process.
Player Fee	\$2970.00 paid in full or 6 installments of \$495.00
Goalie Fee	\$1500.00 paid in full or 6 installments of \$250.00
Uniform Purchase *See uniform fitting page for more details.	\$250 - Home & Away Stingers Game Jersey Set, Sock Set & Game Pant Shell

This table outlines fees for the 2026-27 fall season. CLSHC does not access payment plan fees, slush funds, DIBS or extra coaching fees.

Payment Options

Pay in Full:

- Pay in full payment can be made via credit card or debit card during the registration process.

Payment Plan:

- Fees are divided into installments. The \$200 tryout fee is included in the first installment.
- Payment plan fees are automatically changed on the 10th of each month (September - February).

Payment Penalties:

- Payments that are 7 or more days past due or returned due to insufficient funds may result in the player being removed from team activities until the balance is resolved.
- It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure all payment information is current and accurate.
- Payment information can be updated at any time.

Contact Us!

We know that navigating a hockey season can come with plenty of questions, especially for families who are new to Stingers. Our team is here to support you and help make the process as smooth as possible.

We're always happy to answer questions, provide guidance and help your family throughout the season. Reach out to any of the contacts below and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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